

LINCOLN MAN BUYS FARNAM PROPERTY

Building at Twelfth and Farnam Streets Brings Higher Price Under Hammer.

FIRST DEAL UNAPPROVED

Rees Wilkinson, young insurance man of Lincoln, Saturday bought the National Fidelity and Casualty company building at the southwest corner of Twelfth and Farnam streets under the hammer for \$65,250. The property has a sixty-six-foot frontage on Farnam street, which makes the price just a trifle less than \$1,000 a front foot.

Mr. Wilkinson says he will merely hold the building as an investment. Wilkinson is only 31 years old, but seems to have had some idea of the value of Omaha real estate, for he came to Omaha for the sale equipped with the necessary money to make his first payment, also bringing his attorney, Foster, who was to assist in the legal features of the transaction.

One Other Bidder.

The only other bidder in the auction was David Cole, who opened the bidding with an offer of \$57,500. Mr. Cole went as high as \$65,000 and then stopped.

The auction was conducted by A. E. Agee, representing the State Insurance board. This building was previously sold under the hammer some months ago, but the state board refused to sanction the sale because it was shown that a previous bid on the property was higher than the price it brought at the sale.

This building has steadily been listed in the assets of the National Fidelity people's accounts and with the state board at \$185,000.

In the previous auction sale, which was not confirmed by the board, the property only brought \$41,000 in round numbers.

COUNCIL BLUFFS BUSINESS CENTER SWEEPED BY FIRE

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muchien. Second floor, F. J. Schnorr, realty; Spencer Smith, realty, and roomers, Mrs. Mary Gilmore, Mrs. Kate Petersen, Miss Fern Chester and Miss Norma Stratton. Third floor, Dr. M. E. O'Keefe, office and room, also Till Dahle, E. N. Pickard, P. B. Petersen, Peter Swanson and G. E. Evans.

Maurer Block—First floor, Northwestern and Union Pacific ticket office. Second floor, Boyer Advertising company, W. H. Schurz and Academy of Music, Mrs. Mary Mordeson (room).

Estimate on Losses.

An attempt to compute the losses yesterday indicated that the total will exceed \$200,000 and the insurance will not approximate more than half the losses. The walls of the Sapp and Wickham buildings are apparently uninjured. Wickham estimates the damage to the Sapp block at about \$30,000, with insurance of \$28,000 and about \$40,000 to the Wickham block with insurance of only about \$10,000.

Maurer places his loss on the building at about \$22,000 with insurance of \$13,500. The Kres company's loss is placed at \$40,000 by the local manager, but cannot be determined until the auditing is finished at the headquarters in Detroit. The loss is well protected by insurance. Gonnoude & Zurmuehlen place their loss at \$18,000 with about half the amount of insurance.

Nothing but the bank fixtures and furniture was lost by the Commercial National bank, and Cashier Konigsmacher said that it would not be greatly exceeded \$2,000. Before 3 o'clock yesterday morning President C. E. Fries and Cashier Konigsmacher had leased the east room in the old Dohany theater building and announced that the bank would open for business at the usual hour this morning. The vaults were opened yesterday and everything found to be intact.

Cause of Fire Unknown.

W. B. Richards, general agent of the Northwestern and Union Pacific, placed the loss, exclusive of the tickets, at between \$5,000 and \$10,000. The furniture was all solid mahogany and cost \$5,000 when installed three or four years ago. Everything in the office was a total loss, including stocks of costly advertising matter. Two hours after the fire was out Mr. Richards had secured temporary office quarters with the Western Union Telegraph company at 12 Pearl street, and will also be ready for business this morning.

Several insurance adjusters viewed the Beno stock yesterday and said the loss might be anywhere from \$2,000 to \$50,000. The whole building was filled with dense volumes of smoke for hours, but so well were all the goods protected that only minimum damage could result.

Losses of the tenants occupying offices are total and will amount to a large sum. Dr. Hamilton places his loss of dental instruments and supplies at \$1,000 and several others were equally heavy losers. Six real estate and insurance agents, Schurz, Boyer, Casady, Schnorr, Johnson and Lemon, confessed with some chagrin yesterday that none of them carried insurance on their office property. The telephone company lost about \$1,000 in telephones and fixtures.

The attempt to ascertain the origin of the fire was unavailing yesterday. The boiler room is outside the building underneath the sidewalk. No rubbish or inflammable material was near the stairway or elevator shaft. The fire was banked at 9 and the building closed and locked and the lights turned off at 10 o'clock.

Tony Denier, Humpty Dumpty Clown, Is Killed in Fall

Kingston, N. Y., March 11.—Famous for forty years as the original "humpty dumpty" clown, Tony Denier died here today from a fall on an icy sidewalk. He was 78 years old and has been an inmate of the almshouse since June. He retired as a clown eight years ago.

