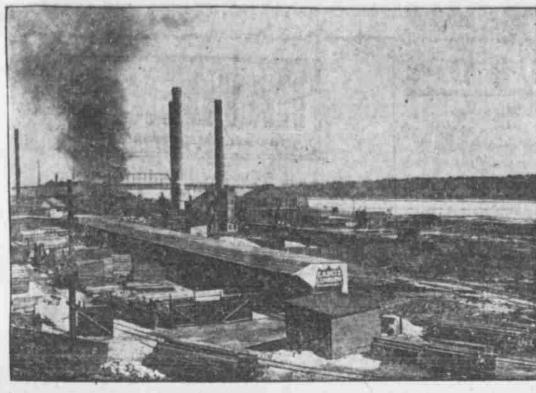
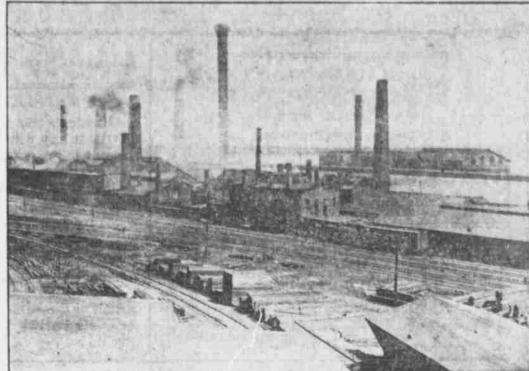
## Omaha's Water Front Not Available for Steamboat Landing Places







SMELTING OCCUPIES MUCH WATER FRONT.



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\$35,000.

has been idle, waiting for an occupant,

the river, there is a net work of railroad one as a factory or warehouse site. could take possession of the property for docks, as the railroad company has many attached to the Nebraska shore near Cutdocks, as the railroad company has attached to the Nebraska shore near tur-times intimated that when it secured the right of way for tracks paralleling the river, it also secured the river front or it extate. It is leased to a number of differ-launch or raft, is protected from the use river front then but a faw feet of land be-tween the tracks and the river. With the pany in the hands of a railroad company,

There was a "First street" along the a business and residence part of the city. crossing Sixteenth street at Cass and carrying a good bit of sell to the levee. In the Omaha creek," and it too did its full share in maintaining the levee. This levee property was the subject of much discussion and scores of ordinances were passed to govern it by the early municipal legislature. But the levee is gone now, though some of the ordinances governing it are still

Three lots between what is now Farnam of Connecticut-made wampum would have George L. Miller, the river has helped itself were deeded to J. C. Mitchell in 1860 for \$20. generously. Below the Union Pacific Nineteen years later these lots had fallen and it proceeded to make yards and shop to those who appreciated its value. t that was forty-two years ago. To- bridge near Mason street the river has into the hands of M. S. McGoeon, who sold room by filling in many rods of the "Harda. the river front carries a value so swallowed over fifty city blocks which one of them in 1879 for \$420. The value of bor of Omaha." This land is without a gewgaws and buttons, it is possible that lar o that those who propose building were once platted. These contained over this lot today is probably \$12,500 on the history and practically without record or it is worth, with its property, a sum so do s to land steamboats at Omaha once 700 city lots, which would now be worth basis for which vacant lots have sold on title, but there is no one to dispute the vast that any other plan for developing more are staggered at the possible price more than half a million of dollars. At the river front, but as it belongs to a right of the enterprising company to hold a harbor with docks would be cheaper

kept between the sheep skin backs of the

location which would be a possible place for docks, the Cady Lumber company has its yards South of this to Jones street, Burlington tracks, the land is owned by

feet of Leavenworth street. Nothing is on woman, who wanted more of them than the Jones, and the Omaha & Council Bluffs this land. It has been the city dump for railroad company was willing to pay. The Street Railway company have property some time, but the garbage companies were appraisers allowed her 180, \$150, \$5, \$25, \$25 north of the Union Pacific bridge, but it ordered to cease dumping into the river and \$35 for her property. Situated as they are is all equally inaccessible to the river front by the War department and since then it today, with trackingo facilities if the rail- because of the Eurlington railroad tracks. has been idle, walting for an occupant. road company was not using them for Where in the harbon of Omalia a steam-To the west of this, within fifty feet of right of way the lots would be worth 100; boat could land with its cargo, south of

