

TIMELY REAL ESTATE TALK

Bill Heard Nuisance in Omaha is Given Serious Consideration.

BEAUTY OF CITY IS MARRIED BY THE SIGNS

Owners Permit Them Because of Little Revenue that Helps to Pay Taxes on Vacant Property.

Billboard agitation is under way in many metropolitan eastern and western cities for at least the partial abolition of billboard advertising...

The billboard situation in Omaha is such as to deserve considerable thought, if the beauty and attractiveness of the city as a whole is worthy of consideration.

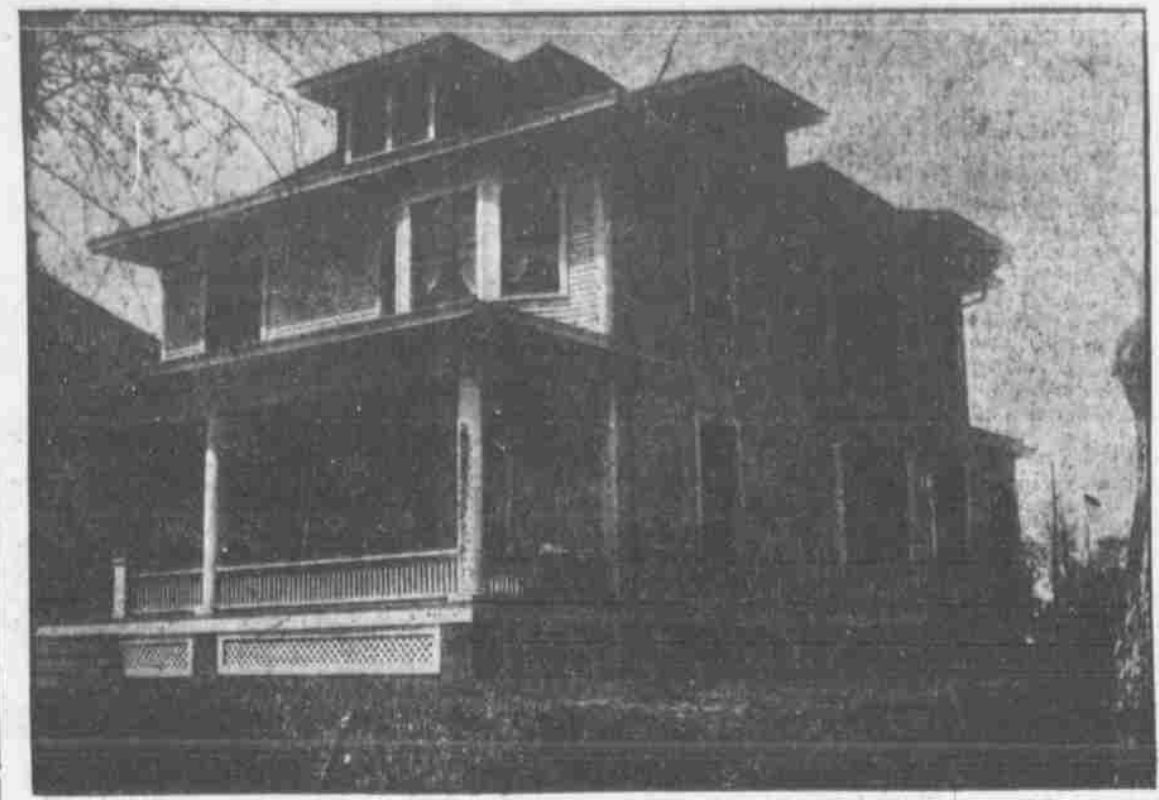
"The use of billboards and building signs form a material part of the income derived from many properties," said a prominent real estate man recently.

Other realty operators intimated that a concerted movement leading to the elimination of billboards on vacant lots would meet with their approval and co-operation...

