

NEWS OF THE BBSY HOME BUILDERS

PLAN FOR PARKED COURTS Scheme Suggested as Substitute for Offensive Back Yards. TILING BEST FOR BATH ROOM Dealer Declares it is Preferable to Sanitary Standpoint and Cheaper in Long Run—Building Unusually Active.

A man who lives in Bemis park and who may have received his inspiration from the broad, green slopes of that community, has a plan which he thinks ought to be followed out in Omaha and declared the official and approved method of building in this city.

"Instead of having the houses front on a street and have in their rear a more or less tidy yard and a more or less dirty alley. I would have the rear or center of one whole block thrown into one large park. Here swings could be erected and see-saws and sand piles arranged for the children.

"Coal bins? In the center of this spot is a sort of round house in which all the coal is kept. This would be equidistant from each house and it would not be too far to carry the coal. If necessary, such a little community could hire a man to carry their coal and kindling in and remove their garbage. It wouldn't cost each family more than \$2 a month.

"A city made up of a lot of such little communities would be ideal in its home life and in the health of its children. There would be plenty of fresh air and no noisy filled with the matter of an unwholesome nature. It's a big idea, but a simple one."

Activity in real estate transactions continued during the last week. The same peculiarity was noted which has been evident all through the year, namely, that the size of the individual transfers was not great. This indicates that it is the owners of the small properties who are doing the buying and selling.

"Such architects or home builders as attempt to build a bath room without the use of tiling can only be called penny wise and pound foolish," said F. M. Hamling, the tile man. "Of course for a good tiled bath room the builder must do more than he would for the one finished in wood and plaster. But it goes without saying that in the end the tile room is the cheapest, besides making a prettier and more aristocratic appearance and being easier to keep clean than other materials. Water only improves tile, while it ruins paint, plaster and wall paper."

"When once properly set it does away entirely and for all time with painting and papering and it will last as long as the house. Another quality of the tile which raises it above the level of other materials is the fact that it is germ proof. Organic porous floor materials, such as wood, tile, brick, etc., are full of materials which are deposited on their surface and make a hotbed for the propagation of germs. The cracks between the boards become clogged with dirt and are very unsanitary for the bath room. Linoleum and oil cloth do but little to help out a wooden floor. Tile is the only bathroom panacea for dirt, damage and germs."

The city building inspector's report for the month of July is an index of the way homes are increasing in the city. July of last year was considered a remarkable month for building. In that month 121 permits were issued for building, amounting to \$122,550. During July, 1907, there were 152 permits for building, amounting to \$23,790. Nor were any of these for large amounts. The largest was for the new Young Women's Christian association building, \$100,000 and another for additional work on the Catholic cathedral at Fortieth and Burt streets to cost \$45,000. None of the other permits exceeded \$10,000.

A big block of "concentrated homes" was completed and occupied during the last week. This was the new Rome hotel, occupying the entire south half of the block between Fifteenth and Sixteenth and between Howard and Jackson streets. The new hotel is five stories high and has a larger lobby than any other Omaha hotel. The lobby is fitted with Italian marble wainscoting, tile floor and mahogany woodwork.

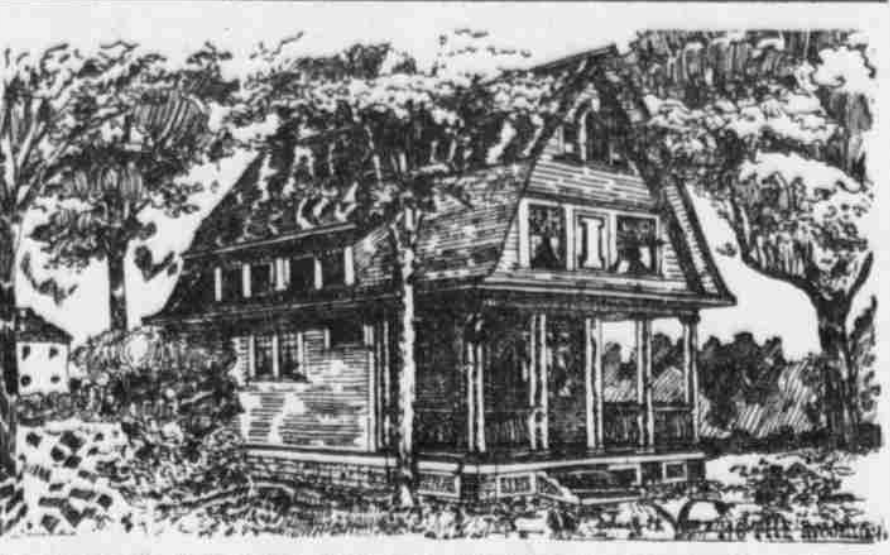
T. W. Haasen is building a \$3,500 home at Twenty-eighth and Spaulding streets. It will be modern in every respect. E. J. Brown has bought the double brick house at 518 North Twenty-eighth street for \$7,250.

