# TIMELY REAL ESTATE TALK How Kountze Place is Building This Season

#### Hot Weather Does Not Dampen Ardor of Realty Men.

### MORE SALES THAN LAST YEAR

Good Pieces of Trackage Several Property Have Changed Hands Lately and Demand for Restdences Keeps Up.

Hot weather does not seem to dampen the ardor of the real estate brokers this year. Last summer the Omaha Real Estate exchange adjourned through August, but this season the two most interesting sessions were held on the last day of July and the first meeting day in August. The meetings will continue without break.

One reason for this interest is said to lie in the fact that there is a greater num ber of transactions in the hot weather this year than last. There is not a larger aggregate of money involved in the sales, but there are more of them, and that keeps the agents in good spirits.

Though trackage property is getting scarcer and scarcer, yet every now and then someone picks up a piece from nonresident owners. One of the latest acquisitions in this line is a lot at the southeast corner of Ninth and Davenport streets, which has just been bought from a Philadelphia man, through R. C. Peters & Co., for \$2,000. At first sight this would seem to be an inordinately low price, since the lot is 110 feet long and 66 feet in width, but a look at the ground will show that, while it may have been a bargain, it was not given away. The ground is on a slope and a large amount of dirt will have to be moved if the place is used as a warehouse site. Mr. Martin says he stands ready to remove the dirt and build a warehouse to wult a lessee.

Another very good plece of trackage property has been taken from the market, not because existing prices are not high enough, but because it has changed hands and the new owner wishes to build. The lot, which is just north of the Updike Milling company's plant at Sixteenth and Charles streets, has been bought by the company as a site for a flour warehouse, which will be the first warehouse in Omaha for the storage of Omaha-made flour. It is 60 feet in width and about 200 feet long. One feature of value in connection with the lot is the fact that it is high above the Missouri Pacific tracks. This will allow the utilization of gravity In loading cars from the warehouse. Six thousand dollars is the price named.

A third piece of trackage ground was disposed of last week. It is a piece of corner of Ninth street and Capitol avenue Haskell for \$6,500. They have also acquired an' irregular piece of ground adjoining these lots, and the whole makes a nice piece of trackage property, which will be held for an advance.

The man who thinks that a real estate can be concluded in a day, should study the situation with regard to the property at Sixth and Dorcas streets, on which the street railway company has taken option. It belonged to L. Wentworth. One man has signed the option contract for himself and the other heirs, of whom there are twenty-three. Signatures to the number of twenty-three will be necessary on the deed, and as the heirs are scattered over the United States, it will require a month



cago some one to examine their titles, not-withstanding the fact that anyone familiar with real estate conditions in Chicago knows that thousands of transfers are made annually upon examinations by law-yers having little, if any, experience qualt-tying them for this work. For his 33 the average property owner would probably set more competent advice under the meth-ods in force in the Torrens office than if left to his choice of a lawyer. Conveyancing is in some respects the most difficult and technical branch of the law, and yet every himself qualified to undertake it. The second point of attack is easily are not merchantable. There is transferred annually one-sixth in value of all the prop-erty registered, the percentage being con-siderably larger than that under the re-cording system. There are in the com-munity men who are timid about taking to this about their real estate titles as itinded to their real estate titles as itinde about their real estate titles as they are about their bank deposits. The strongest bank could not withstand con-stant attacks against its mafety and sol-vency. The most perfect system of land transfer human ingenuity could devise would have to withstand for years ridicule and attack. pears so to me.

#### ground 152 feet square at the northeast SHORTSTOP FOR MAIL BAGS and went to Frank Crawford and John If You Can Invent a good One Uncle Same Will Pay Well for It.

The government wants a device for delivering mail bags from swift trains without injury to the mail. "A big fortune awaits the inventor of such a scheme," says transaction is always an easy matter and the second assistant postmaster general. A substitute for twine in wrapping the mail will also enrich the one who is ingenious enough to device such a thing. Men with brains have been experiment ing for years to solve the problem of how mall bags shall be received from trains running at sixty miles an hour. Every day thousands of mail sacks are thrown from such trains onto the platforms of stations where it is impossible to make stops. The mail bags are not infrequently

CALLS FOR UNITED ACTION of the richest and best portion of North America, within a radius of 250 miles from Postmaster Wants Omaha to Boost for States. The food product of this great Two Hundred Thousand.

