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SAN ANTONIO MAY SEE NEW RAILWAY BUILT HERE SOON

ANNOUNCEMENT MADE AT MEETING OF MANUFACTURERS' CLUB.

EASTERN CAPITAL COMING

That San Antonio may soon have another railroad was announced at the meeting of the Manufacturers' Club which took place last night at the Gunter Hotel. It was stated that Eastern capitalists will be in this city within the next few days for the purpose of definitely deciding whether this undertaking will be carried out. This is said to be an entirely different proposition from any which have yet been announced here.

The manufacturers' organization also went on record of heartily endorsing the action of the Government and army officials in regard to the additions to military buildings and equipment proposed for San Antonio and as being opposed to any changes which meant the curtailment of the present plans of the War Department.

A vote of thanks was passed to the many architects and engineers of San Antonio who had in the last few days notified the club that they were willing to include in their specifications that, when quality and price were equal, San Antonio-made building products would receive preference.

President Walton D. Hood and John Fentiman, chairman of the building committee of the School Board, made the statement that the School Board had in the past and was willing in future to continue to use locally made material as far as possible, and that it was the fault of any individual manufacturer for not showing the School Board what he made if he had not been asked to figure on any work the board was in charge of. Mr. Fentiman explained that the School Board had demonstrated to their satisfaction that many articles of school furniture could be made in San Antonio which were superior in every way to the furniture made in the East. He stated that the board had just refused a shipment of school furniture from an Eastern firm on account of its poor quality.

President W. D. Hood invited any San Antonio manufacturer who could supply the board with high-grade building material and furniture to keep the School Board informed concerning the quality and variety of these products.

It was pointed out by Walton D. Hood and John Fentiman that the School Board always insisted on having the best material and at the least cost. This idea was endorsed by those present as a business-like proposition.

On the motion of J. A. Patterson, seconded by J. F. Kline, a unanimous vote of thanks was offered to the members of the School Board for the splendid co-operation they were affording the home manufacturers.

A vote of thanks was passed to Congressman James L. Slayden for the manner in which he had handled several recent propositions which were for the good of San Antonio, and a similar resolution was offered in favor of Senator Morris Sheppard for the interest he was displaying in the proposed investigation as to the feasibility of canalizing the San Antonio River. Senator Sheppard will be requested to ask for the investigation at this session of Congress, if he thinks it advisable, or if not, to bring the matter up at the earliest opportunity.

The following resolution was passed: "That the Manufacturers' Club is in favor of encouraging all means of transportation and the building of all railroads through San Antonio, which will increase shipping facilities in this section, and especially in the securing as quickly as possible of water transportation in and out of Port Aransas."

It was reported that the membership campaign of the club was completed and that Representative E. H. Lange headed the list of workers in this respect. He was followed closely by A. T. Mills, H. N. Timolat and G. G. Geyer.

DISCUSS TRAINING CAMP.

A letter was read from the chief of staff, Southern Department, Fort Sam Houston, concerning the proposed training camp for civilians in June or July. The manufacturers present promised their hearty support and co-operation, stating that they were in favor of all such movements contemplated by the army authorities and that they were ready to lend every possible assistance.

At the suggestion of Walter Steves, who reported that he had recently returned from a visit to the Brownsville territory, an endeavor will be made to induce the Railroad Commission to arrange for better transport service into the lower country.

TRADE EXCURSION.

Walter Steves was appointed chairman of a committee to investigate the desirability of organizing a trade excursion. On this committee will also be H. W. Finck and J. Fentiman.

An interesting and valuable discussion next took place on the subject of power, the chief speakers being Paul Kraeger, W. B. Tuttle, L. K. Laursen, J. A. Patterson, L. C. Wiggins, George Cushman, N. M. Karney, Eugene Holmgreen, W. J. Morrison, W. E. Hayman, G. S. McElroy and Charles Lucas.

According to W. B. Tuttle, each manufacturer should ascertain which is his cheapest method of utilizing power as each factory has its own peculiar features which will make power, which is cheap for one establishment, very undesirable for another in a different line of business.

URGES MORE INTEREST.

He stated that the San Antonio Gas & Electric Company had some few months ago installed a method whereby a special power rate was offered to factories, to encourage local industries, but that quite a number of factories were not taking the trouble to investigate this matter. He stated that this had cost the Gas & Electric Company $200,000 or at the rate of $1,000,000 per square mile of underground apparatus, and that the cost of power to manufacturers was 1½ cents per kilowatt. Various power problems were discussed and power-saving plans explained by several manufacturers. Eugene Holmgreen stated the Alamo Iron Works used steam, electricity and gas. The San Antonio Machine & Supply Company sold power, according to Paul Kraeger, and therefore he had little to say on the subject.

Ed Finck and Secretary C. C. Leal were appointed a committee of two to arrange for the manufacturers to take active part in the coming civic parade of the fleets, and adequate prizes will be offered for the best floats belonging to manufacturers.

The next discussion to be taken up at the meeting of the club on March 28 will be on manufacturing costs.

The meeting was one of the best attended ever held in San Antonio, G. S. McElroy presiding over the following members: James A. Gallagher, W. E. Hayman, J. F. Kline, John Fentiman, Charles Lucas, H. W. Finck, W. B. Tuttle, T. P. Walsh, Paul Dreiss, H. L. Lathrop, R. A. McGowen, I. M. McIlhaney, Eugene Holmgreen, Mark Postlewaite, Walton D. Hood, W. H. Winterborne, Representative E. H. Lange, Gus Menger, Paul Kraeger, Ed Finck, H. A. Heyck, L. C. Wiggins, Walter Steves, Martin Walsh, A. J. Lawson, Frank Dreiss, Clarence W. Fichtner, Ed Friedrich, J. A. Patterson, A. T. Mills, George Cushman, W. J. Morrison, L. K. Laursen, J. Tanfer, N. M. Karney and Secretary C. C. Leal.

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