

Opportunities of City's Commercial Club

By Fisher Harris.

SALT LAKE today, like any commercial club, stands on the threshold of an almost new era. Weathering the storms of criticism and indifference, the Commercial club has come to its new opportunities well prepared for the fight, and fortified through past struggles by a work that has been sure, with an outcome that has always been good.

Of equal date with the opening of this new era for Salt Lake, the Commercial club, where there homes the civic pride, the industrial enterprise, and the aggressive citizenship of the community, is to move into its new home.

The erection and proper equipment of the beautiful building will be final and conclusive evidence of the new spirit of modern progressiveness, which in these latter days seems to have entered into and possessed the good people of Zion.

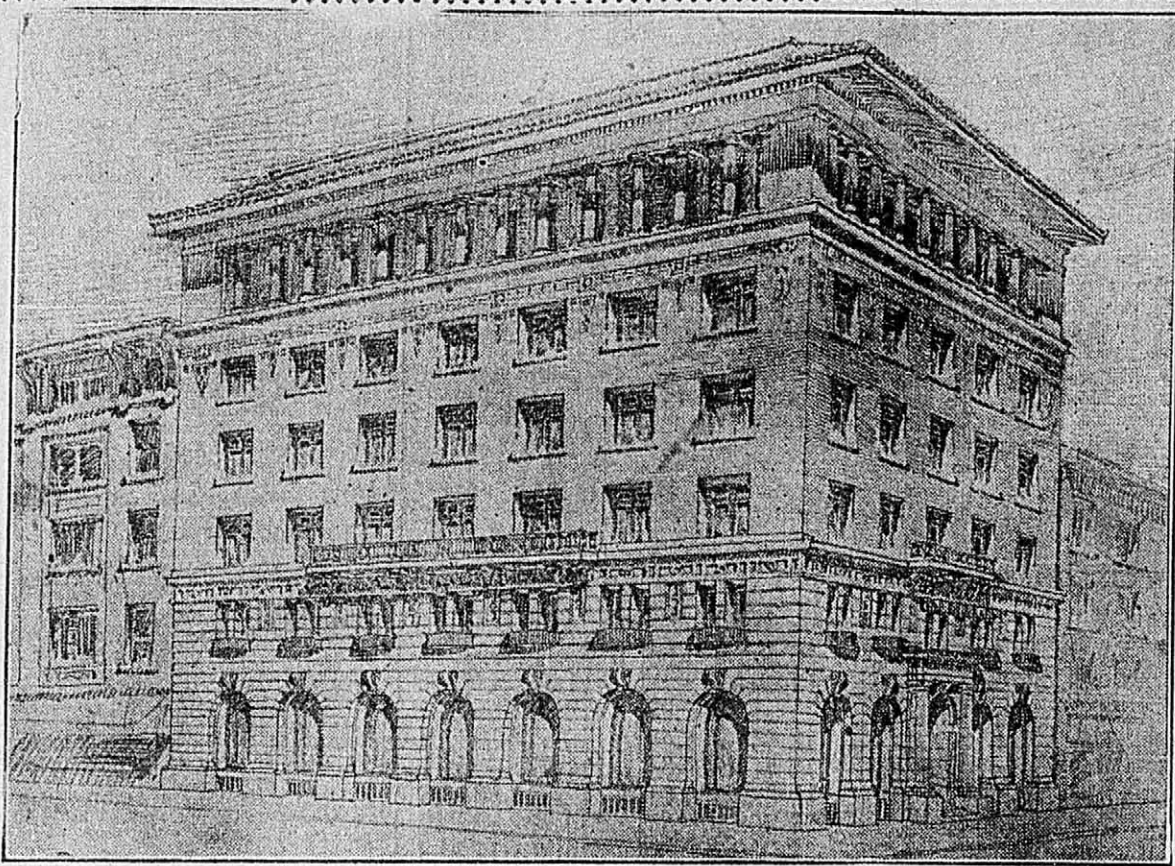
This building is designed to be the future home of the Commercial club, and when the well defined purposes of the board of governors of that organization are carried out, it will be the center of the commercial, industrial, professional and social life of the intermountain west.

It will be not only a splendid creation in brick and stone, of the architect's imagination, but it will be a realization of the dreams of our most optimistic citizens, who, for many years, have believed that this city was, because of its geographical location, and scenic and climatic advantages, destined to be the leader in transmississippi economic and artistic development.

