

FIGURES TELL GREAT GROWTH

Statistics Show Total Building for Ten Months Over \$6,000,000.

THIS IS INCREASE OF 63 PER CENT

Record Surpasses that of Any Other Ten Months in the History of the City, Even Banner Year in 1887.

Figures compiled in the office of City Building Inspector Withnell for the ten months of 1909 ending October 30 show better than columns of words what tremendous progress Omaha is making along substantial lines.

The total amount of permits issued during the last ten months is \$6,151,532. For the same time in 1908 the amount was \$3,771,890. This gives an increase in value of buildings erected of 63 per cent in exact figures, a gain of \$2,379,642.

Previous to this year the record made in 1887 stood as the best made in this city. In that year, to November 1, the value of permits issued was \$6,833,772 and for the twelve months, 1887, was credited with \$6,151,532.

With two months to go and a great many costly buildings in sight, for which permits have not yet been taken out, the difference in favor of the 1887 record is only \$41,994.

This difference will be made up and greatly surpassed before January 1. A substantial figure in excess of \$7,000,000 for this year is confidently predicted by the building inspector's office.

Increase of Eight Per Cent. The number of permits issued during the month of October was 182, against 119 during October, 1908, an increase of 51 per cent.

In value of permits this month's record stands at \$657,355, against \$377,571 for October, 1908, showing a gain of \$279,784 in value for October, 1909.

The largest permits issued during the month were: J. L. Brandeis & Sons, the new Morris theater, \$100,000; Board of Education, Forest school, \$60,000; Coad Real Estate company, garage at Twenty-second and Farnam, \$22,000; E. S. Root and Thomas Crano, apartment building, Thirty-eighth and Farnam, \$22,000.

The city engineer's office has quiet intimations of a large number of new structures planned for next season. Property owners who have been ordered by the engineer's force to do certain work have secured a stay because they propose to change the face of things by breaking ground for new buildings as soon as the frost is out of the ground in the spring.

Mr. Craig is confident in the belief that this time next year many a vacant lot will be covered with handsome improvements and many an unsightly old shack replaced by something that can be proud of. Old homesteads, at one time considered absolutely safe from any possible intrusion by business structures, are to be moved or torn down, in answer to the demand of business for more room.

OMAHA AGENT IN CUP RACE

Charles Metz, representing firm with Local House, One of Big Drivers.

Omaha has a representative in the big Vanderbilt cup race which is being run this afternoon. Charles Metz, driving the National car, is a member of the Standard Automobile company, one of the new concerns doing business in this city and for whom a new garage is now being built.

Burlington Changes in Time. Effective October 31st, Train No. 8, for Lincoln, Colorado and the Northwest, will leave Omaha at 11:30 p. m., instead of 11:30 p. m.

Woman Says Her Husband Tried to Use Axe on Her

Refuses to Go Home Till He is Arrested on Charge of Insanity.

Following a wakeful night of fear, Mrs. H. A. Weicknawnt, 2021 Franklin street, has filed a complaint of insanity against her husband, charging that Friday night he attempted to take her life by assaulting her in her bed room with an axe.

Weicknawnt was arrested by Officer Aughe after the disturbance. His wife was late in appearing in police court and the prisoner was discharged before her appearance there to testify against him.

Weicknawnt was once a rich baker in San Francisco. In the earthquake and subsequent fire his fortune was consumed. His wife says that he has not been himself since. Two years ago she had him taken to St. Bernard's sanitarium in Council Bluffs for treatment. He was later released and difficulties have multiplied since then.

Mrs. Weicknawnt refuses to return to her home until her husband is arrested on the insanity warrant.

May Soon Settle Woodmen Site

Coming Monday May See Long Vexed Question of Building Location Finally Ended.

Officers of the Woodmen of the World hope that the location of the new building will be settled definitely at the meeting of the building committee Monday.

"If it isn't decided Monday, we hope it will be before the committee adjourns," said John T. Yates, sovereign clerk. Joseph C. Root, sovereign commander, had not returned from a trip to the east Saturday morning, but he is expected to be here in time for the committee meeting Monday.

There are few straws to indicate where the building is likely to land, but some of those who have been watching the situation believe it will go to Sixteenth and Jackson. Some of the sites the Woodmen have been considering will be withdrawn, it is said, by owners who are tired of the delay and will begin at once to seek other purchasers.

FARM SPECIAL IS A SUCCESS

Train in Charge of Men from State Experiment Farm Proves Attraction.