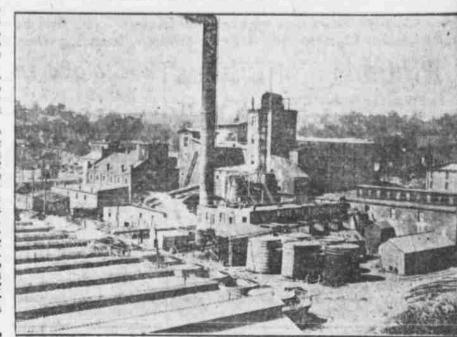
tracks, owned and controlled by the Burlington. Even the heirs of the Byron R.sci
estate are doubtful as to whether they
been making the most of its mivantages.

In the river front is controlled by about examined the river front at Constant and its begins to look as though a few acres of land will have to be donated by the river front at Constant and its begins to look as though a few acres of land will have to be donated by the most of its mivantages. land will have to be donated by the river

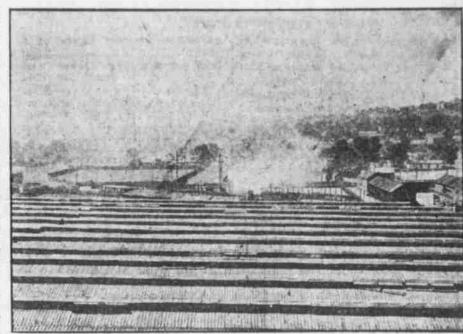
ent companies, including ice packers and of those who would use it for docks, by thousands and thousands of tens of steel, strif belonging to the Byron Reed com- But the Omaha Water company has the which cross and recross all roads leading stretch of river from igard to Burt to it scores of times, forming a perfect netthe last available land for docks on the streets, settling basins being located on work of rails. The value of it to the great From Burt street to the Douglas street pary mind. In the contemplation of an river front about the time the North Omaha bridge the land on the river front is evolution so immense a million dollars or creek wound about through what is now practically all ewned by the Union Pacific so could pass unsaticed. To the student of Railroad company and the American finance it presents a staggering accumula-Emsiting and Refining company. To this tion of riches, for he realizes that nearly land there is little or no record. The half of the gigantic total has gone in the Union Pacific secured it for right-of-way form of uncarned increment to the owners and the deeds and illies given by the city of the bare river front.

to individuals did not "make good" from But those who had to do with giving a point some ways inland. But the early the river front to the railroads did not officials recognized the necessity of the foresee the day when it would be again railroad and the wonderful development wanted for docks. They saw only that the and growth of the city which the Union raffroads were to take the place of the Pacific company would cause and the titles steamboats and the river front offered to the right-of-way remained when all the easiest way for the lines to enter the city. The business houses which were Much of the land occupied by the Union formerly located along the river in order Pacific shops and yards has been "made." to handle merchandise with the least exthe company enlarged its shops at pense, demanded that the railroad tracks

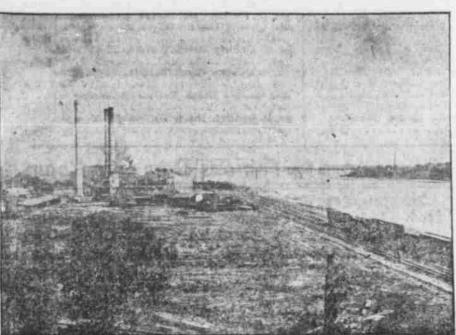
Thus while the land once sold for \$31 in than to buy or condemn and pay for the From Farnam to Harney street the river real estate and property on the river front.



WILLOW SPRINGS DISTILLERY.



SHEDS BELOW THE DISTILLERY.



WHERE THE REED STRIP LIES.

continued and the railroads wanted the and tax lots, given away by the mayors of river front for yards and terminals, in Omaha to whoever had use for it. the minds of appraisers the value of the Only the Missouri river has been able to uncertain land had not increased very claim all the real estate on the river front revised and corrected edition of the ordi-

much and the Union Pacific Railroad com- which money could not buy, and since the nances. pany obtained blocks and blocks of river first plat of the town of Omaha was made. Three lots between what is now Farnam front for prices so low that two handsful probably in 1855, by the father of Dr. and Douglas street, west of Sixth street. which will have to be paid for the land the foot of Jones street, where Byron Reed railroad company it could not be secured it forever. once as free as the water and silt in the once held a large tract of river-front prop- at any price.

expansion toward the city was impossible, developed the river front was abandoned



else on the river front "fell through."

