

Thompson Yards Convention.

erman Osen, local sales manager of Thompson Yards, Inc., returned from Minneapolis last week, where he attended a meeting of the local managers and superintendents of the organization. The meeting was held on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of last week and several hundred men in the organization attended. Mr. Osen reports an unusually interesting and instructive meeting. There was plenty of entertainment provided for the boys and convention sessions were held three days. The meeting was held for the purpose of discussing lumber and building conditions. Reports from the local managers throughout the different states in which Thompson Yards, Inc. is operating were all highly optimistic. An unprecedented building activity is said to occur, judging from these reports.

George P. Thompson, President of the company, made several addresses and outlined the policies of the company that have made its growth possible during the past four years. He said the Thompson organization is the youngest in the country, but has grown to be the largest during the time that it has been organized because it adopted policies that are unusual in the merchandising of lumber. One price to all—direct from the mills—full time without any "extras" to pay for, and a number of other policies, are already well known to the users of lumber in the Northwest. All of these subjects were covered in detail by the officers of Thompson Yards, Inc. during the three days' session. In addition, C. Weyerhaeuser of Little Falls was present, as well as other principles of the Weyerhaeuser organization. Edward Weiss, of Madison, Wisconsin, gave some interesting talks concerning the development of by-products of lumber and the uses to which these by-products could be put. A. R. Rogers, Chairman of the 7th Federal Reserve District for the Liberty Loan Committee, outlined the Committee's plans for the Victory Loan. Murray Guthrie, one of the two Minnesota Aces in the Flying Service, made an interesting talk concerning his experiences in the air. Joe I. Thompson, who was in the submarine service, also described the operation of submarines very interestingly. R. E. Saberson, General Salesmanager of the company, talked on advertising and salesmanship.

The entire three or four days that the boys spent in Minneapolis, were completely filled with programs and entertainment of various sorts. On Thursday evening a large theatre

party was held at the Orpheum Theatre and on Friday evening the company's annual banquet occurred, at which several hundred wildly enthusiastic managers spent the evening listening to talks and stunts put on by various members of the organization. A thirty piece band was selected from the organization and played for the first time at the meeting. The company has unusually interesting plans for 1919 and a heavy advertising campaign will acquaint our readers with what is happening in the Thompson organization from time to time.

All Children of Compulsory School Age Must Attend School.

Notice is hereby given that no child of compulsory school age, seven to seventeen years, will be permitted to stay out of school at any time during the spring term unless positive proof can be shown that such child has a legal excuse for absence. Parents and guardians who wish to obtain a legal permit to keep children out of school must make an affidavit in the presence of the State's Attorney showing good cause and declaring that because of one of the four legal excuses stated below, they can not send the children to school:

1. Attending a parochial or private school, approved by the county superintendent.
2. Actually necessary to the support of the family, as determined by the state's attorney.
3. Completion of the eighth grade.
4. Mentally or physically deficient.

The compulsory attendance law will be strictly enforced and all violations of the law will be prosecuted.

All schools must comply with the law in regard to having at least a seven months' term of school.

Signed: John Sad,
State's Attorney.
Tena P. Regner,
Superintendent of Schools.

Advertisement.

Proposals for the construction of a 20-foot span reinforced concrete bridge to be located on sec. line between Secs. 23 and 24, Helena township, Griggs County, over the Ball Hill creek, will be received by the Board of County commissioners of Griggs County, at the court house in Cooperstown, North Dakota, until 2 o'clock p. m. April 7, 1919.

Plans and specifications are on file in the county auditor's office. The county commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all bids.

Dated Feb. 28, 1919.

H. S. Rarick,
County Auditor.