Makes Comparisons with Other Cities to show that Not Sufficient Effort is Made by Local People.

area could supply the whole country. To keep pace with the development this territory in the next twenty-five years. THINKS CITY SLOW IN THIS LINE Omaha ought to have half a million people. The city of Boston has taken in forty-

of the richest and best portion of North

Omaha, 500 miles across the circle, more

corn is raised than in all the United

three cities and towns. New York has annexed as many towns and the great city of Brooklyn-all have grown and greatly prospered by this very sensible move and

no knocking is heard from anyone interested. Our Commercial club, instead of strug-

OMAHA, Aug. 8 .- To the Editor of The gling for more factories just now, should Omaha Bee: Is it true that the spirit make the annexation issue a paramount question. Increase the population of Omaha of progress and, growth of Omaha is slumbering, forgetful of the work and 200,000 and the factories would come withpush necessary to make our beloved out the asking.

Go east you real estate men of Omaha Omaha a city of 200,000 in 1910? It apand talk as you do here and your listeners will pull out one of the standard diaries I have watched its growth for fortyseven years, since it was a village of and say: "Yes, let's see, Omaha had a population of 140,452 in 1890-in 1900 (yes, 1,600 souls. I have waded through the mud of its unpaved streets that inspired these figures must be correct. United States census returns), only 102,555. What's the an eastern poet to ask in rhyme, "Hast matter with Omaha?" A rather embarrassthou ever been in Omaha town?" I have ing question to an honest Omaha boomer. witnessed its days of hilarious booming prosperity, helped gather the harvest, and These three or four million diaries in the

with thousands of its people tasted the pockets of as many people are doing Omaha more harm than can be offset by several bitter cup of disappointment of a busted \$30,000 trade excursions. Would not 200,000 boom-the dark days of the early '90s, for 1910 look pretty good in comparison when real estate was not a valuable aswith the 1900 census? Would it not give a set; when our homes and our best busigenuine boost? I think yes,

ness blocks were mortgaged. We can only accomplish the desired re-I witnessed the resurrection of our sult by a move-strong, earnest move hopes and the return of the coy maiden or prosperity won back-by sleepy, indifright now-before the heat of a political campaign shall become a potent facto farent action on the part of our citizens? against us. Urge the people of South Omaha No, by the earnest, pushing, persistent to see the light as do citizens of other and insistent work day and night, in seacities, and our interests must and will be son and out of season, of our best men. The Transmississippi exposition, which benefited by the annexation. The thousanddollar home in South Omaha or Omaha was faithfully and earnestly supported proper, in Dundee, Benson or Florence will and made successful by many thousands

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The popularity of our "DELICIA" ice cream has demonstrated that QUALITY IS APPRECIATED in Omaha. At the end of three months we are supplying more of the trade than any of our competitors.

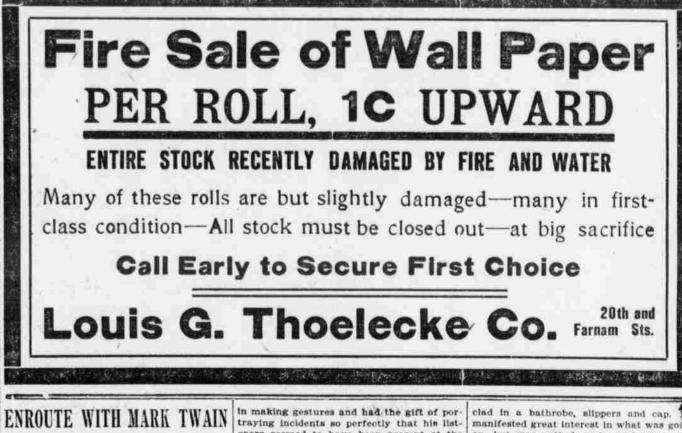
One of our customers wrote us on August 6th:

"Will say the cream is the best I ever had; have been handling ice cream for six years. It is far ahead of the others."

