Bill Beard Ruisance in Omaka is Given Cerious Consideration.

BEAUTY OF CITY IS MARRED BY THE SIGNS

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

unio vociferous agitation is under way n many metropolitan eastern and western cities for at least the partial abolishment of billboard advertising to the detriment the beauty of the cities, it would appear Abiat little, if anything, is being done in this respect by the various civic improvement clubs of Omaha, where the evil, if evil it be, flourishes at its height. Campaigns have been waged for years in many eastern cities with good results by materially docreasing the number of disfiguring billboards on prominent streets and the results obtained have been almost solely secured through the voluntary action of real estate dealers in refusing to allow the erection of billboards on vacant premises in their control.

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. A measure for the prohibition of display banners to now up before the city council, but the most obnoxious signs are those erected with some degree of permanency at many of the most prominent street corners of the

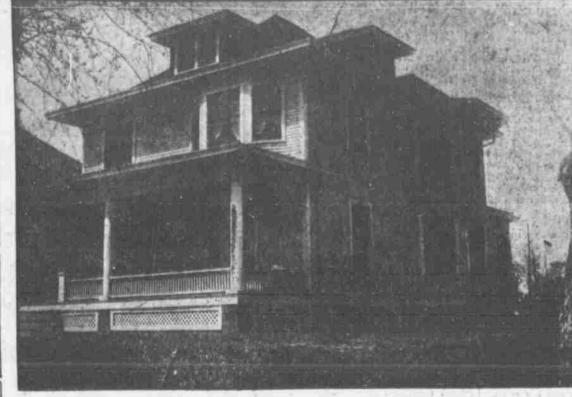
"The use of billboards and building signs form a material part of the income derived from many properties," said a prominent real estate man recently. "Sometimes the come from such signs pay half or more of the taxes on the property and billboards often help to conceal accumulated debris on the vacant lots, which would otherwise appear unsightly and hurt the chances of

Other realty operators intimated that s concerted movement leading to the elimination of biliboards on vacant lots would meet with their approval and co-operation, giving it as their opinion that a well kept eleaned of rubbish and void of unsightly billboards, would render it more salable, as well as enhancing the value of the adjoining properties.

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 providing that deeds shall not go on record until all taxes levied against the property have been paid in fuil. The bill was officially condemned by formal action of the ex- was adverse to active trading, being disachange and Representative N. P. Dodge, jr., greeable during most of the week, but the requested to lend his effort toward its indefinite postponement. Several real estate tivity is now expected. brokers were of the opinion that the bill was decidedly good legislation and spoke in favor of recommending its passage on the ground that such an act would tend James H. Van Dusen of South Omaha, who to greatly simplify sales and transfers in bought for investment. The property was addition to causing less friction between

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HOME OF F. S. TUCKER, FLORENCE.

ments. The consensus of opinion among corner of Twenty-first and Oak streets have fourth street and Capitol avenue. that such a law would impede business to Carl Olsen for \$1,500, on behalf of the former a great extent and its up property so as to owner, Edgar H. Scott. The lots will be of bonded liquors, has increased to such Business Man Estimates Minimum of absolutely prohibit its transfer on account held by the buyer for speculative purposes, an extent that he has found it necessary of the enormous amount of tax litigation in Douglas county.

Clarkson hospital on the site bought some occupied by the buyer as a home. time ago and which is free from debt, with the exception of one payment of \$5,000. The been formed for pushing the work in the is evident that there has been a marked diocese of Nebraska at the instigation of advance of values in that neighborhood. A. Bishop Coadjutor Williams and it is Wolf bought the house and lot at 1915 Chiplanned to erect a perfectly modern, fire- cago street about a month ago and sold it F. A. Henninger to Jonas Printz, who beproof building to cost about \$75,000, exclusive of interior furnishings, which will allow for a capacity of seventy beds. The bought the property for the reported price present endowment fund of the hospital of \$5,800. The house contains nine rooms is about \$35,000, but this connot be used for and the lot is sixty-six feet in width. Robbuilding purposes, as only the income is available for the maintenance of the present hospital.

