

RECEPTION AT THE WHITE HOUSE MAY REPLACE BIG BALL

Wilson Says His Mind Is Still Open as to Cabinet Members in Spite of What People Say.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Princeton, N. J., Jan. 18.—Substitution of some less costly and less indiscriminate public social function for the inaugural ball, and cabinet plans were topics discussed by President-elect Wilson today. Consistent with his present policy of apparent loquacity, but real reticence, the governor smilingly dropped his several observations and let his interrogators do most of the talking.

"I have not had any reply to my letter from Chairman Bristle of the inaugural committee," said Governor Wilson, "but I presume I will receive one Monday. I have rather assumed that he would suggest something to substitute for the ball."

He was asked if he had anything to suggest in that line but said: "I have thought of no plan at all. I understand the committee has decided not to have a ball and I anticipate something else will be arranged, but just what I have no idea."

Wilson Is Good Listener. When it came to discussing cabinet announcements, the president-elect smilingly listened while his interviewers asked various leading questions.

"People do not seem to credit my capacity for keeping my mind open," he interjected once. "I take up a name, consider it, lay it aside, take up another, and so on. I have not made up my mind on any one and will not until I have reached a final, definite conclusion on the whole. That will not be for some time. Of course, some one whom I ask to be in the cabinet may not accept, which might necessitate a shifting of places at the last moment. You know a cabinet position is one of great responsibility, where a man does not get much credit for his successes and catches it hard for his failures."

Later in the discussion the governor again made it clear that he wished to understand that his mind was still absolutely open. "I may have conferred with some one whom I will subsequently appoint," he said, "but I have not conferred with any one with that thought consciously in mind."

Interpreting of True. Governor Wilson said the report that progressive Republicans in congress had sent him telegrams proposing support of his progressive legislation was interesting, but that to date he had received no such messages. Congressman Lafferty was among those who said they had notified the president-elect of their support.

Chairman Bristle of the inaugural committee this afternoon still refused to discuss what plans the committee might decide upon in view of President-elect Wilson's hints on the inaugural ball. He insists, however, that there will be no curtailment of parade plans.

It was learned that the committee may decide on Monday to ask Governor Wilson if he would consent to a monster reception at the White House on the night of his induction into office. Chairman Bristle said he had replied to Governor Wilson's letter suggesting abandonment of the ball, but he declined to give out the contents of his communication in advance of its receipt by the president-elect.

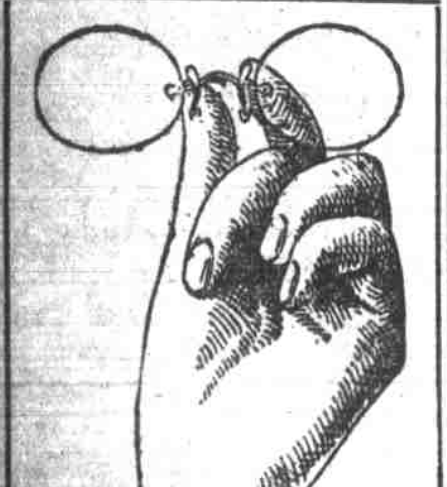
INDIANA RUSHES AID TO FLOOD SUFFERERS MAROONED IN HILLS

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are common. Relief steamers have picked off whole families from floating houses. Helpless children have literally been lifted out of the water in scores of instances.

In Evansville, Rockport, Owensboro, Ky., and in other places, bakers are donating their entire output toward feed and aid and storekeepers are giving liberally to the sufferers.

In a score of towns, notably Evansville, Madisonville, Rockport, Cairo and Jeffersonville, the public buildings have been turned into hotels for the refugees. Some of the towns have declined aid, declaring they would take care of their own sufferers. But Governor Ralston tonight was expecting to be besieged with appeals for aid from communities where supplies have been exhausted.