The Ranchman's special, which was run by the Northwestern over its lines in Wyoming, proved itself a complete success, and was visited by hundreds at every stop. It attracted attention far beyond the expectation of the officers of the company.

The special was in charge of professors from the state experiment farms, and also from the government farm, where experiments have been going on for some years in dry farming. An effort was made to show new settlers in Wyoming how to increase crop yield, and also to demonstrate that a man could do well by dry farming methods on government land which may still be homesteaded under the Mondell act, allowing a man to enter upon 320 acres.

CLEARING STREETS BIG TASK

Problem perplexes City Engineer and Annoys Taxpayers.

SOME EVEN THREATENING SUIT

Object to Irregular Line of Pavements and Lawyers Are Engaged in Some Cases to Test Law.

City Engineer Craig is not having easy going in his effort to have the streets cleared of obstructing buildings, fences and sidewalks. Notices served on certain persons to get busy in taking themselves off the public right-of-way are calling in their sidemen.

"It's just the way," said Alderman Kugel and Davis, the city engineer. "Our people will do whatever the rest do. If everybody is compelled to push the protruding walk back, all right; but if anyone is to be allowed to intrude on the street or sidewalk line, then our constituents have as good a right as the next person."

"We cannot get all this work done at once," replied the city engineer. "We must make a beginning somewhere, and in due time we will reach all offenders. This department is given exclusive control of the care of the streets and as far as it can be done we propose to have the law obeyed."

Turning to his desk the city engineer produced a letter from a prominent firm of lawyers, notifying him that unless every body trespassing, in the matter of sidewalk encroachments, is compelled to move back they will fight the order served on a certain property owner on Harney street.

"That is a sample of what we have to contend with," said Mr. Craig. "In that letter the writer cites an instance of one of the prettiest streets in Omaha being spoiled by the varying lines of the walks and if I am not mistaken is not entirely in the clear himself. We believe the law is good and that it was made to be obeyed. If the offenders want to go into court, why we cannot help that, but I don't believe they have any ground to stand on."

CORPORATIONS MUST PAY UP

Millions in Special Franchise Taxes Collectable in the Empire State.

A decision handed down by the court of appeals of the state of New York, sustaining the validity of the special franchise tax law puts within reaching of various municipalities a total of \$41,000,000, of which \$27,000,000 is due New York city.

The decision was handed down in the case of the Jamaica Bay Water Supply company against the State Board of Tax Commissioners, in which two important questions were raised. One was whether assessments of special franchises of corporations, which include the tangible property of the corporations in the streets and highways and the right to use the streets and highways, are to be equalized with those of the same locality, assessing officers in the same locality.

The second question was whether the courts may properly set aside the assessment made by the State board if it does not correspond to the result reached by the net earnings rule.

In an opinion by Justice Willard Bartlett the court upon the first point holds that the appellate division was right in allowing the special franchise to be equalized to correspond with the rate of assessment adopted by the local assessors. Upon the second question it holds that no rule can be laid down by the courts, although the net earnings rule will give a proper result. The court then affirms at length the method by which this net earnings rule should be applied.

The court sustains the contention of the attorney general that the proper rate of return to be allowed in applying the net earnings rule is a question of fact, although in the absence of the proof the opinion holds that the court may take judicial notice that 6 per cent is a fair return.

"The corporation counsel will now take steps, where necessary, to collect the \$27,000,000 due the city," said Comptroller Metz of New York city. "Many corporations, no doubt, will pay up without delay, knowing that there is no gaining to be done in the matter. Some of them, as a matter of fact, have paid their taxes with the understanding that, by doing so, they did not prejudice any legal rights they might have in the premises. The Third Avenue railroad company is one of these."

Back taxes due New York city in the different boroughs are as follows: Manhattan, \$20,000,000; Brooklyn, \$4,970,000; Queens, \$527,000; the Bronx, \$1,201,000; Richmond, \$237,000.

Failure on the part of corporations to pay arrears, many of which go back a number of years, will no doubt lead to sales by the city's auctioneers.

TAKING THE CHURCH CENSUS

Job is a Big One and Assigned to Seven Hundred and Fifty Men.

