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LUMBER PRICES NOT RISING	not corrupt it as they do most earthly	TIMELY REAL ESTAT
Dealers Say Stories Afloat Are Not Warranted by Facts. NEW IDEAS IN HOME FINISHING	"A large increase in the proportion of homes heated by hot water, hot air or steam has been made during the last sum- mer," said John Hussie of the John Hussie Hardware company. "If our business is any	Dr. Shepherd Proposes to 1 on New Basis. REAL ESTATE EXCHANG
Stone Balcony for the Exterior and Emboused Leather for Interior Decoration Among Latest Omaha Notions.	criterion of this increase, it is something wonderful and shows to what extent the people of the city are putting permanent im- provements and the solid comforts into their homes."	Officers for Organization to During the Week and N Aiready Hustle for Needed Votes.
"Statements to the effect that lumber	F. S. Knapp has awarded contract to J. C. Bixby & Son Co. for plumbing and heating plant in his residence at 1230 South	Dr. C. S. Shepherd has re Chicago and Minneanella wit

an domestic architecture as a floor cover-

ng and wall facing is the baked clay tile.

and where the ordinary home is built for

Twenty-five years ago tile was virtually

the usual building material. With the advent

of the modern bath room, the clay tile

made its first appearance in America as a

covering for its floors and walls, which

were being constantly splashed with water.

The waterproof and germproof qualities of

tiling, together with the facility with which

cially appropriate as a sanitary floor cov-

ering. The tiled bath room, however, was

for a long time regarded as an expensive

luxury, to be enjoyed only by the wealthy,

who were able to pay for its sanitary and

decorative qualities. Today a tiled bath

room is looked upon as such a necessity

a tiled floor can be cleaned, made it espe-

generations rather than for years.

mates.

Thirty-fifth street. merely cries of alarmists and pessimists." maid D. P. Benedict of the firm of Bullard, Hoagland & Benedict. "Some people always see things rising. They are not concrete construction in the last few years has been a shortage of small flats and

the people that build up a city. There has attracted universal attention, and a cottages close in and Dr. Spepherd may seems to be a general impression abroad similar product, asbestos concrete shingles, solve the problem of real estate men and Horacs has been spending a week in Wyothat lumber has risen. There has been a wide advertisement of the fact that the idly come into general use by the largest herd will build on his lots near Twenty forests of the country are giving out and builders and is attracting equal attention. that we are using up each year much more timber than matures.s is a fact, but still we have not reached the point where there is a dearth sufficient to drive the prices skyward. There is still plenty of timber and there are plenty of sawmills at work turning it into lumber. "The only difficulty is in getting cars

to transport it to the consumer. This is a real difficulty that we have felt and are feeling. But it has not resulted in driving the prices up. The figures bear this statement out. The lumbers which are most used in house building are, in fact, slightly cheaper now than they were a year ago. Of course, prices vary slightly from time to time, and some woods have gone up a little. But in general they are woods that are not in general demand.

"Take yellow pine, for example, Seventy per cent of the lumber that goes into the average frame structure is vellow pine. It is used for the siding, for the joists, the studding. It forms the backbone of the building. This is a little bit. cheaper than it was a year ago. Shingles are about the same. Other woods have gone up or down very slightly and the inerease in one is balanced by the decrease in the price of another.

"On the whole the lumber dituation is very encouraging to the man who is thinking of building a home or crecting a house as an investment. He need not draw back at all because of a high price in lumber. And the supply in Omaha at the present time is good. A good supply of nearly every kind of wood on hand and can be delivered where it is wanted at ionce."

The stone balcony which adds so much to the architectural attractiveness of many as to be required by law in the building European houses and is especially in evidence in Germany and France, is beginning houses and other structures of a semito appear in Omaha. It has the double public character in many of our largest wirtue of beauty and utility. It forms a cities. surprisingly beautiful and stately setoff of the plain walls of a building that is decorative of all floor and wall coverings far superior to a more stone trimming set should have made its first appearance in into the face of the wall. In addition to this country in a room where decoration is this it gives a balcony where the tenants not at all essential. Yet, however uninof those parts of the apartment to which tentional it may have been, the modern the balcony is attached may sit and enjoy the summer evenings. It is usually on fixtures, its porcelain tub and its tiled apartment houses that this type of stone balcony is used in this country, though in Europe it is in evidence on the great majority of houses in the heart of the The new apartment house being citTes. erected by Hamilton Bros. at Twentyfourth and Farnam streets is being equipped with balconies of this kind and the effect is very pretty.

