

BIG DEALS IN REAL ESTATE

High-Priced Property Seemingly to Be the Kind that Has Been in Much Greatest Demand.

AN EXPLANATION IS OFFERED

The rich man's boom in the way some of the real estate men have characterized the present activity in the transfer of valuable downtown property during the last few weeks and to some extent the last few months. In the history of Omaha real estate activities this is unique when taken in connection with the moderate demand at the present time for property in the districts outside the business section, or in the residence section.

Not that the sales of residence property are bad, but they are admitted to be not nearly in proportion to what they should be when the activity of downtown property is taken into consideration.

All real estate firms are making a moderate number of sales of residence property, but none is claiming an especial boom in this line just now. All have the feeling, however, that the boom in downtown business property is sure to be reflected in outlying activities as soon as spring comes.

What has caused the sudden activity in downtown business property?

Omaha Has Great Future

Business men hold various opinions on the matter, but they all center in the one proposition, that Omaha is a city that has a great future, and that the investors have suddenly come to realize this more than ever before.

It has been heralded from ocean to ocean that Omaha is the bright spot on the map.

This publicity did not originate in Omaha. It was not a boost article framed up by a paid publicity man. It originated outside of Omaha. It originated in the old-established credit houses in the east that kept close tabs on the pulse of business throughout the land.

It came from investors, financiers and business men from a dozen corners of the country. And it showed up constantly in the condition of collections as compiled by the Associated Ad Clubs of America, and a half dozen reliable credit bureaus of the country.

The mass made by these people periodically throughout the winter, with their high percentage of collections, volume of sales and other business activities showing in the Omaha territory over and above any other territory in the country, will always stand as a monument to Omaha and Nebraska.

Glad It Has Come

The question then comes, it is asserted, why did the owners of much of the valuable downtown property decide finally to let go of it? Well, there were some who would never set a price on their stuff before the last winter, but the fact that they would set no price finally drove to desperation those who wanted the property, which resulted in offers that no one could refuse.

"A rich man's boom," as the real estate men call it, is truly what it has been for a few weeks or a month, for things have been moving pretty regularly in six figures for some time. And everyone knows that the poor man does not deal in six figures, unless he happens to be the rich man's bookkeeper. Nevertheless, no one in the real estate field is regretting the appearance of this "rich man's boom." All have the feeling that it means business, and that the activities of spring are going to be very satisfactory.

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Mattson and Peters Managers of Flo-Les

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Three Suits Filed by Tenants Against the Board of Trade

Suits for alleged damages aggregating \$7,700 against the Board of Trade Building company, whose building at Sixteenth and Farnam streets was gutted by fire recently, have been filed in district court by tenants who allege wrongful eviction. Their lease have expired in 1913.

The plaintiffs are: The C. W. Hull company, which asks \$15,000; Aarons Incorporated, suing for \$3,700, and O. D. Kiplinger, who asks \$11,000.

The plaintiffs allege that the value of the building increased from \$150,000 to \$700,000 in five years and that the rental value rose correspondingly. They also assert that they suffered damages by reason of being compelled to remove their businesses from the building.

REMEMBER EMPLOYES WHO GOT OUT RUSH WAR ORDER

Marks Brothers' Saddlery company tendered a dinner to its employees at the Paxton hotel Saturday, beginning at 1 o'clock, in appreciation of the men's faithful work in getting out a big rush contract for one of the warring nations of Europe.

Fifty-eight of the men were present. Mr. Marks and S. E. Baker sat at the

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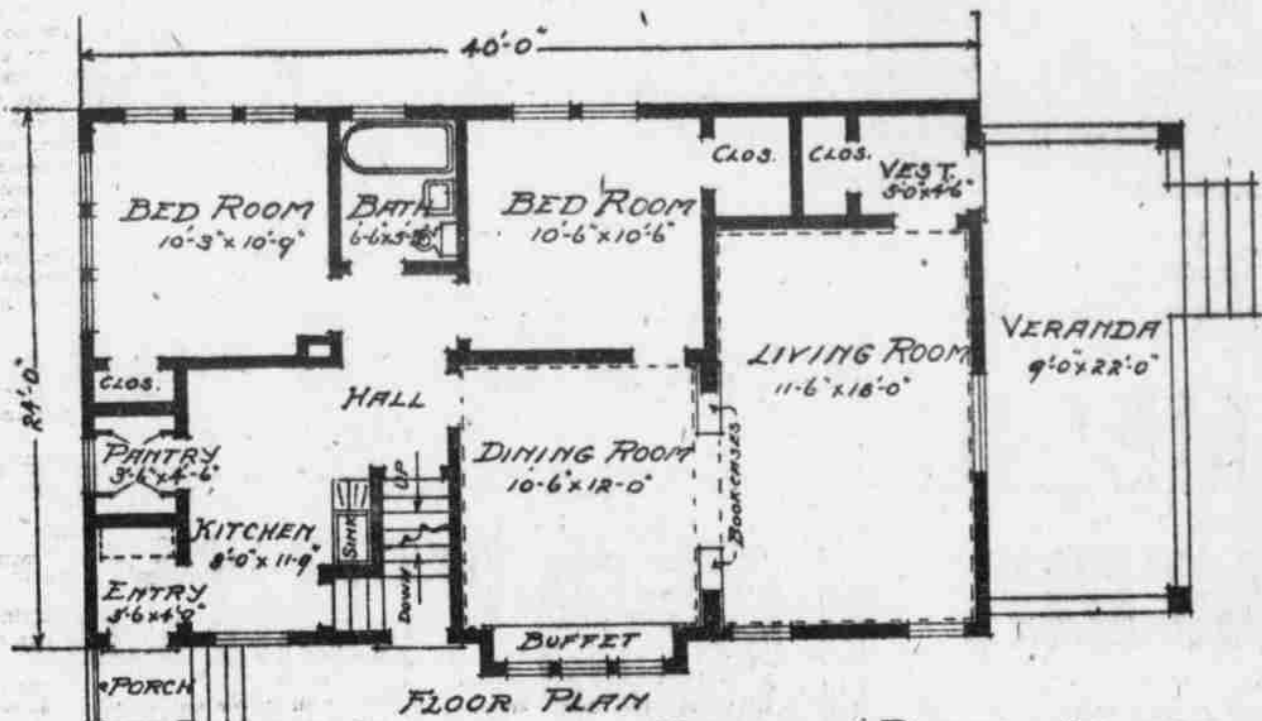
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A Modern Five-Room Cottage



The plan shown today is one of the newest designs of the familiar five-room cottage so popular in and about Omaha. It is very economical to build and conveniently arranged. The living room is across the front of the house and directly in front of the dining room. The kitchen is back of the dining room with built-in pantry cupboards and entry for ice. This plan is different from the ordinary five-room cottage, in that the bedrooms are at each side of the bath room and connected by a hall that also opens into the kitchen and dining room. The dimensions of the house are 28x40 and the rooms are all of good size and nine-foot ceilings.

Note the arrangement of the vestibule and the small coat closet directly off of it and the closet for the front bedroom behind that. Also note the built-in buffet and bookcase pedestals between the dining room and living rooms.

This home makes a good one for a young couple just starting to keep house, for it is large enough to meet their requirements and not too large for the young housekeeper.



The above plan is from the offices of Everett S. Dodds, architect, and anyone desiring further information relative to the cost of this cottage or the design-

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