

## TRUCK MAKERS INTERESTED IN EDUCATION OF BUYING PUBLIC

### Manufacturers Unanimous in Support of Any Measure Which Means Progress For Industry.

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Manufacturers of motor trucks throughout the United States stand unqualifiedly in support of any measure which means progress to the motor truck industry. All are willing to do their share toward the education of the public to the benefit of the motor truck. All are particularly interested in anything which will educate the American farmer to the use of the motor truck.

These facts have been brought forth more prominently than ever in the responses received by the managers of the first national motor truck reliability contest to be run out of Omaha next June under official sanction of the contest board of the American Automobile association.

Backers Much Encouraged.  
The Bee Publishing company, underwriters of the event, and donors of the Omaha Bee trophy, the main trophy for the contest, have been very much encouraged by the general response of the manufacturers. This response has come from manufacturers who have been active in the field since the start of motor truck manufacturing. It has come from others who have entered the field in late years. It has also come from officials of truck associations of every character who have promised encouragement.

And the newspapers of the great farming district through which the "Run Around the Money Belt" will pass have been particularly anxious to give every assistance. The greatest contest ever known in the field of the commercial vehicle will traverse portions of seven states, leaving Omaha and returning to Omaha about four weeks later. Twenty-four days will be spent on the road, with four Sunday stopovers. The tentative route is 2,500 miles. When the pathfinder makes the trip in May the final routing will be determined.

Consider Best Route.  
This will be governed by road conditions, population in the territories traversed, condition of bridges and ability of the cities and towns to care for the participants and the trucks. The contest is to be what is known as grade 1, class K, under special rules prepared by General Manager Charles P. Root, representative of the contest board, and approved by the latter organization.

The route will take the contestants through the most fertile agricultural district of the United States, through Nebraska, Wyoming, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, Iowa and South Dakota.

Only pneumatic tired trucks will be used and entries will be limited to carrying capacity of three and one-half tons and will be fully loaded as the rules stipulate.

In addition to the grand trophy there will be a trophy for the winner in each of the five divisions.

### Osceola Man to File For Alternate From The Fourth District

Osceola, Neb., March 6.—(Special.)—Judge H. H. Campbell of this city today announced that he would file as alternate delegate to the national republican convention from the Fourth congressional district, M. A. Shaw of David City is a candidate for delegate from this district.

Judge Campbell was formerly county judge of Polk county. He has always been a republican and has taken an active part in public affairs for many years. He heartily favors John J. Pershing for the republican nomination.

In announcing his intention to file as alternate Judge Campbell said: "If elected to the republican national convention with Mr. Shaw I shall vote and work for the candidate who is the primary choice of the Nebraska republicans. Personally, however, I favor the nomination of Pershing and expect to vote for him at the primaries."

### Mince Pie for Prisoner Contained Saws and Files

Denver, March 6.—Police are still searching for a pretty young girl who left a mince pie with a jailer at the city jail here to be given Howard Bershy, 20-year-old burglar, who is held for trial.

When the young lady called at the city jail she was informed that it would be necessary for her to secure a permit from the office of the chief of police before seeing Bershy. She asked a jailer to keep the pie until she could secure the permit. Becoming suspicious when she failed to return, the jailer opened the pie and discovered a fine assortment of hacksaws and files, evidently to be used by Bershy in sawing his way to freedom.