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INDEPENDENT OIL CONCERN ACCUSES SECRETARY FISHER

"Uncle Sam" Company Says Head of Interior Department Favors Standard Because He Blocks Deal.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, Jan. 18.—Investigation of an alleged alliance between Secretary of the Interior Fisher and the Standard Oil company in leasing 400,000 acres of rich Osage Indian oil land in Oklahoma was simultaneously begun here today in congress and the federal courts.

An alleged effort by Fisher to give the oil trust control of the entire oil and gas land remaining to the Osages was charged before the house Indian affairs committee by representatives of the "Independent" concern. A full investigation of the whole affair was demanded from the committee.

Ten Osage chiefs, headed by Chief Bacon, applied to the federal courts for a mandamus to rescind their removal by Fisher from the tribal council. A new tribal election will be held January 22 to select their successors. Cancellation by Fisher and approval by President Taft of proposed leases of the land to the Uncle Sam company provoked the legal tempest. Fisher demands that the Indians be given a one-sixth royalty of the value of production instead of the one-eighth royalty offered the Indians by the Uncle Sam company. The secretary also cancelled the Uncle Sam lease because he disapproved of that firm securing the entire tract, insisting that no monopoly be given and that the tract be divided among several exploiters.

Protest Against Chiefs Removal. The lands in question are held in trust for the Indians by the government until 1911 and no lease can be made without the consent of the secretary of the treasury. T. J. Leahy, of Oklahoma, appeared this afternoon before the house Indian affairs committee to protest against Fisher's official declaration of the sole cause of their removal was their advocacy of the Uncle Sam leases. He admitted that many of the Indians do not wish to lease the land, but desire to keep it as a heritage for their children after the trust period expires.

That the interior department is "electioneering" in behalf of a "slate" of candidates in the tribal election next week, was also charged by Leahy. He said threats and coercion are being employed by the department to cause the election of chiefs to the Osage council opposed to the Uncle Sam leases.

Says Trust Is Beneficiary. Attorney Wilson, of the Uncle Sam company, told the committee that the "oil trust" is Fisher's beneficiary. He said the secretary's decision on the leases would prevent development of the land—that no company would lease it under the conditions imposed and that in the meantime the Standard Oil company is buying the reservation rights with dummy purchasers.

Wilson appeared to urge passage of a bill by Representative Taggart, of Kansas, to validate the cancelled Uncle Sam leases. He also charged that Fisher, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Adams and other Indian officials are in "contempt of congress," because of their opposition to the leases.

"Fisher frankly admitted," said Wilson, "that he is trying to prevent any large corporation getting all of the land leases. The Uncle Sam company cannot pay the large one-sixth royalty demanded by the department to prevent any company from operating at a profit and the Indians would get nothing for their oil."

Representative Miller, of Minnesota, suggested that the Indians were entitled to every cent they could get for their leases. Wilson retorted by saying Fisher's leasing conditions would prevent the Indians from receiving anything.

"His leases would bankrupt even the Standard Oil company itself," said Wilson. "They would require investments of \$2,000,000 in 60 days, which is prohibitive."

Secretary Fisher and other department heads will probably be called by the committee next week.

WEEKS HAS BILL FOR AIDING COW TESTING

(Special to The Journal.) Salem, Or., Jan. 18.—Next week Representative George W. Weeks of Marion expects to introduce a bill in the house providing for state aid for cow testing associations. The bill will carry an appropriation of \$5000, and will provide that the testing shall be done under the direction of the dairy department of the Oregon Agricultural college. It will require that for each dollar spent by the state an equal amount must be spent by testing associations.

The bill was submitted to Representative Weeks by Mr. Judd, a deputy under former Food and Dairy Inspector Bailey. Mr. Weeks requested that the bill be submitted to the present inspector, J. D. Mickle, and to some of the leading dairymen for approval before he would introduce it.