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TE TALK Erect Flats and to the side of the living room, giving good lights. The cellars will have furnaces and isundries. Dr. Shepherd figures that

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where he got some new ideas for cottages and flats. which he will use in the future building

Uses for Decorative Tile in Modern Home Building

By Charles James Fox. Fh. D.

several other American cities, will return and Franklin streets. Mr. Johnson bought The rapid advance made in reinforced which he intends to do. For years there to Omaha the first of the week, and has promised to address the members of the

various parts of the city.

lumber and corrugated sheeting, has rap- rental agencies. The flats which Dr. Shep- ming, where he has holdings.

sughly modern and have four rooms and Real Estate exchange at the meeting small kitchen. Each apartment will have Wedneeday noon. A number of nomina wo rooms down stairs and two up stairs. tions have been made for each office and The rooms will be quite large, and a bath- an interesting election is anticipated. As room is planned upstairs which will be most of the offices involve some work, accessible to both sleeping rooms. The without compensation, every nominee large living room will occupy the largest | doing a strong line of electioneering.

Kounize Place still attracts the hom buyers, as well as the Twentieth street boulevard section about the old Trans missisppi exposition grounds. The fo such apartments will rent for \$25, plus lowing sales were made last week by light and water bills. If the idea takes Hastings & Heyden on the north side in Omaha, as H has in Chicago and Minne-Two south front lots on Spencer street apolls, Dr. Shepherd will erect other flats just west of Sherman avenue, to W. H. Crary, two lots on the southeast corner Drake's addition owes a number of imof Eighteenth and Emmet streets to provements to Dr. Shepherd. During the Charles W. Martin and the northwest ast year he has arected five houses near corner of Nineteenth and Lothrop to A. L. Twenty-seventh and Capitol avenue, and Bengon. sold the last one last week to George C.

Nicitien for \$2,800. Sir Horace Plunkett, a large owner of Omaha property, who is also interested in several other American cities, will return the houses as an investment; having a firm faith in Omaha real estate

As an evidence of the reasonable prices baing made on Omaha real estate, sure to be worth more, President Bostwick of the seventh and Capitol svenue will be thor- | Election of officers will be held by the Real Estate exchange offers the following which were sold by the firm of Payne & Bostwick the last week. South front lot at 2627 Burdett street for \$355, five-room cottage at 4669 Leavenworth street to | Charles M. Clark for \$1,100, and 2801 Douglas street and 210 South Twenty-eighth street, with cottages, for \$1,950 to D. F. Neff. These properties were all purchased for i The appearance of the floors and walls is | bule covered with less durable material , dences, especially where outdoor living is investment and are a fair sample of the "stuff" being offered by Omaha real estate men, who are conscious of the fact that an used and also a much abused part of the advance is the only possible direction the market can take.

> Building increased almost 40 per cent in the sun; and at all times when the house Omaha during the month of October, as is occupied it is covered with more or less compared with the same month last year. The number of permits was 131 and the

> > Just what the effect of the banks making withdrawing all their actual money the last week will be is a matter of conjecture by the real estate men. Another situation will have an influence on those who have money on. Securities are constantly reported as "shrinking" and referred to as "watered" in one way or another. It is the belief of leading real estate men that money will be withdrawn from the banks after the clearing house rule is suspended and invested in real estate. The same view of the situation is taken by real estate men of other cities. A number were in Omaha from Lincoln during the week and they predict big things in the real estate world after the banks clear up their difficulty. A. B. Beall of Sloux City, president of the Dumbarton Realty company, holders of a large amount of city property in Iowa, was in Omaha during the week looking after his Council Blutts intvrests. Mr. Beall said: "I must be at my desk all next month, as there will be plenty of business in the real estate offices. People are not going to put their money in the sugar bowls. They will not leave it in the banks. Though the situation does not justify drawing it out in fear of loss, the investors will buy real estate when it is

