

CLARK TALKS AT EXPOSITION

Speaker Makes Principal Address at Liberty Bell Exercises at San Francisco.

ADVOCATES MILITARY TRAINING

SAN FRANCISCO, July 17.—Champ Clark, speaker of the House of Representatives, was inspired by the reception of the Liberty bell here today to discuss the need of greater military preparedness to preserve to citizens of the United States that Liberty of which the bell is an historic symbol.

In the course of his remarks, he said: "I differ too coolly with the proponents of 'peace at any price.' That is an amazing, a demoralizing, a degrading doctrine. On the other hand I am utterly opposed to those who advocate a standing army, and to those who advocate a navy equal to the two biggest navies in the world. I am not a Jim Crow God forbid! I hope most profoundly there will never be another war—particularly another to which we are a party, but knowing that human nature has not changed a jot or tittle since Adam and Eve were driven with flaming swords from Paradise, I am in favor of putting the country in such posture that if war should for any reason become necessary we may emerge from it conquerors, as we have been in all our wars.

Double Number of Cadets. "Towards the consummation of this plan, I am in favor of doubling the number of cadets at West Point and of making it obligatory upon the secretary of war to detail an army officer to any school, college or university, which will furnish a minimum of 200 students to drill. In that way and at the least possible cost we could in a few years have enough drilled men to officer a volunteer army of a million soldiers, if need be. "In fact there would be wisdom in a scheme by which in addition to the cadets educated free by the government at West Point and Annapolis, any boy possessing the prescribed qualifications might on reasonable terms be educated at those two great institutions. The surplus West Pointers could be used to advantage in drilling the youths of the land, while the surplus naval graduates would make splendid officers for the great merchant marine which President Wilson and some of the rest of us are determined to place upon the high seas from which our flag has almost entirely disappeared.

Larger National Guard. "We should also have a well drilled and well equipped National Guard to be used for strictly national purposes on the principles enunciated by Thomas Jefferson. A well disciplined militia—our best reliance in peace and for the first moments of war, till regulars may relieve them.

"It seems that if little Switzerland could mobilize in a few days an army of 600,000 well drilled men by means of its system of military education and discipline—the cheapest system known among men and sufficiently effective—we could by such application of its system as fits our case, in a year or two, be able to mobilize an army of 2,000,000 well drilled men at a cost which to us would be a mere bagatelle—which would be a most effective insurance for this country and all its citizens and their interests."

New Buildings in All Parts of the Business District

One of the things that is impressing tourists who stop off in Omaha this summer is the amount of building now going on in the downtown business section. The steel frame work for the Grain Exchange building is about completed.

The old First Presbyterian church building at Seventeenth and Dodge streets has been torn down and excavation work has been started for the new garage and storage house that is to be erected there by the Brandeis interests.

The Myers & Dillon corner at Sixteenth and Farnam streets is being excavated, now that the old building was torn down almost overnight, figuratively speaking, and preparation is being made for the erection of the six-story Rose Realty building.

The wrecking work has been completed where the old Board of Trade building stood, and plans are about completed for the fourteen-story First National bank building.

At Fifteenth and Farnam streets the excavation work is almost complete for the new World-Herald building.

In fact, everywhere tourists hear the rivet hammers, the hissing of the steam shovels, and the clang of the masons' trowels.

Omaha Property is Highly Regarded

That Omaha real estate is highly regarded as an investment in other quarters, was shown by Byron Hastings on his return from Los Angeles, where he attended the convention of the National Association of Real Estate Exchanges. Mr. Hastings, talking to the Omaha Real Estate exchange last Wednesday, said he had found a number of pieces of Omaha property listed with San Francisco and Los Angeles real estate firms, for sale or trade, and said that a great deal of interest was shown by coast investors in these listings. "That the Omaha real estate men made a good impression on the delegates to the Los Angeles convention who stopped off at Omaha for a day, was clearly shown by Mr. Hastings, when he said that everywhere he heard these delegates telling others who did not come through Omaha, "You ought to see how Omaha is situated."

"Business in Los Angeles and in California in general is better than many people here think," said Mr. Hastings. "The stores and jobbers are doing a fairly good business and the real estate men are making some transactions."

