

TIMELY REAL ESTATE GOSSIP

Citizens Building Cyclone Cellars and Writing Tornado Insurance.

BACK TO A NORMAL STATUS

Really Men Are Now Able to Give More Time to Private Affairs— Divide Own Time with Relief Work.

Now and then there comes before the Real Estate exchange the problem of dividing up a reward among several claimants who have caused the arrest of some one who has been stealing plumbing fixtures from houses in the lists of a member.

Just now there is occupying the attention of the exchange the claims of a woman and two policemen. The woman saw a man take plumbing fixtures from a house at Sixteenth and Myrtle streets and, notifying the police, had him arrested. She thinks the reward of \$50 offered by the exchange should be hers.

Some members of the exchange declare privately—they do not want the impression to get out that the organization ever feels like crawling out of such a deal—that the price should go to nobody, because the man arrested was given such light punishment by the police magistrates.

The law against the stealing of plumbing fixtures is not strictly enforced. When junk dealers buy plumbing fixtures, they are absolutely assured that it has been stolen. They are parties to the crime and should meet with punishment.

Builds Cyclone Cellar. Probably one of many, Albert King, manager of Hayden Bros. grocery department, is building a cyclone cellar. His home at 163 Finkley street was damaged just enough by the wind to ramble him of the advantage to be had by such an addition to his home, so the second week after the disaster found him busy with a contractor planning the place of safety.

The drawings show it will be dug as an addition to the basement in the rear of the house, with a door connecting it to the basement. It will be six feet high, five feet six inches wide, and seven feet long, and made of reinforced concrete.

The ceiling of the cellar, farthest away from the house, will be a manhole twenty-four inches in diameter, through which will be run a vent pipe. This precaution is taken so that if the house falls into the basement, as many of them did in the Easter tornado, those in the cyclone cellar will not be locked in, but will have a means of escape through the manhole.

John L. McGhee got back to his desk Thursday for the first time since the Easter tornado. He has had no time for private business and just now, he says, he is dividing his time between himself and the relief of storm sufferers.

George T. Morton is another real estate man who has been giving his time to relief work to the detriment of his own. He is still at it and his office even now seldom sees him.

Harry A. Tukey gradually is getting back to the work of his office. While at work on various committees for the relief of tornado victims, some of the work of his office was handled by his father, A. P. Tukey and G. F. Jones.

Storage Center Here. With the announcement from the People's Ice and Cold Storage company that its plant at Twelfth and Chicago streets is to be doubled, Omaha becomes the cold storage center of the west.

Whatever some may say to the effect that the tornado will cause depression in the real estate market or cause a loss of faith, indications are diametrically opposite. Since the destructive wind Marius Sorenson has decided to double the capacity of the beautiful Helen apartments on Harney street near Twenty-fourth.

Architect Moves. Lloyd D. Willis, the architect, has moved into new quarters, leaving his small offices on the second floor of the West building. He now has a suite of six rooms on the twelfth floor of the City National Bank building which he has equipped more fully than his former place.

Edgar A. Baird has sold to Dr. John C. Nystrom the large seven-room house with three lots at 212 Wirt St., in exchange an irrigated farm of 160 acres near Hershey, Neb. Dr. Nystrom will move to Omaha and occupy the house as a home. While the record shows it as the consideration, it is understood that the property is worth better than \$25,000.

The sale was made through J. H. Dumont & Co.

General Relief Fund Now \$224,125 and More is Coming In

Treasurer Robert Cowell of the general relief committee reports that nearly \$25,000 has been received by him to date for the work of relieving the tornado sufferers. Following is the list:

Table listing donors and amounts for the General Relief Fund, including names like F. Simon, Philip Scheffer, F. W. Woolworth Co., etc.

Impostor Runs at First Warning from the Relief Workers

"The police are looking for you. They think you have been carrying out a lot of this relief stuff that you never took to the right parties." These were the opening remarks made by Mrs. Clinton Miller at the Auditorium to a man named Davis when he appeared there with three young girls for whom he was putting up a pitiful tale, and for whom he was asking relief.

Davis arose from the seat in which he had planted himself in front of the relief desk, and glancing nervously about him he edged out of the door and vanished.

Although Davis helped more or less regularly at relief station No. 4, Thirteenth and Cuming streets while that station was in operation, he was never able to give a good account of where he had taken the goods after he had gone out with a load of foodstuffs, clothing and bedding.

"I gave it to Jim," he would say on returning to the station when he was asked where he had put his card with the record. When Jim was interviewed he never had the cards and then Davis would say: "Well, I gave the card to a fellow that looked like him. I thought it was him."

C. H. VANNER & CO. ASKS RETURN OF FORFEIT

C. H. Vanner & Co. of New York, who lost a suit to recover damages for alleged misrepresentation of the valuation of taxable property in the city, has notified the city treasurer that unless a \$5,000 forfeit put up by them to cover a bond later forfeited is not returned by April 15 they will act accordingly.

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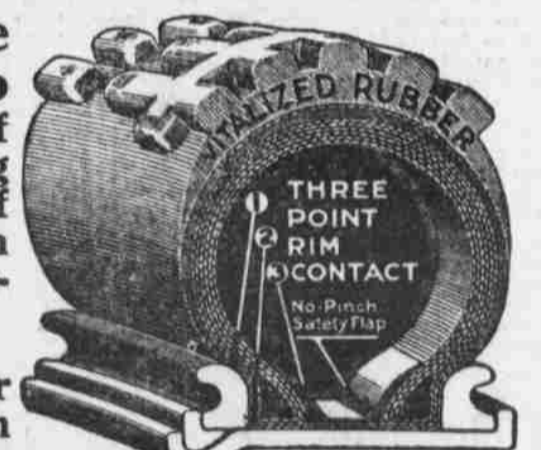


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VOTED FOR DAHLMAN—FIRED

Sesto Testifies He Loses His Job with Water Board.

IS SUING BOARD FOR HIS WAGES

Says that Howell Declares All Democrats Should Be Sent to the Penitentiary—Decision in the Case Monday.

Tony Sesto, who has brought suit against the city of Omaha for \$20.70 back pay and overtime, testified before Justice Claiborne that he was removed by the Water board from a job in the meter department under the city hall and was put to work digging ditches because he was for Mayor Dahlman and the remainder of the "On the Square" ticket before the last city election.

FINED FOR GETTING HELP UNDER FALSE PRETENSES

Frank Wilson, a negro living in a shack at 2602 Blondo street, was fined \$50 and costs by Judge Foster for obtaining rations and clothing from relief station No. 2, Twenty-fourth and Lake streets, under false pretenses. Wilson appeared and said every man in the Third ward and every democrat ought to be sent to the penitentiary.

RALSTON RELIEF FUND CONTINUES TO GROW

The complete list of contributions to the Ralston relief fund up to date totals \$3,235.23. Donations continue to arrive, and before the list is closed it is expected to reach the \$10,000 mark.

Judge Foster Starts High Fine Campaign

Police Judge Foster has commenced a campaign against all women who are brought before him charged with being prostitutes. Within the last few weeks more arrests of this nature have been made than ever before in the history of the city and drastic measures to check the advance of this underworld army have been decided upon by the court.

New Twelve-Story Building in Place of the Dewey Hotel

John D. Creighton is preparing to build on the site of the burned Dewey hotel at Thirtieth and the Farnam streets. Although he has not yet employed an architect, it is rumored that the twelve-story building will occupy the lot where the hotel stood. Creighton is sick at his home and could give no definite information about the new building.