all over." of various real estate The Name Makes an Impression the Shingles Sustain It British Columbia Clear Red Cedars \$3,75 cash. These Canadian shingles are packed FULL COUNT se it takes fewer to lay a roof, that of itself is a great saving; then the price is 75c cut. Here's another bargain: "Grit Top," the very best pre-pared roof on the market, \$1.90 a square complete. And an immense steck of dry lumber at a

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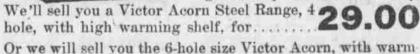
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ordinances relating to hotels, tenement It is a strange coincidence that the most bath room, with its bright open plumbing filoor and wall, has become one of the most attractive rooms in the house. The bath room tiling was at first unusually white, but as the colored glazed and decorative tile is just as sanitary, just as waterproof and just as durable as the plain white, it was not long before the American architect followed the example of his European confrere and took advantage of the ornamental qualities of tiling. The walls of the

n impetant feature in the interior decor- leave no trace upon the floor and wainaan important feature, the porch is a much ation of the home. Costly carpets and coting covered with the hard baked clay rugs, rich wall paper, hard wood inlaid tile. The street dirt that is carried into house. Its floor is subjected to the most floors, puneled oak, cherry and mahogany the vestibule on the shoes can be easily rying exposure to the cloments. Part of wainscoting, are some of the coverings removed by simply flushing off the floor he time it is covered with rain or snow; used to make the floors and walls at- with a pail of water. The tiled vestibule again, it is exposed to the baking rays of ractive and ornamental. One of the most is therefore easy to keep clean, and unless recent materials to be employed in Ameri- It is entirely neglected, it should always have that neat, tidy appearance which is street dirf. so essential to that part of the house which

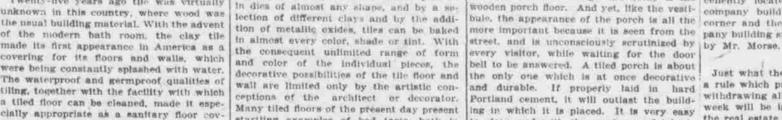
t has been used for centuries in England, first meets the eye of the visitor, and upon France. Germany and other European | the appearance of which the stranger may tected by paint and other covering, wood countries, where inorganic and fireproof base his entire judgment of the character materials are given preference over wood, of the interior of the house and of its in-

The plastic clay material can be pressed n dies of almost any shape, and by a se

> bell to be answered. A tiled porch is about the only one which is at once decorative and durable. If properly laid in hard a rule which prevented the depositors from Portland cement, it will outlast the building in which it is placed. It is very easy to clean and with the most superficial attention it -can always be kept attractive in appearance. Owing to the danger of to invest, which the real estate men count

not of the material itself. The success of tiling on the floor of the on the first floor it is often necessary to estibule naturally suggested its use as a make the porch rather narrow. This narcovering for the porch. In suburban resi- rowness in appearance is emphasized by

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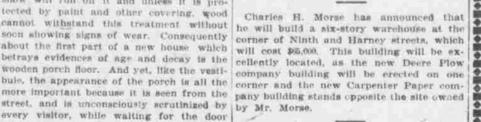


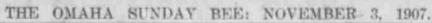
tion of metallic exides, tiles can be baked in almost every color, shade or tint. With the consequent unlimited range of form and color of the individual pieces, the decorative possibilities of the tile floor and wall are limited only by the artistic conceptions of the architect or decorator. Many tiled floors of the present day present

startling examples of bad taste, both in color scheme and design; but this is the

fault of the decorator or home builder and shutting off too much light from the rooms

Unless it is signted so that the rain or estimated cost \$500,500.





amount of space downstairs. The neat little dining room and kitchen will be back

built by a citizen of taste on the west side has the walls finished in emboased leather. The effect is extremely pretty and decidedly desirable for a room of this sort. The dark color of the leather and its richness is restful to the eye and to the senses. The leather blends well in its color and embossing with the bindings of the books upon the shelves and the soft light shed over it from the shaded electric lamps makes the whole room an ideal one In which to rest after the day's exhaustion and in which to fix the mind upon study or to shut out the world when one has a book to read for enjoyment. The leather has the added virtue of being durable and of not showing dirt readily.