That the clergy of Omaha might have a complete church census of the city, 750 men responded to the call Saturday and made a canvass of the entire city. Omaha was divided into twenty-six districts, with a district leader in charge of each. Some of these leaders had as many as forty workers going from house to house asking the church preference of each individual. This data will be used by the clergy to advise in their work up legal representative and the repository of his gigantic plans. He traveled a good deal with Harriman, planned and executed for him; but no person ever heard Judge Lovett say anything about what was going on. He would talk charmingly and with a wonderful breadth of information about

Until a few years before his death Mr. Harriman was almost not noticeably suave about it. Then, suddenly, so far as communication with the public is concerned, he became the most responsive of men. He mellowed, so to speak, and when the mood was on him, threw the net over any reporter who happened his way and talked epigrams to him until it was time to go to sleep. Although he never said so, the explanation of this change was that Mr. Harriman decided it was just as well to have his side of the story put into the papers now and again as it was to sit back in haughty seclusion and let the other fellows get in all the ticks. Anyhow, he interviewed Mr. Harriman, which in former years had been one of the hardest things, in recent years became one of the easiest.

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SILENCE ANOTHER STRONG TRAIT

Character Sketch of President Lovett of the Union Pacific—Can Talk About Everything but Railroad Plans.

Sometimes words are invented to fit men; and then again, men seem made to fit words. Occasionally it goes both ways—only occasionally; but I know one case where it is like the paper on the wall.

The man is Judge Robert Scott Lovett, the new head of the Harriman railroad, and the word is, suave.

He speaks the word, and the word fits the judge. It is a fine combination. Mayhap, those language sharps who reached over into the Latin and the Spanish and the Portuguese and abstracted suave for our garbled and knotty language did not have Judge Lovett in mind as the human symbol for their addition to the speech, but if not they didn't know their business. The judge is suave to a suave suaveness—likewise bland as blandulinity.

Moreover, when it comes to saying nothing and saving wood the judge has most of his compeers spitting and piling for him. He is so many other things, a sphinx. He has nothing to say on almost every topic connected with his business, and he says it with a most gratifying smile and such an air of polite finality that, having asked much and heard nothing, you fall into the spell of it and wonder why he is so silent.

Work and Study Count. Lovett studied law at night and clerked in the day time. When he was admitted to the bar he quit clerking and entered the law firm of Charles Stewart, then a member of congress. It wasn't long until he was country counsel for the Houston East and West Texas, and began traveling back and forth, trying cow cases mostly. He progressed steadily until he was appointed, in 1882, assistant general counsel for the Texas & Pacific. He became general counsel for that road in 1891 and moved to Dallas.

He was working for Jay Gould then, and Gould liked him. However, he saw an opportunity to branch out and soon quit the Gould lines and went into the law firm of Baker, Botts, Baker & Lovett at Dallas, Southern Pacific road, and Collins P. Huntington soon became acquainted with the clear-eyed, hard-working, capable young junior partner, and picked him to do the heavy lawyering for the Southern Pacific in Texas. It was heavy lawyering, too, for the Southern Pacific was in constant warfare with the state of Texas, and there were some tremendous legal fights.

It wasn't long until Huntington made Lovett general counsel for all the Southern Pacific lines in Texas, and when Mr. Harriman took over the Southern Pacific and was examining into its organization he asked Lovett to come to New York to see him. Lovett came, and Harriman looked him over. The inspection was satisfactory, for Lovett returned to Texas as general counsel for the Southern Pacific. That was in 1902.

Meanwhile Harriman kept an eye on Lovett. He, little wizard, liked this affable, courteous, silent railroad lawyer, and in 1904 he asked him to come to New York to be general counsel for the entire Harriman system. In less than thirty years the man who began railroading by grubbing stumps came to be the head of the legal department of one of the world's greatest transportation systems, with an active voice in management. Now, only thirty-five years from the stump-grubbing days, he is the actual head of that system. Moreover, by the shifting of circumstance he is present on the road on which he cut ties and shovelled dirt.

Cool, Quiet, Cautious. Lovett was a sort of a complement for Harriman. The wizard was bold, dashing, energetic, dominating. Lovett is cool, quiet, cautious and methodical. He has a most acute legal mind, as experience as wide as his knowledge, and he was of invaluable assistance to Harriman in carrying out his marvelous plans. Now the burden has fallen on him, and there is no necessity for saying he is better equipped for the task than any man whatsoever, for Harriman knew, and Harriman designated him to go on with the work.

He is about five feet ten, with muscular shoulders and a well-rounded chest. His voice is soft and pleasant, his eyes twinkle genially, his lips are constantly breaking into a smile. His handclasp is warm and

Dispute Over the Estate of Points

Two Want to Be Administrator and Certain Patents Form the Bone of Contention.

The estate of W. J. Points, who was an assistant foreman at the Union Pacific shops, bids fair to be tangled up in litigation.

