

COUNTRY CLUB TO IMPROVE ITS HOME

Will Spend Twenty Thousand Dollars in Improvements on Present Property This Winter.

CAPITAL STOCK IS INCREASED

Improvements to the extent of about \$20,000 will be made on the present property of the Omaha Country club and the organization will remain at that location, near Benson, for another ten years, instead of selling and moving farther away from the city.

This was decided at noon at a special meeting of the stockholders, held at the Omaha club. Improvements contemplated will include additions to and changes in the present clubhouse, especially enlargement of the dining rooms and construction of a new dancing floor. They will be made before the formal reopening of the club next season.

Method of raising the necessary funds for these improvements will be decided by a referendum vote of the 250 stockholders. Bonds may be issued, or it may be decided to raise the annual dues \$5 for three years, which would furnish sufficient extra money. The special meeting authorized the board of directors to go ahead with the proposed improvements and to raise the money by a method to be chosen by referendum vote.

Capital Stock Increased.

Three amendments were also made to the articles of incorporation of the club. One amendment raised the capital stock from \$50,000 to \$100,000 by means of a special stock dividend of 100 per cent. This gave each of the 250 stockholders will have the par value of their holdings increased from \$200 to \$400. This is made possible by the value of the club property having doubled since its organization.

Other amendments fix the initiation fee of members at \$100, limit the membership to 250 persons, require each member to own a share of stock in the corporation and fix the date of the annual meeting for the last Thursday in September. Gordon W. Wattle, who was made president of the Country club in September, presided at the meeting and was largely responsible for starting the improvement plans and arranging the details. Cuthbert Potter is secretary.

ELMER WOOD SAID TO BE REGAINING HIS HEALTH

Word comes from Chicago that Elmer Wood, former freight traffic manager of the Union Pacific, who went there for medical treatment, is improving in a most satisfactory manner and that it is probable that he will fully regain his health.

Widow and Children Made Destitute by Midnight Fire Now Have New Home

Liberal Aid Society Comes to Rescue and Provides House, Clothing and Food for Unfortunate Family.

CHILDREN HAVE CLOSE ESCAPE

With three small children, Helen, 3; Lena, 5, and Sam, 4 years of age, Mrs. Augusta Bennis, 108 Woolworth avenue, was homeless and destitute as the result of a fire which destroyed her home Monday night.

No sooner had the noon edition of The Bee appeared on the streets with the account of the homeless widow and children than Walter Brandes, president of the Liberal Aid society, and Walter Steele, secretary, hid themselves in an automobile to the wrecked home and immediately started plans for a new home for them. By night they were safely housed, with plenty to eat and a stove and fuel to keep them warm.

Mr. Brandes and Mr. Steele secured a house, bought a stove and lots of good things to eat, took the children up town and provided them with plenty of warm clothing, and less than twenty-four hours after their house burned this little family was again happy and ready to enjoy a merry Christmas.

The fire was discovered by a neighbor, who aroused the household and helped Mrs. Bennis carry her three children from the place. The little ones were cold and ran back inside, but were again brought to safety by Mrs. Bennis and Fred Reiser. Both Mrs. Bennis and Reiser were slightly burned and were almost overcome by smoke.

The father of the family was a fisherman and died last September of cancer and paralysis after confinement to his bed for several months. Mrs. Bennis, who is an invalid, had received aid from the county since her husband's death and recently received a mother's pension of \$9 a month.

She and the little ones were taken into the home of Charles Barowsky, who lives next door. Barowsky has seven children and is out of work. In the morning the Bennis family applied at the City Mission and was cared for by Mrs. Maase until the home was provided for them by the Liberal Aid society.



MRS. BENNIS AND HER THREE CHILDREN.

FOOD, COTTON AND COPPER IN PLENTY

Nazim Bey Says Turkey is Prepared to Supply All the Needs of Germany.

TRANSPORTATION IS QUESTION

BERLIN, Dec. 21.—(Via London.)