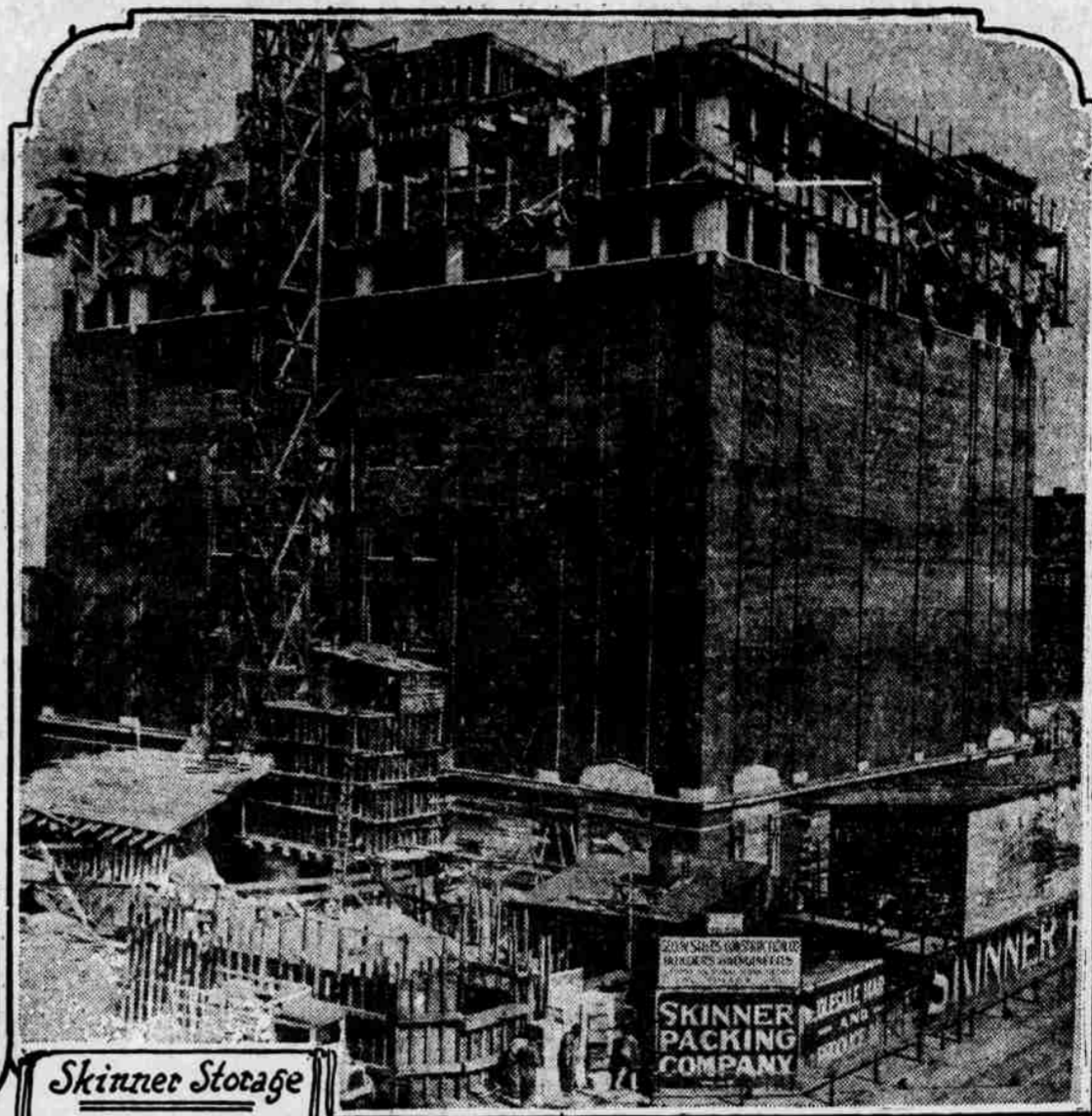
### Newly Rich, Have No Social Aspirations

Springfield, Mass., March 6.—Newly acquired riches aren't going to make any difference in the life of Mr. and Mrs. William D. Stilwell, the former having been left nearly \$200,000 by his cousin, William P. Cowan, former president of the Standard Oil company of Indiana.

## Some of New Buildings Now Under Construction Here



WESTERN MOTOR CO.



Skinner Storage

### NEW BUILDINGS LOOM TO ADD TO OMAHA SKYLINE

#### Omaha Second City of Country In Building Operations In January.

Building operations in Omaha are on the increase. Building during January of this year showed the second largest ratio of increase over January of 1919 of all large cities in the country. Indications are that 1920 will be a banner year for building in Omaha.

Seven new buildings now are on the verge of completion. The Hotel Hill building, which is being constructed by J. W. and L. H. Hill on the southeast corner of Sixteenth and Howard streets, now looms to its full height of 14 stories. It is constructed of brick and steel at the estimated cost of \$500,000.

The Skinner Produce company building, which is being constructed by the Skinner Packing company on the northeast corner of Twelfth and Douglas streets, is the last word in fireproof cold storage structures. It is eight stories high, and the estimated cost is \$500,000.

The six-story structure of the Western Motor Car company on the northeast corner of Thirtieth and Farnam streets has been completed and is now occupied. Its estimated cost was \$300,000.

The new home of the Lord Lister hospital at Twenty-sixth and Dewey avenue, now nearing completion, will be one of the most modern, up-to-date hospitals of the city. It is constructed of brick and reinforced concrete, is five stories high and will cost when complete \$250,000.

The new home of the Lord Lister hospital, in process of construction on the southeast corner of Twenty-seventh and Harney streets, will afford a large floor space for the automobile concern. It will cost \$250,000.