GRANTS PASS EDITOR'S LONG CAREER IS ENDED

(Special to The Journal.) Grants Pass, Or., Jan. 18.—Charles G. Coutant, editor of the Daily Courier of Grants Pass, died Friday night of paralysis, from which he had suffered for the past two months. He was in his 73d year.

Mr. Coutant was a native of New York, was a war correspondent for several of the New York dailies, later acting as special correspondent for those journals in the Indian wars of the western plains.

He was prominent in the early history of Kansas and Wyoming, serving as state librarian in the latter and being author of the official history of Wyoming.

He had lived in Grants Pass for five years. He was survived by his wife and six children.

Journal Want Ads bring results.

IN JAIL WHILE POLICE SEARCH

Emil Grant, Reported Missing, Held by Sheriff; Police Didn't Know It.

While the police were supposed to be on the lookout for Emil Grant, who had disappeared from the Calumet hotel, Grant was being held in the county jail as a probably insane man, according to Mrs. Louise E. Hamilton, proprietor of the hotel.

The police station records, the police officers say, show no entries indicative that the case had been reported to them. Grant was held at the county jail, however, having been picked up on the day he disappeared, January 8.

Grant was taken to the county jail by Sheriff Word, who was attracted by a crowd which had gathered about Grant because of his strange actions. The man was held at the county jail until January 11, when, after being declared harmless, he was released.

Mrs. Hamilton urges that there should be closer relationship between the city police and sheriff's offices, so that they would not be working at cross purposes.

Grant's home is said to be at Vorden, Cal. He is still missing.

UNCLE JOE GIVEN OVATION WHEN HE SAYS FAREWELL

Tells House He Is Going Back to Danville and Will Not Seek Public Life Again—Ends Notable Career.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, Jan. 18.—"I am going home to Danville and remain with the people who have honored me with 22 indorsements, covering a period of 40 years, and perchance I shall never again appear in public life. I shall not seek it during the remainder of my life."

So said "Uncle Joe" Cannon to the house this afternoon in his valedictory. The chamber was attired as the veteran of many a parliamentary skirmish stood at the same place on the floor he has stood for nearly half a century, and with a smile on his face and no regrets in his voice told his colleagues just how he felt about what happened on November 8—his second defeat in public life.

"I am going to perform as one man, as one voter, my duty as one of the citizens of the United States in advocating those policies which I believe

will tend to secure the well being of my country," the ex-speaker continued. "I hope the citizenship will work, under the Democratic or Republican rule, so that we may accomplish the greatest good to the greatest number. These two parties are the only ones I recognize as reliable."

"I believe in the perpetuity of this republic and I am a Republican because I believe in the economic principles of that party. But if, perchance, I will not say I hope, because hope is born of expectation—this great citizenship, under the Democratic economic policies, brings better results, there is no man in the length and breadth of this land who will cry 'Glory Hallelujah' louder than I will. It makes little difference what you call your duty—the proof of the pudding is in the eating of it."

In an acrimonious debate on the army appropriation bill one of the speakers tauntingly reminded the old warrior that he would not be a representative after March 4. "Uncle Joe" wasn't mad, but he wanted the house to know he wasn't crying over spilt milk.

Republicans and Democrats alike gave the former speaker a tremendous ovation.

ANTI-SPEEDING MAYOR ARRESTED FOR SPEEDING

Indianapolis, Jan. 18.—Mayor Law Shank, of Municipal Market fame, was arrested here tonight charged with automobile speeding. He was released under \$250 bond and appearance was set for some time next week.

The warrant was sworn out by Edward Little, father of a young man arrested by the mayor in his anti-speeding crusade. Shank and Little Sr. nearly came to blows at today's hearing on the younger Little's case.

SAMUEL HILL IS COMPLAINANT TO R. R. COMMISSION

Doesn't Like Mile Walk in the Sand to Reach O.-W. Station; Wants It Moved.

(Special to The Journal.)

