

## BENSON, FLORENCE IN GREATER OMAHA

As Soon as Governor Signs the Annexation Bill City Council Will Act.

### COMMISSIONERS FAVOR IT

As soon as Governor Neville signs the Benson-Florence annexation bill and the measure shall have become a law, the city council will pass the necessary ordinance to merge these suburbs into Greater Omaha.

"I favor early action by the city council. I have heard of no opposition and am of the opinion that the citizens of Benson and Florence favor annexation," stated Mayor Dahlman. The city commissioners favor the proposition and are willing to let the mayor take the initiative. Residents of Benson and Florence who oppose annexation will be given a hearing before the city council committee of the whole.

#### Cheaper Now.

"I think this is a matter which should be given careful consideration, to determine just what we are getting. But I also believe that if we are ever to annex Benson and Florence it would be cheaper to do it now," said Commissioner Jardine.

Commissioners Withnell and Hummel were outspoken in favor of annexation.

This annexation bill empowers the Omaha city council to annex by ordinance without action by the officials of the annexed territory. Benson will have an election on April 3 and the suggestion has been made that the residents of that suburb at that time cast a preferential vote for the men they would have as nominees at the next Greater Omaha city election, this being on the assumption that annexation is a foregone conclusion.

Annexation of Benson and Florence and a narrow strip between Benson and Omaha would give greater Omaha an area of thirty-six square miles, the present area being thirty-one and one half square miles. Four schools would be added and approximately 1,800 school children would be brought into the greater city.

### Commercial Club To Support Wilson In Case of a Strike

The following resolutions were adopted by the executive committee of the Omaha Commercial club in reference to the threatened strike:

We strongly protest against the threatened strike of railway employees at this time, while the eight-hour law is under consideration by the supreme court of the United States, and while the country is facing a great crisis and needs the co-operation of all its patriotic citizens to keep available all its resources and transportation facilities to complete the preparations for national defense.

We pledge our support to the president of the United States in his effort to prevent this threatened assault upon our commerce and transportation.

This club offers its co-operation to the citizens of Omaha generally to protect the business of Omaha, the uninterrupted employment of its labor, to conserve its food and fuel supply and to keep open every means of transportation and commerce.

### Four Want Separation; One Woman Gets Her Wish

Four petitions were filed and one decree granted in divorce court as follows:

Josephine Norris against James Norris, nonsupport alleged.

Mary E. Cameron against Clarence H. Cameron, nonsupport alleged.

Bonah H. Green against Lester E. Green, nonsupport alleged.

Mary Mudra against Emil Mudra, cruelty alleged.

Edna Buford from John H. Buford, decree.

### Business Men of Omaha Take Action on Railroad Strike

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Business Men's Association of Omaha, held Friday noon, the following resolutions bearing on the threatened railroad strike were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, We are again confronted with the threat of a nationwide railroad strike, just at a time when the transportation lines of the country are beginning to free themselves from a serious freight congestion, and when industry throughout the country is beginning to take on new life and activity, and,

WHEREAS, This strike comes when we may at any time expect a decision from the United States Supreme Court concerning the validity of the so-called Adamson Eight-Hour Law, and,

WHEREAS, This strike threatens to cripple the entire system of transportation of our country and paralyze its resources, at a time when the very life and well-being of our nation is jeopardized by the probability of war with a foreign nation, and when every endeavor of the nation and its people should be put forth in preparing for the dangers confronting us, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Business Men's Association of Omaha, Nebraska, condemn the said strike threat and plans as ill-advised, unpatriotic and subversive of the true interests of our country at this critical time, and especially in view of the fact that the general managers have offered, and still offer, the opportunity for arbitration of the questions at issue, and a peaceable and orderly settlement thereof, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That we hold that a strike on the railroads of the country at this time would, in effect, be giving aid and comfort to those who are plotting against and seeking the rupture of our national life, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That this Association pledges itself that in the event said strike is perpetrated, it will exert its utmost efforts to preserve law and order, so that the men who desire to exercise their right and privilege to work may be fully protected therein, and so that cessation of transportation and the injurious results therefrom may be reduced to a minimum.

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### Dan Gaines and Dave Baum Buy New Apartment House

Dan W. Gains and David Baum have bought the Portland apartments and the Portland Annex at the southwest corner of Park avenue and Leavenworth street of James C. Ish, the former owner.

Payne & Slater negotiated the transfer. The consideration as announced is \$125,000.

This gives Mr. Gaines and Mr. Baum the ownership of both the Uintah and Portland apartments, the Uintah having been purchased by them last year.

### David Cole Buys Young Property On West Farnam

Another big Farnam street real estate deal has just been closed in the sale of the Erastus Young property to David Cole for \$60,000.

This is the property at the southwest corner of Thirty-third and Farnam streets, 195x182 feet. It lies on the south side of Farnam with 195 foot Farnam street frontage.

George & Co. handled the deal. David Cole, in purchasing this property, breaks rather suddenly into the field of dealing in city property as such. Real estate men say he is a

new one on the horizon of possible future dealers in high class city property in Omaha.

### Teeth Final Identification Of Body Taken from River

Examination of the teeth of a dead man found floating in the Missouri river proved that it was not the husband of Mrs. Jens Jensen of Yankton, S. D., who came here in search of her missing husband. She remembered certain filings in his teeth and, though the body resembled her husband in every way, the teeth caused her to change her mind.

### Wife Sues Street Railway For Death of Her Husband

Forty thousand dollars damages are asked by Louisa E. Mentz, a stenographer, 2618 Binney street, for the death of her husband in a suit filed in district court against the Omaha & Council Bluffs Street Railway company.

Fritz F. Mentz, a painter, the petition alleges, was injured when a street car on which he was a passenger stopped suddenly as he was walking down the aisle. The accident occurred on March 9, 1916, and Mentz died on December 28. The wife as-

serts that his life gradually wasted away.

### Grain Market Aggressive In Spite of Strike Talk

Omaha grain men are of the opinion that the pending railroad strike will be settled before the walkout order ever reaches the trainmen and with that idea uppermost in their minds they pushed wheat prices up 3@5½ cents, corn 1@1½ cents and oats 1 cent a bushel.

The Omaha market was active and all kinds of grain was in good demand, the tables being cleared long

before the end of the short session. Wheat receipts were twenty-four carloads and sales were made at \$1.83 @1.90; corn, sixty-one carloads, \$1.06 @1.06½, and oats, twenty carloads, 57½@58¼ cents per bushel.

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