On the northeast corner of Ninth and Dodge streets the new five-story home of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber company will be occupied by April 1, according to latest reports. Its estimated cost is \$250,000.

The Corey & McKenzie and the Baker Bros. soon will occupy the new structure on the northeast corner of Twelfth and Harney streets. It will cost \$125,000, according to estimates.

### Tekamah Banker, Who Favors Pershing, Is Alternate Candidate

Tekamah, Neb., March 6.—(Special.)—Robert I. Stout, vice president of the First National bank and prominent republican in this city, announced today his intention to file for alternate delegate to the republican national convention from the Third congressional district.

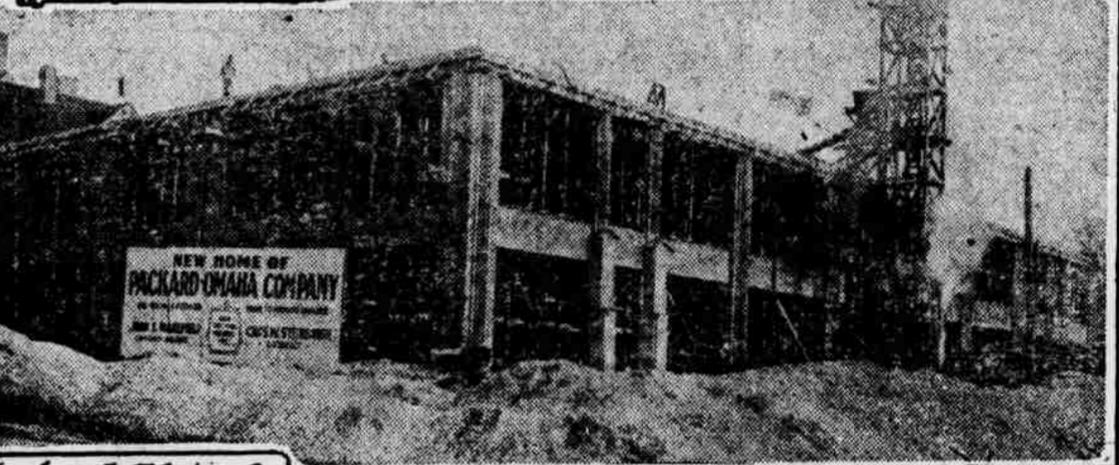
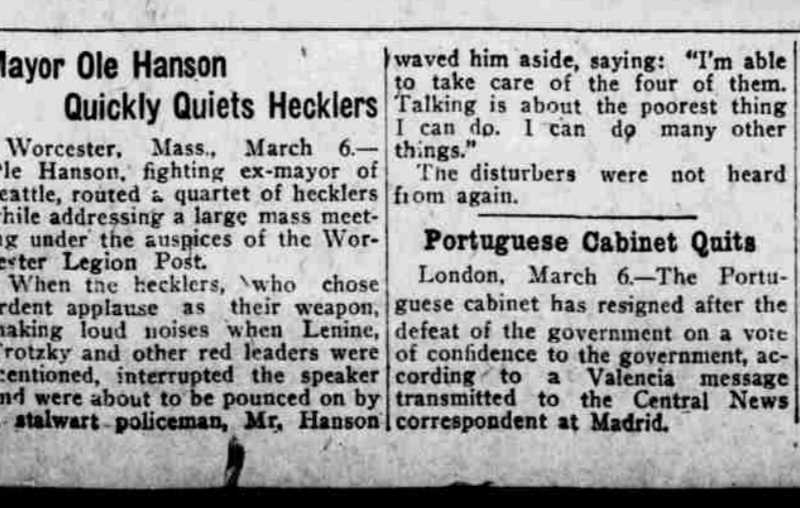
Burt Mates of Norfolk is a candidate for delegate. Mr. Stout is a son of John F. Stout of the firm of Stout, Rose & Wells, of Omaha.

Mr. Stout has issued a statement in which he says that he personally favors the nomination of General Pershing for president, but if elected will vote and work for the choice of republicans as expressed at the April primaries.

### Girl Driven to Death By Her Sister's Spirit

Rome, March 6.—Lisa Chiringelli, a spiritualist medium, 18 years of age, shot herself at Milan.

