Heat Checks the Business That is Going at Such Bounds.

RECORD-BREAKING FALL LOOKED FOR

Great Many Sales Consummated During the Week Whose Aggregate Runs Far Into the Thousands of Dollars.

The hot weather of the last week has not helped the real estate business; in fact, it has caused a decided decrease in the amount of business done, say the realty men. Prospective buyers do not call at the real estate offices when the thermometer stands at 94, nor do the salesmen feel at all inclined to search for buyers under such torrid conditions. Some business has been closed up on which negotiations had started last week or last month, but entirely new business was light. What business was transacted was in medium priced dwelling houses, no business property to speak of having changed hands Present conditions, in the opinion of the fraternity, warrant the assumption that the fall activity will be such as has not been seen in Omaha for years. They profess to say this not because they want to boom the town, but because the population has grown rapidly this spring and summer and the newcomers must have

"The real estate men are the best office force I have," said Health Commissioner Connell, speaking of the fight which he is making against the weed plague. He referred to the fact that the realty men are engaged in cutting weeds from property which they control, and probably also to the fact that they frequently report to him instances in which weeds are allowed to grow by property owners, to the detriment of the public health. Commenting on the same topic, one realty man said he and his brothers in the business often persuaded their neighbors to cut weeds and thus relieved the health department.

Two large sales of acreage property for exploitation as additions to the city were reported last week, Charles E. Williamson announcing that a syndicate, of which he is trustee, had bought the Flora Brown forty, just east of Krug's park, and Shimer & Chase announcing that a syndi-cate headed by them had signed a contract for the purchase of Boulevard park, grounds. The price of the Brown land was \$17,500 and of the other somewhere between \$75,000 and \$100,000.

The Gate City Malt company promises to begin the erection soon of its proposed new malt house on lots in blocks 7 and 18, South Omaha, and last week, by the transfer from Luther Drake and Frank Hamilton, completed the purchase of the site. The company now has nine lots with trackage, and is ready to begin work on the plant as soon as the contract is let.

Sir Horace Plunkett's informal announce ment that he will erect in Omaha a building to duplicate the Chatham has aroused some speculation among realty men as to where he will build it. Some think that, owing to the success of the Chatham, he will place his new structure on the lot immediately north of that building, and, indeed, Sir Horace has thought seriously of that very thing, but there are others who insist that the Englishman will be wise enough to get further out of the lower part of the city. At all events, this will decided until fall, when Sir Horace will make his annual visit to Omaha,

end to all litigation and some one, sooner treatment is combined with the col ater, is given clear title to the proppart of the Linton estate, has been in litigation for several years, during which time the Omaha Wholesale Produce Market company has stoood ready to buy it. Anson E. Beeker, however, has finally secured a clear title to the property and has transferred it, for \$16,500, to the company. purchase will assure a permanent home for the market gardeners, who rent their space from the Omaha Wholesale Produce company, many of them being stock-

W. Morsman has sold his double s withheld for a time.

A. P. Wood, the Omaha grading contractor, in company with his son, has bought a quarter section of land just west of Elmwood park from an eastern owner, The Woods will establish a sanitary dairy on this farm, and will improve it for the purpose as soon as the present lease expires.

W. V. Bennett has bought from the National Life Insurance company two frame dwellings at 1128-21 Georgia avenue, for The price was \$5,500.

W. A. Challis has bought from the Omaha Loan and Building association a lot and modern residence on Thirty-first street between Woolworth and Poppleton avenues. One business site which changed hands

last week was a lot on South Thirteenth street, just north of Williams street. was sold by Mary S. Barta to Charles F.

a tract 122x165 feet at the northwest corner of Wcolworth avenue and the Thirtyfourth street boulevard to A. H. Fetters The walls are covered with a rich, green for \$5,500. Both of these men expect to build fine residences.