H. W. E. McDaniel, auditor for the McKean Motor company, has been appointed special administrator of the estate to the wrath of Bartholomew Julien, general foreman of the shopmen there is a divergence of opinion about some patents which Points owned and in which Julien has or had a half interest, for he declares that the rights of both were sold to a company.

Coroner P. C. Heafey appeared in county court Saturday and asked the appointment of an administrator on the ground that he is a creditor of Points.

WASHINGTON EXHIBIT BIG ONE

State Will Send Entire Showing in Grain Which Was Made at Seattle Exposition.

The state of Washington will send to the National Corn exposition the entire state exhibit in grain at the Seattle exposition. Word has been received at the National Corn exposition headquarters that the exhibit will be shipped in time to reach here November 27. It will be in charge of W. D. Foster, superintendent of the state experimental station.

Indiana is preparing to send to the exposition the exhibit prepared by the Purdue university experimental station which will make accessible to everyone's knowledge concerning farm crops it would take an individual twenty years to work out. The exhibit includes the many features of crop and soil work presented at the Indiana state fair, and several other special features worked out by the experimental station. Indiana has taken the corn sweepstakes for the past two years and will try hard this year to retain it.

RATES FOR THE FRUIT SHOW

Concessions Are Made by Railroads to the Council Bluffs Exposition.

Directors of the National Horticultural congress, to be held in Council Bluffs, November 12 to November 18, are stated over the announced that the railroads have decided to grant rates from the "eastern" territory of the Western Passenger association. Fruit men from all over the country are busily preparing for the congress and indications are that not only will delegates come from all states from the Atlantic to the Pacific, but also that exhibits will be on hand from all sections.

Exhibits already are arriving for the big show, which was such a success last year and promises better this year. As fast as these exhibits arrive at the express offices they are delivered to the Bloomer cold storage plant, where they will be kept until put in place at the Auditorium.

Do You Feel This Way?

Do you feel all tired out? Do you sometimes think you just can't work away at your profession or trade any longer? Do you have a poor appetite, and lay awake at nights unable to sleep? Are your nerves all gone, and your stomach too? Has ambition to forge ahead in the world left you? If so, you might as well put a stop to your misery. You can do it if you will. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery will make you a different individual. It will set your lazy liver to work. It will set things right in your stomach, and your appetite will come back. It will purify your blood, if there is any tendency in your family toward consumption, it will keep that dread destroyer away. Even after consumption has almost gained a foothold in the form of a cough, and lay awake at nights unable to sleep? Are you lingering cough, bronchitis, or bleeding at the lungs? A cure in 98 per cent. of all cases. It is a remedy prepared by Dr. R. V. Pierce, of Buffalo, N. Y., whose advice is given free to all who wish to write him. His great success has come from his wide experience and varied practice.

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RIGHT TO INTERVENE IS STICKLER IN COURT CASE

Question is Being Considered by Two Judges and Two Sets of Lawyers.

Attorneys for the heirs of Count John A. Critchfield, attorneys for the intervenors and two judges of the district court, Redick and Estelle, met in Judge Redick's court room Saturday upon a motion to strike the petitions of intervention from the records.

Argument went over until Friday, however, in order to give attorneys for the intervenors time to prepare to meet one of the questions involved.

The right to intervene will be fought upon two grounds. One is that the intervenors should have appeared in the court of original jurisdiction in this case at the county court. The other ground is as to what facts may properly be alleged in the petitions of intervention.

The first is the one which will really be fought out by the lawyers for the heirs on one side, and the attorneys on the other, who represent a number of working girls and Bishop Rennell.

Both judges were present because the intervention is double. There are two suits, identical, one before Judge Estelle and the other before Judge Redick. The right to intervene in either will be settled in one stroke.

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NEGRO PORTER HELD FOR BINDING AND ROBBING WOMAN

Ed Burke Attempts Alibi, but Woman He Left En Route de Nuit Beats Him.

Ed Burke, a negro, charged with robbing Bertha Klins at her rooming house, Thirtieth street and Capitol avenue, on October 22, was bound over at his preliminary examination in police court Saturday. His bail was fixed at \$1,000 and the prisoner committed to jail.

Bertha Klins testified that Burke had held her up with a revolver, tying her hand and foot and gagging her with a rag. "He poured water all over me when I asked him for a drink, too," she added, despite the objections of the attorney for his defense.

The complaining witness claims to have escaped after the negro had robbed her of \$26 in money and valuable jewelry. Detectives found her at an all-night drug store "en route de nuit," after the alleged robbery.

Burke roomed at 1209 Cass street. He endeavored to establish an alibi, but his witnesses were not positive. Burke is a Pullman porter.

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