One of the dullest weeks in an otherwise very active season has just been experienced by the real estate dealers of the city. Business has been almost at a complete standstill during the last week and the largest sale reported was that of a house and lot on Burt street for \$5,800. The weather lull was expected and a period of great ac-

J. H. Dumont & Son have sold the house and lot at 3504 Harney street to Attorney ages as soon as the weather permits. sold for J. W. Akin, a contractor, who had

embers of the exchange, however, was also been sold by J. H. Dumont & Son to

The house and lot on Nineteenth street, near Spruce street, formerly owned by sixth and Leavenworth streets by the erec-Active plans have been made during the General John C. Cowin, has been sold to tion of a two-story frame addition on the last week for the construction of the new C. P. Forsell for \$2,600, and will probably be

From a recent sale made in the vicinity Clarkson Memorial Hospital association has of the home of the late Count Craighton it last week to Ella M. Murrell at a handsome profit, so it is rumored. Mrs. Murrell inson & Wolf acted for Mr. Wolf in the negotiations for both deals.

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 by the the contract for beautifying the landscape farm, and several hundred trees will be planted along the roadway. The grades will be established for the different acre-

Although not yet given the official sancand others. Over \$50 has been cess of the idea can be secured. It is Mr. Benson's contention that home builders with small means are deprived of the services of an architect to plan their homes, and the submission of a large number of plans in competition for prizes would be of great assistance along this line, the plans submitted being for public use.

prosper more than in times when the small home builder is more prosperous and able to build his modest home without the helping hand of the associations. This has not been the case, however, during the last year of great prosperity as it is reported that the business of the several associations in Omaha has been of greater magnitude than at any time in their previous history. These conditions prevail also in other sections of the country, the 262 associations in New York state being reported as having had receipts of nearly \$29,000,000 and net profits of over \$2,000,000. The assets of the companies in question were \$43,500,000.

The supply of cheap lands placed on sale by the various railroad companies is gradually diminishing and, if sales during 1997 equal those of the last year, it is predicted that \$5 acreage will be a thing of the past. Over a quarter million acres of land were sold during 1906 by the land office of the Texas & Pacific company and shows how rapidly the land of the southwestern rail roads are being disposed of. It is said that the lands sold by the Union Pacific company during the same period in western Nebraska and Wyoming alone would more than equal the sales in southwestern ter ritory. Probably nothing, except the building of rallroads themselves and the introduction of population, has contributed so much to the growth of wealth in the west and southwest as the sale of railroad lands to actual settlers.

The popularity of apartment houses is gradually increasing among both builders and tenants in Omaha and, to meet the growing demand for model apartments, Shimer & Chase and the Barker company are building a three-story brick apartment house at the northwest corner of Nineteenti and Harney streets. The building will cost about \$35,000 and be 85x86 feet in size.

Building promises to be very lively on West Cuming street during the coming season as several new buildings are being

Niles & Moser, cigar distributors, have contracted with Robert Houghton for the erection of a one-story brick warehouse at the rear of the lot of Mrs. M. O. Maul on has the contract for building the new unon the front part of the same lot and on choir, which work will begin early next week if J. Addison Mould, son of R. D. Mould

clients on account of unpaid tax assess- built the house. Three lots at the southeast brick flats for Edward Callahan at Twenty-

The business of Henry Rohlff, distributor to double the capacity of his present warehouse at the southeast corner of Twenty east, for which foundations have been laid, The new building will cost about \$2,000 and will be used for offices and storage.

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 gan the preliminary excavating last Tuesday. The residence will cost about \$12,000, exclusive of plumbing and interior fixtures, ity and style of brick manufactured by a Kansas firm. The foundations for the house will be laid as soon as the ground is entirely free from frost, which will be in a very short time, and the work will then be rushed to completion.

In exchange for western ranch land, Mrs Emma M. Ross traded her house and lot at the southeast corner of Twenty-second contractor, T. C. Shaw, to whom was given and Lake streets last week to the Peters & Williams company, who bought the propwas formerly the W. A. Paxton fancy stock idence districts of the city and has a front-Twenty-second street.

Material improvements in Monmouth Park and Collier Place have been contracted for by Hastings & Heyden, who are tion and support of the Real Estate ex- exploiting those subdivisions and in which change, E. A. Benson has not given up his many beautiful and comfortable homes will idea of securing competitive submission of be erected during the coming building seaspecifications from architects for houses of moderate price, and hopes that the movement will receive outside and voluntary asreal estate firm, and 10,000 cubic feet of duced at the time of the \$50,000 cut in the James C. Reid and Ami B. Todd. Practisistance on the part of individual real essubscribed to be used as prizes for the best is also planned to plant 200 maple trees, and placing the fire department on a footing be gone over with again, with the same plans submitted, and it is hoped that the water mains are to be extended through that will affect insurance rates, and it was remaining \$100 deemed necessary to the suc- both additions, sewers laid, gas mains ex- figured Saturday morning by one of them Ames avenue west of Thirtieth street.

