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WILL BE BRIGHTER SOON AFTER same neighborhood.

Realty Exchange Says Population is 135,000 and Reaches Interesting Conclusions on Local Values.

plenty blesses the lands his scepter waves over. But for the brief period of his triumphal entry into his capital city, owing to the interest of the people in the joyous event, the men who deal in houses and lands are not as busy as at other times of year. This week they will take whatever business comes their way, but they will not worry if it doesn't come.

They know that when the king has passed the people will hasten to buy homes in the chief city of such a puissant prince. Real estate business is always dull during the festival season, but it has always gained in volume just after.

In vacant property small sales have predominated so far this fall and transfers of \$150 to \$1.500 keep the clerks in the recorder's office busy. These sales have been numerous, though, and the agents are taking the small commissions that come their way and are waiting for the big ones.

Many sales of lots are made to persons who do not contemplate building homes unnext spring. Some do not wish to want iding operations with cold weather comre is a possibility of lower prices in building material in the spring. The high prices of lumber deterrent effect upon home building this

After two weeks' deliberation the Omaha questions asked by the Seattle Real Estate association concerning Omaha. The association wishes the information for use in the publication of a booklet devoted to the subject of realty values in the principal cities of the United States.

The local exchange decided to place the population of Omaha at 135,000, preferring to make it too low rather than run the risk in December. of making it too high. Some of the most important conclusions arrived at by the ex-

Best retail property is at Sixteenth and Farnam, worth \$3,500 a front foot. Best wholesale property is at. Ninth and Harney, worth \$375.

Best residence property is in the West Farnam district, worth \$90. Best acreage for platting into city lots

is northwest, worth \$1,000 per acre. Highest price ever paid for property was \$2,000 a foot, at Sixteenth and Douglas.

Sir Horace Plunkett of Dublin, Ireland, will make his regular annual visit to years a duplicate of the Chatham and a \$40,000 structure in South Omaha, and his visit this fall will decide whether or not now. he is to erect them. If he does, it will mean about \$80,000 spent in Omahs, so his

He may build a twin to the Chatham , Thirteenth and Dodge streets, which he now owns. The other site in mind is on Twenty-fourth street, in South Omaha, where he figures on a store and flat building.

visit is of some interest.

Sir Horace has been a little behind the market at \$125,000. resident landlords in raising the rents on his property, but he has now come into which the rentals have been increased by him is the Crounse block, on North Sixteenth street, between Dodge and Capital avenue, where an advance of 15 per cent some cases and 40 per cent in others has been made in the last month or two.

On considerable other property on North Sixteenth street the advance was made last spring. The Masons demanded more money for quarters in the Masonic temple Sixteenth and Dodge and the Balcoms state asked more for space in its buildags on the north half of the same block. Rents have been marked up in other business places in the same neighbor-

When one sees the street car company probable or possible competitors. Webster street, west of Sixteenth.

west corner of Fifteenth and Jackson fall.

TIMELY REAL ESTATE TALK streets last week was but one of a long two years. A few months ago he bought the Linton block, at Thirteenth and Mason Business is Little Slack During Week streets. He owns the building occupied by the Kimball laundry, on Jackson street, between Fifteenth and Sixteenth. Recently he has bought a number of lots in the

"When I took a trip through the northern part of the city the other day, I was much surprised to see how Collier Place and Monmouth park have developed this summer," said A. L. Reed. "Two years ago all of Collier place and a goodly portion of Monmouth park showed nothing more An-Par-Pen is a wise monarch, and attractive than a cornfield, while last year when the tract was not cultivated, there was a dense forest fo weeds. Last spring there was but about five houses in Collier place. Since the first of the summer ten new houses have been erected there, water and gas have been introduced, sidewalks laid, streets graded and trees planted. It is now a cosy looking district. "In Monmouth park about twenty houses

> atruction. The two additions spoken of by Mr. Reed comprise eighty acres and lie north of Ames avenue and between Thirtieth and Thirty-sixth streets.

have been erected or are in course of con

The W. J. Dermody Investment company will have a display at the carnival this week of the products of Colorado lands. It is the Belta county exhibit, which won fifty-two first prizes and eighteen second prizes at the state fair at Pueblo.

The municipal affairs committee of th Commercial club is gathering information to decide whether or not Douglas county needs a court house, and if it does, how

One of the fastest jobs of grading that Real Estate exchange has answered the has been done in Omaha is in progress at Sixteenth and Pilerce streets, where T. F. Swift & Co. are preparing a site for a coal yard. About 55,000 cubic yards of dirt have been moved from the site, formerly a high bluff. When the grading is completed, about October 15, it will have cost considerably more than the price paid for the site. A \$4,000 warehouse will be built

> For several years Los Angeles realty men have used oil to sprinkle the roads to and through their additions, thereby laying the dust and killing the weeds. Now Omaha can talk about using oil on the roads. The D. V. Sholes company is sprinkling the four miles of boulevards in Keystone Park, formerly the W. A. Paxton farm, with the refuse ptroleum product of the gas company. It costs \$150 to sprinkle a mile of boulevard and one application is all that is necessary for a year.

