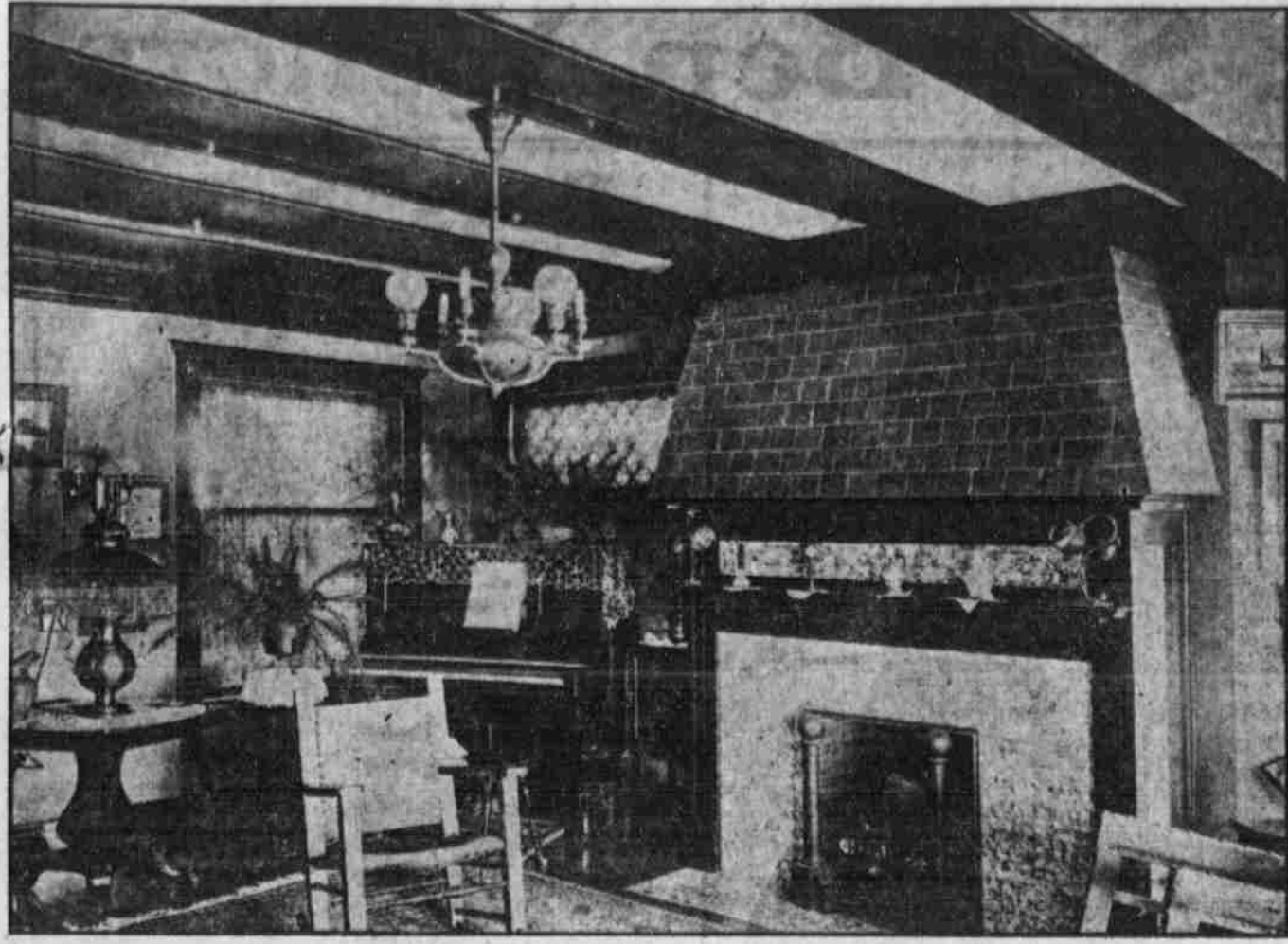


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TIMELY REAL ESTATE TALK

Business is Little Slack During Week of Ak-Sar-Ben.

WILL BE BRIGHTER SOON AFTER

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

AK-SAR-BEN is a wise monarch, and 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.