The former residence of Colonel J. F. Tilley at 977 North Twenty-seventh street has been bought by Erick Sahlstrom, through the Byron Reed company, for \$2,500. The lot is 96 by 125 feet and is situated at the top In periods of financial depression it is of a high bluff, overlooking many miles of usually the case that the business of the the surrounding country. While the propco-operative building and loan associations erty is not in one of the most desirable residence districts, it will be occupied as a home by the buyer, who is troubled with asthma and who hopes that the elevation will be beneficial to his health.

> Mark Twain Goes to Bermuda. NEW YORK, March 16.—Samuel L. Clem-ens (Mark Twain), the author, sailed for Berniuda today.

COST OF THE DOUBLE SHIFT

Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars.

AFRAID OF INCREASING INSURANCE RATES

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

and will be built entirely of a special qual- become operative. The bill went to the Omaha from the different towns and localigoverner Friday.

Using as a basis the present force of the fire department, and reducing that force cure names of the best character of citifrom 121 men to 101 men, the double shift zens of the several communities. These system would entail an additional expense lists, with the occupations of the tales-

had been running a few years. figuring on the present scale of wages, from as needed. A panel of at least eighty would increase each six months for three years, for the reason that drivers, pipemen first thirty or forty drawn from the wheel and truckmen now begin at \$50 per month will constitute the grand jury and the reand are raised \$5 every six months until a mainder the petit jury. As a consequence of the addition. Driveways are being laid through the entire tract of 443 acres, which of \$13,000. The lot is in one of the best resdepartment. This estimate is based on the the Lincoln term beginning in May. age of 143 feet on Lake street and 65 feet on present force and without considering the houses at Eleventh and Jackson and Twenty-seventh and Jones, both of which men to operate these houses. Another fendants in the Richards and Com- that company would be shut out of the places have apparatus, but there are no house is being erected at Twenty-first and stock case. These defendants, who Omaha market and shippers would have houses to be considered in figuring the and under which Richards, Com- even though special advantages in price Lake streets, virtually making three more extra cost of the double-shift system. lowed 90 per cent of \$170,000, the regular appropriation of \$175,000 having been re-

> tended and other minor work done. Peti- that to maintain the fire department on tions are being signed for the paving of 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. Chief Salter said it made no personal difference to him which system was adopted, but he could not see that the double shift system would in any way benefit the fire fighting force of Omaha as a

Persian Drills Cense. TEHERAN. Persia, March 16.-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.

The land cases on the present federal docket will all be tried in Omaha, the first one being that of the second group of de- that all grain originating on the lines of

cases, left over from that term, will be Judge T. C. Munger.

Macadam Under Inheritance Tax Law.

\$2 and \$1.70. Dodge Street-Van Court, \$2.03 and \$1.69; Craig & Co., \$2.26 and \$1.92; Murphy & Co., \$2.22 and \$1.85.

Craig & Co., \$1.57 and \$1.27; Murphy Co., \$1.60 and \$1.32. Leavenworth Street-Van Court, \$1.34 and

Co., \$1.60 and \$1.52. Center Street-Van Court, \$1.58 and \$1.29; Craig & Co., \$2.20 and \$1.29. For grading Road 77C J. W. Williams

of 1934 cents. Dan Hannon bid 3 cents more per yard on the first named road and did not bid on the other, For grading county line road between

low with a bid of 18 cents. The high bid on this job was 20 cents by Ludin & Vance.

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. Others present when it was probated were: T. J. Mahoney, representing the hospitals and charitable natitutions remembered in the will; Judge Eleazer Wakeley, Judge G. W. Doane, C. B. Keller and W. H. DeFrance, four attorneys for some of the unremembered relatives. John D. Creighton was also pres-

Alvin F. Johnson, the only living witness of the will, swore to the signature and the document was admitted to probate. the three men named as special administrators just after Count Creighton's death were appointed executors, as directed in the will. They are John A. McShane, John D. Creighton, Jas. H. McShane, John Schenk. times in the last few years. He is soloist The will directed that the executors should serve without being required to give J. H. Agee, manager of the University a bond. Attorneys for the unremembered relatives will insist, however, that a bond

filling this.