It would not be surprising in these days of prosperity if the hospitals and churches Omaha several weeks earlier than usual, of Omaha did not take advantage of their arriving about October 39. Sir Horace has opportunity to erect new buildings and im-had in contemplation for the last two prove the old ones. The churches seem to have got a little ahead of the hospitals in this respect, but the hospitals are active

The Clarkson hospital will have spent \$190,000 by the time of the fulfillment of the contract just let to McGowan & Jacobberger for the erection of a new hospital on the lot north of the present Chatham, at Twenty-first and Howard streets. The site cost \$25,000 and the building will cost about \$100,000. Part of the money will be obtained by the sale of the present hospital and site at Nineteenth and Dodge streets, which has been placed on the

Directors of Bethany hospital, at Twen tieth street and Capitol avenue, are planprocession. Among the buildings on ining two new three-story wings, which, with other improvements, will cost \$8,000. Wise Memorial hospital is completing a new home on Harney street and the finishing touches are being put on the Methodist hospital at Thirty-sixth and Cuming

> St. Joseph's hospital will erect a large ddition as soon as the contest over Count Creighton's will is settled.

REGISTRATION OFFICERS LAX

Only Half of Appointees Report and Others.

pointed as supervisors of registration have panies had to answer an alarm before set- September 30. Harbaugh and his wife applied for qualification at the city hall removing old tracks in various parts of and as Monday is the last day for such and then some the city he naturally asks a question as qualification the city clerk is considering. The figures for London show an amusing has accumulated sufficient personal propcompany is now tearing up an old track must be issued and these are issued as age of one call a day. on St. Mary's avenue from Twenty-second the men qualify. As a result there is a i Shoreditch reported 200 alarms of fire for Twenty-sixth street and also one on delay in the delivery of materials, which the year and Manchester Square 266. The will be serious unless supervisors come in firemen at these stations on an average

lives up to his preaching by investing in year is of no avail and all persons who did the two New York companies cited were the property covered by the bill of sale realty whenever he gets a bit of money not register on the day of the primaries exceptionally busy. The average of calls a has been advertised to be sold September loose from some other enterprise. His must register either Tuesday or October year for a New York fire company is 20 and it was been agreetised to be soil appetended to be soil

PAVING REGARDLESS OF COST

Such is Demand of West Leavenworth Street Residents.

PARK BOARD REFERS MATTER

City Engineer Favors Delay Because of the High Price of Material at This Season of the Year.

The Board of Park Commissioners met Monday morning and passed the pay rolls. Then it adjourned until Wednesday.

This is the story of what it did; but it lacks considerable of telling what it heard. Proceedings opened just after 10 o'clock with the opening of hids for macadamizing or paving West Leavenworth street with concrete paving. E. D. Van Court was the only bidder, and his figures were 87 cents a yard for macadam with a one-year guarantee; \$1.12 for macadam with a fiveyear guarantee, and \$1.17 for concrete with no guarantee at all.

City Engineer Rosewater was present and expressed surprise that only one bid was tendered, as other contractors had secured data and specifications for the work. He said the bids were too high, based on the figures, 71 cents a yard, secured by the county for macadam. Mr. Van Court denied the bids were too high and there was considerable argument over this point, which ended only when representatives of property owners on West Leavenworth street took a hand and gave out the information that they desired the street macadamized this year regardless of the

costly a building it needs, and whether. It was then suggested that, as a better the additional taxes resulting will be too pavement should be laid on the street, heavy. The action is under the instructions the property owners should co-operate with of the executive committee, which does the board to the extent of paying the difand other material entering into the con-not presume to intimate that the county ference in prices between macadam, which struction of houses has undoubtedly had a does or does not need the court house, but would be guaranteed but one year, and a simply wishes to inform itself on the sub- brick block paving which would be practically permanent.

Counsel Favors Delay. W. J. Connell, as one of the principal property owners on the street, was called into the conference and favored the idea of delay until the property owners were willing to co-operate, the board to take some method of preserving the curbing and guttering now in place until next year and the property owners in the meantime getting all underground work, such as sewers. water and gas mains into place before the

Some of the members of the West Leavenworth Improvement club protested against further delay, and one enthusiastic representative declared his intention of remaining in the room until the board should let the contract. He left, however, when the board referred the matter to the committee on paving, with instructions to secure further information.

Residents of the southern part of the town appeared to protest against the creation of a boulevard on Twenty-second street to connect with the South Omaha boulevard system. They were told that the matter was in conference with the South Omaha authorities, and that nothing would be done at this time. Isaac Hascall asked that the board grade

out in the spring. The superintendent of parks will consider the subject. but left before the board could hear it.

