

TIMELY REAL ESTATE TALK

Carnival Week Dull Time for the Local Dirt Dealers.

SEPTEMBER SHOWS UP A FINE INCREASE

Gain for the Week Over Last Year Suggests that Fall Business Will Far Exceed that of 1905.

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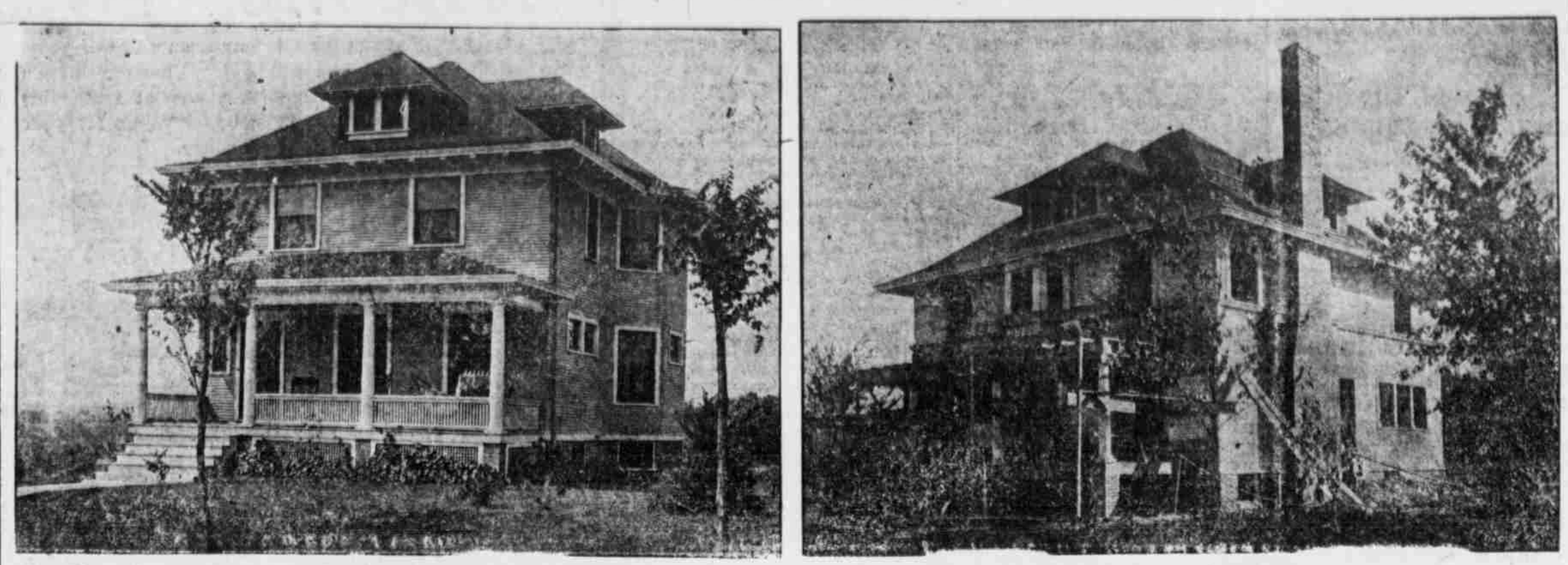
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Modest Omaha Homes That Combine Comfort and Modern Convenience



HOME OF J. P. O'KEEFE, 450 DAVENPORT STREET.

NEW HOME OF E. P. SMITH ON SOUTH THIRTY-FIRST STREET.

Mr. Wallace holds that abstracts should not be required dating further back than the plat of the land in the case of the outlying additions.

The Imperial Investment company, the corporate name under which W. J. Connell handles his property, has sold a lot on the west side of Thirty-third street between Poppleton avenue and Woolworth avenue.

Hastings & Hayden report the following sales for the last week: New six-room house, Hastings & Hayden addition, on Camden avenue, for a home, \$11,750.

SURFACE WATER DRAINAGES

Pipes Must Be Disconnected by Owners or City Will Do It and Assess Costs.

Deputy City Clerk Dudley Saturday afternoon prepared for City Engineer Rosewater a report on the volume of water on property owners living on Sherman avenue, north of Clark street.

June 13, the council passed a resolution directing the property owners in question to comply with the law, as the volume of water turned into the eight-inch sanitary sewer on Sherman avenue during certain periods caused many cellars to be flooded with back water.

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BOGUS CHECK FOR GOOD COIN

New Grant Worked on Unsuspecting Landlady by Crook Pretending to Want Room.

A new graft was sprung in Omaha Saturday morning when a man giving the name of C. H. Adams rented a room of Mrs. Williams, 302 California street, for \$10 a month.

UPLIFT OF STRICKEN CITY

Steady Progress of San Francisco from Effects of the Disaster.

ENCOURAGING RECORD FOR SEPTEMBER

Interesting History of Financial Operations During the Dark Days—Definite Plans for Homes for Refugees.

The California promotion committee, which maintains close watch on the progress of San Francisco toward recovery from the effects of the April disaster, pronounces September the most notable month in the uplift record of the stricken city.