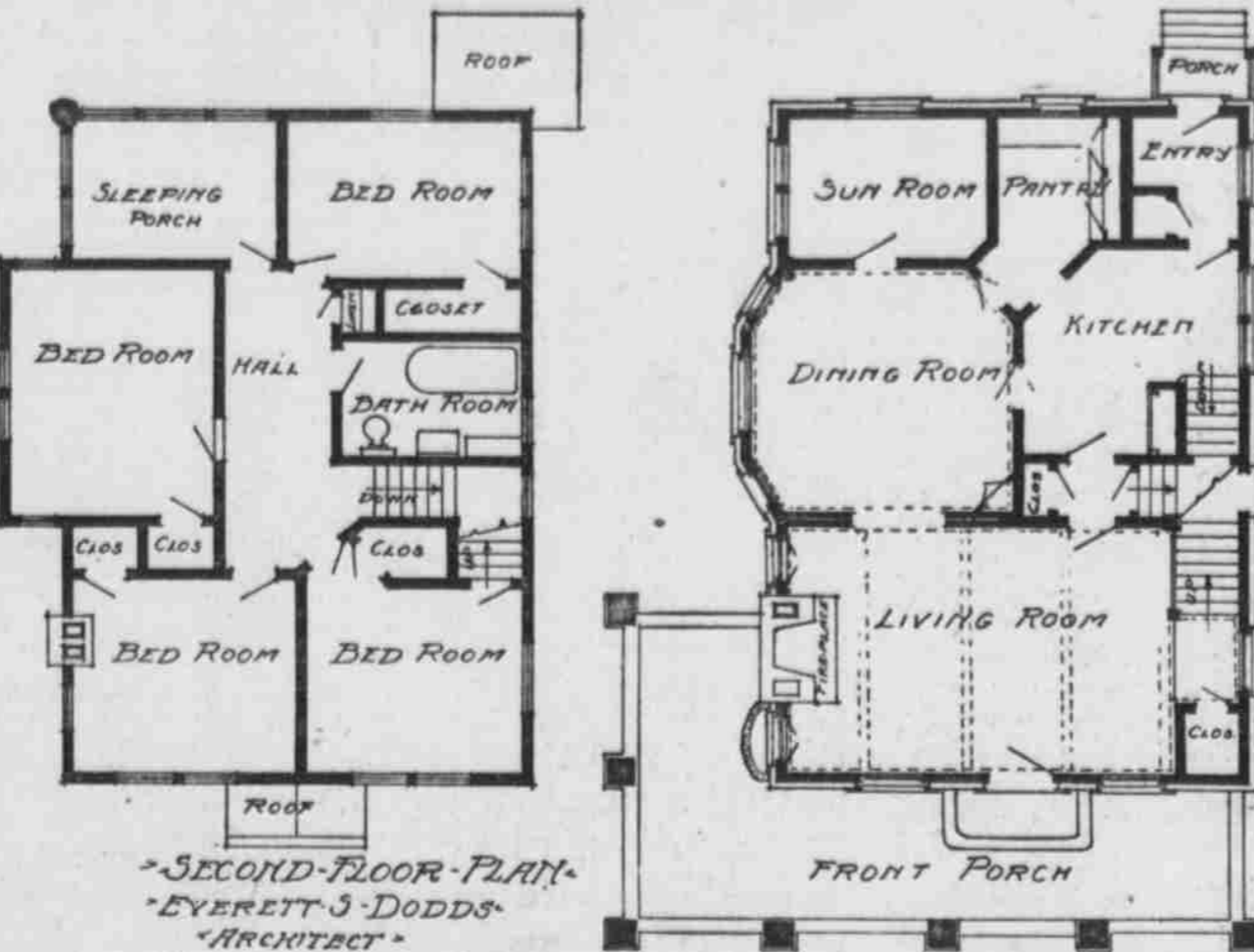
Mr. Hastings spoke of the possibility of getting the 1916 national convention for Omaha, but said nothing definite was yet decided. He pointed out that it would take \$5,000 in subscriptions to handle this national convention here.

Is Good Demand for Homes at This Time

"The demand for moderate sized homes is picking up," asserts A. I. Creigh. "How does our account for the month of July?

"Well, I believe the principal thing is that the time of year has come when pretty nearly everyone is at work, and has a steady job. There are men who a few months ago thought of buying a small home, had \$50 or \$80 saved up for

Complete and Originally Designed House



"SECOND-FLOOR-PLAN" "EVERETT J. DODDS" "ARCHITECT" "612-15-14-15 PAXTON BLOCK" "OMAHA, NEBR." "FIRST-FLOOR-PLAN"

The house illustrated here is one that is complete in its entirety and original in design. It has individually and the architect has not assembled the different parts from many set up forms which have been hallowed by long ages of usage, but he has used a harmonious disposition of the elements to make his problem unique. The plan consists of living room, dining room, sun room and kitchen on the first floor, with built-in pantry and entry; and four large bed rooms, a sleeping porch and bath room, all supplied with ample closet space, on the second floor. The third floor is one large finished attic. In the basement is a large billiard room, heater room and working shop.

The living room, dining room and sun room are finished in oak, with beamed ceilings and are as unique in design as is the exterior. The bed rooms on the second floor, and also the bath room and sleeping porch are finished in white enamel, with mahogany doors.

The plan is entirely harmonious and shows not only an economical handling of space, but is well adapted to the average family where the rooms shown and described are sufficient to meet their requirements. Any one desiring further information relative to this design or the planning of a new home should get in touch with the architect, who will be

glad to render his services.—Everett J. Dodds, Architect, 612-15-14-15 Paxton Block, Omaha, Neb.

Resolutions on the Death of Members

With the passing of Thomas H. McCague last week, and Alfred C. Kennedy scarcely a week before, two of the pioneers in Omaha real estate business have gone.

A special committee consisting of G. G. Wallace and B. A. Benson was appointed by the Omaha Real Estate exchange at the last meeting to draft resolutions on the death of the two members. The exchange then adjourned without taking up any business, out of respect to the late Thomas H. McCague, who died the morning of the meeting day.

