

# LOWDEN FORCES STIRRED OVER WOOD CHARGES

Everitt C. Hardin of Monmouth, Candidate for Delegate, Criticizes General's Campaign.

General Wood's vigorous campaign against Governor Frank O. Lowden for Illinois delegates to the Republican national convention is acting as a boomerang against the general in this state and has caused a breach too great to span, according to Republican state leaders.

General Wood has been regarded as the state's second choice and the general sentiment was that, should Governor Lowden fail to obtain the nomination, the Illinois delegation would swing to Wood. The general, however, has seen fit to carry the fight into Governor Lowden's home state, with the result that whatever friendliness existed in the party for General Wood has been effectually dispelled.

In a statement made yesterday in Chicago, Everitt C. Hardin of Monmouth, who with L. C. Blanding of Moline, will represent the Fourteenth congressional district at the Chicago convention, both men being unopposed for election, voiced the sentiment of the Lowden forces towards the Wood campaign against the governor.

"The Illinois situation substantially is this," Mr. Hardin said. "There would have been a strong and natural support that would have tended to General Wood, possibly, had he refrained from the tactics his Illinois managers have initiated. The Illinois Wood committee, in my judgment, has made it almost impossible for Governor Lowden's friends to do anything for Wood, in the event Governor Lowden's nomination becomes impossible."

No Wood Candidates in Field. "In the first place, Wood has no candidates running for delegates. It strikes us as a state that the practical thing to have done, if it proposed to win Illinois, would have been to nominate a delegate ticket for Wood, just as has been done by Governor Lowden's friends."

"Instead of that, the Wood Illinois managers inaugurate a campaign that charges the basis of the Lowden support to an alleged state machine, a 'pay roll brigade,' I understand it has been called by Mr. McChesney, and a real fight has been forced between two elements in the party that have only just become reconciled."

"In other words, it seems to us downstate that General Wood and his managers are trying desperately to smash up the harmony that Illinois was able to establish

in 1914 between the two fighting Republican elements of 1912, and which enabled us to carry the state for Hughes and Lowden in 1916.

View of Lowdenites. "Frankly, my people in the military tract don't like the character of the Wood campaign, and it has been made a real impossibility for me to vote for Wood, even if the nomination of Governor Lowden becomes impossible. That, I understand, is the situation and the view of most, if not all, the men who will be district delegates from Illinois."

# BUILDING WORK IN MARCH NEAR \$100,000 MARK

Report of Inspector Lindros Shows Many New Jobs Begun—Garages and Dwellings Lead.

A total of 82 building permits were granted by the city during the month of March for work estimated to cost \$90,406 in the aggregate, according to the report submitted to the city commissioners yesterday afternoon by John A. Lindros, building inspector.

In addition to the permits issued for regular construction work there were 23 permits issued for installation of heating plants, which were estimated to cost \$5,796.80 in the aggregate, forming a total outlay for improvements of \$96,202.60. Inspector Lindros collected a total of \$170.12 in permit fees and rent for water used in construction work.

Garages led the list of new improvements with 24 permits issued for their construction. New dwellings come next with 10 permits. Fifteen other permits were issued for work on dwellings, including remodeling work, repairs, re-shingling, repair of fire losses, additions, and one permit to raze a dwelling. Other permits issued were for miscellaneous work.

List of Work.

New dwellings, 10; additions to dwellings, 2; remodeling dwellings, 6; repair dwellings, 3; re-shingling dwellings, 1; repair fire losses, 2; porches, 11; chimneys, 1; remodeling store buildings, 2; store fronts, 1; remodeling offices, 2; addition to factory, 1; sheds, 6; signs, 1; billboards, 1; filling stations, 1; garages, 24; warehouses, 1; chicken houses, 5; dwellings razed, 1; total number of permits, 82; estimated cost of construction, \$90,406; permit fees, \$130.50; heating permits, 22; estimated cost of heating, \$5,796.80; permit fees for heating, \$22.50; water rent for construction, \$17.12; total collections, \$170.12.

# FIRE LOSS FOR MARCH REACHES TOTAL \$11,235

Department Answers 44 Alarms and Firemen Work 28 Hours in Extinguishing Blazes.

The Rock Island fire department answered a total of 44 alarms during the month of March and fire losses amounted to a total of \$11,235, according to the report submitted by Fire Chief August Schmidt to the city commissioners.

Of the total fire loss the sum of \$6,250 was estimated as the loss on personal property and \$4,985 as loss on real estate.

Property involved in the fires was estimated to be worth \$5,208,000 and insurance carried on this property was scheduled at \$3,217,000.

The firemen worked 28 hours at fires, used 229 gallons of chemicals and laid 4,150 feet of hose. The department trucks traveled

551 miles and used 517 gallons of gasoline. Number of alarms, 44; gallons of chemicals used, 229; feet of ladders raised, 267; feet of hose laid, 4,150; miles traveled, 551; hours worked at fires, 28; gallons of gasoline used, 317; total value of real estate and personal property involved in fires, \$5,208,000; total amount of insurance, \$3,217,000; loss on real estate, \$4,985; loss on personal property, \$6,250; total fire loss, \$11,235.

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