Salem, Or., Jan. 18.—Walking a mile through the sand every time he wants to go to Portland from his Maryhill home doesn't appeal in the least to Samuel Hill, the good roads booster. Hence he has filed a formal complaint with the state railroad commission against the O.-W. R. & N., over whose road he rides when he goes to Oregon's metropolis.

Mr. Hill lives on the Washington side of the Columbia. The O.-W. R. & N. runs on the Oregon side. So Mr. Hill must cross the river in a ferry to reach the railroad. The railroad maintains a station at Biggs, which the ferry can't reach because of rapids in the river. At Grant, a short distance further along, there is a deserted station. Between the two is the Shaliko branch.

Under present conditions, in order to reach Biggs, Mr. Hill says it is necessary to walk about a mile from where the ferry lands. And all the way is

through the sand. So the good roads booster asks the commission to order the railroad company, which has refused to act at his request, to move the station from Biggs to Grant, or some other point where the ferry can reach it. He says there are about 4000 people in the Kluckitau valley who would be benefitted by the change.

WM. MC COMBS PREDICTS GREAT ADMINISTRATION

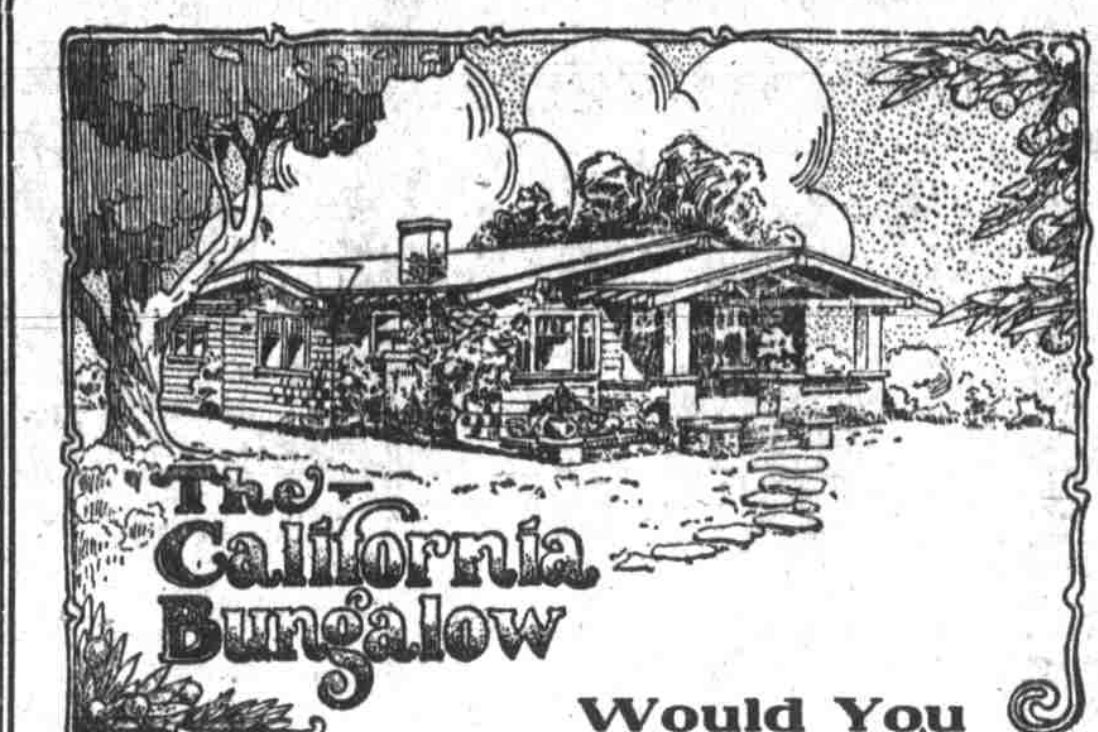
(United Press Leased Wire.) Chicago, Jan. 18.—A successful democratic administration in the next four years was predicted by William F. McCombs, chairman of the democratic campaign committee, who spoke tonight at a banquet of the Southern society here.