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eners seemed to have been present at the on, but was entirely calm and apparently One of the stories that he told was not disturbed in the least. As soon as postime. A Woman's Story of the Trip on the of his first visit to Westminster Abbey. He sible the captain hurried forward and as with Dean Stanley and

or two to get them.

It fell to the lot of John M. Fixs to make one of the most profitable real estate transactions that has been made in Omaha for months. Mr. Fixa bought from A. P. Tukey & Son a lot which they advertised in desperation as "the worst lying four acres in town." Two thousand ing in vain for a practical device for catchllars was the price of it, but Mr. Fixa had to pay only \$300 down. He sold it the other day to J. P. Connolly, just a month after he bought it, for \$3,900.

Gone is the glory of the old Thurston home, which once sat in aristocratic splendor on the hill at Twenty-fourth and dicharging a 200 pound bag being too great Farnam streets. After standing for several to be withstood by a device of this kind. weeks on the sidewalk near its original So the government is willing to pay a big site, it has been sold by Ed O. and R. P. Hamilton and is about to be moved to this problem.

Twenty-fifth and Marcy streets, there to be repaired and used for rental purposes. Bo are the mighty fallen. In that house In every postoffice in the country letters Senator Thurston has entertained some of the most noted men of the United States.

J. Fred Kerr told the following at meeting of the realty men last week:

"A man whom you all knew, quit the real estate business last fall and began to study for the ministry. I understand that a few evenings ago he rose in church and began to talk with the words: "Brothers and sisters, a few months ago I was in the-I was in the real estate and ab stract business in Omaha.'

J. H. Dumont & Son last week made sale in the West Farnam residence district at \$55 a front foot, which the senior member of the firm says is a bargain. It does Weekly. seem cheap, for property within a block or two of this has sold at \$100 a front foot within the last year. The ground in question is ninety feet on the west side of Fortieth street, between Harney street and Dewey avenue, and it was sold to George Palmer, who will build a residence on it next spring.

There is a growing tendency among realty men to locate on the ground floor. The D. V. Sholes company, J. H. Dumont & Rev. O. Badgley, preached his 6,000th ser-Son and Payne, Bostwick Co. all have recently moved from upper floors of the New York Life building to the ground floor of that and other office blocks. All say that the trade from casual customers who come to them more than pays for the increase in their rental expenses.

#### The Torrens system of transferring real estate, which does away with long abstracts, is meeting many attacks in Chicago, and, of course, it is natural that it should meet attacks instigated by the abstracters. In last Sunday's issue of the Chicago Record-Herald Charles G. Little, who is an examiner of titles under the Torrens system, replies to some of the

faultfinders. He mentions the points of attack as, first, the constitutionality of the law under which transfers of registered property are made, and, second, the merchantability of Torrens titles after registration

Speaking of the first, he declares that the supreme court of Illinois has declared the law constitutional, and then he goes on

inder the wheels of the fast flying train by suction or the wind, ground to pieces, and the mail that is not entire destroyed scattered broadcast. At the best the mail get the roughest kind of handling and much of the mail becomes damaged.

The government has been for years hunt ing these flying mail bags. A simple hook device has for many years been in use whereby the mail bags are taken aboard a fast train without injury.

A scheme just the reverse has been experimented with for delivering them, but unsuccessfully, the momentum gained in price for the use of a patent which solves

The postoffice authorities are also looking out for a good substitute for jute twine are wrapped up and tied with twine on being made ready for delivery. The government has to pay out hundreds of thou-

sands of dollars a year for this cord. All kinds of substitutes have been of

fered, but none have proved entirely satisfactory. A great many inventors have made devices for bundling up the letters but they have all failed before the test of quickly untying them.

