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OMAHA BUILDERS ARE BUSY

Have Many Contracts in Omaha, as
Well as in Other Cities.

EXCHANGE IS MOST POPULAR

Nearly All the Contractors of Omaha
Are Members of the Omaha
Builders' Exchange—Plenty
of Work for All.

Omaha builders and contractors manage to keep busy erecting buildings in this always fast growing community, but being mostly ambitious, a large number of local contractors have reached out and secured contracts in cities and towns all over the west, and this in the face of the keen competition of the great national construction companies of recent growth.

Local builders owe a good deal of their prosperity and success to the existence of a mutual benefit association and company which came into existence seven years ago. This is the Omaha Builders' Exchange, which was formed for the purpose of furnishing and regulating suitable rooms for daily meetings in the city of Omaha; to promote mechanical and industrial interests; to inculcate just and equitable principles of trade; to establish and maintain uniformity in commercial usages of rules and regulations; to acquire, preserve and disseminate valuable business information; to adjust differences and settle disputes between members, or between members and others, and for other purposes conducive to the interests of its members, especially of a protective nature, and for the upbuilding of this section of the west.

All this sounds somewhat ambitious, if not pretentious, but the foregoing purposes have been carried out by the Builders' exchange with notable success, and it is doubtful if there is an organization of the kind and purpose, in Omaha or out, in a similar or different line of activity, which has done more real good for its members, and always in a quiet and unostentatious way, without beating of drums or blare of public trumpet.

Large Membership.
The building exchange includes 100 men or firms or companies in its ranks numbering besides contractors and builders all the large building material supply houses of the city. The exchange has done notably well in perfecting pleasant and harmonious relations between the men who buy and the men who sell building material. The active conduct of the exchange has always been as well within the hands of the builders rather than the material men, but the latter have had some representation in office or on the board of directors.

When the exchange was formed and incorporated in 1903, John H. Harter was chosen its first president, John Reynard was elected vice president and J. E. Merriam was treasurer. John H. Harter was the first secretary, a position he held for three years and was then succeeded by C. A. Criger, who is still in the position. The secretaryship is a salaried job, and on the secretary devolves the routine work of the exchange.

In 1904 and 1905 Charles J. Johnson was at the head of the exchange. The vice presidency in 1904 was held by William P. Deverell, Mr. Merriam continuing as treasurer that year and down to 1909, when he became president. J. W. Dow was vice president in 1906.

The next year E. O. Hamilton became president and Thomas Herd vice president. In 1907 Mr. Herd stepped up a notch and Andrew C. Bush became vice president. Mr. Herd was re-elected in 1908, the vice president being A. A. Newman. The year following A. C. Bush was again vice president and Robert Sanderson was treasurer, succeeding J. E. Merriam, who now held the highest office of the exchange.

Present Officers.
For the current year A. C. Bush is president, with George Dyball vice president and Mr. Sanderson again treasurer. On the board of directors during these years, besides the names already mentioned as officers, appear the following men: Wallace H. Parrish, John Reynard, J. Walter Phelps, A. J. Vierling, Fred Ruemping, Albert Foll, Walter Petersen, A. G. Borchman, Henry Hamann, Grant Parsons, David M. Potter, Benjamin Melquist, Lee Bridges, Charles Anderson, R. L. Carter, William Redgewick, George Kient, William C. Crendon, A. A. Newman and R. C. Strehlow.

The builders and contractors who belong to the exchange, and practically all in Omaha do, have a monthly informal meeting, but the big gathering of the year comes about the first of January when the exchange stages a banquet which is one of the most elaborate the city knows each season. The exchange, of course, does not exist as a money making institution, but its revenues are such that there is generally a tidy little balance which can be appropriated to the banquet and this helps to make the affair a delight to the epicure.

The rooms of the exchange are in the Elks building on Fifteenth street between Farnam and Harney. Any business day in the year a number of contractors can be 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; O. H. Wiese, who has received some of the largest postoffice building contracts in the west; and Hamilton Bros., who have gone in for garrison work, barracks, officers' quarters and other army buildings.

Large Gathering Expected.
The Roman Catholic Eucharistic congress, which is to be held at Montreal early in September will be the largest gathering of its kind ever held in North America. The principal speakers will be Cardinal Gibbons, Alfr. Heylan, Archbishop Bruckes of Montreal, Archbishop O'Connell of Boston, Archbishop Glennon of St. Louis, and Father Vaughn of London. One of the most impressive services of the congress will be the midnight mass for men in the church of Notre Dame. Another impressive service will be an open air mass at the foot of Mount Royal, Montreal's great park. The cardinal legate, Vincent Vanoni, will carry the host in procession through four miles of streets. Bishop Scannell of Omaha and Bishop Keane of Cheyenne will attend the congress.

Persistent Advertising is the Road to Big Returns.

MILLIONS IN SASH AND DOORS

An Omaha Industry Whose Output is Shipped All Over the Middle West.

The sash and door business is another in which the Omaha concerns are consistently holding their own with the sash and door factories and selling companies in other parts of the west. It is probable that, in the amount of goods of this nature sold in a year, Kansas City, with its much larger population, has a bit the edge on Omaha, but, with the one exception, Omaha has no close competitors for the trade of the middle west. Sashes and doors are made and sold at both Sioux City and Lincoln, but the industry in each of these cities is insignificant as compared with the amount of that sort of business done in Omaha.