The D. V. Sholes company has sold lots in Sholes' subdivision at Sixteenth and Vinton streets to Michael J. Barrow, Anna M. Peterson, James Peterson, Joseph E. Schrottner and John E. Schrottner,

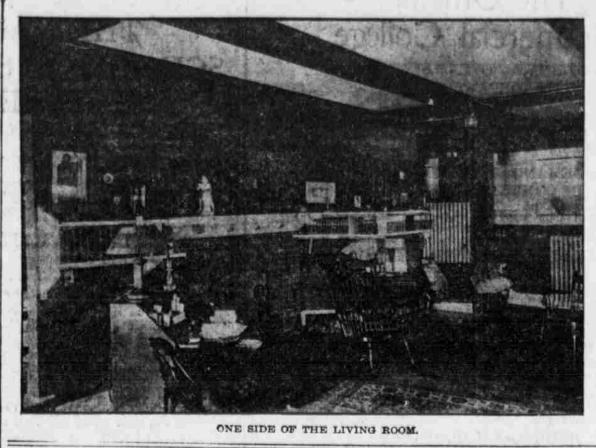
Robinson & Wolf report the following recent sales: Frame flat at Thirtieth and Woolworth avenue, from the Franklin Savings bank to Philip Schlaifer, \$6,500; flat at 1136-38-40 North Eighteenth street, from Eric Peterson to Joseph Butt, \$6,500; house and lot at 1014 South Twentieth street, F. D. Wead & Co. to Harry Glickman, \$3,150; house and lot at 1963 South Thirteenth street, from H. Hollander to S. Zoger, \$1,160; house and lot at 2535 North Eighteenth street, Robinson & Wolf to man whose name is not disclosed, \$2,150; house and lot at 1808 Military avenue, Mr. Kirsgard to May Riale, \$1.000; house and lot at 1815 Cass street, Mrs. Cook to whose name is not disclosed, \$2,500.

Shaw's Pamily Returns. NEW YORK, Aug. 18.—Mrs. Leslie M Shaw, wife of the secretary, and the Misse Shaw arrived here today on the steame New York from Europe and were met b Secretary Shaw at the quarantine station

## DENTISTRY

Cleanly, Painless Operating for Particular Folks.

# HOT DAYS AND REAL ESTATE Dr. J. J. McMullen's New Home Fine Example of English Villa Type





A VIEW OF THE DINING ROOM.

## MODERN HOMES IN OMAHA

New Residence of Dr. J. J. McMullin Fine Type of English Villa.

MANY NEW FEATURES IN DWELLINGS

One of Few in City Bullt of Clinker Brick, Affording Massive Appearance Emphasized by Broad Masonry Veranda,

Unique in its exterior as well as its interior is the residence of Dr. J. J. McMullen at 3901 Dewey avenue. The house was completed only a few weeks ago and is perhaps the best example of the English villa in which is a part of the old exposition the city. It was designed by F. A. Henninger and cost about \$5,000. So closely do some of the exterior features supplement the interior that one can scarcely be considered independent of the other. This applies particularly to the porches, which, during the warmer months at least, when the doors and windows are open, are practically an extension of the main floor. The house is one of a very few in the city built of clinker brick, affording a rough, rather massive appearance which is emphasized by the broad masonry varanda that extends around the north and east sides and would give to the irregular, inconspicuous upper portion of the house an almost insignificant appearance if it were less skilfully proportioned. The porch is inclosed at the east witth masonary arches and connects with the living and dining rooms with broad, latticed French windows. Throughout the house the rooms are large and airy with deep casement windows and woodwork finished in mahogany and white

A small, square vestibule opens from the front entrance on the north into the living room, which is the chief apartment of the main floor and extends across the entire In the course of time there comes an north end of the house. Here the English manner that gives to the two ends of The site of the market the room a distinctly different style that is gardeners' stalls, at the northeast corner of still perfectly harmonious, making the Eleventh and Jackson streets, which is a apartment an admirable combination living room and library.

enamel.

The east end is open and airy with its white-framed French doors and long ample windows opening out on the veranda while the west end is inclosed, its windows being high and occuring in groups of three, giving an expanse of wall space that admits of heavier furniture.

The room is long and wide and its exposed mahogany beams crossing in large rectangles give the appearance of being These beams are set in a mahogbrick dwelling house at the southeast cor- any cornice and at their crossing the light aer of Twenty-eighth street and Dewey fixtures are placed. They are close bulbs avenue for \$7,500. The name of the buyer surrounded with cut glass pendents. From the southwest corner of the room the inclosed stairway rises. A half dozen steps extend into the room and these with the square landing are screened with a tall balustrade, the slender balusters being of white enamel and the rail and newel posts of mahogany. The same combination is carried out in the steps, the tread being of mahogany and the riser of white.

