

NEWS OF THE BUSY HOME BUILDERS

HALF A THOUSAND NEW HOMES

Work on This Number of Dwellings is Now Under Way.

FIGURES ON PRESENT BUILDING

Census of Buildings Commenced Within Last Thirty Days in Omaha Shows Some Gratifying Facts.

Five hundred and forty-seven buildings are under course of construction in Omaha at present.

This number is the result of an accurate census made by The Bee during the last week, and includes only buildings on which work has begun within thirty days.

At no time since Omaha has been a city has there been such activity as now prevails. One of the notable features of the activity is that the greater number of buildings under way are for homes.

The building activity is not confined to any section of the city, but is very generally distributed. Roughly dividing the city into districts, the count shows the following:

North of Ames avenue (North Omaha) 72
Between Lake street and Ames avenue, east of Thirtieth street (Kountze Place and Bluff Tract) 76
Walnut Hill, Orchard Hill and Druid Hill 47
Cuming street to Lake street 41
Thirtieth street to Lake street 41
West Park and Field club districts 31
Central Boulevard district 28
South side 10
Scattering 43
Total 547

The last week has been one of great activity among the home builders. Though the real estate market was quiet and there were few transfers of property compared with the preceding weeks, the home builders did not cease their activities and contractors and laborers of all kinds were kept as busy as ever.

The selection of an Omaha church as a model after which to build a larger church in Kearney speaks well for the taste of Omaha people in building and for the architects of the city.

Adapting an old adage to his business, the hardware and heating man says, "In time of heat prepare for cold." Therefore the present season when most people are not appreciative of the comforts of a warm home, but only of the discomforts of a hot one, wise people are installing their furnaces and heating plants for next winter.

"If contractors and architects knew more of the difficulties of the furnace and heating man there would be better houses constructed with less expense and less waste of effort," said Thomas W. Cox, 917 Farnam street.

The new home of W. J. Phelan now being erected on Burt street, will be equipped with a furnace by the John Hussie Hardware company.

The rise in radiators and brass goods is an advance of from 10 to 12 per cent in the price of heating jobs.

The question of what is to be done with the billboards is being newly agitated among people who seek to make an Omaha beautiful.

A Twentieth Century Cottage



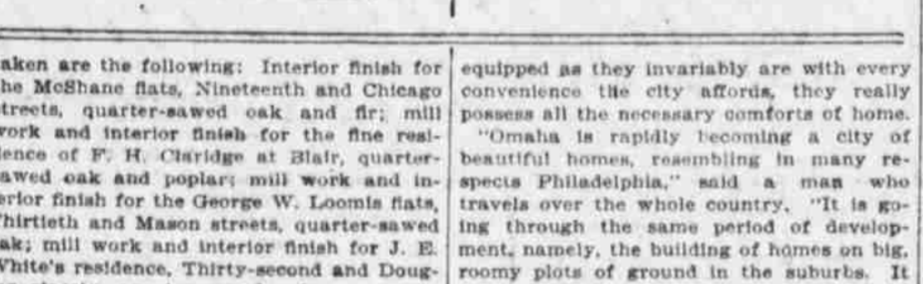
In response to numerous requests we illustrate this week a small cottage, which although artistic is still a very simple design and can be very economically built.

Three range rock is used for foundation above grade with three inch siding for remainder of exterior, with exception of apex of gable, which is cement plaster.

Our efforts have been centered in this little home to produce an exterior arrangement that is convenient and inexpensive.

Particular attention is called to the location of bath room. Notice how conveniently it can be reached from the kitchen, living room or second floor.

If preferred the small rear chamber could be used as a bath room and a good bed room provided on the first floor.



This house can be built for \$1,700.00, exclusive of heating or plumbing. Height of cellar, seven feet; first floor, nine feet; second floor, eight feet. Cellar extends under entire house.

Interior finish for the McShane flats, Nineteenth and Chicago streets, quarter-sawn oak and fir; mill work and interior finish for the residence of F. H. Claxton at Bluff and Douglas streets, quarter-sawn oak.

Among the jobs for business houses by this concern are six miles of moldings for the Nash buildings on Ninth street; an up-to-date set of clear fixtures for Cole-McKenna company in the Paxton block.

A development in residence property in the northeast part of the city is looked for by people keeping track of events up there. The growing popularity of Cut-Off lake as a pleasure resort coupled with the movement now on foot to park a large portion of the land lying north and west of the lake, is the peg upon which the hope of those who look for developments there is hung.

The contract for roofing the new Burlington passenger station soon to be built at Ashland, Neb., has been given the National Roofing company.

A. H. Read, secretary and treasurer of the National Roofing company, has returned from a business trip through western Iowa.

Will the apartment house solve the rental problem in Omaha? This is the belief of many landlords and the hope of many renters.

The flat common to the western city is built on less tenement lines. The flats here in Omaha are built with a beautiful outlook on green grass and trees.

Colonel Kingsbury enjoys a splendid record as one of the fighting officers of the army, having participated in the Indian campaigns of 1873-5 against the Cheyennes and Comanches in Texas and the Indian Territory and against the Apaches in Arizona, under General Crook and later campaigns in the northwest and also during the Spanish-American and Philippine wars.

GATE CITY UP NEAR THE TOP

Fourth in Grain Markets of the World for Month of April.

According to the monthly report of the Department of Commerce and Labor for April, which has just been received, Omaha stood fourth among the grain markets of the world in the total shipment of grain and sixth in receipts for the four months ending with April 1.

A marked increase in the receipts and shipments of cattle to and from the Omaha market is noted in the report. In April, 1907, the receipts were 70,290, in 1906, 66,799 and in 1907, 105,478.

DEATH DUE TO CARELESSNESS

Verdict of Coroner's Jury at Inquest Over Thomas Anderson, Killed by Car.

Accidental death due to his own carelessness, was the verdict of the coroner's jury in the case of Thomas Anderson, killed by a street car Thursday noon near Sixteenth and Clark streets.

Accident occurred at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon, Rev. Mr. Hult of the Swedish Immigrant Lutheran church officiated. Interment will be at Forest Lawn cemetery.

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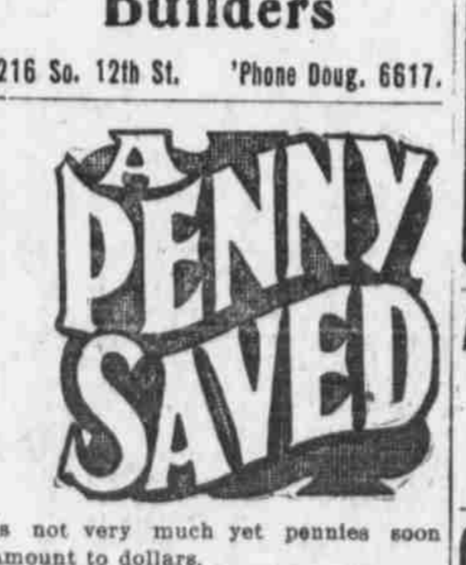
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An interesting incident of his visit to army headquarters Saturday morning was the meeting with S. S. Peters of The Bee reporting staff, for the first time in thirty-six years, when both were members of the same regiment, the Sixth United States cavalry. Colonel Kingsbury joined the regiment fresh from his graduation at West Point Military Academy in 1871, while the regiment was at Fort Hays, Kan. He was made a first lieutenant in 1875, cap-

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