A good fastener which can be disposed of instantly, and at a cost less than twine, will be worth a million to the inventor Whatever this device may be, it will have to be of stuff that can be severed as quickly as a anap of the seissors on twine, for time in the handling of mail counts.-Harper's

A high-grade servant isn't an unknown quantity. If you want one, just try a Bee want ad, and you'll find her. In fact, if you 150,000 inhabitants, with about \$725.000 postwant to deal with any kind of high-grade office receipts, when as a matter of fact people you will find it profitable to talk to if Omaha was all of Douglas county. The Bee's army of high-grade readers.

#### RELIGIOUS NOTES.

on Sunday

The Rev. Joseph A. Serena of the Central Church of Christ Disciples at Syracuse, N. The usual decline in church at stratume, the the usual decline in church attendance in hot weather. He announced to his con-gregation that a sode water fountain would be placed in the lobby of his church and refreshing soft drinks be served to the monoid in the news people in the pews.

people in the pews. His Eminence Cardinal Rampolla has pre-sented the Basilica of St. Peter's with a splendid portable altar, rich with malachite and other precious marbles, to be used on the great feasts when mass is celebrated before the papal altar. His eminence also contributed largely to the new organ which was used for the first time on the feasts of St. Peter and St. Paul. Thuring the last year when all Mathediate

During the last year when all Methodists missions were administered by the one or-ganization, the total Methodist contribu-tions for mission purposes amounted to a little over \$1,000,000, of which amount prac-liable the the base of the second s little over \$1,000,000, of which amount prac-tically two-thirds was appropriated for work on the foreign field and one-third to work in this country. From the amount devoted to home mission work 4,037 Meth-adist churches were assisted to the extent of \$549,058, and these churches themselves raised toward their support \$1,253,555. The remainder of the Missionary society's home mission funds were used for special more nission funds were used for special work n cities and for general mission work among foreign peoples.

But the position of the timid man who is frightened by the cry of "Wolf" is no variage which the opponents of the series and in the variage which the opponents of the system series to think the imakenable right of every purchaser of his choice. It is so diffi-cult to get even the honest critic to see that he has lost nothing of the old system which he deems essential. It is for the small property ownor rely-ing upon the efficiency of the registrar and is assistants, to whom the system is a treat boon. The timid, the supicious, may till assest from the 5,000 lawyers in Chi-

be worth \$1,200 the day that annexation has was the Teat inspiration that pushed Omaha to the front. It expanded our packing industry; it gave an impetus to the jobbing interests that have resulted in making Omaha about the best wholesale jobbing point in the

middle west; that same inspiration and much inaugurated the Grain exchange that is destined to bring millions of dollars to our citizens; it built the Auditorium, the

Young Men's Christian association building, and now we boast that Omaha is a city and must continue to grow.

Should we rest from our labors and go to sleep on this idle boast? It seems to

me there is great danger that our wagon may get stuck in the mud again. I beseech you, loyal members of the Omaha tribe, to buckle on the armor again as you did in '97 and '98, put your shoulder to the wheel and make one more great push, all together, for a Greater Omaha-a move that-will be of more benefit just now than the exposition was in '98.

Kansas City, Denver and Los, Angeles may be considered rival towns, as they are in Omaha territory-territory that we might occupy; territory that we should and must in the near future at least fight to

city covers forty square miles of territory. The old town of Westport, that was a marked with a human' habitation, is now

a part of Kansas City. Denver, Arvada, Highland, West Denver in the city limits of Denver; in fact all

of Denver county belongs to the city of Denver. The postoffice, combining all the middle ages down. receipts of these various towns, amounting to about \$950,660, a total population of 170,-

000 people, who boastfully assert that Omaha is tagging way behind with its under one government, with less than

half the present expense for collecting the taxes and disbursing the same, we would have now today a population of postal receipts equal to Denver.

Do our good people realize that because Denver has a population of 170,000 and \$950,000 postal receipts, the superintendent of the Registry department in Denver receives \$2,000 a year salary, against \$1,500 a year salary to the superintendent of the Registry department in the Omaha office? That the cashler of the Denver post-

office receives \$2,400 a year, against \$1,500 for the Omaha postoffice cashier? If the nearly 300 postoffice employes Omaha and South Omaha were paid on a par with Denver, would not all our people be benefited with that much more oney spent here?