A wide, recessed brick fireplace and mantle contribute the heaviest feature of the room. This is set midway of the south wall and gives additional width to that portion of the room. The fire place is deep but not large and the chimney breast which is of perfectly plain shale brick narrows and recedes slightly toward the top and is crossed by a heavy white enamel shelf supported by block brackets. The mahogany cornice follows the celling line of the chimney recess. Around the walls, about five feet above the floor, except at the east and west ends, extends narrow W. J. Connell has sold three of his lots box book shelves. These are not conin Griffin & Smith's addition near the tinuous and are finished in white enamel Field club to Hilton Fonda for \$4,400 and as is also the base board. The door frames and window casings are of white enamel and the paneled doors of mahogany. art paper.

> The open, atry effect of the east end of the room is enhanced by a wide, high doorway into the dining room at the south which is one step above the floor level of the living room. Here the mustard tints are combined with the white and mahogany. A mahogany cornice extends around the room and a skeleton wainscoting of an art overprint, about 51/2 feet high, is crossed and topped with white enamel slats. The windows are wide and long and like the door casings are of white enamel. White enamel latticed French windows open onto the east veranda while the door leading to the kitchen and the pass to the butler's pantry are of mahogany.

The house includes nine rooms in all, four large, airy sleeping rooms on the second floor and a finished trunk and store

MUELLER WILL UP IN COURT Brother Secures Order Restraining Transfer of Stock in Pinno

House.

Edgar A. Mueller, as special adminstrator of the estate of his brother. Arthur C. Mueller, secured a restraining order from Judge Kennedy Saturday mornng to prevent the transfer of the stock Schmoller & Mueller company bequeathed to Mr. Schmoller and others in the will left my Arthur Mueller. The order also prevents the defendants from using the stock formerly owned by Mr. Mueller for collateral or voting it at stockholders

meetings or exercising any right under it. Mr. Schmoller, John V. Steger and various corporations they are interested in are the defendants. The brothers of Mr. Mueller are now trying to break the will in a contest in county court. The hearing on the restraining order will be held September 20.

## POETIC NAMES FOR HOMES

Helps for People Seeking Titles that Mean Something and Are "Beautifully Melodious."

Many a happy cottager is indebted to that virile thinker, Mr. Edward Bok, for his suggestions that Indian words be selected as names of country and suburban homes. The old "Crest Ridges" and "Rose Dales" and "Woodlawns" have suffered a staggering blow under the masculine onslaught of Mr. Bok and such dreamy, suggestive, musical names as Egchugluk, Guntbunk, Snoqualmie and Matakakwat have supplanted them, each telling its poetic tale. Mr. Bok insists that these Indian names are not only "beautifully melodious," but "full of poetle meaning." There is no doubt of it. Look at this of names for country homes which the creative Bok submits:

Tekenink, meaning "In the woods."
Wompanand, meaning "God of the dawn,"
Munnohannit, meaning "On an island."
Egwanulti, meaning "By the river,"
Udahli, meaning "Married." Udanii, meaning "Married." Nanokomuk, meaning "A landing place.' Wadchukontu, meaning "Among tia

nountains."

Sowania, meaning "Brightness."

Sowania, meaning "Southerners."

Wastena, meaning "Pretty."

Neboshshon, meaning "Bend of a river."

Isphpining, meaning "Above all."

Ogeedankee, meaning "Up the hill."

Kemah, meaning "In the face of the rind."

Mushkoday, meaning "Meadowland."
Pshata, meaning "Blue hills."
Acting upon the hint, a friend of the

Post and of mankind has scanned the lists of the Indian office and extracted a number of melodious and poetic names which may serve admirably in designating suburban homes, apartments, etc. In some of them the Bok muse is palpably distanced. The Bok suggestion for an inn or roadhouse is Wehpittituck, meaning "Let us together." How much more musical, apt and poetic is Omeomi, meaning "No kids there?" Or Honkahonk, meaning "Song of the red devil?" As for suburban our contributor fills a long-felt want by furnishing names which are inherently poetic, while subtly conveying a hint of actual conditions. There is a combination of beauty and utility in his selections which seems to be wanting in the Bok list. A few, taken at random, with-out rhyme or reason, may be cited:

Chukaluk, meaning "Installment villa." Hukamote, meaning "Washing on the

Pishaming, meaning "Land of the mos Noloniti, meaning "View of the car line. Ogmatuck, meaning "Neighbor's for Moomooantic, meaning "Cows in Vanota, meaning "Not much malaria."