"The democratic party has the greatest trust ever put in any party," he said, "and when our great president and congress have finished their work the people will be convinced of the wisdom of their choice. The mantle of this responsibility has fallen on a great and distinguished man, a man best fitted for what the people want him to do. He will execute their wishes thoughtfully, courageously and wisely."

"I have talked to the members of both the house and the senate and it is their desire to serve the United States and a united party."

"Furthermore the selection and administration of President Wilson will prove that a southerner can be entrusted with the presidency and that the south is animated by a national and not a sectional spirit."

An American scientist is experimenting in an English laboratory with shale oils and other indigenous fuels in the hope of finding a commercial substitute for gasoline.



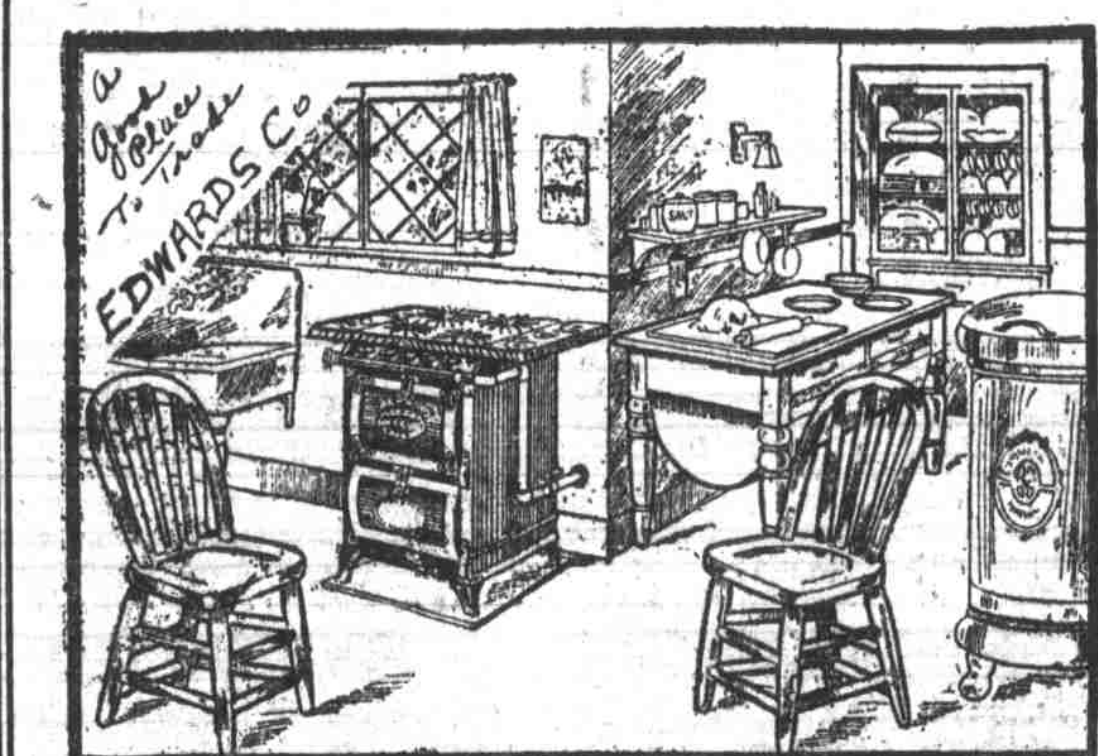
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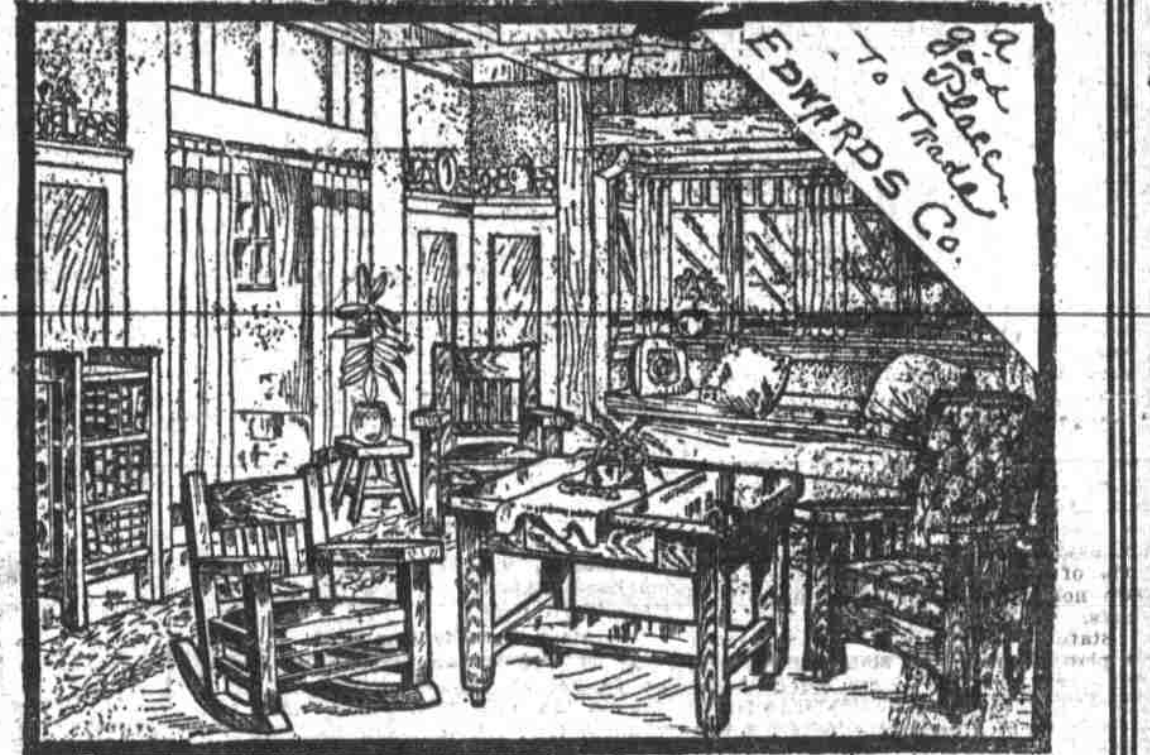
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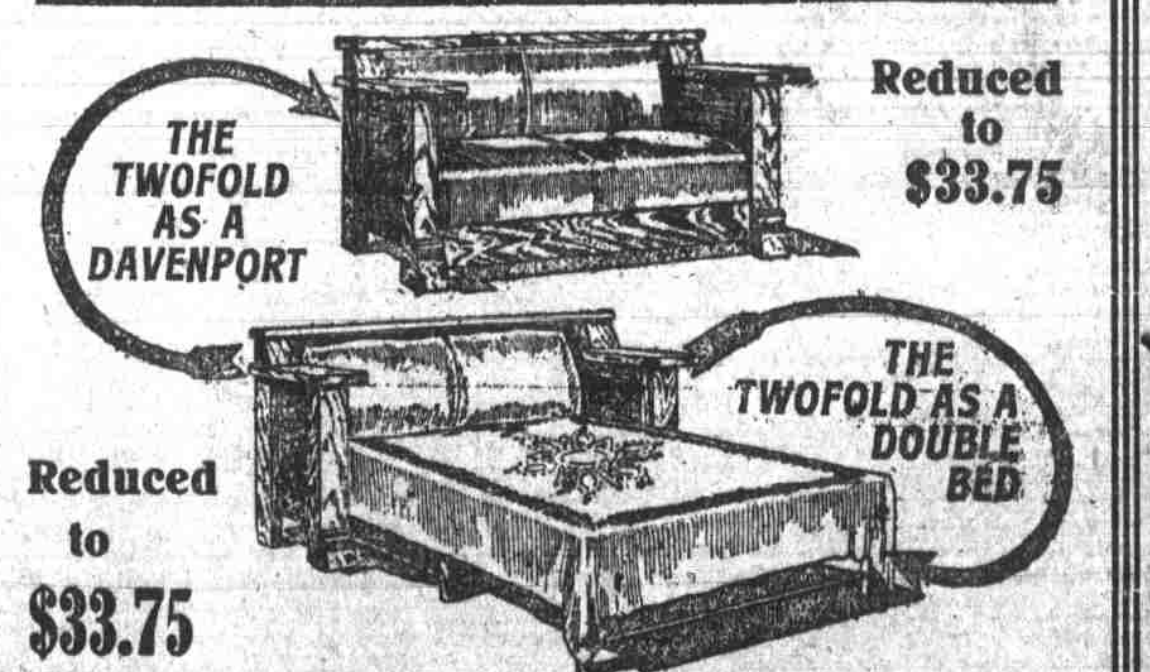
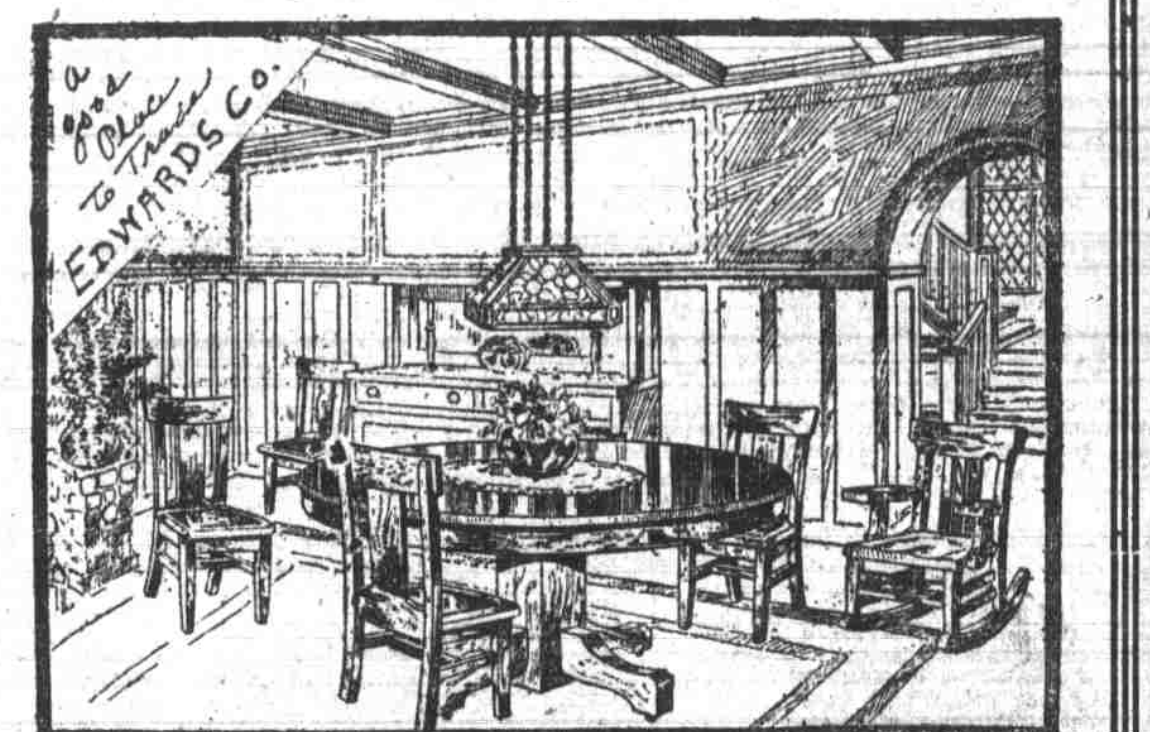
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