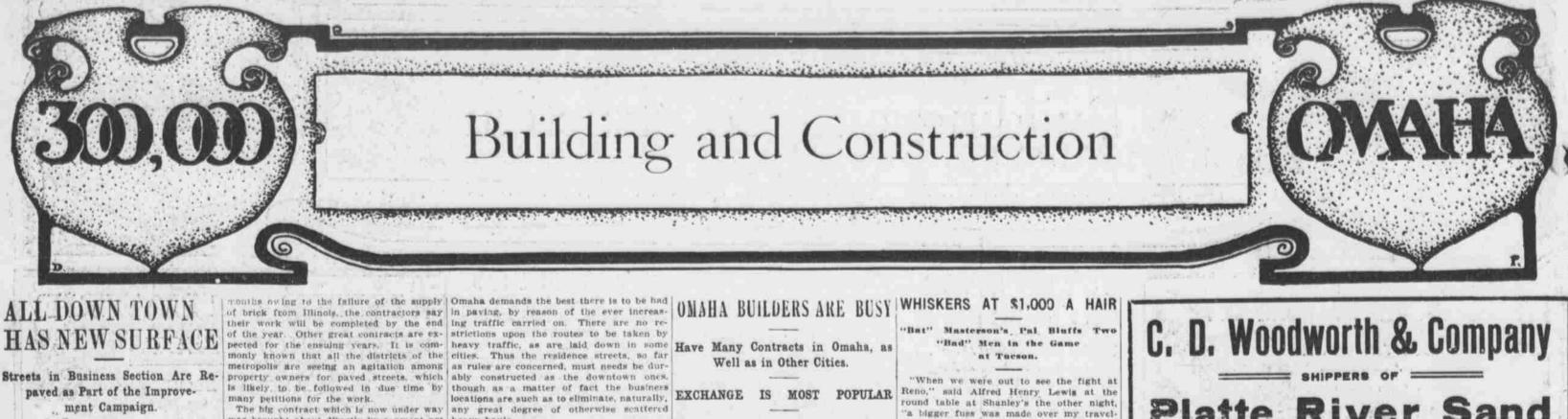
THE BEE: OMAHA, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17, 1910.



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Large Membership.

When the exchange was formed and in-

corporated in 1903, John H. Harte was

In 1904 and 1905 Charles J. Johnson

the head of the exchange. The vice presi-

president being A. A. Newman. The year

succeeding J. E. Mertiam, who now held

Present Officers.

For the current year A. C. Busk is presi

On the board of directors during these

Wallace H. Parrish, John Reynard, J.

years, besides the names already mentioned

as officers, appear the following men:

companies of recent growth.

ALL ARE BRICK AND ASPHALT Central Part of City Gets Some Spe-

cial Treatment.

CREOSOTE BLOCK IS COMING IN Agitation for New Material on One

Busy Thoroughfare.

GOOD ROADS TO THE COUNTRY

Many Paved Highways Run Out from City Into the Farming District and Help Out the Lo-

cal Trade.

streets throughout the business section and section fund of \$100,000 will give a great ing railroad yards in the country: beyond it at the present time. The wide- stimulus to the work. This appropriation The local industry gives it attent spread work and facility with which, it is was entirely drawn from the present year's being done at times when the material is work. at hand marks the size and effectiveness of Omaha's paving industry.

Ten miles of new paving is a contract far to receive paving operations next year. The and the northern coast states. greater than the city has ever let before alleys will be paved with stone block. for that sort of work. It means the paving There will be about 1,000 spuare yards of of 230.160 square yards of ground. It means the stone block paving in alleys accom-an expenditure of approximately \$550,000. plished this year. plished this year. Several hundred men are employed in the

labors of laying the new paving over popular favor has been given by a wide Omaha streets. - Several asphalt plants are margin to brick blocks as material for city giving full time to the outputting of that streets. According to the apportionment of kind of material for just a portion of the the work under way now, asphalt is vantly local work. The output of brick blocks, behind its competitor to an extent that which is the kind of material which is most makes it insignificant as a street material. used here by far, is not fast enough." by The paving was apportioned for 'the' two reason of recent labor troubles, for the kinds of material with the following fig-Omaha contractors. Brick are coming in ures: 202,389 spuare yards of brick block, ably nowhere in the world is the system