Nardinik, meaning "Divorced." Ogeewhiz, meaning "Up-hill pull." Patahtah, meaning "Cabbage

Wakamup, meaning "Rooster fight at

There are other highly suggestive and poetic Indian names which might be compiled by real estate agents and given to prospective buyers. Indian folklore is pecultarly rich in these directions. Some of the names are a little highly spiced, being somewhat blunt to the cultivated ear, but they rarely fall to describe conditions accurately. If real estate men seize upon this hint, as they should, they need not thank us for the tip. Let them thank the versatile Mr. Bok.-Washington Post.

## TAFT INVITED TO NEBRASKA

secretary of War is Asked by Valen tine Commercial Club for a Visit.

Commercial club of Valentine, through its president, C. H. Cornell, has extended an invitation to Secretary Taft, General Franklin Bell, chief of staff, and other staff officials to visit the Fort Niobrara reservation while on their tour in the west. It is understood that Forts Crook and Robinson are in the itinerary of the war officials' visit. The invitation of the Valentine Commercial club was transmitted through Senator Millard, who wired General Bell, and the latter has just replied that he would submit the invitation to Secretary Taft on his return to Washington. The secretary is spending the heated term in Canada.

### POLICE GET AFTER THE BOYS Officers Compelled to Look After Complaints Against Swim-

mers at Cut Off.

The police have been receiving complaints about boys swimming in Cut Off lake, near the Hilinois Central bridge. Passengers on railroad trains have been disturbed by the hoys, who have been posing altogether for the edification of tourists. While the police are in full sympathy with boys swimming on warm days, yet they are in duty sound to heed the protests of citizens. It looks dark for the boys at Cut Off lake.

Marriage Licenses. The following marriage licenses have been Name and Address. Edward T. Skeris, South Omaha...... Bessie B. Boyts, South Omaha......

John L. Ruf, Des Moines, Ia., Martha Herron, Lead, S. D... Miss Sutton Returns. NEW YORK, Aug. 13.—Among the passengers who arrived today on board the ateamer Celtic from Liverpool and Queenstown was Miss May Sutton, the tennis player. Miss Sutton said she would like to try again for the British tennis

## INSURANCE MONEY IN DRIBS

Policy of Manana Adopted by San Francisco Fire Adjusters.

MOST COMPANIES BALK ON PAYMENT

Progress of the Upbuilding of the City-Character of the Buildings Going Up-High Wages for All Classes of Workmen.

The fight for and against the payment of fire insurance losses in San Francisco is growing in intensity and promises long drawn out litigation. Suits have been started for the purpose of testing the validity of the earthquake clause in certain policies. Several foreign companies have taken shelter under the earthquake clause, practically repudiating all fire losses. Against some of these proceedings have been instituted in the federal courts of New York, attaching such property as

they possess in this country. The evident policy of the eeking to compromise or scale their losses is to force settlement of claims by delay. This fact was developed by questions put by the San Francisco grand jury to agents and adjusters. Agents admitted having orders to settle from 50 to 75 per cent of policies. When policy holders demand the face of their policies they are referred to the adjusters, who conveniently put them off on various pretexts. Two adiusters have been passed up to the courts for contempt in refusing to answer pertinent questions put by the grand jurors.

The character of the quibbling adopted by adjusters is thus explained by the Call: "The adjuster tells the insured that payment will not be made because the buildings were in one or another of what they call "the earthquake belt," although policies were even injured by the earth- tents and will provide homes for others office building. Mr. McKeen, superintenble citizens that there was no earthquake damage to them beyond the falling of chimneys, are presented.

In some instances earthquake damage limited as not to affect the insurance, however, but the company's representatives will not even deny liability in such cases, so as to give the insured the right to sue, but they put off action on the loss until some indefinite time in the future.

Claims Paid.

About \$50,000,000 have been paid to San Francisco policy holders to date by fire nsurance companies. The larger part of this sum has gone to wholesale merchants, downtown retail business men and capitalists who filed early proofs of loss and whose claims were easily adjusted. A large ncrease in payments is expected by September L the additional sixty days' grace given the companies on account of the extension of time for the filing of proofs of oss expiring on August 18. With the increase in payments is expected a corresponding increase in the number of new buildings to be erected.