Postmaster Flint of Los Angeles told me only a few days ago (June 1) that the city of Los Angeles embraced all the adjoining towns, save Hollywood and Pasa dena, ten to fourteen miles away. More than you can imagine are our post office receipts looked up and compared

with other cities by capitalists and other seeking a lively, growing, pushing, progress sive city for investments. South Omaha, Dundee, Benson and Flor

ence, good towns, independent and struggling alone, would be as much or more benefited than Omaha by the union of all like a bunch of sticks-we would all be strengthened and all greatly benefitedtaxes would be lighter, the postoffice clerks at South Omaha, police force and fire department, would also receive a great in crease in pay, placing them on a par with like employes in Omaha.

Why don't we all move for annexation? the upbuilding of this, the great metropolis of Nebraska, Omaha, in the center

made us a greater Omaha, and then noth ing can stop our growth. A lot in Seattle situated as near the center of business as is our Board of Trade building would rell SOCIAL SIDE OF GREAT HUMORIST today for more than double the amount the

Omaha lot would bring. Yours truly, H. E. PALMER.

QUEEREST MEN ON EARTH Wear No Clothes, While a Few Leaves Satisfy Pride of Their

Women.

Earth's oddest and oldest race of man has been brought prominently into notice again through the widespread interest aroused by sending a batch of Indian political agitators to the penal settlement on the Andaman islands, that beautiful coral-bound archipelago in the bay of Bengal. This remnant of the most primitive human species in existence will soon he nothing but an ethnological memory.

Contact with advanced civilization has been followed, as usual, with a train of infections diseases which are steadily thinning the ranks.

Owing to the ancient course of trade occupy. At Kansas City I note that the the Andamanese have been known about from the earliest times. Ptolemy's Agathan Daimonos Nesos probably preserves smart village when Kansas City was not the misunderstnading of some term applied by sailors to a place in or near the

modern Andamans. Notices of them by travelers, Asiatic and European, are conand other nearby towns are all included tinuous from the seventh century, and the islands regularly appear in some shape on maps of those regions from the

The Andamanese live in a Hesperidian garden, where they toil not, neither do they spin. For the product of the spinner they have no use, as the men go stark naked and the women wear one or more leaves in front and a bunch of leaves tled round the walst behind.

The average height of the men is fiftyeight inches; that of the women fifty-four inches.

They appear to dwell free from care in 206,000 people, at least 225,000 in 1910; and a country that is everywhere beautiful and varied

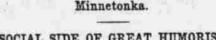
In the ordinary attainments of human beings, however unenlightened, the Andamanese are amazingly deficient. During all the ages of their intercourse by word of mouth they have not developed a me dium worthy of the name of language Before the arrival of the British the tribes except actual neighbors, had no intercourse., Even clans of the same tribe ound difficulty in the details of dialogue with one another. There was a change of the coast. They have no, words for ordi- printed so much, nary greetings, salutations or expression

f thanks. Such language as they have, however, exceedingly interesting from the philologiwhich would be invaluable were the Andananese a business people. In their speech only what is absolutely necessary is usually expressed. These mites of humanity could do just as well probably without any words at all. They have an expressive sign language, which they employ almost as much as the spoken words. Their speech the only sign of his years. His step was

by a grimace, a gesture, or a sudden change in tone. The Adamanese knows scarcely anything and has no desire to increase his stock of knowledge. He has never learned any sort of agriculture. Until the English taught

him to keep dogs he did not know how to domesticate any animal or bird. He canno count, even with his fingers, and doesn't see the need of counting. All his ideas are It is the one great move necessary for hazy and inaccurate .- New York World.

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Mr. Clemens the Center of Interest All the Way----Greatly Impressed by His Oxford Experience.

Long before the reporters swarmed over

the side of the Minnetonka at Quarantine the other day to meet Mark Twain on his return from Europe Mr. Clemens' fellow passengers had found out what some of the reporters had learned for the first time, and that was that Mark Twain, except on occasions when he sets out to be humorous, He is ordinarily a most serious person. ness.

is no joker in the ordinary affairs of life. At the same time the fellow passengers is practically about all there is to the company. He dominated the Minnetonka from the moment it set out until it arrived. One of Mr. Clemens' fellow travelers was

Mrs. Peter M. Myers of Milwaukee, widow of the late secretary of the St. Paul railroad, and being a woman used to observwrote it out.

