

EMPRESS SHOW MOVED WEST

Name, Management and Complete Bill Taken Two Blocks Up Douglas Street.

OPENS THERE ON TIME TODAY

When the several thousand regular patrons of the Empress theater look at the dramatic page of this morning's paper to scan the new bill of that theater, they will discover that the Empress has moved overnight. Commencing with today's matinee and continuing while its original home is being completely renovated and redecorated, the Empress will be housed in the theater formerly known as the American, which will take over the Empress name as well as the Empress shows, management, staff, policy, properties and all.

Ever since the Empress opened for business it has been running continuously, four popular shows being given daily without missing a single performance. For 15 weeks this has continued without interruption, and now the house will give a thorough housecleaning. It will be gone over from floor to roof, from main entrance to rear wall, and will receive such a process of decorating and re-arranging as few theaters have ever received before.

Manager Frank Harris checked up his total patronage for the more than two years that the theater has been in continuous operation, and found that the admissions exceeded 2,285,000. In order that the needed renovating and redecorating might be done properly without interrupting the theater's continuous business, he decided to move the Empress, bag and baggage, to the American, just two and a half blocks west, right opposite another of Omaha's popular institutions, Hotel Fontenelle.

To make the change successfully after last night's second show and be ready for the first matinee today in the new quarters, was a tremendous task, requiring the most strenuous efforts of a well-organized staff of almost fifty men, who began the work late last night and will not finish until some time this morning.

Those doing the moving included the managerial staff of ten men, eight stage hands, seven musicians, three film operators, five "Only Way" moving van employees, three sign boys, six Cusack electric sign men and four Hooper men to handle the big pipe organ and large musical instruments.

Besides that, seven electricians, carpenters and carpet men were busy putting the finishing touches of repairing and renovating to the new home of the Empress. Other men also started to erect the scaffolding in the original home of the theater last night, preparatory to the repair and decorating work there. The latter will begin today and be pushed as rapidly as possible.

"We can't say exactly how long the Empress will remain in its new quarters," said Manager Harris. "That depends upon the time needed for the renovating, probably two weeks. While it continues, the Empress will be across from the Fontenelle, with the same policy as always."

By way of celebration of the move, Manager Harris has booked an unusually sensational attraction for this week. It is Taylor's lions, which created so much excitement when seen at the Empress over a year ago. At that time they nearly won the business of the Empress and sent thrills through the audiences, although the latter were well protected by strong iron bars. The lions will head the bill all week, while three other vaudeville acts and a big film feature will fill out the bill at the new Empress and will be changed Thursday.

College Press of State to Meet Here in the Near Future

Arrangements have been concluded for the convention of college editors to be held in Omaha April 19 and 20. The various college publications out in the state are being notified and a large attendance is expected by the committee who have taken the thing in hand. The convention will open with registration at the Hotel Loyal on Monday morning. This will be followed by a meeting in the afternoon, which will be addressed by some one of the Nebraska Press association, which will be having its convention in Omaha at the same time. Monday evening there will be a banquet at the Loyal, followed by an election of officers for the coming year. Tuesday the editorial and the college paper will be discussed, and in the afternoon the editors will visit several of the prominent Omaha industries. With the help of Mr. Parish of the Commercial club and the Omaha dailies, this will probably be the largest and best meeting that the collegiate press have ever had.

Interest in Debate Keen at Bellevue

Oratorical affairs are humming at Bellevue college this spring. The state peace oratorical contest will be held at Bellevue a week from next Friday evening. Three schools will be represented, Creighton, University of Omaha and Bellevue. Frank Barr will speak for Creighton and William Thompson for the University of Omaha.

The presidency of the association comes to Bellevue this year because of the withdrawal of Wesleyan from the state league. This officer will be chosen within a week.

The peace contest is an affair of great interest to the colleges this year, because arrangements are now being made for holding an interstate group contest at Creighton university. The winner of the Nebraska state contest will compete then with the representatives of five states, the winner in this group going to the national contest.

Dean Fales, who was recently chosen as the Bellevue representative in the state resolution contest at Union college, College View, Neb., is working hard with an eye to bringing home that bacon. Freshmen and sophomores are beginning to show interest in the spring freshman and sophomore oratorical contest, for which the prizes are donated by Mr. J. D. Haskell.

JOSLYN A HEAVY INVESTOR

Million Dollars or More Put Into Real Estate Around Corner of Sixteenth and Farnam.

SPECULATION AS TO BUILDINGS

The sale of the Schiltz hotel corner, Sixteenth and Farnam streets, during the week to George A. Joslyn for \$200,000, coming as it did within two months of the last transfer of the same property, is said to be another evidence of the almost feverish activity that is being manifested in the "downtown property in Omaha. Also it is asserted that it has shown investors that \$200,000 was by no means too much money for the corner when the First National bank bought it two months ago, since it immediately had it cared to turn the property, and that offer has now been made good in the closing deal with Mr. Joslyn.

