

### TIMELY REAL ESTATE GOSSIP

#### War Tax is Not Pleasing to Brokers of the Country.

#### OMAHA BODY DOES NOT ACT

#### Chicago Board Wants Omahans to Protest Against Revenue Stamp on Deeds and Mortgages—Local Board Tables It.

Real estate men throughout the country are somewhat concerned about the proposed war tax which is now pending in congress, which would levy a tax on real estate transactions. The Chicago Real Estate board has written the Omaha Real Estate exchange asking that the Omaha body take some action in the matter in the way of protesting against laying an additional burden on the real estate business.

The Omaha exchange came near jumping headlong into such a protest at its meeting Wednesday, but W. T. Graham turned the tables by suggesting that the exchange might thus make itself ridiculous by protesting loudly against something they knew nothing about.

"Great thought," exclaimed Charles Payne.

And others agreed with him. It was when the chairman had already prepared to submit the question of the protest that

Graham saved the day. "I believe," he said, "that we have men at the head of the government who know what they are doing. I believe this war tax is necessary at this time, and I feel confident that the powers at Washington looked into the matter pretty thoroughly before they decided where to lay the tax. Now then, if it is wrong to lay so much on the real estate business, we should at least learn why it is wrong before we protest. I don't want this exchange to jump in and protest and make itself perhaps ridiculous before the eyes of the country. If it is our just share of the burden, we should bear it willingly. I don't even say that I am against protesting. I say I don't know enough about the measure to say whether we should protest or not."

#### Tax Goes Unchallenged.

The matter was laid on the table on the strength of Graham's fight, and the real tax goes unchallenged by the Omaha Real Estate exchange.

It was pointed out in the course of the discussion that the measure proposes a \$50 tax or license on each real estate broker or company to begin with, and that an additional revenue stamp tax is proposed on deeds, mortgages and other papers of transaction.

Hear of Auditorium.

There was a call for the report of the Auditorium committee at the exchange meeting. Not a member was present. Tukey was called for. He announced that he was not a member of the com-

# Helpful Suggestions for the New Home



Hastings & Hyden invited all the real estate men of Omaha to be their guests at the formal opening of their new tract, which was formerly the B. H. Post dairy farm west of Ben-

son. That they responded in large numbers is shown by the large crowd on the above picture, even Harry ChNistle being present on his crutches.

### GOOD FUTURE FOR OMAHA

#### E. R. Benson of Hastings & Hyden Sees Bright Prospects.

#### REAL ESTATE MAN PIONEER

#### Omaha is in Far Better Condition Than Almost Any Other City of the Country and Still Growing.

BY E. R. BENSON.

The real estate man of the United States has been to the public and to the development of the country what the drummer boy is to the army.

Were it not for the real estate man the entire west and all that the west holds would be almost unexplored or unexploited. To him belongs the crown of development. The real estate man is always first in the upbuilding of a city. He invests his money, plans, develops and entices the public with the thought of making money and having a home, until he actually develops and populates one city, one location after another.

There is no place in the United States where the real estate man has not been the forerunner on the edge and upbuilding of communities. It is a profession all of its own. It is a business that takes nerve, enthusiasm and integrity to make it a success.

**Business of Importance.**

In this busy life everybody is constantly pursuing their own business with such interest that they do not give much thought to anything else. If, therefore, takes someone to do this, and the real estate business is of a great and important nature and perhaps more so, than any other business with the exception, perhaps, of that class of people who produce the commodities and the things that we eat. Take for instance, our own experience. We have for twelve years been developers and subdividers. We have laid out one addition after another; been criticized by all classes because of the fact that we were going out on the edge and developing tracts of land when everybody thought that there could not possibly be any increase in the value of the tracts that we were selling; and let us say here that there is not one addition that we have placed on the market in the last twelve years that the original purchasers of lots or tracts of land in these subdivisions cannot today take a handsome profit on the original investment. Every city grows in cycles and we simply have taken advantage of our knowledge of the business and there has been absolutely no risk so far as we are concerned; and it has only been a matter of educating the people to buying.