The Minnetonka had not been sone from its dock an hour when the private yacht of the Elder Brothren of the Trinity House. the ancient and almost medlaeval organization which controls practically all the ship-

ping entering and leaving the ports of Great Britain, drew alongside in the Thames with a special committee on board to say England's last farewells to Mr. Clemens. The yacht kept along with us for said; several minutes, the committeemen holding

the committee gave three rousing cheers for him. Then some one from the yacht

called out: "They will be making you president of the United States after this."

"I'll have to steal another cup before will be eligible," he shouted back.

Then they gave three more cheers and sailed away amid much waving of hats and handkerchiefs. The boat people then set tled down to get acquainted with its distinguished passenger. They found him kindly, affable, an eager watcher of the ship's sports and especially fond of the children, a fondness which centered itself finally upon Dorthy Quick, the 11-year-old jargon along about every twenty miles of girl about whom the newspapers have

> "He is growing old gracefully," was the first comment of the passengers.

For several days Twain's famous white suit did not come forth. Instead he wore cal point of view. It possesses a quality a gray suit and white cravat, a thick ulster and a gray cap which nearly covered his somewhat bushy gray hair and came well down to the shaggy eyebrows which are getting white now. He kept with him much of the time he was on deck his meet schaum pipe, which he smoked slowly and

is jerky, disjointed, and helped out often light and quick and had in it what he had said to the effect that he felt seven years five weeks before. It was the general opinion of the passengers that judging from his appearance he certainly need be in no hurry to "complete arrangements for his funeral."

Mr. Clemens was soon the center of various groups. He was always willing to talk and the passengers drew him out constantly. His voice was low and his speech slow but very clear, and he used no super-

posely went at night. They started about midnight on their tour of the beautiful structure, spending some three hours among the tombs and monuments, their

lanterns emphasizing the faces and figures and throwing a dim, weird light over the We cruised about a long time sounding the surroundings. A kitten, he said, had fol- whistle, but no trace of the boat was found lowed them in from the street and had and we were obliged to abandon the search. gone skipping from one tomb to another with them. After a time the kitten got tired and as and that was all we know of it, all hands

missed it altogether. They went back to search for it and found it curied up and fast asleep on Queen Elizabeth's breast.

Mr. Clemens spoke of the guests at the learned that when Mark Twain travels he and seemed proud of the fact that the Twain was clad in pink pyjamas. Another guests were selected not so much on acwere noted for things accomplished. . He and guests and added:

"It was most enjoyable, but hard work for me, and I told them so. You see I like ing things and setting them down she to do all the talking myself and when you preserved a record of the voyage. Here is do all the talking it is easy, but with these what she saw, heard and observed, as she bright people I felt almost lost, and I con-I ored pyjanias there and gay bathrobes my end up."

It was in describing his reception at Oxford that words seemed to fail him a bit, and his voice became more soft and full of deep feeling.

"It was the best time I ever had in my life," he said repeatedly. He dwelt especially upon the beauty of the Oxford pageant and on the beauty surrounding it all and

"The hirds were not disturbed by it, but conversation over the rail with Mr. Clem- fluttered along with it and secmed to enjoy ens, and as they were about to steam away it as much as anybody. And the swans in had on at the time of the collision and over the river were undisturbed by all the life and color and gayety, but acted as if used to it and unconsciously took their part in and added to the beauty and joy of the

> picture." Then there was the incident of the lision at sea, about which much has been told, but only in a general way, the details thus far having escaped print. Whatever Mark Twain's experiences as a Mississippi pilot may have been, it is probable that he never faced a more thrilling five minutes than he did on the morning of that collision when he heard the order:

> "All hands on deck! Man the boats! It occurred on the third day out from London at 6.30 in the morning, when there boomed up out of the fog and mist a big four masted schooner, the Stirling, close on the Minnetonka's starboard side and

bearing down at a lively rate. By the quick maneuvring of the Minnetonka the force of the impact was greatly lessened, so that the schooner struck only a glancing below, bounded back and then struck a

second blow, punching a hole in the Minnetonka's side just forward of the saloon above the water line. The blow tore away the bowsprit and head sails of the sch affectionately. His gray hair was about and it gave the Minnetonka's side a hard scraping as it dragged along.