The American and English companies have paid almost all of the \$50,000,000 which San Francisco has received, the German and other foreign insurance companies having found, for the most part, temporary protection from liability behind earthquake and other finely written clauses on the back of their policies.

The Liverpool and London and Globe eads the "dollar" companies with \$2,500,000 paid up on August 1. The Aetna has turned over \$2,200,000 to its policy holders, the Royal \$2,100.000, while the Continental, Home of New York, North British, Phenix, Hartford, Springfield and Royal Exchange have all passed the \$1,000,000 mark.

This total payment of \$50,000,000 is about 20 cents for every dollar of insurance San Francisco carried on its burned section. The official figures show that the entire amount of insurance was \$222.836,307. It is astimated that the increased payments made during this month will bring the total to about % or 30 cents on the dollar.

### Progress of Rebuilding.

As an indication of what San Francisco is doing in the way of rebuilding, a meeting held at the assembly hall of the California building Thursday afternoon was extremely significant. When the California promotion committee erected the California building no work was being done anywhere in the vicinity of Union square with the exception of the St. Francis hotel. Within the six weeks which have elapsed a marvelous change has come to this neighborhood, and twenty-three new buildings are under way within three blocks of the square, the estimated cost of which will reach nearly \$10,000,000. This does not include the St. Francis hotel, the reconstruction of which is estimated at about a million more The Union Square Property Owners' as-

sociation held a meeting to take such steps as might be deemed necessary for the proper protection of their interests, and at this meeting it developed that the twentythree buildings mentioned were already The buildings now being under way. erected in this district are the Starr King building, eight stories; St. Paul building. eight stories; Sontage building six Whittell building, stories: stories; Colman building, six stories; Waterman building, six stories: Butler estate building, ten stories; Scott and Van Arsdale building, twelve stories; Burbank building, seven stories: Green building, six stories; Schroth building, twelve stories; Byron Mausy building, six stories; ing, six stories; Gunst building, six stories; service and funeral.

#### Stewart building, seven stories; Alexander hotel, seven stories; Barron estate building, ten stories; Elysium hotel, six stories;

DeYoung building, seven stories. All of these buildings will be Class "A." and all of them will be rushed to comple tion. They are all replacing buildings

which were destroyed by the fire in this district and are in the former retail center of the city.

Clearing Away Obstacles. About 150 buildings of similar character are now under way in San Francisco and

building permits for large permanent buildings are being issued at the rate of about fifty a day. As rapidly as insurance adjustments are made property owners begin work of removing the debris and preparing the foundations of their new buildings, without waiting for the financial settlement of insurance claims.

While building is still hampered by lack of skilled labor in the building trades, more men are coming in every day and contractors are rushing all work as well as they can under the circumstances. With high wages, and prospects for long continued employment in a climate where no time is lost the whole year round, it is expected that there will be an influx of skilled laborers with the coming of the winter months when building lags in the east. Building material is now in ample supply. With several thousand additional workmen on the buildings a year's time would make a wonderful difference in the situation, but even under present conditions new buildings are going up so rapidly that the entire burned district will be under roofs within two years.

Residences are under construction all over the western part of the city, and in addition to these the rehabilitation committe will begin the immediate erection of 2,500 houses to be used by those now, dwelling in tents. These houses are to be built and sold to the people on installment payments, and it is expected by this means between 12,000 and 15,000 will be housed before the beginning of winter. These houses with others which are going up and with they have no definite information that the the barracks to be erected in various parts shops buildings, which are now completed who come to the city to work

High Wages. A correspondent of an eastern paper is admitted, the extent of it being so cooks in private households receive from \$60 to \$70 a month. This would suggest a high market generally, and we find the following schedule in a California publica-

tion: Minimum wage for railroad work and warehouse work, \$2.25. Bricklayers receive \$7 and \$8 for an eight-hour day, with a ninimum wage of \$6. Cement workers get \$5, hod carriers \$4, plasterers \$6, stone cutters \$4.75, carpenters \$5, cabinet makers \$4.75, millmen \$3.50, lathers \$6, shinglers \$4. painters \$4, fresco painters \$5, paper hangers \$4, plumbers \$5, machinists \$3.75, tinners 14, sheet metal workers \$4, glaziers \$4 and

stationary engineers \$4. The report that Claus Spreckles has deelded to move from San Francisco to New York proves unfounded. His mansion on Van Ness avenue is to be restored at an expenditure of \$500,000. According to the terms of the contract it will be ready for occupancy within a year. Before the fire the Spreckles mansion was one of the most pretentious homes in America. The marble in the hall alone cost more than \$100,000. The rest of the house was furnished in corresponding style. In less than an hour after the fire the famous art treasury, paintings, tapestries and carvings were reduced to heaps of ashes and charred stones. The house was completely gutted by the fire.