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**Good Car Facilities.**

The next time that you take a trip away from Omaha investigate the value of land similarly located in the city you visit with the place you are living in and find out how far from the car and other conveniences the average home is in the city that you are in. See if Omaha has not better accommodations from street car companies; better service in every way than you can find in any city where the land is the same as it is in Omaha.

**Dancing at the Auditorium for Next Friday Night.**

Friday night the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben and their ladies will have the usual grand ball at the Coliseum, but what of the common people—the man who can't afford to belong to Ak-Sar-Ben, and the girl who never gets an invitation to see the crowning of the king and queen? These questions will be answered by the Auditorium management in opening the Auditorium for a big ball on Friday night with admission so low that everybody can dance. The floor of the great building has all been refurnished and is in superb condition. Music will be furnished by Lamp's orchestra and capable dancing masters have been secured to take charge of the floor in order to assure all who attend that the strictest decorum will be preserved.

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### Omaha Compares Well with Other Cities in Valuation of Schools

Considering the comparative size of the two cities, Omaha has far greater value in school property than Kansas City. The financial statistics just issued by the bureau of census, Department of Commerce, give Omaha's school property as valued at \$3,219,870, while that of Kansas City, with a population double that of Omaha, is but \$4,414,776. The total assets of Kansas city are also given as less than double that of Omaha. The assets of Omaha are given as \$1,721,983, while those of Kansas City are given as \$2,809,087. The assets of Denver are given as \$2,940,358.

The value of Omaha public libraries is given at \$325,503; that of Kansas City is listed at \$464,778, and Denver has none listed as city property at all.

On account of the old custom of listing one-fifth valuation of property for taxation purposes in this state, the property values in Omaha appear low on the statistical report, while as a matter of fact to get at the real value of the property assessed, each figure given in valuations must be multiplied by five. This throws Omaha property values well into the front rank with cities of its general class.

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**City of Good Homes.**

In riding through the West Farnam district, Dundee and Kountze Plaza, around Miller park, it occurred to me that no where in the United States have I ever seen better homes, and I believe that Omaha can boast of more beautiful homes

### Arlliss Remembers Dr. P. Findley for Past Kindnesses

When Dr. Palmer Findley of Omaha gave up his steamship business from England to America six weeks ago, in order that George Arlliss, the English actor playing last week at the Brandeis, might reach this country in time to fulfill his contract in spite of the war-bound shipping, the local physician never thought that his courtesy to the artist would ever be rewarded with more than his own pleasant recollections of the incident.

But when Mr. Arlliss reached Omaha his first inquiry was for the doctor who had helped him so much. He arranged that Dr. Findley should attend the first performance of "Disraeli" with a party as special guests of the actor, and then Mr. Arlliss held a reception for the doctor's party on the stage Friday evening.

When the curtain was rung down on the last act of "Disraeli" at the Brandeis last evening the stage became a thing of the past to Edmund Goswami, one of the players, for he will leave the company here and go back to England. He was formerly a lieutenant in the British army and is going to join the colors and fight with the allies.

### CAMPBELL FINDS MANY CHANGES IN OMAHA

Floyd J. Campbell, one of the pioneers in the grain business in Omaha, but now dealing in real estate and building houses in Portland, Ore., has come to the city to attend the Home-Coming week and participate in the Ak-Sar-Ben festivities. He left here eight years ago and says:

"Omaha looks mighty good and I note many great changes. Both the business and residence portions of the city have grown wonderfully, and the number of splendid buildings that have been erected is astounding."

Mr. Campbell looked in on the Omaha Grain exchange and met a number of old-time friends who were in the business at the time when he went west.

### BRANDEIS STORES SHOW SCENE ON NEBRASKA FARM

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