San Francisco's population is about at a standstill, owing to lack of housing facilities. Estimates based on computations of military authorities place it at 370,000.

Every school building in the city is crowded to its limits, the enrollment being 23,000. It is estimated that with proper facilities there would be at least 15,000 more ready to enter.

Careful investigation shows that cost of living in San Francisco has not increased except in rents. Provisions of all kinds and clothing are at same prices as before the fire.

Of the \$208,000,000 insurance on property in San Francisco, destroyed by fire, \$100,000,000 has been paid policyholders.

All interest and report heaviest business in all lines in their history. The following summary shows conditions in San Francisco:

September building permits issued, 1,069; value, \$5,920,000. Building contracts recorded, 316; value, \$3,252,970.

to them such sums as might be necessary up to a total of \$50 in each case.

"The scheme worked well. The manager of the Clearing House bank, as it was called, opened a set of books, and credited each of the seventeen members with its deposit."

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8,000 in the city living in tents and shacks outside the permanent camps. There are, too, it is estimated, from 10,000 to 15,000 San Franciscans living in Alameda and neighboring counties, who will return to San Francisco as soon as they can get houses.

"If we had 10,000 cottages to give out," said one of the officials of the Department of Camps yesterday, "they would not go round. Shacks built by private owners are going up in all parts of the city, but rents continue prohibitive."

At Jackson and Hamilton squares thousands are making applications for houses. Those living in tents in permanent camps will be the first to be accommodated. Should there be any houses left persons from outside the camps will be given them.

BILLIONS IN NEW BUILDINGS

National Fire Protection Association Urging Municipalities to Adopt Improved Building Code.

NEW YORK, Oct. 6.—Never before in the history of the world has there been such a boom in building construction as is now taking place in the United States.

Chicago is enjoying a boom without parallel in the history of that city. Baltimore has just been celebrating its remarkable rise from the ashes of the great fire. San Francisco bids fair to excel Baltimore's record.

The materials used in many of the new buildings are of such a flimsy character that, in spite of all efforts, the terrible fire waste of this country has continued unchecked, until it now averages \$300,000 a year. The National Fire Protection association, in an endeavor to reduce these losses, makes an urgent appeal to all interested to co-operate in bringing about better conditions by adopting improved methods of construction.

The need for such ordinances was tragically shown in the recent collapse of a concrete garage while in course of construction at Minnola, L. I. Five men were killed and eight injured. It is learned after the collapse that some of the men mixing the concrete refused to go on, saying that the proportion of cement mixed with the gravel and loam was not enough to solidify it.

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People are beginning to ask, "When is this sort of thing going to stop? Since the collapse of the Darlington hotel, in March, 1904, the exceedingly treacherous nature of concrete, unless mixed in strict accordance with the formulas of standard engineering, has been shown in similar collapses all over the country. The situation is becoming so serious, especially in view of the vast amount of money being put into new buildings, that the International Congress of Architects, at a recent meeting in London, adopted the following resolutions:

That an inquiry into the cases of failure of reinforced concrete and their causes would be most desirable.

That where reinforced concrete is intended to be fire-resisting the greatest possible care must be taken as to the nature of the aggregate and its size and also as to the protection of the steel.

CLAN GORDON WILL BURY BOYD

Scots to Provide Resting Place for Body of Unidentified Wanderer.

"Robert Boyd is my name. Scotland is my nation. America is my dwelling place. And heaven my expectation.

When I am dead and in my grave, And all my bones are rotten, This little book will tell my name. When I am quite forgotten."

The appearance of these verses on the inside cover of a weekly time book, found in the body of Robert Boyd, who died Tuesday last in the White Front hotel, friendly and alone, will save his remains from the potter's field or the pickling vat.

The deceased went to the White Front hotel Monday evening last, very sick, and on Tuesday was found dead in a windowless room of the cheap lodging house. No money was found on his person, no papers and no nothing, except this weekly time book. He had given the name of Robert Boyd, and the notice of the death in the newspapers Wednesday arrested the attention of John A. Cusack, of 2325 Webster street, thinking the remains might be those of a long lost acquaintance, he instituted some inquiry—enough to find that the deceased Robert Boyd was not the person he had thought he might be.

He found the memorandum book in the clothes of the dead man and at once got into communication with the William Kennedy, chief of Clan Gordon. Mr. Kennedy, on seeing these lines—familiar to every Scotch school boy—was convinced of the man's nativity, and inasmuch as it is the proud boast of Clan Gordon that no Scotchman's body, during the last eighteen years (the lifetime of the clan), has ever been permitted to be laid away in the potter's field or has ever gone to the dissecting table, he forthwith instructed the secretary of the clan, James C. Lindsay, to make due arrangements for a respectable funeral Sunday afternoon. The body will be laid away in a grave in Forest Lawn by the officers of Clan Gordon. Rev. A. S. C. Clarke of Iowa Avenue Presbyterian church, a member of the clan, will conduct the services, which under the circumstances will be brief, though touching.

As nothing whatever is known of the man's relations or their circumstances, the entire expense of the burial will be borne by Clan Gordon.