According to a press dispatch from San Francisco, the Lumber trust, a gigantic monopoly of the Pacific coast, has raised price of lumber for building purposes by the amount of \$3 per 1,000 feet. It is anticipated that a still further advance will soon be made.

### COTTAGE HOMES AT LAKE to Dozen Summer Residences

Will Be Built at Cut off

Next Summer.

From ten to a dozen cottages will be built at Cut-Off lake next year, according to present indications. Many of those who are living in tents this summer have declared their intention of putting up permanent summer homes on the Rod and Gun club grounds next season if satisfactory arrangements can be made. The club has not taken definite action, but some of the members favor the leasing of building lots to members at a yearly rental, the club reserving the right to approve

There are now thirty tents on the club grounds and adjoining property and those who have tried it are enthusiastic over this method of taking an inexpensive out-SAGE OF FLORENCE BURIED

Chester M. Hamilton, One of the

Forty-Niners is Laid

plans for cottages that are erected.

at Rest. Chester M. Hamilton, a venerable citizen of Florence, was buried Saturday morning at Forest Lawn cemetery. Rev. Charles W. Savidge conducted the service. Mr. Hamilton was \$7 years of age. He was born at Portsmouth, O., and moved to Iowa during 1833. In 1849 he joined the rush of gold seekers to California, returning later to the Hawkeye state. He took a homestead near Florence in the early days. He is survived by four sons and two daughter Mr. Hamilton was known as a hunter and

## RAILROADS SPEND THOUSANDS

Make Improvements and Expansion on Gigantic Scale in Douglas.

UNION PACIFIC AND NORTHWESTERN LEAD

Former's Series of Shop Buildings and Cut-Off and Latter's Vast Terminuls Latest Moves in

This Direction.

Thousands upon thousands of dollars bave been expended by railroads in Omaha within the last year or two; in fact, this great campaign of improvement and expansion has been going on for more than two or even two times two years, but in the immediate past enormous expenditures have been made. To say nothing of the completion of the Illinois Central bridge, the establishment of the Great Western terminals, the Union Pacific and Northwestern are now engaged in the process of laying out cold thousands within the fimits of Omaha, and the influence of these gigantic expenditures will reach far into years to come in behalf of Omaha, Nebraska and the vast west behind them. The Union Pacific's expansion includes

before fall, a commissary building, the ably will become a storage house. Lane cut-off, the double track to Valley and trackage in Omaha. Announcement also was made by General Manager Mohler some time ago that a new headquarters building was to be erected. Mr. Mohler made this announcement before he had office building on Davenport street, which secured his site, and before this was will be eighty feet on Davenport street corporation as the Union Pacific. Some Buildings Now in Use.

The sum of \$400,000 was set aside for the dent of motive power and machinery, had ideas of his own, which he carried out in the construction of this building. He has writes that waiters can make \$4 or \$5 a bath rooms, lounging rooms, reading rooms day in the city, exclusive of tips. Chinese with library and every modern convenience, with plenty of working room. A stripping shed also was built, which is something new for a railroad shops yard. Generally the engines are stripped in the open air and the parts left to lie around. Here is a building, which cost \$20,000, which is used to house old material. These new buildings are in accord with all the rest of the shops. The sum of \$780,000 has been set aside for new car shops and the most complete shops of any in the country will oon be under way. The plans are completed and the contracts will soon be let In these shops it is the idea of Mr. Moliler and Mr. McKeen to be prepared to manufacture new steel cars, which modern railroading will demand. The advantage of these new steel cars is so apparent to all that the road is forced to make some fast move toward replacing the wooden variety. These steel cars are still n the experimental stage and are now being worked out by Superintendent Mc-Keen. Steel cars, built on the lines of the wooden ones, are too heavy and bulky and some new designs will be worked ou which will make better use of the added strength of steel and still reduce the weight. Mr. McKeen worked out this idea considerably when he built some of his