Henry Groszinsky has bought a house and lot on Twenty-seventh and Davenport streets from Wilson T. Graham for \$5,300.

Plans have been drawn by O. L. Broline, architect, for a residence for Mr. W. A. Gordon. It will be built of hollow concrete blocks, the walls to be eight inches of concrete, lined inside with four inches of hollow tile. The roofing will be of slate and tile, with white coping, lintels and sills. The interior will be finished in birch and oak. Hot water plant will be installed. The Omaha Cement Stone company has the concrete contract.

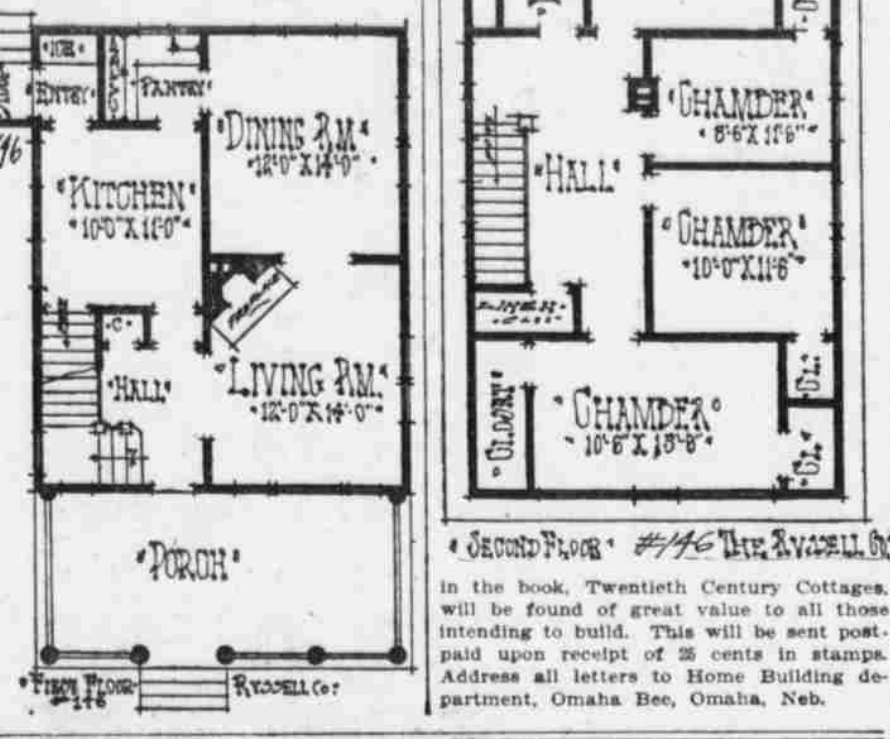
Dr. J. C. Moore has just placed an order with the John Hunsie Hardware company for furnaces to be installed in his three buildings at the corner of Twentieth and Manderson streets.

A Twentieth Century Cottage



The picturesque little home which we illustrate this week will interest our many readers on account of great amount of room, which it has for the small cost. The gambrel roof and second floor reaching out over the porch enables us to use all space to the very best advantage.

Entering the hall from which the stairs start we have to our left the bright living room with its attractive corner fire place which can be divided from the dining room by an arch or sliding doors. A fine pantry connects with a good kitchen. A door on the grade landing gives a direct entrance to the cellar from the yard.



QUEER ROADS BACK TO NATURE

Simple Life is Practised in a Swiss Village. ONE THE PRISONER OF A GOAT

Vegetarians, Fruitarians and Raw Fooders Among Them—Another Radiates Life, but Won't Pay Board.

BERNE, July 24.—On the western bank of Lake Maggiore in the Swiss canton of Ticino, where the River Maggia flows into the lake, lies the picturesque village of Ascona, which has of late become known as the abode of a number of well meaning persons who are united in their desire to get back to nature and whose attempts to reach that desirable state are as varied as they are peculiar.

The sun shines on an average 300 days in the year and winter is almost unknown. Ground is cheap, for owing to the phylloxera scourge the majority of the native inhabitants have abandoned their unprofitable pursuit of vine growing and have emigrated. Today Ascona is populated chiefly by long haired and bearded strange folk, each of whom has a different notion of living the simple life and advocates his system as the only panacea for physical, mental and social ills.

Examples of Crankism. The extreme vegetarians form the most numerous body of this community. In addition to vegetable diet they also consume certain animal products, such as milk, butter and eggs.