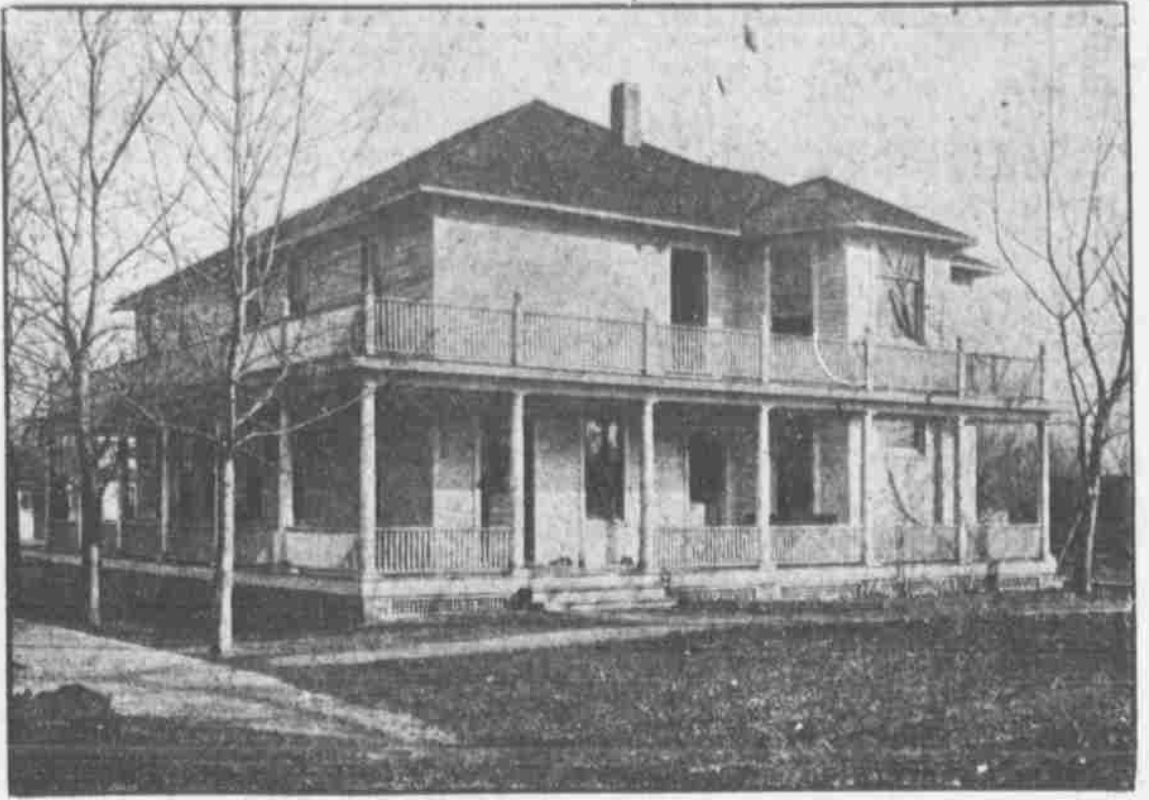
The prevalence of billboard advertising in Omaha is one of the first impressions given to visitors to the city, and while the agitation is strong for a Greater Omaha, projects for a Better Omaha could well be given careful consideration.

Considerable discussion ensued at the meeting of the Real Estate exchange last Wednesday over the merits of a bill introduced by Lee in the legislature...

Suburban Homes Where City Advantage and Country Comfort Abound



CHARLES O. TALMAGE, 5002 CASS STREET, DUNDEE.



HOME OF F. S. TUCKER, FLORENCE.

clients on account of unpaid tax assessments. The consensus of opinion among members of the exchange, however, was that such a law would impede business...

Active plans have been made during the last week for the construction of the new Clarkson hospital on the site bought some time ago and which is free from debt...

One of the duldest weeks in an otherwise very active season has just been experienced by the real estate dealers of the city.

J. H. Dumont & Son have sold the house and lot at 304 Harney street to Attorney James H. Van Dusen of South Omaha...

built the house. Three lots at the southeast corner of Twenty-first and Oak streets have also been sold by J. H. Dumont & Son...

The house and lot on Nineteenth street, near Spruce street, formerly owned by General John C. Cowin, has been sold to C. P. Forsell for \$2,500, and will probably be occupied by the buyer as a home.

From a recent sale made in the vicinity of the home of the late Count Craighton it is evident that there has been a marked advance in values in that neighborhood.

Lots in the new suburban addition, Keystone park, which is being exploited by the D. V. Sholes company and the Payne investment company, will probably be placed on the market about April 1, as grading has been started at the subdivision...

brick flats for Edward Callahan at Twenty-fourth street and Capitol avenue.

The business of Henry Rohlf, distributor of bonded liquors, has increased to such an extent that he has found it necessary to double the capacity of his present warehouse at the southeast corner of Twenty-sixth and Leavenworth streets...

The contract for the construction of the new brick home of Joseph Cudahy at the southeast corner of Thirty-eighth avenue and Dodge street has been let by Architect F. A. Henniger to Jonas Prinz...

In exchange for western ranch land, Mrs. Emma M. Ross traded her house and lot at the southeast corner of Twenty-second and Lake streets last week to the Peters & Williams company...

COST OF THE DOUBLE SHIFT

Business Man Estimates Minimum of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars.