Funeral will be held from the undertaking parlors at Twentieth and Cumings street after noon at 2 o'clock. Any relatives of the deceased, if such exist, whose eyes may be directed to this brief notice, might communicate with Chief Kennedy of Clan Gordon or Secretary James C. Lindsay of Douglas Printing company.

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Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses have been issued: Name and Residence. Age. Hannah S. Cooper, Rapid City, S. D. 21. George Townsend, Denton, Tex. 29. A. H. Hollingsworth, Dallas, Tex. 21. James A. Cook, Omaha 21. Minnie Lux, Julian, Neb. 18.

UNION PACIFIC BUYS SITE

Harriman Secures Location for Headquarters at Fifteenth and Lodge Streets.

MAMMOTH STRUCTURE TO BE ERECTED

Will Cover Place Where Labor Temple Stands and the Three Other Lots East of It.

At last money has changed hands on a site for a Union Pacific headquarters building and it is regarded as a matter of but a few days until the railroad company will announce publicly that it is ready to proceed with the erection of the giant structure. It has long promised.

The building is to be at the southeast corner of Fifteenth and Lodge streets, unless some unforeseen hitch comes in the real estate negotiations. Already three separate pieces of property at this location have been bought outright or secured under option and the deal is almost closed for a third.

A site 132 feet square will be afforded by the property under negotiation, fronting on Dodge and Fifteenth streets. All four lots involved have buildings facing on Dodge street. The west lot was owned by Frank Kennard, is 44 feet in width and is occupied by Labor Temple, a building of three stories. Mr. Kennard is to get \$40,000. The next lot east belongs to the Brown estate of Providence, R. I. It is twenty-two feet in width and has on it a building of three stories. The third lot east of the corner belongs to Mrs. Ish, and an option on this is said to have been taken at a sale price of \$12,000. The fourth lot is known as the Willis block. It is twenty-two feet in width and has a two-story structure on it. The price is said to have been \$11,000.

McCaig Acts for Road. John L. McCaig represents the Union Pacific in its transactions. It has been necessary to work with secrecy on account of the tendency of property holders to raise prices when they learn their land is wanted by the railroad company. Two or three deals have fallen through because of information leaked regarding the plans of the company, and on the last occasion the utmost precaution was taken. Mr. McCaig worked on the purchase of three different sites at once, hoping to be able to get at least one of them secured by option or contract of sale before his options on the matter should become public. Now Mr. McCaig has options on the Dodge street property, and it is said this will be the site of the new structure.

While the Union Pacific has talked of a building all the way from six to ten stories in height it has not finally announced the size. It is regarded as certain that a structure befitting the headquarters of the great transcontinental road will cover the entire four lots and will be at least six or eight stories in height and possibly twelve.

Last Chance, Says Mohler. After the first story on the headquarters site had been published yesterday afternoon, Mr. McCaig said negotiations on all the property had not been closed. He said all the property had not been closed, but all options had been secured on two said options and possibly one of them might be chosen, in the event that one of them could be secured and in the event that the deal on Dodge street could not be closed.

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THIEF THOUGHT TO BE WOMAN

Smooth-Fingered Rogue Who Picks Pockets on Carnival Grounds Still at Large.

The sneak thief who operated so successfully at the carnival grounds Thursday evening is evidently still at large, one more victim complaining of a loss Friday night. Miss McGregor, 1007 Pierce street, told the police that some thief opened her purse while she was taking in the attractions Friday afternoon and abstracted \$15. It is believed the thief is a woman, as all the thefts have been from women, articles of feminine adornment as well as cash composing the bulk of the losses.

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Small September Building Record

Building for September shows a slight falling off as compared with the corresponding month a year ago, a decrease of 152 buildings and \$4,326,333, or 13 per cent. Building operations have been going on at such an enormous rate for so long that it is but natural that sooner or later there should be a slight falling off. The figures in detail as given by the Construction News are:

Table with columns: City, No. Bldgs., Cost, 1906, No. Bldgs., Cost, 1905, Per Cent. Gain/Loss. Cities listed include New York, Manhattan, Brooklyn, Chicago, St. Louis, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Newark, Buffalo, Portland, Cincinnati, Denver, New Orleans, Salt Lake City, Atlanta, Louisville, San Francisco, Wilkesbarre, Grand Rapids, Lincoln, Omaha, Davenport, Mobile, Paterson, Pueblo, and Total.

It is pretty difficult to find any particular thing to which to attribute the decrease other than general conditions, with the exception of one or two instances. The tension has been high and building has been going ahead at a more rapid pace than ever before. There has been a constant and steady demand for buildings of all classes. There has been a lack of activity in any kind of construction in any section of the country. Factories, warehouses, mercantile buildings and dwellings were never in such strong demand. In some of the smaller cities it is to be expected that there would be a falling off in September, as it is entirely too late to begin operations with a view to their completion before cold weather sets in. In the larger cities September construction is too late for fall and winter rental. It will be noticed, however, that some of the decreases are in cities in which construction has been unusually active. Out of thirty-two cities enumerated fourteen show gains and eighteen losses. In neither instance

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