Judging by the real estate transactions, flats are becoming more and more desirable as investments in Omaha. The number of these buildings erected near the center of the city in the last year or two is surprising. An inspection of the flats within a radius of a mile from the postoffice shows nearly all of them of the most modern construction and they are growing in number at a surprising rate. They are all erected with considerable attention to beauty and sightliness, having ample porch and yard space. One building of this kind which is just being finished on Twentyfourth street and St. Mary's avenue by A. Hansen is unique in its style of architecture. It is built of vitrified brick with the red mortar cut back half an inch from the face of the wall. The gable front of the building does not slope in straight lines, but in graceful curves like the old Dutch houses of two or three centuries mgo. On the second floor some of the windows are set deep in the wall and have small panes. The whole gives the rough, rugged effect of solid strength and simplicity which is a dominant note in the architecture of the present time. The whole building with its deep front porch with heavy roof supported by brick columns corresponding to the rest of the house, is pleasing to the eye and has a solidity which will make repairs on it few.

"The sale of hard woods in Omaha has increased with leaps and bounds in the last few years and indicates the greater elegance with which Omaha home builders are finishing their houses now," said George W. Douglass of the Omaha Hardwood Lumher company. "Take oak for example, Sales of this popular wood have increased more than 100 per cent in the last two years.

"It is necessary to carry a stock of many kinds of wood in Omaha nowadays, whereas a few years ago there was call only for a few of the commonest. This indicates the fact that people are studying the home building question here as much as they studied it in the biggest cities a few years ago. People here get very advanced ideas from the magazines published on the subject and they call for some of the very rareat woods.

"We carry in stock constantly these woods for Omaha home builders: Oak, ash, hickory, maple, birch, basswood, poplar, cottonwood, elm. cypress, gum, cherry, butternut, walnut, white holly, rosewood, ebony, mahogany, lignum vitae and amaranth. Mahogany is about the most expensive of these and it is one of the most in demand. which indicates that the home builders have the money to pay for the best there is."

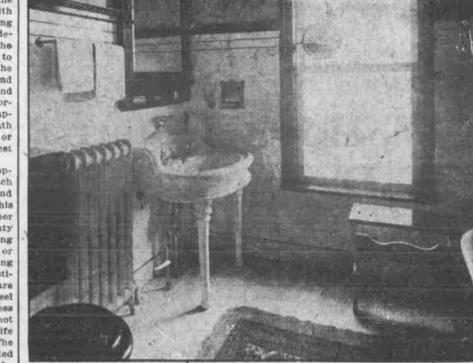
"The asbestos shingle combines all desirable qualities contained in other roof coverings." said a representative of the Keashey & Mattison company, 1113 Harney "It is the greatest time resisting street. substance that I know of. It requires no repairing and no painting. Fire does not

bath room are today often sea-green and other colored glazed tiling and the floors are laid in ornamental designs executed in ceramic mosaic. The colored tile emphasizes and shows off to advantage the extreme wihteness of the bath tub and other plumbing fixtures and by a judicious use of wall paneling and floor design the clever architect can correct, wherever necessary, the faulty appearance or lack of symmetry in a bath oom which is too small, too narrow or otherwise out of proportion with the rest of the house The durable, sapitary and artistic prop-

erties of the baked clay product were each made evident in the bath room tiling, and each in turn led to the adoption of this permanent floor and wall covering for other parts of the house. The durability, beauty substantial appearance of tiling and naturally suggested it to the architect or se builder as an appropriate covering for the floors and wainscotting of the vestibule. The clay, out of which the tiles are made, can be baked so hard that the steel nails of the shoe, so destructive of less permanent flooring materials, cannot scratch it any more than the steel knife scratches the ordinary dinner plate. The knocks and blows incident to concentrated traffic through the vestibule and to the carrying in and out of baggage and fur-



KITCHEN WITH BAN TARY TILED FLOOR.