The territory which secures most of its supplies of this nature from the Omaha manufacturers and jobbers is a large one. The Omaha concerns reach out for their business over the western half of Iowa as well as over Nebraska, Wyoming, South Dakota, North Dakota, northern Kansas and northwestern Missouri.

Using the term in its common acceptation in Omaha, the sash and door business is by no means confined to the manufacture and selling of sashes and doors. In addition to these articles, screen doors, porch building material, staircase material, fancy posts, and, in fact, almost every product of the millwright's art is manufactured and sold by the local sash and door concerns.

The manufacturing end of the business is confined locally to eight firms. These are the Adams & Kelly company, 1207 Nicholas street; M. A. Dabrow & Co., 1208 Nicholas street; The Weir company, the Omaha Woodworking company, Rosenberg Bros., the Omaha Planing Mill company, A. Bloom & Co., 1502 California street, and the T. H. Werlich Fixture company.

Each of these firms not only manufactures sashes, doors and other similar products, but conducts a general retail business within the city and wholesales its products to out-of-town dealers. Two or three of the largest of these companies keep a large stock of their manufactured products on hand, but with the greater number of them the articles are simply made up to fill the orders as they are filed.

In addition to those firms in the city which manufacture sashes and doors, the finished product is found in the stock of most every lumber yard or builder's supply company in the city. These firms do little or no manufacturing, and in most cases buy their stocks from the local manufacturers. They do both a retail and wholesale business in the product, depending on whether or not they do a wholesale or retail business in other articles which they handle.

With the Werlich company, on North Twenty-fourth street, which is now a leader, in the manufacture of sashes and doors, the main interest is the making of office fixtures, counters and the like and the sash and door business is only a minor part of the whole industry.

The total sash and door business of the city will aggregate between \$1,000,000 and \$1,250,000 in a year. These figures, it will be understood, include also the other

articles which are manufactured and jobbed by the so-called sash and door concerns. Dealers in the article, as well as manufacturers, are unanimous in saying that the increase in this line for the year will run higher than 5 per cent, some guessing the increase at 10 per cent. This is rather remarkable when it is realized that last year the sash and door business in Omaha, was far and away ahead of what it had been in previous years, and it looked then as though that would remain the high water mark for some years.

LITHIA IN LARGE QUANTITIES

Omaha is the Home of One of the Most Extensive Lithia Plants in the World.

Speaking of large industries, did you know that Omaha has one of the largest lithia manufacturing plants in the world? The Western Chemical company, which was established in Omaha four years ago, can lay claim to this pre-eminence. The company manufactures lithia-carbonate and some by-products such as sulphate of soda and supplies a large number of special plants with the compound.

The average output per year is 50,000 pounds. The ore from which it is reduced is shipped from the Black Hills. George A. Joslyn is president of the company; A. M. Pinto, secretary and treasurer.

Not Up to the Specifications.

The man with the nose about his neck faced the southern mob.

"Have you anything to say?" hoarsely

demanded the leader. The victim coolly surveyed the crowd. "I have always been led to believe," he remarked, "that an Alabama lynching is invariably in charge of the best citizens of the place. But if these are your best citizens then all that I've got to say is that society here must be inexorably puny."

Struck by the force of his reasoning, the chagrined mob released the fellow and stunk away.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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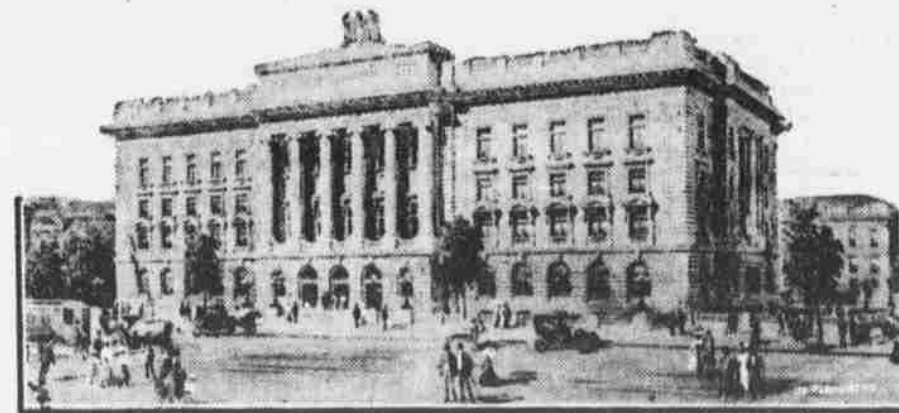
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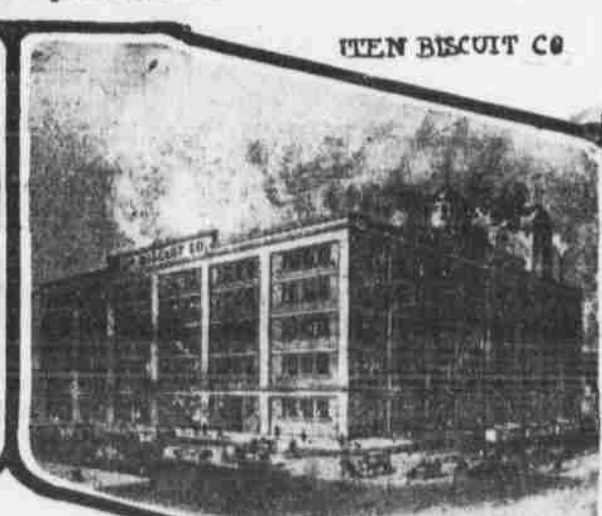
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