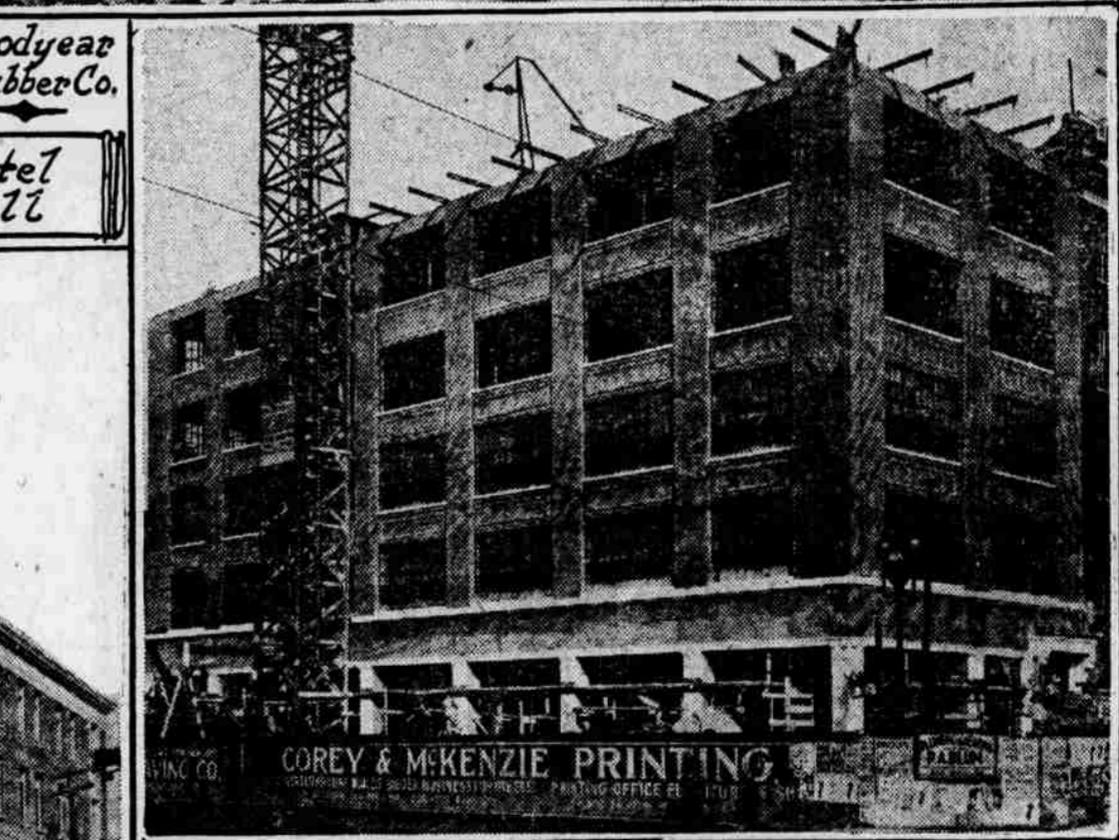
She left a letter stating that she had killed herself to escape the continued persecution to which she was subjected by the spirit of her dead sister, who haunted her by day and night, and even inflicted physical torture on her.



Packard Motor Co.



Goodyear Rubber Co.



Hotel Hill



Corey & McKenzie

## SYSTEMATIC ROBBERY OF SHIPS' CARGO IS REVEALED

### International Organization of Thieves Steal Merchandise From Mercantile Vessels, U. S. Chamber Finds.

Buenos Aires, March 6.—Belief that a widespread international organization is at work stealing merchandise from steamships is expressed in a report of the United States Chamber of Commerce in Argentina. The chamber investigated the loss of valuable merchandise by pilfering from ships plying to this port and found that the same characteristics are visible in thefts of merchandise from Italy, Spain and England as from the United States.

The investigation was made at the request of the Allied Chambers of Commerce, which asked all the numbers to make similar investigations.

The increase in pilfering during the past few months had been alarming, says the report. "An effort was made to deduce from the evidence received the value of the goods stolen, but this was impossible although in general terms it would seem to run into hundreds of thousands of dollars in gold.

Parcels Post Looted.  
"One curious feature developed which was that pilfering occurs with frequency in articles sent by parcels post, for which there is no recourse if no value has been declared. The thefts have all the characteristics of systematized robbery by people who know the merchandise and also know the peculiarities of the shippers. It would seem, moreover, that a widespread international organization was at work for the same characteristics are visible in thefts of merchandise from Italy, France, Spain and England as from the United States.

"One house imported a lot of 30 automobiles. It is the custom of this factory to pack the set of tools in one special corner of the case. A hole was cut into this particular corner of 29 cases and the tool sets were removed. Apparently the thieves knew exactly where to look for the articles they desired.