ASIATIC CHOLERA WORST OF ALL IN GALICIA

ZURICH, Switzerland, July 17.—(Via London)—The Austrian minister of the interior announced today that there were 800 cases of Asiatic cholera in the empire on July 12, as compared with seventy-seven cases on July 5. The alarming spread of the disease occurred chiefly in Galicia where many prisoners of war are affected.

Building Operations for June and Six Months

The official building permits issued by leading cities for June of this year show the influence of a variety of restrictions due to general business conditions. The bulk figures were \$4,740,308, as against \$7,243,141 for June, 1914. This is a loss of 35 per cent for June, 1915, but the column of gain shows some increasing tendencies. Eleven cities registered gains exceeding 25 per cent, eight of these over 50 per cent, and three are over 100 per cent, the smallest gain being 22 per cent.

It is noticeable upon the face of the monthly figures that losses are widely distributed, in some cases as low as 1 per cent and in eleven instances only running beyond 50 per cent. There seems to be no distinctively sectional gain or loss, the averages being about evenly distributed.

tributed as to both features. The increases run in spots, two of the heaviest of these being in the east, and two in the far west. Chicago is in recession less than \$2,000,000, Brooklyn a little over \$1,000,000, St. Louis a like amount, and Minneapolis less than \$250,000.

The figures for the first six months of 1915, as compared with the same period of 1914, as compiled by the American Contractor, Chicago, show a decrease of \$2,684,847. This is a loss of only 8 per cent, maintaining the average of the first five months of 1915, which the building projects in slight and the optimistic tendency that views enlarged activities in the near future. It is not outside the realm of probability that the deficit in the half year showing may be more than made up during the balance of this year.

Table with columns: City, 1915, 1914, Gain, Percent. Lists cities like Akron, Albany, Atlanta, Baltimore, etc., with their respective building values and percentage changes.

Liberty Bell Given a Tremendous Welcome By the Californians

SAN FRANCISCO, July 17.—Top hatted reception committees with policemen, station porters and guards were swarmed up here last night in a tumultuous throng which gathered to greet the nation's Liberty bell, upon its arrival here from Philadelphia.

The multitude seemed to present a fitting climax to the tempestuous welcome which greeted the bell at every stopping place since it entered California at dawn, in a patriotic outburst unrivaled in the state in time of peace. Tomorrow the bell is to be installed in the Pennsylvania pavilion at the Panama-Pacific exposition.

Half past nine was the hour set for the arrival of the relic, but hours earlier crowds gathered about the railroad station. Governor Hiram W. Johnson of California, United States Senator James D. Phelan, Mayor James Rolph, Jr., of San Francisco, and representatives of the exposition management accompanied, on the last leg of the journey, the delegation of twenty-six Philadelphia councilmen which escorted the bell.

REDDING, Cal., July 15.—Almost delirious enthusiasm welcomed the Liberty bell today at Sisson, Cal., its first stop in California. Fifteen hundred people in the shadows of Mount Shasta cheered, yelled, sang, wept and discharged firearms. The scene was repeated at Dunsmuir and Redding with larger crowds.

CASTRO REPORTED COMING BACK TO NEW WORLD

PORT OF SPAIN (via Trinidad), July 17.—Crispian Castro, former president of Venezuela, sailed today for Porto Rico by way of St. Thomas.

A "For Sale" ad will turn second-hand furniture into cash.

Advertisement for 7% AND A SHARE OF THE PROFITS. Includes text about investment and Hastings & Heyden.

International Law, Not English Courts, Rules, U. S. Declares. WASHINGTON, July 17.—Formal notice that the United States holds that the rights of Americans who have cases before British prize courts rest upon international law and not upon various British orders-in-council or municipal laws is given in a brief statement cabled to Ambassador Page and presented by him today to the London foreign office.

Advertisement for HOME BUILDERS (INC.) 17th and Douglas Sts. Douglas 5613.

Advertisement for SERVICE GOOD WORK. Includes text about photography and business.

Advertisement for C. J. BOWELL ARCHITECT. 626-28 Brandeis Building, Omaha, Neb. Phone Red 2843.

Advertisement for A Clean Awning by NEBRASKA TENT & AWNING CO. 709 South Sixteenth St. Phone Douglas 3641.

Advertisement for PAINTS FOR ALL PURPOSES by C. R. COOK PAINT CO. 1812 FARNAM ST. PHONE DOUGLAS 7018.

Advertisement for DODDS, ARCHITECT. PAXTON BLOCK, Omaha. Send 50 Cents for My New Plan Book.

Advertisement for Heavy Hoisting by E. J. DAVIS. 1212 Farnam St. Tel. D. 353.

Advertisement for N. E. CARTER, ARCHITECT AND BUILDER. 2314 M St., South Omaha. Phone South 1133.

Large advertisement for American Security Company, HOME BUILDERS (INC.), and Service Good Work. Includes text: "YOU My Dear Reader-- along with 75% of the entire population Have been in the habit of giving away 'Second hand things.'"