reason of receit allow troubles, for the street argo contractors. Brick are coming of several demand of the city. Ornaha's agricultural productions to a bumper volume, conspires to give paving contractors in the skind which does averages about 22.0 per square yard at of the streets. In and leading to the city of necess. This makes Ornaha a thriving place for the most part dating from tractors in the bakes of the kind which does averages about 22.0 per square yard at of the streets. The world is the system of assembling different sorts of timber in the world is the system of assembling different sorts of timber in the world is the system of assembling different sorts of timber in the world is the system of assembling different sorts of timber in the world is the system of assembling different sorts of the state in the paving with the popular brick is the street as in Ornaha. Wood of every sort, its report that things the very sorts in the the and so the state as in Ornaha. Wood of every sort, its report that the street as the paving with the popular brick is the street as in Ornaha. Wood of every sort, its inducting yeals were at the world is to be had from the system of the other materials do not vary in cost far from that figure the very street. There was a lot of tractors in the kind within the hands of the buildeng material. The active as the were them have gained on nothing were and the system of the system of the street is the world is the system of the street is the street in the mining of the other materials do not vary in cost in the street is the st

was brought about directly by a recent act heavy hauls. of the legislature which gave the council The hills of Omaha also are a great cause power to let iump paying contracts for for good paying contracts. With mediocre work within a radius of 4,500 feet of the surfaces the hills of all the principal streets city hall without submitting the question to would be practically impossible to heavy the property owners. Before that much traffic.

More Next Year.

delay was caused and considerable ragged- Materials are easily accessible for the ness in the letting of contracts experienced local needs. The brick come almost enthrough the necessity of getting up a petltion with a majority of property owners phait is obtained in blocks from several always fast growing community, but being signed upon them before the contracts factories in the east in such quantities mostly ambilious, a large number of local in the fight, but hearing Bat would be could be let, When the general downtown as to suffice contractors here for long per- contractors have reached out and secured contract came up before the council several lods of time.

other, districts took the opportunity of putting their petitions into action and the WHOLESALE LUMBER CENTER result was a single order upon the paving men for ten milles of new surfaced streets.

Omaha Banks Fourth as Distributing Under normal conditions the paving con-Point for Lumber to Westcerns keep their men at work nine months ern Points. of the year, the contracts being dropped

only during those months in midwinter With approximately \$10,000,000 invested in when the paving work would be impossible. worth of lumber, Omaha holds a leading to promote mechanical and industrial in-It is generally expected in paving circles

contract Omaha is seeing carried out on its extent. The allowing of next year's inter- this city has the greatest lumber distribut-The local industry gives it attention exclusively to the distribution of lumber. tion; to adjust differences and settle dis- in the right,' Masterson said, 'and he pulled Into this city is shipped the finished prod-Besides the main streets and thoroughuct of the forests in Texas, Louisiana, fares to be paved, a number of alleys are Arkansas. Mississippi, Wisconsin, Michigan

> There are five large wholesale lumber concerns in Omaha carrying on the dis-From the property owners' standpoint,

> > Omaha concerns in general. The establishments maintain elaborate offices in the kind and purpose, in Omaha or out, in a for them! business section of the city and large similar or different line of activity, which lumber yards at the switching points. Each has done more real good for its members, learn the game went on the even ter railroad has found it profitable to estab- and always in a quiet and unostentatious its way."-New York World. lish special shipping yards of leage area way, without beating of cymbols or blaze for the lumber shipping business. Prob- of public trumpet.