In vacant property small sales have predominated so far this fall and transfers of \$150 to \$1,000 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 until next spring. Some do not wish to start building operations with cold weather coming on and others believe there is a possibility of lower prices in building material in the spring. The high prices of lumber and other material entering into the construction of houses has undoubtedly had a deterrent effect upon home building this year.

After two weeks' deliberation the Omaha Real Estate exchange has answered the 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 of making it too high. Some of the most important conclusions arrived at by the exchange are:

- Best retail property is at Sixteenth and Farnam, worth \$2,000 a front foot.
- Best wholesale property is at Ninth and Harney, worth \$15.
- Best residence property is in the West Farnam district, worth \$50.
- Best acreage for plating 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 Omaha several weeks earlier than usual, arriving about October 20. Sir Horace has had in contemplation for the last two years a duplicate of the Chatham and a \$40,000 structure in South Omaha, and his visit this fall will decide whether or not he is to erect them. If he does, it will mean about \$80,000 spent in Omaha, so his visit is of some interest.

He may build a twin to the Chatham on the lot north of the present Chatham, at Thirtieth and Dodge streets, which lot he now owns. The other site in mind is on Twenty-fourth street, in North Omaha, where he figures on a store and flat building.

Sir Horace has been a little behind the resident landlords in raising the rents on his property, but he has now come into the procession. Among the buildings on which the rents have been increased by him is the Crocker block, on North Sixteenth street, between Dodge and Capital avenue, where an advance of 25 per cent in 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 at Sixteenth and Dodge and the Balcony estate asked more for space in its buildings on the north half of the same block. Rents have been marked up in other business places in the same neighborhood.

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 roll. 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 bids for macadamizing or paving West Leavenworth street with concrete paving. E. D. Van Court was the only bidder, and his figures were \$1 cents a yard for macadam with a one-year guarantee; \$1.12 for macadam with a five-year 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 price.

It was then suggested that, as a better pavement should be laid on the street, the property owners should co-operate with the board to the extent of paying the difference in prices between macadam, which would be guaranteed but one year, and a brick block paving, which would be practically permanent.

Consuel 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 preventing 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 paving is laid.

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.

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Touching Story of How Coroner Bralley and His Good Wife Came 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 15, 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 Philadelphia, her home, which she had hoped to reach before she died. But several women who were in the station quickly assumed the duties of nurse 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 bitterly and clung to her, refusing 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 silent prayer.

She opened her eyes at last and in one final effort begged with eyes and lips that friends would care for her son. Then she died. It turned out that a kind Providence had watched more carefully than she 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 was a man with a big heart. He saw the

COERCED INTO SIGNING NAME

Samuel R. Harbaugh of Valley Seeks to Head Off Wife and Brother.

Assuring his wife, Nora Harbaugh, and her brother, Thomas Hartford of Valley, coerced him into signing a bill of sale.

Samuel R. Harbaugh has secured a restraining order from Judge Kennedy to prevent the public auction of the property September 28. Harbaugh and his wife have been living on the Henry Peterson place one mile northwest of Valley. He says he has accumulated sufficient personal property to stock and equip the farm. September 1, he avers, his wife, at the instance of her brother, had him arrested on an assault and battery charge in Justice Sullivan's court at Valley. He was kept in custody of the city marshal over night and the following day, greatly distressed in mind by his arrest, was induced to sign the bill of sale to his wife. He says he was told he would have to sign the document and get out of the state in order to stop the criminal proceedings against him. The property covered by the bill of sale has been advertised to be sold September 28, and it was to stop the auction he secured the order from Judge Kennedy. The case will be tried October 12.

REGISTRATION OFFICERS LAX

Only Half of Appointees Report and Police May Go for the Others.

Not more than one-half of the men appointed as supervisors of registration have applied for qualification at the city hall and Monday is the last day for such qualification the city clerk is considering the necessity of calling upon the police force to bring the delinquent supervisors to a sense of duty and the city hall at the same time. Books and necessary material must be issued and these are issued as the men qualify. As a result there is a delay in the delivery of materials, which will be serious unless supervisors come in rapidly Monday.

Tuesday is the second day of registration for the election this fall. Registration last year is of no avail and all persons who did not register on the day of the primaries must register either Tuesday or October 30, in order to be qualified to vote this fall.

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