Under the new law creating the subdivision of the Nebraska federal district the term of the federal courts in Omaha will begin April I instead of May I, as here-

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. These juries Until it is known what charter limitation will be drawn, in all probability, during the legislature will place on the Omaha the coming week. The process of selecting fire department fund, only speculative de- the federal juries is somewhat different ductions may be made as to the effects from that prevailing in the state courts. of the Leeder double shift bill, should it Requests are made by the court officers at tles of the district for a list of available names for jurors, it being the aim to seof about \$50,000 a year when the system men, are then written on card slips and are preserved in the jury box wheel or The expense of the double-shift system, cylinder and the panels are drawn therenames are drawn from the wheel, and the

were included in the big indictment to use other roads or seek another market, stock, Jameson and Triplett are con-The department this year less been al- victed, and whose motion for a new trial difference of \$4 per car in the transfer will be definitely disposed of next Monday, price from the Council Bluffs terminal to are Thomas M. Huntington, Fred Hoyt, cally the same evidence produced in the was shipped over other lines, which now Business men generally are opposed to Richards and Constock trial will have to

Aside from these cases a large number of minor cases will be tried during the April term in Omaha, which were necessalary left over from the November term. A considerable number of equity and law tried at the May term at Lincoln before

BIDS ON THE COUNTY PAVING Three Contractors Enter Contest for

Three bidders entered the competition for macadam paying of the county roads under the inheritance tax, when bids were opened by the county board at noon Saturday. E. D. Van Court was low on all the propositions, with the following figures, the first amount being for 10-inch macadam per lineal foot, and the second figures for eight-inch macadam per lineal foot:

Calhoun Road-Van Court, \$1.83 and \$1.47; G. W. Cralg & Co., \$1.96 and \$1.59; Hugh Murphy Co., \$2.10 and \$1.75. Military Road-Van Court, \$1.86 and \$1.54; Craig & Co., \$1.92 and \$1.55; Murphy Co.,

Q Street-Van Court, \$1.34 and \$1.00;

\$1.00; Craig & Co., \$1.56 and \$1.21; Murphy

was low at 1946 per yard. Williams is also low on grading Road 116B with a bid

Douglas and Sarpy W. M. Williams was

COUNT'S WILL IN PROBATE

dertaking establishment for Cole & McKay club; also sang in the Kountze Memorial the Law school at the state university of considerable proportions be given to

The inventory of the estate will be prepared and filed as soon as possible. The

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.

Secret Change in Bate by Northwestern

Inimical to Omaha.

DIVERTS HEAVY SHIPMENTS FROM HERE

Refuses to Deliver Cars of Grain to

Great Western at Council Bluffs for Local

It is alleged that for the last ten days, since the inauguration of the new tariff, the Northwestern has refused to deliver cars of grain to the Chicago, Great Western at Council Bluffs for shipment to Omaha at the reduced rate of \$2 per car given by the latter road. The Northwestern will ship the grain to Omaha, but at its regular tariff of \$6 per car, which means a loss of \$4 for each car to the shipper, who is thus precluded from taking advantage of the lower rate offered by the Great

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 Northvestern, 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 take advantage of the Omaha market, the delivery costing them \$4 more per car than their neighbors, who ship over other lines.

The Rock Island company and the Milwaukee, as well as other roads, deliver cars to the Great Western at Council Bluffs for transfer to Omaha or South Omaha without question at the request of the shipper, and this was also done by the

northwestern until about ten days ago. In order to assist the Omaha and South Omaha grain markets 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 \$6 per car to \$2. While the other railroads centering at Council Bluffs did not meet the reduction, cars of grain consigned o Omaha were cheerfully turned over to the Great Western company at Council Bluffs on request until the recent abrogation of this custom by the Northwestern. 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 material loss. The new tariff has been kept secret by Northwestern officials and the change only leaked out when shippers complained to dealers of the fact.