BREWERIES AND OTHER PACTORIES ABOUND HERE.



SHOPS, YARDS AND STORAGE GROUNDS

## Gossip and Stories About Noted People

VIEW FROM BELOW UNION PACIFIC BRIDGE.

Chicago in an interview.

newspaper going, from which she made tion of the wonderful mint juleps that her living. 'Your honor,' she said, holding John Randolph used to mix in his office. up her right hand, 'I am due my creditors not less than \$1,000. This money I expect to live to pay, but I am willing this arm shall wither from my body before I will pay the \$100 you have so unjustly assessed against me."

fine was never paid."

little village of Kenbridge, Lanenburg The pink cheeks of a million schoolbovs has been so many years ago county, Virginia, stands today an old, testify to the reform Schumacher wrought Dr. Robert Koch, the famous German that most people have forgot- weather beaten, brick office building, with in a nation's dietary. Thanks to him, corn, bacteriologist, now visiting the United ten that the late Susan B. a shingle roof. It is one story high and has rye, barley and all the farinaceous grains Anthony was fined \$100 or a only a single large room, but it is now now supply bone and sinew to the popular this country. His wife accompanies him year's imprisonment for having famous in Virginia as the building in lace. In a record of Schumacher's achieve- and they are on their way to Japan. dared to vote for General Grant which John Randolph did much of his law ments his contributions to American litera- China and India, to be gone until the sumfor president," said Judge F. H. Meyers of work and prepared his speeches. In the ture should not be overlooked. He was the "Miss Anthony was as brave as she was the custom to build a number of these muck-rakers may have had the giory, but intellectual, and asked to be allowed to little offices on the courtyard greens, and the true story of the success of many a speak a word in her own behalf. Permis- it was unusual then for a lawyer to have an periodical is to be read in the broakfast sion being given, she told the court of office anywhere but there. "Old inhabi- foot advertisements. The muse would have the struggle she had in keeping a little tants" of Luenburg still tell with admira- been on short rations but for the cereals.

The Dend "Catmeal King."

Ferdinand Schumacher, the dead "ontmeal king," deserves more than a passing tribute, says the New York World. He had won a double niche in the temple of fame. He will rank with the Morses, Mc-"The court realized the deep serious- Cormicks and Edisons as a hero of invendid not have the nerve to enforce the ex- a chans of pancakes, hot biscuit and pie, treme penalty. Miss Anthony lived for and he left it a sweet symphony of cereals were with the Boar cause, and he re- many to Egyppt and India to investigate many years after its imposition, but the and cream. He was an apostle of pre- quested permission from the British au- cholers, with the famous result of disdigestion among the dyspeptic people, therities to talk with men in the detention covering the cholera germ, known as the Under his deft manipulation the despised camp, but this was refused. However, he cholers spirillum or comma bacillus. A grain which Dr. Johnson said was food for was allowed to go through the camp es- year later the government awarded him Fow pecaple know that the law office land was transformed into a gastronomic prisoners were drawn up in line, and as guished service. In 1890 he was credited in existence and is still being used for a carried abroad the celebrity of its "gran" next day as he was going aboard his ship consumption gorm or tubercle bacilli could

earlier days of Virginia's history it was Maccenas of the 10-cent magazine. The

Senator Bacon's Souvenir, horses in England and for men in Scot- corted by a couple of English officers. The 199,600 marks or \$25,000 for the distinsimilar purpose. In the courtyard in the fuid, 'as Davy Balfour's laird called it? a little girl pushed a small packet in his be destroyed.

found a beautiful cowrle scarfpin, handsomely mounted, with this line on a scrap of paper: "From grateful Boers."

hand, and fled. Opening it up Baco

Dr. Koch's Relatives.