> New Commissary Building. Another new building which the Union Pacific is now erecting is a commissary building on Leavenworth and Eleventh It will be built against the bank on the west elde of the Eleventh street viaduct. The north side will be four stories high and facing on the lower tracks and

motor cars, which are of steel

the south side will be two stories high and facing on the upper tracks. The building will be of brick and cost about \$60,000. It will be used for handling supplies for the dining cars and for the eating houses along the road. The upper stories will be used as offices for Superintendent Ware. The most expensive work the Union Pacific is doing in this county is the building of the Lane cut-off from South Omaha to Lane, a station directly west of South Omaha and on the present line of the Union Pacific. The present line makes a regular ox bow into Sarpy county and by the new line nine miles will be saved, which is considerable in this age of speed and heavy loads. The new road presents some engineering difficulties, as it is run in a becline, turning neither to the right nor to the left. Some of the biggest fills in this section of the country are to be seen on this line, that over the Little Papple being ninety feet. Tressel work is being built on these fills and dirt filled in by dump care. This cut-off will cost the Union Pacific \$2,500,000. The double-tracking has been finished from Lane to Valley, so with the completion of the cut-off the Union Pacific will be well provided with outlets from this city, as the old track will be used for plow freights and stock to South Omaha.

Northwestern's Big Move. In the last two or three years the Northwestern has expended no money in build-ings or tracks in Omaha. Substantial improvements in the shape of a roundhouse and extension of yards were made in South Omaha in 1902, but since that the road has done nothing in the building line in this

It has, however, planned and begun freight terminals which mean an expenditure of about \$600,000 in good hard coin right here in the city, half of that amount for real estate and half for grading, buildings and laying tracks. For years the Webster street freight house of the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha road has been too small for the business, and finding traffic still growing at a rapid rate the officials of the road decided last spring on a new and larger depot.

Through a local real estate firm the company bought four blocks of ground lying between Thirtenth and Fourteenth streets and between Webster and Davenport, also a part of the first block north of Webster street, the remainder of which was aiready owned by the railroad. As this tract was the home of nearly 100 families, it required a mint of money to buy them out, and the company claims to have paid \$300,000 for the real estate.

All but four or five of the houses on the tract have been torn down or moved away, and the work of improvement will be gun this week, when W. B. Cronk of Minneapolis, who has the contract for the grading, will arrive with a force of men and a steam shovel. About 60,000 or 70,000 yards of earth will be removed to bring the ground to grade. Two Freight Depots.

Two new freight depots are to be built costing about \$100,000 each. Only one will be built this fall, and it will be for outgoing traffic, while the old Webster street depot will continue in service for incoming freight. Next year another depot will be built, parallel to the one which is to be new shop buildings already built and un- erected this fall, and it will be used for der way, new car shops which will be built incoming freight, while the old depot problength of the new depots will be north and south and they will extend for soavenport to Cass.

The depot which is to be erected this fall will be 728 feet in length, including the bought the price of every available site and fifty feet in depth, and will be two was raised out of reach of even as rich a stories and basement. The depot proper will be thirty-five feet in width.

Four tracks will be run along the west side of the building and one of them will be under the shed which extends over the particular buildings described in these of the city, will house all who are now in or under way. These include a complete obstructed for wagons. The second depot t and of practically the same dimensions

Mortality Statistics. The following births and deaths have been reported to the Board of Health dur-ing the twenty-four hours ending at moon Saturday; Ing the twenty-four hours ending at noon Saturday;
Births—Floyd W. Smith, 1098 Park avenue, girl; Isaac Zedman, 1411 Cass, boy; Edward A. Nolan, 28 North Twenty-fift avenue, girl; Theodore Miller, 1713 Pacific, girl; Henry C. Pierce, 1906 Elim, boy; George Moeller, 2420 South Eleventh, girl.

Deaths—Charles Brewer, Florence, 48; Mary Charles Nolan, 309 South Twentieth, 82; Mrs. Jane P. Montgomery, Fort Omaha, 82; Catherine A. Furst, 2202 North Thirtieth, 58; George Peterson, Valparaiso, Neb., 28; Bertha Liehr, South Omaha, 20; John Ledgerwood, Fremont, Neb., 7; Chester M. Hamilton, Omaha, 38; Katie Bogats, county hospital, 14.

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