AFRAID OF INCREASING INSURANCE RATES

Effect of Leeder Bill Now in Hands of Governor Surely Can Be Foretold Just at Present.

Until it is known what charter limitation the legislature will place on the Omaha fire department fund, only speculative deductions may be made as to the effects of the Leeder double shift bill...

The expense of the double-shift system, figuring on the present scale of wages, would increase each six months for three years, for the reason that drivers, pipemen and truckmen now begin at \$50 per month and are raised \$5 every six months...

The department this year has been allowed 90 per cent of \$170,000, the regular appropriation of \$175,000 having been reduced at the time of the \$50,000 cut in the general levy funds.

Business men generally are opposed to placing the fire department on a footing that will affect insurance rates, and it was figured Saturday morning by one of them that to maintain the fire department on anything like a safe basis with the double shift system would entail a minimum added expense of \$75,000 a year.

The firemen themselves feel elated over the status of their bill. Although they now receive a total of seventy-two days a year for themselves, they have felt that too much of a fireman's life is spent in the fire house...

Perlan Drills Cease. THERAN, Persia, March 15.—The daily drilling of the Persian military has been stopped by order of the shah on the ground that it is alarming the people.

FEDERAL COURT EARLIER NOW

Spring Term Will Open First of April Instead of May as Before.

Under the new law creating the subdivision of the Nebraska federal district, the term of the federal courts in Omaha will begin April 1 instead of May 1, as heretofore.

Judge Munger will preside, as usual, and lists have been sent for from all the subdivisions of the Omaha district from which to select the panel of grand and petit jurors for the April term.

The land cases on the present federal docket will all be tried in Omaha, the first one being that of the second group of defendants in the Richards and Comstock case.

Aside from these cases a large number of minor cases will be tried during the April term in Omaha, which were necessarily left over from the November term.

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Calhoun Road—Van Court, \$1.83 and \$1.47; G. W. Craig & Co., \$1.96 and \$1.59; Hugh Murphy Co., \$2.10 and \$1.75.

Military Road—Van Court, \$1.56 and \$1.29; Craig & Co., \$1.92 and \$1.56; Murphy Co., \$2 and \$1.70.

Dodge Street—Van Court, \$2.03 and \$1.69; Craig & Co., \$2.36 and \$1.99; Murphy Co., \$2.22 and \$1.88.

Q Street—Van Court, \$1.34 and \$1.09; Craig & Co., \$1.57 and \$1.27; Murphy Co., \$1.49 and \$1.24.

COUNT'S WILL IN PROBATE

Document Filed by Judge McHugh and Other Attorneys Interested Are Present.

The will of John A. Creighton was filed for probate in the county court Saturday morning. The document was brought to the court house by Judge W. D. McHugh, attorney for the estate.

The inventory of the estate will be prepared and filed as soon as possible. The law allows a maximum of three months for filing this.

BLOW AT GRAIN EXCHANGE

Secret Change in Rate by Northwestern Inimical to Omaha.

DIVERTS HEAVY SHIPMENTS FROM HERE

Refuses to Deliver Cars of Grain to Great Western at Council Bluffs for Local Market.

By a recent secret change in tariff it is alleged by responsible grain dealers that the Northwestern railroad has struck a severe blow at the Omaha grain market.

Formal complaint has been filed before the transportation committee of the Omaha Grain exchange by several grain dealers, who allege their business has been materially injured by the new conditions caused by the action of the Northwestern and the matter will probably be taken up by the transportation committee at its regular meeting next week.

Result Would Be Serious.

The result of the action of the Northwestern, if allowed to continue, will be that farmers in Iowa and other eastern points on lines of the Northwestern will not be in a position to market some of the grain.

The Rock Island company and the Milwaukee, as well as other roads, deliver cars to the Omaha market some time ago the Great Western reduced its tariff for shipping cars from Council Bluffs to South Omaha and Omaha from the regular rate of \$5 per car to \$2.

Shippers were not advised of the change by the Northwestern and in consequence of the refusal of the Northwestern to deliver the cars for transfer by the Great Western many cars of grain have had to remain in Council Bluffs and be sold at a material loss.

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KOUNTZE HOMESTEAD TO GO

Forest Hill Placed on the Market and Will Be Residence Park.

A new subdivision known as Forest Hill park, formerly the homestead of Herman Kountze, was placed on the market Saturday morning by the D. V. Sholes company on behalf of the Kountze estate.

The tract consist of five tiers of lots sixty-five in all, between Eighth and Tenth streets and Pierce and William streets. The lots average about 50x125 feet in size with the exception of a few along Forest avenue, which are new because they have been made through the subdivision, and will sell for from \$1,000 to \$2,500, according to location and size.