The collision gave us quite a shaking up and the order for all hands to come on younger than when he reached England deck was obeyed instantly, the passengers appeared in pyjamas, bathrobes, kimosos, steamer rugs or whatever came to hand in the first excitment. The lifeboats were swung out and completely manned for lowering and for a few minutes we had visions of hobbing about in the fog in these trains for the rest of the trip.

small boats until picked up by some pass. ing vessel. Every one seemed self-possigns of hysteria.

fluous words. He used his cigar or pipe Mr. Clemens was one of the first on deck, curiosity satisfied

sured Mr. Clemens that we were all right "I know we are all right," returned Mr. Clemens, "but how about the ship?"

"We will do our best to find out," replied Captain Layland, and then the Minnetonka swung about in search for the schooner It left a piece of iron plate and some of its wood as it tore away from the Minnetonka they were about to leave the building they hoping that no serious harm had come to it. Mr. Ashcroft, Mr. Clemens' traveling companion, drew up some resolutions of testimonial to the captain and crew which were Mr. Clemens said that if a cat might look signed by every passenger on board, expresat a king surely a small kitten might make sing "deep gratitude for and appreciation friends with a queen's tomb and give a of the unceasing care" which they exerbit of life and warmth to the cold marble cised. The collision, however, gave rise to which spelled out her career and her great- the most exciting and sustained arguments on the voyage. Almost as soon as the news was made known that the danger was over forty or more dinners that he attended a stage whisper went round that Mark report was that they were blue and another count of rank and station, but because they was that while they were pyjamas all right they were yellow. The men passengers bedwelt upon the brightness of both hosts came much interested, while the excitement was strong among the women as they hurried about to catch a glimpse of the costume. Before many of them could get aloft Mark Twain had disappeared, like the schooner. There were plenty of other colfess to being somewhat put to it to keep galore, but no Mark Twain in pink pyinmas. There remained a few persons who insisted that they had seen him with their

eyes and he did wear pink pyjamas. No one felt like asking Mr. Clemens himself about so delicate a matter, and so the question was submitted to Mr. Ashcroft. "I am sorry to disappoint you," he said, "but as a matter of fact Mr. Clemens doesn't wear pyjamas at all, but a night shirt, a sort of doubled barrelied night shirt, a cotton one with a flannel one over it, and it was this double garment that he it he slipped his bathrobe. His cap and slippers completed his costume. His bathrobe is a yellowish affair, but it isn't pink

and it isn't blue and it isn't pyjamas. Soon after breakfast that morning Mr. Clemens appeared in the familiar gray suit and expressed concern about the missing schooner and frequently expressed tho wish that we might learn of her fate.

After that a discussion arose on the ship as to whether the humorous things said by Mark Twain derived their humor mostly from the manner in which they were said. Discussion waxed warm on it and it was decided finally that if some one could be found who would say the same sort of things in the same way, day in and day out, without effort, perhaps he would be an humorous as Mark Twain, and that was the end of it.

Mr. Clemens was the life of the usual ship's concert and he told a story. Hey) said:

"I remember once that I started on an extended walking tour in the Black Forest. My companion was a clergyman of reckless disposition who was not over careful what kind of company he kept. Our first step was to buy pedometers, for we wanted to tell our literary friends at home just how far we walked. Our next step was to secure railroad tickets. We had a good excuse, because, you see, we had a lot of ground to cover that day and it was a mat ter of judgment that decided us to do that part of our walking tour by rall. It was strange, but some way we never did find it possible to get along without railroad It was the best walking tour I ever had." Mr. Clemens wore his white serge suit sessed and only one or two women showed that evening for the first time on the ship and the passengers felt more of their