Another thing significant about the sale of this corner is that it makes Mr. Joslyn's investments in real estate in that block in the last thirty or forty days run well over \$1,000,000. It was scarcely that long ago that he bought the Patterson block in the same square, but at the corner of Seventeenth and Farnam streets, for \$440,000. Now he paid \$200,000 for the Schiltz corner, which makes a total of \$1,500,000 he has invested in the heart of the city in a month, practically.

Joslyn is not talking. Mr. Joslyn will not say that he contemplates any improvement of either corner at once. However, it is understood that he would consider the construction of some large buildings to suit tenants if the right proposition came forward.

While the sale of the Schiltz corner to Mr. Joslyn means that the First National bank, which bought it a few months ago, will not occupy that corner, but rather will likely take space in the new Board of Trade building at Sixteenth and Farnam streets, nothing definite is given out as to what is to be done with the Schiltz corner.

There is still some talk of the erection of an insurance exchange building on that corner that would be occupied by most of the large insurance companies of the city. At the same time insurance men are not especially enthusiastic about it, as many of them are so well located where they are in the best office buildings in the city, and would hesitate to move.

Another story is that one of the banks now pretty well down Farnam street would consider taking quarters in a new building on the Schiltz corner. While officials of the bank say there is little truth to the story, still the tendency of banks is rapidly to climb the Farnam street hill and get as near Sixteenth as possible.

Dr. Towne to Talk Birds to Real Estate Men on Wednesday

"How much are the birds worth to real estate values in the city?" "How much detriment are squirrels to bird life in the city?"

These are two questions that the Omaha real estate men want answered. They have invited Dr. E. R. Towne, expert on bird life, to talk to the Real Estate exchange on this subject at the Wednesday meeting.

George G. Wallace brought up the bird subject at the last meeting, when he read some figures in regard to bird life in Kansas City and some estimates of what value birds add to city lots. The value comes mostly from the fact that a love of birds lingers in every human heart, and that where birds are singing and chirping in the trees on a lot a customer will buy more readily.

It has been shown that squirrels are one of the great enemies of birds in that they destroy the eggs in the nests. In Kansas City, according to an article prepared by Mr. Wallace, a campaign has been carried on for the encouragement of birds, with the result that 2,000 artificial bird houses now appear in a certain community of 1,000 homes, and birds are very numerous there.

In Hancock and Riverview parks and, in fact, throughout the city, squirrels are numerous. They are protected and encouraged in the parks. They are protected by the state game laws. The real estate men feel that either the squirrels or the birds must go.

PROF. PULS OF BELLEVUE TO SPEAK IN VARIOUS TOWNS

Prof. E. L. Puls of the expression department of Bellevue college this week will begin a series of addresses in the high schools of the state. Beginning Tuesday he will speak at Tekamah, Lyons, Lowell and Hartington; the following week he will address the high schools at Stanton and West Point; during the next week he will be in Schuyler and Central City. His itinerary has not been mapped out more definitely, but more dates are in prospect.

CONTRACT FOR BUILDING VICTORIA APARTMENT LET

The contract for building the new Victoria apartment at the northwest corner of Twenty-seventh and Harney streets was awarded by Hastings & Hayden to Alex Beck. This apartment will have six four-room apartments fronting south on Harney street, and eight two-room apartments fronting west on Twenty-seventh street. The cost will be about \$40,000. The contract calls for the apartment to be completed about September 1.

CANADIANS STOP IN OMAHA FOR VISIT WITH RELATIVES

Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Brisbin of Lacolle, Canada, are visiting Mrs. Brisbin's brother, Joseph R. Gilliam, paying teller in the money order department of the Omaha postoffice. Mr. and Mrs. Brisbin are coming from a six weeks' visit to the San Francisco exposition. After leaving Omaha they will stop at Dubuque, Ia., Mrs. Brisbin's old home. Mr. Brisbin is the second child and Mr. Gilliam the fifteenth child of a family of fifteen children.