ing companion, Bat Masterson, than over Nearly All the Contractors of Omaha Jeffries, even before the fight. Bat had Are Members of the Omaha 'come back.' if only to the scenes of his earlier activities-and there was some doubt about Jeffries. "Among the many friends who came to

see Masterson, to shake his hand and talk Omaha builders and contractors manage tirely from Galesburg, Ill., while the as- to keep busy crecting buildings in this about the ploneer days in the west, was old Jim Bruce, Old Jim had no interest there he made the journey just to see him. "Bruce was the queerest looking westcontracts in cities and towns all over the west, and this in the face of the keen com. erner you have ever seen. He rather repetition of the great national construction sembled a down east farmer, his most conspicuous adjunct being a paint brush chin beard, an ornament "he has worn on his Local builders owe a good deal of their prosperity and success to the existence face ever since he left Missouri for the

border, shortly after the war, because Misof a mutual benefit association and company which came into existence seven souri was getting built up. years ago. This is the Omaha Builders' ex-"For years Jim Bruce dealt faro all over change "which was formed for the purpose the wild west and was known, by those the lumber business and with an annual of furnishing and regulating suitable rooms who stood by or those who were curious distribution of between \$5,000,000 and \$6,000.000 for daily meetings in the city of Omaha; to find out, as a square and fearless man "One time, when he was dealing faro al that the contracts for city paving next year place among the lumber distributing cities terests; to incuicate just and equitable Tucson, Masterson told me, two tough Ten miles of new paving is the stupendous will reach nearly 200,000 square yards in of the world. It is generally conceded that principles of trade; to establish and main- strangers got into a dispute with the old tain uniformity in commercial usages of man over whether a bet was made a cerrules and regulations; to acquire, preserve tain way.

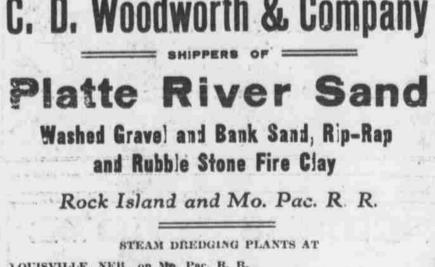
"You can gamble that the old man was putes between members, or between mem- the money over."

"One of the strangers said to his friend, bers and others, and for other purposes conwho was nearest the dealer. 'Get the ducive to the interests of its members, especially of a protective nature, and for money, Jack, and if you can't get the the upbuilding of this section of the west." | money get his whiskers!"

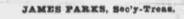
"The old man thrust out his chin till the All this sounds somewhat ambitious, if tributing work. A score of retail concerns not pretentious, but the foregoing purposes brush was almost in the face of the nearest supply the local needs, and the whole ter- have been carried out by the Builders' ex- stranger, and remarked softly, 'Ye can't ritory of the country is supplied by the change with notable success, and it is have the bet, and as for the whiskers, doubtful if there is an organization of the there's a standing reward of \$1.000 a hal "And then," concluded Mr. Lewis,

Drinking Water at Meals.

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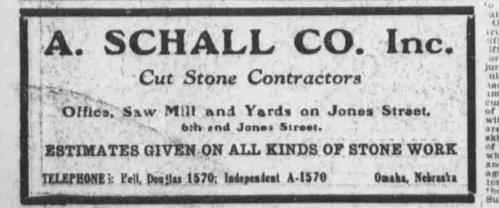
sold out to the National Construction company. Later he resentered the field on a In the local industry about \$150,000 is in-Though 200 men is the average vastly increased financial basis and has vested. number employed, that mark is passed and remained in the industry while the outside doubled under the present situation of corporation has almost entirely dropped abnormal activity. out of it. It has been found that present day paying

Brick Were Searce.

methods with the use of any of the various This present big municipal paving under- materials, by reason of the great improvetaking was launched in March of this year, ment, insures absolutely level streets and and though it dragged for the first few as durable ones as possibly can be devised.