Cases Emptied and Refilled.  
"Another house which imports dry goods found that zinc-lined cases had been opened, the silk contents removed and an equal weight of coal put into the cases, which were nailed up. Another house which also imports dry goods had several cases of silk velvet completely refilled and in the cases were found cotton goods of an inferior quality. Each of these cases involved losses amounting to nearly \$10,000 gold.

"One exporter of silk, from Europe, with the idea of deceiving the thieves changed his form of packing and also his shipping marks, but the thieves went directly to the packages and rifled them as though they knew beforehand what they contained.

Two separate shipments, each containing 150,000 sewing machine needles, were stolen, the empty boxes arriving in Buenos Aires, although in this case the shippers have absolute knowledge that the merchandise was loaded on the steamer in proper condition in New York.

"The opinion of responsible maritime insurance agents and adjusters who are in close touch with the situation is that the only remedy is for the steamship companies to re-assume responsibility for pilfering and in case they are unwilling to do so governmental pressure should be brought to bear to compel them to eliminate this clause."

### Veteran Newsboy of Fremont Retires to "Take It Easy Awhile"

Fremont, Neb., March 6.—(Special.)—Dave Rockie, one of the oldest newsboys in the west, has retired. Rockie, a veteran Fremont drayman, who has been handling Omaha and Lincoln papers in Fremont for the last 10 years, has sold his routes and will take things easy for a time at least. He may go to the western part of the state and locate on a farm. Rockie is 75 years of age and is a pioneer settler of Nebraska. He has been a conspicuous figure on the streets and at the railroad stations where he sold his papers early and late.

### Baltimore Woman Chokes To Death On False Teeth

Baltimore, March 6.—Gasping for breath during an attack of acute indigestion, Mrs. Sarah E. Black, 23 years old, swallowed her false teeth and choked to death. Neighbors who were at her bedside thought she was not seriously ill and were not aware the teeth were strangling her.

Mrs. Black is survived by her husband, John D. Black, and two sons. She was the first state officer of the Daughters of America in Maryland, and had been a member of that organization 25 years.

### Judge Rules "Weiner"

Atlanta, Ga., March 6.—Judge Pendleton in the motion division of the superior court has decided that a "weiner stand" is a restaurant in the meaning of the law. The case was of a Greek, who had sold a restaurant with an agreement not to open a restaurant himself in the building and later opened up a "hot dog" stand. The case was appealed.

### Mayor Ole Hanson Quickly Quiets Hecklers

Worcester, Mass., March 6.—Ole Hanson, fighting ex-mayor of Seattle, routed a quartet of hecklers while addressing a large mass meeting under the auspices of the Worcester Legion Post.

When the hecklers, who chose ardent applause as their weapon, making loud noises when Lenin, Trotsky and other red leaders were mentioned, interrupted the speaker and were about to be pounced on by a stalwart policeman, Mr. Hanson

swaved him aside, saying: "I'm able to take care of the four of them. Talking is about the poorest thing I can do. I can do many other things." The disturbers were not heard from again.

### Portuguese Cabinet Quits

London, March 6.—The Portuguese cabinet has resigned after the defeat of the government on a vote of confidence to the government, according to a Valencia message transmitted to the Central News correspondent at Madrid.

### Army Wireless Man Gets His Pay by Aeroplane

Washington, March 6.—The only man in the army paid off by airplane is Private Tankersley, wireless operator at Hester's ranch, 90 miles down the Rio Grande from El Paso, Tex.

Tankersley is attached to the 104th aero squadron. To pay him it is necessary to send the payroll to the ranch by patrol plane, have it signed and returned. A few days later his pay is sent by the same means.

### Desire to Hide Age From Girls Lands Man In Jail

Talequah, Okla., March 6.—A desire to keep the girls from knowing that he was getting old will, it is believed here, bring Hugh Simpler to the ranch by patrol plane, have it signed and returned. A few days later his pay is sent by the same means.

### Storm Delays Exchange

New York, March 6.—The stock exchange opened at 10 o'clock this morning and then adjourned until 10:30 because of the absence of clerks and members who were delayed in reaching their offices by the storm. Similar action was taken by the curb and consolidated exchanges.

### Church Board Appeals to Women to Drop Cigaretts

Washington, March 6.—Calling attention to the fact that the increase in the use of tobacco by women during the past year has been appalling, the board of temperance prohibition and public morals of the Methodist Episcopal church makes the assertion that "no nation can maintain the vigor which has been characteristic of the American people after its women begin the use of cigarettes."

The board claims that the more sedentary life of women tends to an excess in the use of tobacco and produces more serious results than is caused by its use among men. It also asserts that the effect of tobacco upon women is similar to its effect on immature youths.