The walls of this edifice will be adorned with the works of Utah artists, and all the varied products of the state's ranches, ranges, mines and smelters will find representation there for the delectation and education of our own people and the information of the stranger without our gates. Here the business and social life of the commonwealth will find that democratic union of purpose and accomplishment so necessary to the ultimate and desired success of any new community, striving for recognition in the market places of the world.

In this building will be gathered a great library, furnishing its owners the best there is in the literature of economics, science, art and sociology. In its spacious apartments our people will welcome and entertain the many who have done things in the world, and who by reason of their genius and determination have added to the sum of human happiness and knowledge.

Here will be heard, upon occasion, the voices of our singers, than which no



COMMERCIAL CLUB'S NEW HOME NOW BEING ERECTED.

sweeter sounds have caressed men's ears since Pan piped amid the wooded hills of ancient Greece.

The Commercial club at present has a membership of approximately seven hundred persons, and is more than self-sustaining. It has done and is doing a great work for the community it represents. Its record at home and abroad is of the best and it possesses the confidence and esteem of thoughtful men in all the walks of life. It is entitled to and should receive the moral and financial support of every good citizen of the state.

We have among us rich men and poor men, as they have in other places, but no man is so poor that he is not the beneficiary of the public work of the club, and it would seem to be the public duty of all men to support the organization and aid in the extension of the field of its labors and the efficiency of its efforts for the advancement of the general welfare.

But, as an organization, as a union of men working for the public good, and the public good, its comprehensive powers are less in actual effect than the

merest justice of the peace within the borders of the United States possesses. Such condition is a natural outcome of the fact that the justice of the peace is backed by the law, while the work and efforts of the club must necessarily be sustained and guided by public effort and public sentiment.

EXTENSIVE MEMBERSHIP.

The club has a membership extending from London, England, to Sydney, New South Wales, the non-resident members constituting an important percentage of its support. These members, like all the members of the Commercial club, are integral parts of forty affiliated commercial organizations throughout the country; members, not by courtesy but by formal agreement. The presentation of a membership card of the Salt Lake club at any club of like nature anywhere in America in that region extending from Toledo, Ohio, on the east, and to and embracing Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland and Vancouver, B. C., on the west, entitles the holder of the card to full membership privileges.

But this affiliation is only a secondary part of the benefits arising from membership in the organization. Depending as it does on its members for material support, it must depend on the good will of a state for its moral standing. But raising the question of economics for the moment, it is a fact that the prosperity of a community does not depend upon its paved streets and alleys nearly so much as upon the country surrounding that community. Therefore it is that an organization with the scope and purposes of the Commercial club does not affect for good Salt Lake City alone, but every part of the state.

AIMS AND MOTIVES.

Concerted action of effort within the club and without the club will realize material improvement in every section of the state that comes within the scope of the expression "commercial." But this word, used in a relative sense, is meant to convey only the idea of the spirit of prosperity. In its broadest sense this is the depth of the work to be attained by the club and its members. In the united effort of its members that good can be accomplished

that is the essential of any community or communities that are looking to material, social and financial advancement.

FITTING QUARTERS.

It is more than fitting that any organization having the welfare of a growing, prosperous community in its care, should be established in quarters that are fittingly symbolical of its aims and purposes. Aiming for a number of years to be so situated as to convey to even the most casual observer the strength and solidity of the organization and the state it represents, the new building, a partial outcome of the aims and ambitions of its members, will be a monument of pride and an emblem of progressiveness. But to attain the ends desired by the club, to reach that elevation, and standing that is so comprehensive and yet so conservative, zealous work has been done and yet there is much more to be developed in the days to come.

Depending, as I stated before, upon the support of its members for the establishment and maintenance of this organization, it is an absolute requirement that all classes of citizens who are interested in the welfare and progress of Salt Lake City and its allied communities, should go further than the giving of only moral support. As it may be likened that a huge building depends upon its foundations for its welfare, the same condition must obtain in relation to sustaining the scope and purposes of the Commercial club. And this condition can be brought about only through the effort of its members and by the support of all who are interested in its work and aims.

STRENGTH IS GATHERING.

It is the only organization approaching anything relative to its scope in which men are gathered for the public good and the public welfare, and the only place that is without religion or politics. Neither of these obstacles are allowed to obstruct upon its peaceful horizon, but with the spirit of the "public good," its aims for the material advancement of communities and a state, so its march will be onward and upward; its strength gathering as it progresses.

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