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and trades between them have marked the siderably more convenient to buy in small history of the industry. The principal conquantities as their needs arise from the chosen its first president, John Reynard

was elected vice president and J. E. Mer-Omaha is the only city on the Missouri riam was treasurer. John H. Tate was the river that through its wholesale lumber first secretary, a position he held for three oncerns, maintains an unlimited supply of years and was then succeeded by C. A. jumber for all demands. The smaller towns Crigg, who is still in the position. The cannot hazard the expense of unloading secretaryship is a salaried job, and on the a wholesale stock of the commodity on secretary devolves the routine work of the their ground and reload it to suit the de- exchange.

mand that reaches them. In this respect Omaha transcends even

dency in 1904 was held by William P. St. Joseph, and Kansas City, which metropolises make more of a pretense at lum-Deverell, Mr. Merriam continuing as treasper greatness than this city does. urer that year and down to 1909, when he Omaha, from all sources of information. became president. J. W. Dow was vice ranks easily fourth in respect to the lumpresident in 1905.

ber industry of the country. The order The next year E. O. Hamilton became of the cities in relation to their importance president and Thomas Herd vice president. as lumber concerns are St. Louis, Kansas In 1967 Mr. Herd stepped up a notch and Andrew C. Bush become vice president. City, Chicago and Omaha. Omaha loses considerable of its deserved Mr. Herd was re-elected in 1908, the vice

prestige in lumber reports when compared with other cities from the fact that what following A. C. Busk was again vice presis known as "office business" is carried dent and Robert Sanderson was treasurer, n to an enormous extent in other cities, whereas the real business of handling lum- the highest office of the exchange. per is done in this city. The sales are not only made in Omaha, but the lumber is

obtained at this point and actually shipped dent, with George Dyball vice president out to purchasers. The shipments receive and Mr. Sanderson again treasurer. handling at this point to the extent that they are unloaded from the cars, assembled systematically and reloaded for their ultiate destinations.

Walter Phelps. A. J. Vierling, Fred Ruemp-BUILDING OPERATIONS GOOD ing, Albert Foll, Walter Peterse, A. O. Omaha Stands Twenty-Seventh In the List of Citles of the Country, and Still Grows.

Borchman, Henry Hamson, Grant Parsons David M. Potter, Benjamin Melquist, Les Bridges, Charles Anderson, R. L. Carter, William Redgwick, George Klent, William J. Creedon, A. A. Newman and R. C.

Omaha's building operations in 1909 made Streblow.

good showing and the indications are The builders and contractors who belong a considerable increase this year. Omaha stands tweaty-seventh among the Omaha do, have a monthly informal meetarge clities in the amount of building done ling, but the big gathering of the year a 1909, according to government statistics, comes about the first of January when the cently issued by the Interior department, exchange stages a banquet which is one of Salt Lake City is twenty-fifth. Cincinnati the most elaborate the city knows each seawenty-sixth. Indianapolls twenty-eighth season. The exchange, of course, does not seventy-fifth. Elks building on Fifteenth street between South Omaha has just enough to get inte

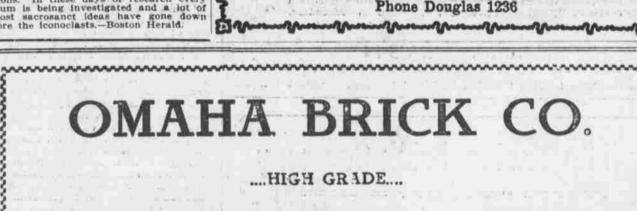
the list, ranking as the 15th, and Counch Farnam and Harney. Any business day in Bluffs is the 116th. of increase in building for 1969. The average of the 137 chies is 36.34 per cent, but

i Omaha it is 56.93 per cent. Lemons Cure Malaria.

the year a number of contractors can be Omaha stands well up in the percentage seen figuring on a job or conferring with one another. Three of the exchange members have achieved national reputation by specializing.

These are R. O. Strehlow, who has built exposition buildings all over the country;

Some twenty years ago I was a victim of O. H. Wiese, who has received some of the disease, and, of course, took the qui-largest postoffice building contracts in the



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Omaha, Nebraska

to the exchange, and practically all in

and Jersey City twenty-ninth. Kansas City "xist as a money making institution, but tonds well up in the line, being fourteenth. Its revenues are such that there is generally wo places ahead of Minneapolis. St. Jos ph a tidy little balance which can be approaway down, being sixty-eighth, and printed to the banquet and this helps to Toledo (about the same size as Omaha) is make the affair a delight to the epicure. The rooms of the exchange are in the