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SONS OF VETERANS ARE MUSTERED IN

Impressive Ceremonies Held When Officers Muster in The Lincoln Camp.

CAME FIRE FOLLOWS

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

Lincoln, March 11.—(Special.)—A large and patriotic gathering was held in the Grand Army hall here last night, when department and division officers of the Grand Army and Sons of Veterans met under the direction of the Lincoln camp of the latter organization, under the command of State Auditor W. H. Smith, who besides being commander of the local camp is junior division commander of the state organization. The occasion was the mustering in of the Lincoln camp of Governor Neville.

Conducted By Hague.

The ceremonies were conducted by Division Commander L. W. Hague, Minden; assisted by E. E. Ridgway, Omaha, as senior vice commander; W. A. Petterman, Lincoln, as junior vice commander, and P. A. Barrows, Lincoln, as patriotic instructor. The ceremonies by those present as the most impressive along patriotic lines of any they had ever observed.

At the close of the exercises a camp fire was held, Commander L. E. Hague in charge and speeches were made by Commander Stewart, Governor Neville, Senator Chappell, W. A. Delzell and the other recruits and also by Colonel Tom Majors, East Department Commander Hoagland, North Platte, and Lett; Past Division Commander A. C. Boone, Columbus; P. A. Barrows, Lincoln; Senior Vice Division Commander Overman, Bennett; Junior Vice Division Commander Smith, Lincoln, and several other prominent veterans and sons of veterans of the state.

Would Pay Fare.

A resolution was adopted urging the legislature to vote the \$20,000 appropriation for the payment of the railroad fare of the veterans on the fiftieth anniversary of the battle of Vicksburg.

DEMOCRATS SEE WANING OF POWER

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made the laughing stock of the country, the republican minority will be patriotic enough to step in and save the legislature, democratic though it may be, from going home in disgrace.

So far the republican minority has not attempted to pull off anything. The republican members have simply set back and voted with the idea that it was the only thing to do. From a political standpoint it has not been necessary for the republican minority to pull off anything in order to put the democratic majority in the hole. They have been putting themselves in the hole so fast that even the republican oil can has not had to be used to make the democratic sliding easier or quicker.

But from now on it is expected that politics will be worked to the finish. The democrats are beginning to see that they have simply accomplished nothing. Less than a dozen bills have gone to the governor for his approval or disapproval. Something will have to be done and in the hurry and skurry of the closing days it is possible that one or two important bills may get through either by mistake or by republican votes.

The democratic party in the Nebraska legislature is making history and not of a kind which is giving them much joy. On the other hand they are looking into the future with gloom and with little hope of continued power.

Aged Man Drops Dead.

Ellsworth, Neb., March 11.—(Special Telegram.)—A. B. Coe, aged 68 years old, dropped dead Saturday morning in the door ward at the home of F. J. Ellsberry, north of here. He arrived Friday from an amn last winter's visit at Chicago and had just called on his nearest neighbor. It is presumed the excitement due to his return to the home place, together with the exertion of a short walk, was too great for his weakened heart.

ALLIES MISJUDGE TEUTON CONDITION

Field Marshal Hoetzendorf Says Countries Not on Verge of Collapse.

WHY PEACE OFFER MADE

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

Austria-Hungarian Greater Headquarters, Feb. 27.—(Via Vienna and Berlin, by Wireless to The Associated Press, Via Tuckerton, N. J., March 10.)—"Our enemies have made two cardinal mistakes in this war," said Field Marshal Baron Conrad von Hoetzendorf, chief of general staff of the Austro-Hungarian army to The Associated Press today.

"The first mistake was that they believed that the races forming the Austro-Hungarian monarchy would fall asunder at the war's outbreak. The second was when, a few weeks ago, they failed to accept our peace offer, interpreting this evidently as a sign that the water was well up to our chins, in other words, that militarily and economically we were on the verge of collapse."

"No greater mistakes ever were made. That the central powers made a peace offer was due alone to the joint desire to end the senseless butchering and the destruction of everything that centuries of civilization have given to Europe. I will say here that to end this war was and is the keenest desire of our emperor, our commander-in-chief, who, in some thirty-two months of experience at our fronts knows every side of the war."

Bootlegger Swears Gill Took the \$4,000 Like Box of Matches

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Seattle, Wash., March 11.—"Mayor Gill didn't say 'thank you.' He just picked up the \$4,000 roll of bills like a box of matches," testified Logan Billingsley, chief witness for the United States in the so-called liquor graft trials, when cross-examined today concerning his alleged payment on August 30 last to Mayor Hiram C. Gill for protection of Billingsley's liquor business.

