

STEADY GROWTH OF OMAHA

Building Operations Show a Great Increase in Home Construction. JUNE'S TOTAL SHOWS UP VERY WELL. Comparison with Last Year and with Other Cities Gives a Flattering Exhibit for the Gate City.

Reports compiled by the Construction News show building operations in twenty of the principal cities of the United States for June and that publication makes comparisons for the month of the preceding year. The reports show that during last month the gain over the same month last year was 1,110 buildings at an additional cost of \$4,862,392.

In this increase Omaha leads in the fact, the percentage of increase in the city being 606 per cent, the increase in the value of building permits issued being \$12,401. During the period there were fewer buildings constructed than for the same month last year, the decrease being twenty-one, seventy-seven, having been built in June, 1900, and fifty-six last year.

This condition shows a large increase in the value of the separate buildings; that better houses are being built this season than last, and it shows that the average house in Omaha this season is lower than the average for the twenty principal cities of the United States by \$12,754, showing that while the value of the separate buildings has increased in the city the houses are of moderate cost and that Omaha is still in line to claim to be the city of home owners.

Plenty of Workmen Coming. Business agents of labor unions report a great influx of workmen into Omaha during the last two weeks, as the report has gone out that this town is paying better wages and has more work in these lines than many of the other cities.

THIRTEENTH STREET STRIFE. Syrian Colony and Lone Policeman Have to Defend Against Three Hundred Footmen.

The Syrian colony on South Thirteenth street was attacked Saturday night by two crowds of highly excited people, who were led in their threats, but accomplished nothing. The first crowd, composed of a dozen young fellows, was routed by the combined forces of the Syrians.

DEFY THE STURGIS OFFICERS. Four Soldiers with Seven Revolvers Try to Terrify Town and Burn Jail.

STURGIS, S. D., July 14.—(Special.)—Four more soldiers came to this city from Fort Meade last night, apparently to make a rough town. When they were met by city police and seven revolvers were found upon them.

HEART FAILURE AND HEAT. They Seem Jointly Responsible for Sudden Death of George Graham.

Tired Out. Tired when you go to bed, tired when you get up, tired all the time. Why? Your blood is impure. You are on the border line of nerve exhaustion. Take Ayer's Sarsaparilla and be quickly cured.

BOERS ARE BADLY DEFEATED

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LONDON, July 14.—The War office has received the following dispatch from Lord Kitchener, dated at Pretoria: "Broadwood's brigade surprised Boers, capturing Steyn's brother and others. Steyn himself escaped, but his shirt, which was one of his other men only. The so-called Orange river government and papers were captured."

God's UNCEASING PURPOSE. His Presence Necessary to the Doing of His Will by Man in Any Time. Rev. L. S. Bowman of Seattle, Wash., occupied the pulpit of the First Baptist church yesterday morning.

BRITISH TROOPS WITHDRAW. Kitchener Would Send All Unmounted Men Home and Have More Mounted. LONDON, July 15.—Lord Kitchener has advised the government, so the Daily News understands, that it is possible to withdraw a large number of infantry regiments from South Africa, amending virtually to a greater part of the unmounted army.

SIoux FALLS DOCTOR SHOTS. J. Knapp, Pioneer Resident, Tried to Kill Himself and Probably Has Succeeded. SIoux FALLS, S. D., July 14.—(Special Telegram.)—Dr. J. Knapp, a pioneer resident of Sioux Falls and one of the best known men in this part of the state, this morning, with suicidal intent shot and fatally injured himself.

STREET CARS TO FLORENCE. Franchise for the New Line to Be Passed by the Village Board Tuesday. Tuesday evening the village board of Florence will pass an ordinance granting a franchise to the Omaha Street Railway company, permitting it to use the streets of that village for its line, which, it is believed, will be constructed in a short time.

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BAD FIRE IN THE TERRITORY. Four Blocks on Public Square of Enid, Oklahoma, Wiped Out. LOSS IS HEAVY AND INSURANCE LIGHT.

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