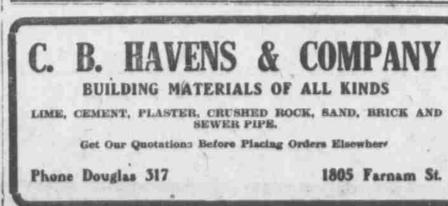


SANTTARY BATH ROOM COMPLETELY TILED.

the cracks between the boards of the wooden floor, but can be easily remedied tiled kitchen in as sanitary a condition as by the selection of a suitably design border a modern hospital. If, however, the floor or panel, worked out in tile or ceramic is covered with wood, much of the organic monaice.

extensively in the reception hall. This tween them. custom is now being imitated in American breeds germs of all kinds from the simple domestic architecture, and today many of our finest residences have a tiled or the sense of smell by its peculiar musty ceramic mosale floor and wainscoting in the reception hall in place of the hard wood dangerous to human life. By covering the wooden floors with a superfictal and semipolished floors and carved wooden wainscotwater proof material the work of keeping ing or wall paper. A tile hallway can be the kitchen looking clean is much lessened, made substantial, rich and decorative. Tilbut much dirt and moisture finds its way ing does not have to be olled or polished. under the covering, where it remains for and it has not that disagreeable and danmonths or years until the covering is regerous slipperiness so characteristic of the placed because it has soorn out. By merely polished hard wood floor. Europeans justly condem the American idea of polishing the superficial water-proof coverings really add secreting on covering up this dirt, these floor to such an extent that even the rugs to the unsanitary condition of the kitchen. will slide upon it. Many serious accidents, The tile floor is water-proof, germ-proof especially to children, have resulted from and insect-proof. Bats or mice cannot the slippery polished floors in the hallways make any impression upon it. By using of many of our finest residences. Tiled "rounded "cove base" tile in the corners wainscoting in the hallway and on the and at the union of the floor and walls, all stairs cannot be injured by soiled hands, angles and corners which become the rebaggage, furniture or other things, which ceptacles of dirt or organic matter are so often deface the most expensive panelled abolished. The tiled kitchen can be quite

or paper wainscoting. easily and safely rinsed out with a few The sanitary conditions which led buckets of water. In comparison with the originally to the adoption of tiling as an laborious scrubbing of wooden floors, this ideal floor and wall covering for the bath is a great saving of domestic labor. The room apply with equal, if not greater tiled kitchen has the further advantage of force, to the kitchen. In the most careful inducing the domestic servants unconculinary operations, much grease and actously to live up to the cleanliness of other organic matter is inevitably spat- their aurroundings.



ing closet, for \$35.00 changes throughout the country to organize a national exchange or association met Now is there any reason for your buying a cheap imitawith approval from the Omaha Real Estate exchange at its last meeting, and this tion 7 Don't forget that we are agents for the wonderful city will be one of the first to send a dele Royal Acorn Base Burner and Cole's Hot Blast Heaters. gation to any city in the United States for the purpose of effecting the organization. In the opinion of President Bostwick the time is coming when the real estate men of all the citics will be more closely bonded together than they have been. Omaha Real estate dealers who are large nolders of South Omaha property, or who represent the owners of real estate in that city, are unanimous in expressing the be lief that all South Ofnaha real estate will be increased in value by annexing South Omaha to Omaha. Harry Tukey, secretary of the Real Estate exchange, said: "I have talked with a number of our members They all favor annexing South Omaha. and some of them are large property holders in that city. The cutting down of city expenses and the better public service which would be rendered would make property there worth much more. tered upon the floor and walls. From the surface of the baked clay tile this can be removed as easily and as thoroughly as from an ordinary dinner platter. Consequently it is a small matter to keep a matter that falls upon it is absorbed by In European countries, tile is used very the boards or passes into the cracks be Here it decomposes and "anaerobic" germ of decay, so offensive to odor, to other disease germs positively