Mayor Gill, Chief of Police Charles L. Beckingham, former Sheriff Robert T. Hodge and four city detectives are on trial in federal court, charged with conspiracy to violate the federal laws by importing liquor into the state. Counsel for Gill asked him how he came to pass the money to Gill on such short acquaintance—Billingsley having sworn that he had never met Gill until the day of the alleged bribery. The witness replied:

"I'm a pretty good authority on how to give a man money. I have had a good deal of experience. 'Didn't you ask the mayor for a receipt?' asked Gill's counsel. 'I have never given nor taken a receipt in matters of this kind,' replied Billingsley.

When taken to task for bribing policemen, Billingsley answered: 'You don't have to ask them to take money; they come to you.'

Will Not Permit Hanging On Roof of Postoffice

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Washington, March 11.—Treasury department officials today declined to permit the custodian of public buildings at Spokane to use the roof of the federal building there as a location for a scaffold for the execution of Edward Mayberry, sentenced to die March 20 by the federal court. Capital punishment being forbidden in Washington, a federal reservation is the only place where the man can be executed. The request had been referred to the attorney general, but today without waiting to hear from the Department of Justice, Acting Secretary Newton "absolutely declined" to grant the authority requested, on humanitarian grounds.

Big Shipyard Will Be Built On the Delaware

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Philadelphia, Pa., March 11.—A shipyard "equal to any in the United States" will be built on the Delaware river, immediately below the mouth of the Schuylkill river, according to an announcement tonight by the Fort Mifflin Ship Building company, recently organized, with a capital of \$10,000,000. One hundred and sixty acres of river front property have been acquired.

United Commercial Travelers Pick Officers

Council No. 118, Omaha United Commercial Travelers, met at the Swedish Auditorium Saturday evening and elected the following officers: J. Howard Martin, past counselor; D. F. O'Brien, senior counselor; L. Jay, secretary-treasurer; Charles E. Allen, junior counselor; L. F. Roberts, conductor; Charles Fink, page; J. E. Marshall, sentinel; J. W. Martin, W. A. Watt, J. W. Pope and Jack West, delegates at grand council.

Kills Himself After He Had Made Good Shortage

Kansas City, March 11.—With the discovery today in a hotel room of the body of Frederick Oberhelman, 45 years old, former paying teller of the Security National bank of this city, it was revealed by officials of the bank, that a shortage of \$25,135 found in the teller's accounts after he disappeared February 23, had been made good by Oberhelman because of a troubled conscience before he shot himself.



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WORD COMES BY CARVER

New York, March 11.—The University of Louvain, damaged by fire and bombardment when the city was taken by the Germans in the early days of the war, is to be restored through the efforts of American educational institutions, it was learned here today upon the arrival from France and England on the steamship Adriatic of Clifford N. Carver, former secretary to Ambassador Page at London and later secretary to Colonel E. M. House on his last trip to Europe.



Omaha Races to New Records and All Men Call Her a Sure Winner

With fifty-six new industries entering the field in Omaha during the last year in a manufacturing way, and with more in process of negotiation all the time, there is every likelihood that Omaha will this year surpass all former records in the output of its factories.

Already since the first of the year ten or a dozen new industries have either located here or have definitely closed negotiations for locations here. This, together with those which began business here last year, and together with the ever-increasing value put on the products, will tend to swell very materially the total money value of the manufactured output of Omaha concerns in 1917.

In 1912 the factory output of Omaha totaled \$187,673,466.

In 1916, just a half decade later, the factory output was \$268,057,715.

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Legislature Would Know of Superior Bank Receivership

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

Lincoln, March 11.—(Special.)—Representative Swanson introduced the following resolution this afternoon in the house and the same was adopted:

Whereas, The First National bank of Superior failed March 4th, 1914. Whereas, The reserve funds of the First State Savings bank of Superior were deposited in the defunct National bank, forcing the said savings bank to suspend business, and

Resolved, That the state banking department draw out of the guarantee fund \$54,546.17 with which to reimburse the depositors, not a cent of which has been returned to said fund, therefore be it

Resolved, That the state banking department be and is hereby requested to submit to this house information concerning the present status of the affairs of the aforesaid defunct savings bank, the amount recovered from the securities held by said bank, the total cost of receivership including attorneys' fees and all other expenses to date, the time when the money collected may be expected to be returned into the guarantee fund and the probable amount which will thus be returned. Be it further

Resolved, That the clerk be instructed to transcribe and deliver a copy of these resolutions to said state banking department.

JURY DONATES TO ADMITTED THIEF

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Youth Who "Got Even" With Deadbeat Employer Is Acquitted in Court.

RECIPIENT OF COLLECTION

Denver, Colo., March 11.—Although he admitted he stole a quantity of clothing and a razor from a former employer to get even with him for refusing to pay his wages, a jury in the West Side court, found W. G. Schaefer, 18 years old, not guilty and then took up a collection and presented the boy with \$8. He was charged with petit larceny.

Labor Leader Ill.
Bloomington, Ill., March 11.—John D. Lennon, labor leader and treasurer of the American Federation of Labor, is critically ill here. He underwent an operation last week.

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