SMELTER ASKS FOR TRACKS

Wants Council to Grant More Space to the Union Pacific for Yards.

The smelting works is asking the city council that the Union Pacific be permitted to place three tracks along Eighth street from Webster to Seward street, to accommodate the cars of ore which daily arrive for the smelters.

DENTISTRY

TOOTH TALK NO. 111

Just a word about my method of removing the pulp ("nerve") of a tooth. It takes from 30 to 90 minutes and the patient experiences absolutely no pain.

DR. FICKES, Dentist. Phone Doug. 527. 315 Bee Bldg.

Better Than Ever Before

Certified Public Accountants Verify Predictions of Policyholder

SURPLUS (Dec. 31, 1906) - - \$68,710,332.74

80 Per Cent of Total Disbursements Paid to Policy Holders



Mark Twain Goes to Bermuda. NEW YORK, March 15.—Samuel L. Clemens (Mark Twain), the author, sailed for Bermuda today.

The supply of cheap lands placed on sale by the various railroad companies is gradually diminishing and, if sales during 1907 equal those of the last year, it is predicted that \$5 acreage will be a thing of the past.

The popularity of apartment houses is gradually increasing among both builders and tenants in Omaha, and to meet the growing demand for modern apartments, Shimer & Chase and the Barker company are building a three-story brick apartment house at the northwest corner of Nineteenth and Harney streets.

Building promises to be very lively on West Cumby street during the coming season as several new buildings are being planned for construction in that section, among which is a two-story brick grocery store for A. K. Nuckolls at the southeast corner of Perth and Cumby streets.

Equitable Life Assurance Society Of the United States

PAUL MORTON, President.

H. D. NEELY, Manager for Nebraska

WM. HENRY BROWN, Cashier

George M. Cooper, H. Fay Neely, General Agents, Omaha

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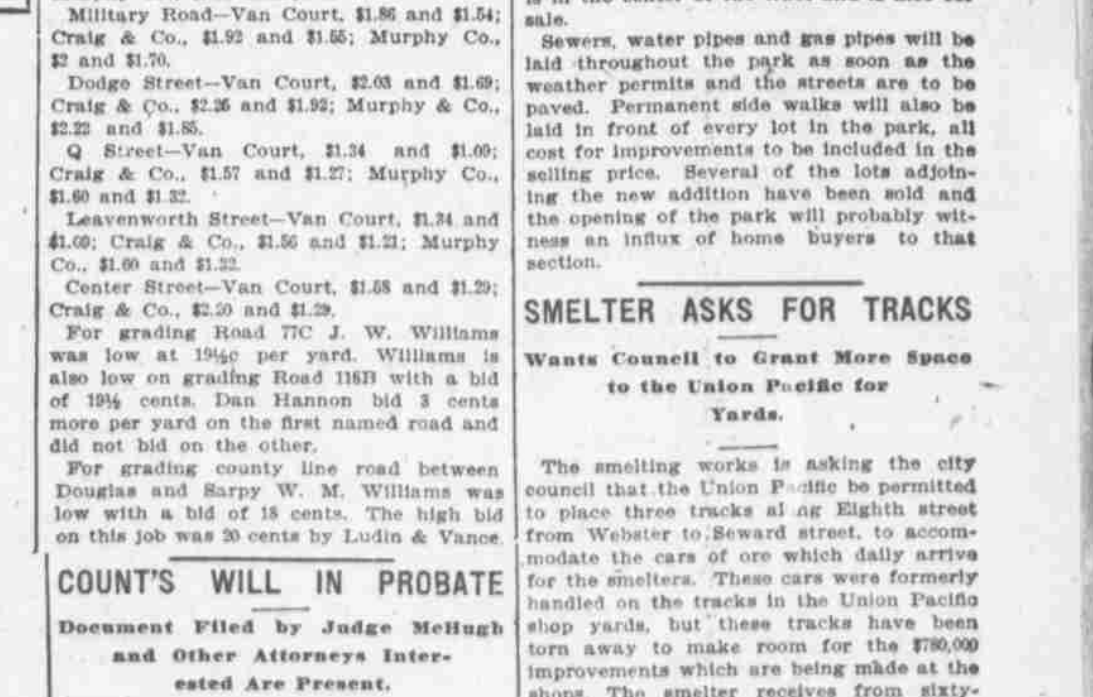
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J. Addison Mould, son of R. D. Mould and treasurer of the club, was graduated from the Omaha High school in 1905, as a member of the High school orchestra and is one of the best bass the club has. He sang in the First Presbyterian choir in Omaha.