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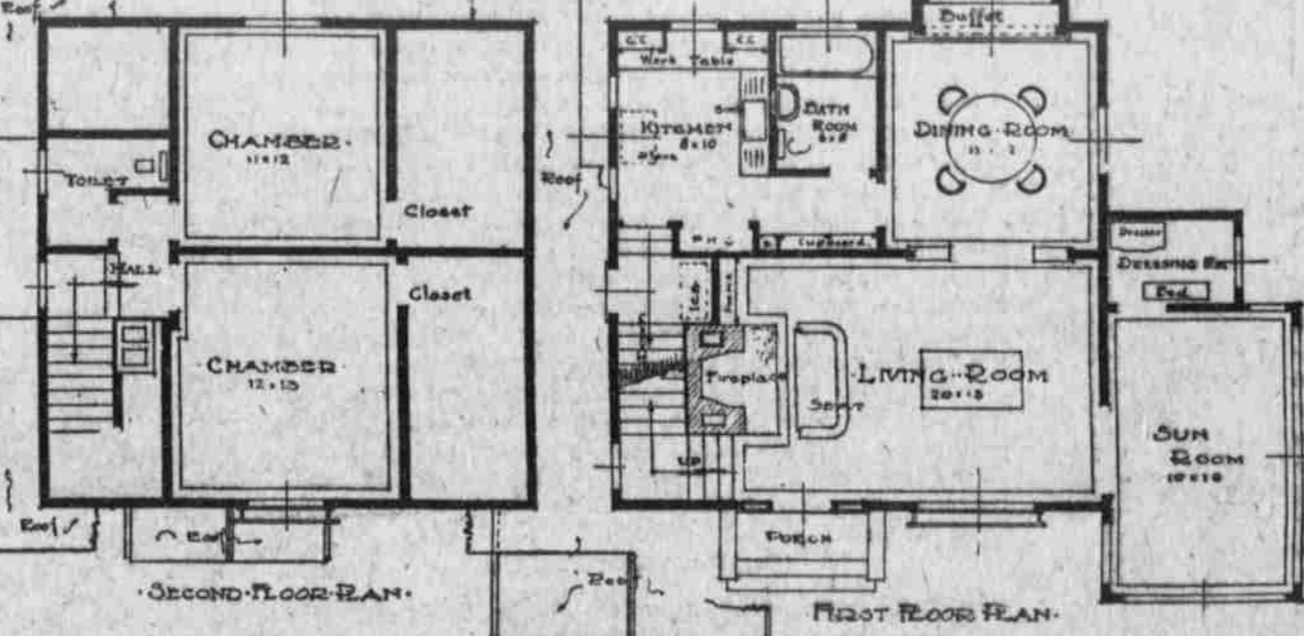
PLENTY FOLKS START SMALL

By CHARLES W. MARTIN. The habit of saving a part of each month's earnings has grown so that nearly everyone who earns his way through the world saves money in one way or another. There are so many good ways to invest this savings account that we cannot go into detail with all of them, but in this article I shall deal with one form of saving investment, with which I am familiar, that is buying vacant lots

with your savings and making it an investment. As the city grows those who want a nice home among good surroundings, such as the outlying districts, this tendency causes vacant tracts in the outskirts to be developed and in turn furnishes the opportunity for the man of limited means to invest in a lot, by paying a small payment down and the balance in monthly payments. I have studied this situation for ten years and am very conservative when I say that 90 per cent of such investors in Omaha in that time have made a profitable deal of it and had their savings absolutely safe, at all times, which is a very important thing. Unquestionably the most important thing for the would-be investor to consider is location, and that means, not only the particular lot or addition, but the conditions of the city itself. Just what part of the city to select for your investment, you

will decide for yourself. New additions are being constantly opened, by reliable dealers in all outlying districts and by studying the transportation facilities and surroundings you can determine which will be the best for your individual purpose. After getting a start toward saving, by putting a certain amount in your lot each month you will save money that otherwise would be foolishly spent. Many Start Small. I know a good many men who own their homes clear of all incumbrance now who began saving by making monthly payments on a lot and after it was paid for built a home and paid for it in monthly payments, no more than rent, by patronizing some one of the several splendid savings and loan associations doing business in Omaha. Due credit must be given to these great associations for their economical management, which enables them to loan money to

A Classy Bungalow



The house shown above is one of the latest designs from the office of our architect. It contains many up-to-date features that go to make it the popular design that it is. It consists of four rooms and a bath room on the first floor and two spare bedrooms on the second floor. One enters the large living room from a small covered porch and immediately notices the massive fireplace in the end near the door and the beautiful high pedestals opening into the dining room at the other end of the room. The stairway to the second floor goes up behind the fireplace. The dining room opens directly off of the living room and has a fine oak built-in buffet, which shows from the front room. From the dining room one passes into the kitchen through a small passageway in which are built cupboards and broom closet for the convenience of the lady of the house. In the kitchen are also built-in cupboards in the end, at each side of the window for groceries, china and kitchen utensils. Under the china cupboards are built-in work table with drawers and flour and sugar bins. Everything that a house wife wants is there in this model kitchen. Even one of those Powell kitchen cabinets that are made right here in Omaha. One of the other new features of this model bungalow is the fact that a small family can live on the first floor and not use the second floor except in case of company. A Murphy-in-A-Dor bed is placed in the dressing room off of the sun room and this is swung around into the sun room at night and it serves as a bedroom. The main feature, however, is the Whitney windows. The entire house is equipped with these windows and any one that has ever had them in their house will never want another one that raises and lowers. These windows are made to swing out and are adjusted by the Whitney hardware that is used so that every bit of the opening can be cleared and the window stays where it is put. Any one desiring further information regarding the plan should get in touch with the architect, who will be glad to render his services. Send 50 cents for plan book.

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