### REAL ESTATE MEN PERK UP

Tendency to Ease Up and Let Go of Money for Investments Cheers Them Mightily.

#### FARMERS MORE CHEERFUL, TOO

An increased demand for homes and for investments was noticed in the real estate offices during the last week. Real estate men, generally, feel somewhat more optimistic just now than they have for some months, as they feel the increased activity of the last week indicates the coming of an era of prosperity in the real estate businers.

"I don't know what caused it," said one membero of a large firm, "but we have had more inquiries this week and have done more business than we have in many weeks. People seem to feel easier; they seem to have a more optimistic feeling, and are more ready to in-Whether it is 'the rift in the cloud, that is in the Bernstorff note on the sinking of the Arabic that indicates there will be no trouble between Germany and the United States, or whether it is something else, I do not know.

"At any rate the demand has been good, not only for moderate homes, but also for investments. There have been many people in during the week with guite a little sum of money they wanted placed. There is a tendency to ease up and let go of the money again. People are not holding on to it with fear and trembling as they did.

Brightening with Wenther. Other read estate men suggest that the brightening up of the weather had something to do with the little spurt that was noticeable in the business of the week. It is notor ous that in a long spell of dark, cloudy weather, business is not good, other things being equal. There is a depressed feeling that prevales the minds of all. Now that for a week the sun has shone at least part of every day, there has been a different atmosphere in all business circles.

Then, too, the clearing up of the Nebraska sky has brought about a better feeling among the farmers. This has been reflected immediately in the business in the towns out in the state and in turn in the cities. For some time there was doubt whether the wheat could all be saved, on account of the super-abundance of rain and slush. Now that the sky has cleared threshing has commenced again, and there is still a good chance of saving most of the wheat crop, much of which for a time was in danger of rotting in the

Farmers More Cheerful. Not only the wheat situation has been cleared up somewhat by the better weather of the last week, but the corn situation is also looking better. All the farmers have wanted was a few weeks of sunshiny weather at the close of the summer to bring the corn out in fine shape. It looks now as though it were going to be granted them, and they are happy. A big wheat crop and a big corn corp in Nebraska, with good prices as they have prevailed in the last half dozen years, and especially since the European war started, always means prosperity for Nebraska, and good busi-

### Barbed Wire Fence Separate Barber and His Customer

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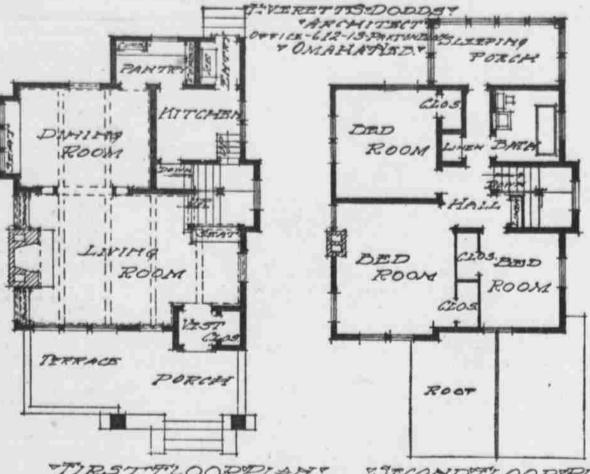
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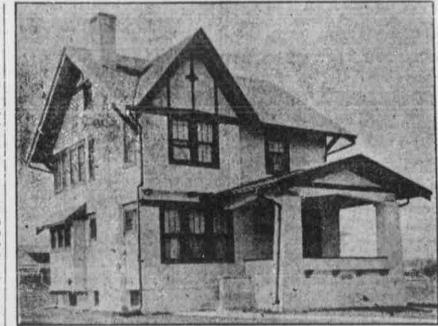
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