A third group consists of the so-called raw fooders. The use of beds and soap these adheres as conventional lies. It was one of these extremists, a former officer in the Austrian army, who persuaded the wife of the ex-Archduke Leopold of Austria to embrace his creed, thus bringing about an estrangement between her and her husband culminating in a legal separation.

Another member of this extremist section is a man who says that he "radiates life." He wears a long toga slumped garment, sandals, and no hat, and has never been known to have his hair or beard cut. He goes about with his features wreathed in a perpetual smile and invariably carries a flower in his hand.

For a time he lived at the cottage of a humble artisan, but never paid anything for board or lodging. When remonstrated with he smiled disdainfully and admitted it was true that he had eaten the poor man's bread, but said he had all along radiated life upon him, which ought to be more than sufficient reward.

ADDRESS OF NEW PRESIDENT

Manderson Talks to Attaches of Union Stock Yards. PAYS TRIBUTE TO PAXTON

Predecessor, Whom He Knew Intimately as Client, He Credits Largely with Development of Institution.

Thursday morning about fifty of the prominent employes of the Union Stock Yards company of South Omaha assembled at the general office of the company to meet and compare views for the good of the industry with the newly elected president of the company, Charles F. Manderson.

General Manderson said: My fellow employes of the Union Stock Yards company, I have had the pleasure of meeting with you that we might look into each others faces and have a little talk about the great venture which is here in our charge.

This Union Stock Yards company has at this writing, 670 stockholders. Of that number of stockholders 200 live in the state of Nebraska. I have had the pleasure of meeting with you, briefly as I can, over the history of this institution, and how it has developed.

Years ago, when I was in the general practice of law, I had as a client a man whom I came to respect by reason of my appreciation of his natural ability, and whom I came to love because of his many many attributes. That man was William Paxton.

I set to work and in a brief time had the papers drawn that constituted the Union Stock Yards company. I remember the defunct title was called, "The Transfer Stock Yards company."

That year I went into public life and was elected to the office of mayor of Omaha. I was a stockholder in the enterprise from the beginning. I had a very large interest in the company, but there were others, men who were alert, who were brainy, vigorous and who had small enterprises in various lines.

Speaking of the matter Mr. Lindsay said: "For sometime I have noticed too much water was being used in the city and the city or school board nothing was doing to see that no water is wasted at the buildings. This is the result of a number of observations made by Mr. Lindsay, coupled with a letter from the water company which protested against the use of certain kinds of appliances at some of the buildings which had the effect of wasting water."

Politics Hot at Capital. Lines Are Being Tightened in Lincoln and Lancaster, Says Tyrell. Frank M. Tyrell, county attorney for Lancaster county, was in Omaha Saturday.

More Chinamen May Die. Number in Fight in Boston in Critical Condition as Result of Wounds. BOSTON, Aug. 2.—Of the seven Chinamen who were taken to the hospital after last night's shooting, as a result of which three men are already dead, several were reported to be in a serious condition today.

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Why Three Cents is Charged Union Pacific Official Explains Case Complained of by C. A. Sibley. "We are not able to see what point Mr. Sibley is trying to make," said a Union Pacific official Saturday morning, referring to Charles A. Sibley's complaint before the Interstate Commerce commission, "when he says he is charged a 3-cent fare on that business in the western part of the state. The only part of the distance that 3 cents a mile is charged is for the 5.9 miles in Colorado, where the rate is 3 cents a mile. Take a trip, Ogallala to Sidney. The fare from Ogallala to the state line at 2 cents a mile is 67 cents; from the Colorado state line to the Nebraska state line is 5.9 miles, which at 3 cents a mile, is 17.7 cents; from the Nebraska state line to Sidney the distance is 35.4 miles, which at 2 cents a mile would be 71 cents, making a total for the trip of \$1.55. Rates between other points in Nebraska are made on the same basis, adding 9 cents, or 1 cent a mile, for the nine miles which the Union Pacific travels in Colorado."

Reporter - Poor Observer Mistake District Attorney, After Seeing Him Daily at Court, for Theater Manager. "I happened to be one of the party at the depot to meet Vice President Fairbanks," said United States District Attorney J. C. Sibley, "and incidentally we engaged in a few minutes talk relative to federal court matters in this district, in which the vice president seemed to take a lively interest. Several reporters were there to interview the distinguished visitor and one of them happened to overhear a part of our talk. I came up to you on the same car with the reporter, who by the way reported one of the big land trials for his paper and saw me there every day. We got to talking on the car and he observed to me: 'You seem to be pretty well informed on United States court matters for a theatrical man.' 'A theatrical man?' I replied. 'Where did you get that idea?' I expect I attend a theater about four times a year and know less about theaters than