

TIMELY REAL ESTATE TALK

Building at Sixteenth and Harney Streets the Important Deal of Week.

SIX STORIES FOR BUSINESS HOUSE

Top Floors May Be Fitted Up for Office Uses, but the Ground Floor Is to Be Occupied by New Retail Store.

Negotiations for the choice vacant lot at the southeast corner of Sixteenth and Harney streets have been one of the deals of greatest interest during the last week...

Speculation has been rife for five years as to the ultimate disposition of the corner lot, which has a frontage of 132 feet on Sixteenth street and 99 feet on Harney street.

A syndicate of Omaha business men are having plans drawn by a prominent local architect preparatory to building a three-story apartment house on the corner recently bought by Frank M. Weekee at Nineteenth and St. Mary's avenue.

The two-story two feet vacant frontage at 1913 Douglas street has been bought from the McCague Investment company for \$8,000 by Charles Gruenig, who owns the forty-four feet frontage adjoining on the east, and will erect a large business building on the two lots.

The formal transfer of the Patrick estate west of Dundee to the Happy Hollow Country club will probably be held during the next few days, as the directors and other officers have been elected and calls issued for a part of the subscriptions.

Figuring is being done by nearly all contractors of Omaha on the plans for the new Cohn building at Sixteenth and Davenport streets, and the new building for the Young Women's Christian association, which is to be erected on the triangular site recently bought at Seventeenth street and St.

Shows How the Architects Are Hoping to Make Omaha a Beautiful City



HOME OF R. L. CARTER, SOUTH THIRTY-EIGHTH STREET.



HOME OF C. D. M'LAUGHLIN, SOUTH THIRTY-EIGHTH STREET.

be occupied by the National company, which will vacate its present building on Twelfth street. The Foster building is well and extensively constructed, having a yellow pressed brick front, and has a frontage of thirty-three feet on Howard street.

Foundations were being laid for the new two-story brick store of the undertaking firm of Cole & McKay, near the corner of Seventeenth and Douglas streets. The contract was awarded to John Houghton and will cost about \$8,000.

Excavating was begun last week on the site of the new Haarmann pickle factory, which is bounded by Twelfth and Thirtieth streets and extends between Mary street and the Burlington tracks.

J. Fred Smith, executor of the estate of the late Henry M. Withnell, has sold the old Withnell home at 331 Harney street to a local investor whose name was not made public, for \$2,300.

One of the important transfers of downtown business property during the week was the sale of the three-story brick building at 1309-11 Howard street, now occupied by the printing establishment of P. B. Peatner, to the National Printing company.

The three-story brick building at the northeast corner of Twelfth street and Capital avenue, occupied by the Midway saloon, was formally transferred last week to the Storz Brewing company.

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One of the striking features of last year was the manner in which fire insurance companies of the country provided for the tremendous losses sustained, the appalling San Francisco disaster presenting one of the most difficult financial problems that the companies ever were called upon to surmount.

Seven acres of slightly ground northwest of the Nebraska School for the Deaf was sold last week by George G. Wallace to M. C. Steele of the Hobbs-Jones Grocery company, who will build a fine suburban home on the acreage and develop an experimental forestry farm, with the assistance of his sons.

Contracting for the 1906 clip was not so general far ahead as in 1905, experience of that year making growers wary of entering into binding obligations. This was especially true of Montana.

As an evidence of the remarkable increase in home building this spring the reports of the building inspector for the month of March show that 110 building permits, representing an expenditure of \$344,720, were issued, as against only fifty-two permits during March, 1906.

The two-story brick and frame residence at 1109 Pacific street has been sold by the W. Farnam Smith Co. to Mrs. Agnes Webb for \$4,000 and will be used for a home.

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WOOL CROP OF UNITED STATES

Statistics for 1906 Just Compiled by the National Authority.

CLIP HEAVIER THAN FOR PRECEDING YEAR

Higher Prices and Decreased Shrinkage Brings More Money to the Stockman Than Was Realized in 1905.

Total production for the country, therefore, during 1906 was 298,916,120 pounds, equal to 129,410,942 pounds of scoured wool, 2,983,821 pounds in excess of the estimate for 1905.

Montana leads again. Montana leads, as heretofore, with the largest flock, 4,960,000. These produced 35,816,000 pounds of wool, washed and unwashed, valued at \$8,233,350.

Comparative statistics are hard to gather owing to varying conditions. But it is interesting to know that if the total wool clip of the United States were loaded into cars all at one time each car of average capacity of 20,000 pounds, 1,922 cars would be required.

Ohio stands well up on the list, with 1,850,000 sheep, being 50,000 ahead of Oregon. The Ohio product was 11,662,500 pounds of 6.35-pound fleeces, shrinking 50 per cent to 5,781,250 pounds, worth \$3,354,475 to the growers, or 62 cents per pound, against 63 cents the year before, but 4 cents better than two years before.

Building Record for March

Building operations for March in thirty-three of the leading cities show a decrease of 2 per cent in comparison with the corresponding period a year ago. During the month just closed permits were taken out in thirty-three cities, according to official reports to Construction News, for 16,077 buildings, involving a total expenditure of \$44,327,672 against \$50,958 buildings, costing \$45,324,722, for the same month a year ago.

Table with columns: CITY, No. of Bldgs., Estimated Cost, No. of Bldgs., Estimated Cost, Gain/Loss. Lists cities like New York, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Cleveland, etc.

Of the thirty cities enumerated there were gains in seventeen and losses in thirteen. The most significant feature of the month was the phenomenal gain in five of the cities of moderate dimensions. The most conspicuous increases were in Salt Lake City, 25 per cent; Mobile, 25; Topeka, 13; Indianapolis, 10; Birmingham, 11; Allegheny, 10; St. Paul, 10; St. Louis, 10; Buffalo, 10; Chicago, 10; Brooklyn, 10; St. Paul, 10.

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