Three Times London's Record.

was prompted to inquire how the number calls a year. of calls in a year in the busiest fire houses there was really no comparison possible, as half of them. the New York firemen answered more than twice as many calls a year as the London

understating the case. Truck is at 84 Attorney street answered more calls in the year 1906 than pny other own no - rate-New York. It responded to 1,122 alarms in the year and did ducy at me

ting down to breakfast, dinner or supper,

to the reason for their existence, If he the necessity of calling upon the police disparity. The Whitechapel station, situ-doesn't guess, he finds on inquiry they force to bring the dilatory supervisors to ated in the most thickly populated part of ber 1, he avers, his wife, at the instance were laid to hold the streets against a sense of duty and the city hall at the the city, responded to only 376 calls in the The same time. Books and necessary material year 1906, including false alarms, an aver-

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the boulevard south of Bancroft street as South Beach hose company 1, on Seaside MOTHER'S PRAYER ANSWERED soon as possible, so that trees may be set boulevard between Ocean avenue and Sand MOTHER'S PRAYER ANSWERED the boulevard south of Bancroft street as South Beach hose company 1, on Scaside lane. South Beach, Staten island, which consists of one four wheeled hose wagon A large delegation was present to take manned by eight men. Hose I answered Unexpressed Wish of Dying Woman up the matter of the Northwest boulevard, one alarm in 1906, and it wasn't a false one

An interesting point shown by the record NEW YORK'S BUSIEST FIREMEN of the fire department is that the firemen in Harlem and The Bronx are for the mos Answered 1,122 Alarms in a Year, part kept as busy answering alarma, false and otherwise, as their brothers downtown, excepting a few companies in the heart of the East Side. Brooklyn's firemen are not NEW YORK, Sept. 28.-A visitor to fire nearly so busy as those of Manhattan, headquarters in East Sixty-seventh street averaging only about two-thirds as many

Truck 26, installed only a few years ago of Greater New York compared with the at 52-54 East One Hundred and Fourteenth number of calls for a year in the busiest street, Manhattan, answered last year no districts of London. He was told that less than 6.8 calls and did cuty at more than

COERCED INTO SIGNING NAME It was found later that this was rather Samuel R. Harbaugh of Valley Seeks to Head On Wife and Brother.

Asserting his wife, Nora Harbaugh, and her brother, Thomas Hartford of Val-Engine 17 at 91 Ludlew street was a close | wy, coerced him into signing a bill of sale. second with 1,000 calls during the year, of Samuel R. Harbaugh has secured a rewhich only 227 turned out to be real fires, straining order from Judge Kennedy to Not more than one-half of the men ap- In other words, the men of these two com- prevent the public auction of the property been living on the Henry Peterson place one mile northwest of Valley. He says he livan's court at Valley. He was kept in custody of the city marshal over night and the following day, greatly distressed in that friends would care for her son. Then mind by his arrest, was induced to sign the bill of sale to his wife. He says he answered an alarm a day for two days and was told he would have to sign the docu-Frank J. Burkley is a strong believer Tuesday is the second day of registration on the third they rested.

To be fair it should be said, however, that stop the criminal proceedings against him. The other extreme is found in the case of case will be tried October 12.

is Bountifully Granted.

Touching Story of How Coroner Brailey and His Good Wife Come to Have Bright Boy in Their Home.

When the Union Pacific train from Los Angeles stopped at the Omaha Union station the afternoon of April 18, 1906, a woman was carried from one of the cars. The rough hands of the trainmen bore her with the gentleness which is universally present when grim death lays his hands upon any human being.

The woman was emaciated, wasted away, scarcely strong enough to draw breath. She was poor, too. No trained nurse accompanied her on the trip which she was making from Los Angeles to soped to reach before she died. But several women who were in the station quickly assumed the duties of nurses and the patient was made as comfortable as possible The woman was not alone. A little boy was with her, a lad of 7 years. He cried sitterly and clung to her, retusing to be comforted. And she, too weak to speak to him, let her hand rest on his curly head and moved her lips in a slient prayer.

She opened her eyes at last and in one final effort begged with eyes and lips she died. It turned out that a kind Providence had watched more carefully than the may have thought over that lonely mother hastening across the continent She was buried here in Omaha and her last prayer for her little son was answered. The man who was called on officially to do the last earthly service for the mother Price. \$2,650. was a man with a big heart. He saw the

of the only friend he knew in the world. This man was Edwin F. Breiley, who was taking tender care of its helpless children oroner at that time. Coroner Brailey's home had not been

full of sympathy for the cuild as was his. whose mother had died a few years before, And so it was that when the clods had leaving her with four brothers. Mr. HER SON LEFT IN KIND HANDS fallen on the coffin, when the few strangers Brailey co-operated with Mr. Morris in had left the cemetery and the great cold having two of these boys sent to an aunt world opened in all its loneliness around in Oakland, Cal., and Mr. and Mrs. Brailey the little orphan, he found refuge in an adopted the girl for themselves. Omaha home, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Brailey, where he has lived and been cared go now," said Mr. Brailey. "We think for ever since.

little orphan boy weeping beside the bier of the Associated Charities. "I don't believe any city holds a better record for

than Omaha."

Mr. Brailey adopted another child more so blessed, but his wife's heart was as than five years ago. This was a girl,

"We wouldn't let elther of our children as much of them as though they were our "There are many adopted children in own flesh and blood. They are both bright Omaha homes," said S. P. Morris, secretary and getting on finely at school."



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