Grain Shut Out of Omaha. Should the Northwestern adhere to its new policy, grain men say, it would mean might prevail on the Omaha market. Omaha would cut off competition by Northtransfer cars to the Great Western and give the shipper the benefit of the \$2 rate. E. E. Bruce, chairman of the transportation committee of the Grain exchange, is out of the city, so an opinion could not be secured as to the probable steps to be

it is certain that the new policy of the Northwestern will be bitterly opposed. KOUNTZE HOMESTEAD TO GO Forest Hill Placed on the Market and

taken by the exchange in the premises, but

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 com-

Will Be Residence

pany 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, a new boulevard which has been made through the subdivision, and will sell for from \$1,000 to \$3,500, according to location and size. The Kountze residence is in the center of the tract and is also for

Sewers, water pipes and gas pipes will be laid throughout the park as soon as the weather permits and the streets are to be paved. Permanent side walks will also be laid in front of every lot in the park, all cost for improvements to be included in the selling price. Beveral of the lots adjoining the new addition have been sold and the opening of the park will probably witness an influx of home buyers to that

SMELTER ASKS FOR TRACKS

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

The smelting works is asking the city puncil that the Union Pacific be permitted to place three tracks al og Eighth street from Webster to Seward street, to accomnodate the cars of ore which daily arrive for the smelters. These cars were formerly andled on the tracks in the Union Pacific hop yards, but these tracks have been torn away to make room for the \$780,000 improvements which are being made at the shops. The smelter receives from sixtyfive to seventy-five cars of ore per day and this is now being handled on tracks near Cut-off lake because of lack of tracks nearer the smelters.

The manager of the smelters argues that Elighth st. cet is not used at present, that it is 100 feet .vide, and he is not asking to have it close.", but simply that the use of thirty-four feet of the hundred be given for tracks for the handling of the ore for the smelter. The street is not paved, but is a mudhole at present, and in some parts is occupied by squalters.

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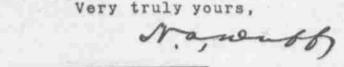
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H. D. NEELY, Manager for Nebraska 402-3-4-5 Merchants National Bank Building, - - -WM. HENRY BROWN, Cashler



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

General Agt., Lincoln, Neb.



planned for construction in that section, among which is a two-story brick greecry Pan-Hellenic club. From left to right: Omaha High school in 1903. He is president store for A. K. Nuckolls at the southeast corner of Fortieth and Cuming streets. The specifications are being prepared by the Omaha High school people graduating of the reliable men in the club. Architect J. B. Mason, but bids will not be received for several weeks. Mr. Nuckolla has been occupying rented quarters owned by Dr. S. D. Mercer and contemplated building his new store last spring, owing to an increase in rent, but has been delayed one year. The new store will cost about \$6,000 and the second story of the building will be used as an apartment.

the contract for the erection of saveral is one of the best bass the club has. He financial course of the clubs.

Omaha boys who appear at the Boyd with sang in the First Presbyterian choir in the University Gles and Mandolin club Omaha. Robinson C. Switzler, who is the son of of the Giee club and is spoken of for man-Mr. Warren Switzler, is well known among ager next year; sings baritone and is one

rector of the band and a member of the ber of the club. He plays as flute soloist. Mandolin club. He plays first mandolin in the University Glee club and takes a the University Glee club, is one of the best prominent role in the comic opera part. George M. Wallace is the son of George G. Wallace, a prominent real estate man of Omaha. He was graduated with the very frequently, to points in the east, Omaha High school class of 1905 and en- where he appears as soloist every season. tered the university this last fall. Mr.

Omaha Boys in Uni Glee Club

Wallace sings first tenor. Fred Hofmann, baritone, was graduated from the Omaha High school in 1966 and Douglas street between Seventeenth and entered the university the following fail. Eighteenth streets. Mr. Houghton also Mr. Hofmann was a member of the High

in 1905. While in High school he was di-

next Thursday under the auspices of the Ernest Johnson was graduated from the

George S. Johnston, tenor soloist with known tenors west of Chicago, his engagements extending from Denver, where he sings at public cantatas and recitals Mr. Johnston is not unknown in Omaha, having appeared here at several of the leading churches as soloist at different

Mr. Louis Meyer of Omaha is also a mem-

at St. Paul's Methodist church in Lincoln. school octatte and also of the Mandolin Glee and Mandolin clubs, was a member of last year, also singing on last year's Glee protect the interests of these persons not club, being then elected as this year's man- named in the bequests. the weather permits. Excavating has been and treasurer of the club, was graduated ager. Although engaged in business in Linstarted for the warehouse of Niles & from the Omaha High schoel in 1995, as coin this year, he was retained as manager Moser by Contractor Houghton, who has member of the High school octette and has so far successfully guided the law allows a maximum of three months for