States, has a good many relatives living mer of 1909. The real purpose of Dr. which suffered in Africa, where for the last two years, sent by Emperor William, he has traced the course of the disease popularly known as "alcep sickness." discovered a new germ, but sacrificed his own health in this service for science and humanity. He will visit a nephew in Chi-Senator N. O. Bacon of Georgia, who is cago, Prof. Waldemar Koch of the Unit air for a long distance until by a freak of dead at Pittsburg. He was one of the most a tragedy, and yet, according to the laws regarded as the natural successor of John versity of Chicago, then go to see his nature the tornado reversed its motion, remarkable characters and one of the best of probability, it will not happen again Tyler Morgan of Alabama, as an ex- brother, Adolph Koch, a farmer in Key- greatly to his discomfort, and returned chemists in the United States. Eight for two or three generations. It is simply pounder of the constitution and long-dis- stone, In , and then to St. Louis, where the barn to the place from which it came, years ago Chamberlain and his business an instance of the grotesqueness which tance talker, has a scarfpin in his pos- he has three brothers, Arnold, Edward session that he prizes very highly, and and Henry M. Roch. Dr. Koch is a native ness of Miss Anthony's declaration, and tion and among the Havemeyers and plant to the Philip- was born in 1863. He was graduated from was disturbed upon its roost and not a head and bring it back home. The partiest though she could have been ordered to Armours as a captain of industry. Schuthe island of Ceylon and visited a camp of was made chief of the German commission
tall for nonpayment of the fine his honor macher found the American breakfast table

Boar prisopers of war. His sympathies sent by the imperial government of Gerpines and enroute home he stopped off at the University of Goettingen. In 1882 he joint was sprung. in which that famous Virginian, John Ran- delight. Will Edinburgh have no monu- the Georgia senator passed down it he with having discovered a process by which dolph of Roancks, once practiced is still ment to the Hanoverian immigrant who gave each man a cordial handshake. The by the use of a hypodermic injection the Ind.

Quaint Features of Everyday Life

Tornado Brings Barn Back. follows:

asteep in his barn after participating in a himself, leaving this note: "When you birthday party, he was awakened by a bury me beside my wife she may keep roaring sound which he is convinced was still," produced by a tornado. That the barn was caught up in the vortex and was whirled around with such rapidity that he Eben C. Chamberlain, famous scientist, became giddy and clung to the floor to former city bacteriologist of Chicago and to death against the wall. Not the most

the whole structure settled back upon its While there they made an agreement that fate, and to which fatalists point with foundations so that not even a chicken if one died the other was to cut off his triumph.

less than an hour and was not noticed by room all the time. Between the grinning He lives in a little town in the upper part the members of his family in the dwelling teeth of the skull was thrust a cigarette, of York county. Maine. He fell ill with

Swedish movement." Dead Wife Was Restless.

tragedy Myndus Grace, aged 25 years, com- mummy next day he refused to give it been through a similar operation two per mitted suicide today. Six months are he un and from that time he slept with it ago.

name, feeling aggrieved because For weeks before Grace had complained mate it. doubters scoffed at his tornado to friends that his wife's ghost haunted experience, solemnly deposes as him. In the midst of his dreams he rose shouting: "There she is! My wife!"

"On the night of April 30, while he was The vision was so acute that Grace killed

Slept With a Mummy.

"That the barn was carried through the honor graduate of Princeton in 1889, as vivid imagination could conceive of such "That, in a gentle and careful manner, pariner went to Patagonia to look for gold, sometimes so suddenly appears in human died there, and Chamberlain carried out "That all this took place in the space of the agreement. He kept the skull in his The most forgetful man has been found.

went south to work, and as he falled to constantly. Years ago Chamberlain made NE of the residents of Green write to his wife, she thought he had de- a contract with a local undertaker to take Village, Pa., Yen Yensen by serted her. She promptly committed suicide, charge of his body when he died and cre-

> Queer Caper of Fate. It may be questioned whether in mod-

ern annals a queerer accident ever happened than that which caused the death of a man on a road near Philadelphia. He was picking dandellons growing under a wall along the road when a passing troiley car jumped the track as it nesred him

house 100 feet away. Furthermore, depo-ing electric light globes took the place symptoms indicating appendicitis and sub-nent believes that this peculiar freak in of eyes, and rakishly balanced on one side mitted to an operation. To their great surstorm motion might properly be called the of the skull was a battered straw hat, prise and embarrassment, the surgeons Several years ago, as a joke, several found that the appendix had already been \* friends of Chamberlain placed an Axtoc removed. The patient afforded the neces-Seven deaths in seven days by suicids mummy in his bed. When Chamberlain sary explanation when he recovered from er murder were recorded in Logansport, discovered it he calmy went to bed and the ether by stating that he remembered when, as a climax to a week of to sleep. When his friends claimed the theil, "come to think of it," that he had