"Turkey has an abundance of foods and other material of all kinds which it can supply to Germany as Germany needs them," said Dr. Nazim Bey, secretary of the Young Turks' committee and one of Turkey's most prominent men, in a statement to the Associated Press on his arrival in Berlin today. "It is only a question of transportation, which seems to be in a fair way of solution."

"There is no lack of anything in Turkey. For example, we have 30,000,000 kilograms of cotton, which Germany can have the moment it solves the transportation problem, not to speak of 10,000,000 kilograms of reserve supply in the shape of mattresses and other articles in Turkish homes."

"The same is true of copper. Of this we have at least 40,000,000 kilograms, which Germany can have at any time."

"Because of this abundance of necessities and of the progress of military affairs to this time Dr. Nazim Bey predicts eventual victory for the central powers. He is certain Germany will find a way to effect transportation communications with Turkey in a short time."

"Such a success will mean independence

for Turkey for the first time," he continued. "There is immeasurably less of peace propaganda in Turkey today than anywhere else. You must remember that for decades there has hardly been peace for ten consecutive years with us, and accordingly we are accustomed to conflict. We reckon that the present conflict will last from one to two years more, but we are really indifferent as to the duration of the war. In any event Turkey will be the last to call a halt."

"Turkey is enthusiastic for a number of reasons. First, it had never fought previously under such favorable conditions. Second, the thought of eventual independence stimulates the troops tremendously. Third, the soldiers are agitated by hatred of their enemies. This hatred is engendered by illegal acts. The Turks regard the allies as real barbarians and when captured in a wounded condition frequently refuse food or drink from their captors, though, when conditions are reversed the Turks give their prisoners freely of their food."

Reveals Armenian Tales.

Dr. Nazim Bey spoke calmly, except when the subject of the world's impression of Turkish-Armenian relations was brought up. Of this he talked in bitter words. America, in particular, he said, had gained a false impression in two ways. First, investigators of conditions had not been neutral or unbiased. Second, these investigators went to the wrong sources for their information—to Greeks, Jews and Armenians, who are Turkish subjects and have grudges to air.

"Every time a Turk does something praiseworthy in this world he is hailed as an 'Armenian,'" he continued, "but every time he commits a crime or acts basely, he is a Turk—or something else."

Expressing himself as an ardent admirer of America and most things American, and declaring Turkey needed the trade of the United States even more than Germany, Dr. Nazim Bey nevertheless asserted the delivery of ammunition by Americans to the allies had served to estrange the two people.

Dr. Nazim Bey took issue with those

who have said the British could have broken through the Dardanelles in March if they had been willing to make a little greater sacrifice. He insists the principal forts were not damaged, and that they had plenty of ammunition to repel any attack.

Pulmotor Fails to Revive Twelve-Year-Old Intoxicated Lad

A 12-year-old lad was discovered lying in an unconscious condition in an alley between Ninth and Tenth streets, near Leavenworth street, by Officer Jensen shortly after noon. A sack of empty whisky bottles was found at his side.

Jensen was unable to revive the lad, so he summoned the ambulance and police surgeons, who submitted the youngster to exhaustive treatment with the pulmotor and stomach pump without tangible results in restoring consciousness. The physicians discovered the boy had taken a large amount of whisky and was completely intoxicated. He was removed to St. Joseph hospital, where his condition is regarded as most serious.

The identity of the boy is unknown. He was poorly dressed and nothing about his person served to give the police a clue as to his name or address.

Where he obtained the whisky which was responsible for his serious condition is also a mystery to the police.

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COUNCIL PASSES FILM ORDINANCE BY DAHLMAN

The city council passed an ordinance, introduced by Mayor Dahlman, and designed to prohibit the display of any dramatic, motion picture or other public exhibition which might tend to create race feeling. The ordinance is the result of protests made by Omaha negro citizens against a film production which has been here for several weeks.

FANNING MAY OFFER TO RENT THE AUDITORIUM

Charles E. Fanning states he is considering the proposition of offering the city \$2,000 a year rental for the Auditorium, with a stipulation that the building be used without charge for charitable events.

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