

TIMELY REAL ESTATE GOSSIP

W. I. Kierstead Makes 300 Per Cent on Sale of Lot.

REALTY VALUE INCREASES LARGE

Property in Omaha Has Risen in Price at Astonishing Rate in Recent Time—Woes of the Agent.

A striking instance of the immense growth in Omaha realty values is afforded in a deal not greatly consequential in itself. William I. Kierstead has just disposed of a small lot near Fifteenth boulevard for \$750, a figure over three times the price, \$250, which he paid for this lot three years ago.

It is true that the increase in value mentioned here is somewhat of the abnormal, yet it is also true that property values all over Omaha have gone up in the last three years at an astonishing rate. This is a factor which sometimes cuts two ways. In some glaring cases vacant property has been held for three and more years at a figure just a little above what any one will pay for it.

"There is a fair amount of 'grief' in real-estate work, but it is doubtful if more vexations harass the men of either occupation than fall to the lot of the real estate agent. In few lines of labor is there so much good hard work done which comes absolutely to naught. Every dealer and agent has devoted weeks, some times even months, to a project only to have the person or persons with whom he is working back out at the last minute.

"The neighbors are sometimes another source of justifiable profanity. The agent leads a prospective purchaser to view the remarkable residence or bungalow which he has listed. He makes the price, say \$1,000, and the P. P. is impressed and considers the proposition quite favorably.

"I understand, Brown, that you are thinking of buying that house next mine." "I've been looking at it," says Brown, guardedly. "The price?" "Oh, he says he'll let me have it for \$2,000."

"Three thousand!" cries the neighbor in accents of surprise. "Why he offered it to me for \$2,500."

"If after this the agent sells the house for \$3,000 it is only through a deal of hard work necessitated by the aforesaid neighbor.

This applies to the renting of houses as well and woe to the agent who rents one of a row at a price lower than the others. It were better for him to keep a house standing idle for months and months than to slash the price. If he does not, the whole row knows about it in less than a week.

Omaha's water supply or more strictly its system of watermain extension furnished the Real Estate exchange with a fruitful topic of discussion at its last meeting. The men with property to rent or to sell in the districts seemed to be unanimously of the opinion that there is room for improvement. Authoritative remarks on the subject will be heard Wednesday when Howard Baldrige will by invitation of the exchange address that body.

Another item up for discussion at this meeting is the question of consolidation of the two Omahas and the result of the discussion which argued that consolidation would increase values in both cities was that President Robbins was empowered to select a legislative committee which will report at a date in the near future.

ANOTHER ILLUSION DESTROYED

Cleopatra Likened to a Husky Who Fascinated Antony with Her Pile.

Close on the heels of the effort to prove Paul Revere's ride a poetic dream comes Sig Galt's effort to prove that the Italian historian with the goods to show that Cleopatra, Egypt's great queen, instead of being a beauty in her day, was an ordinary looking, and that Antony was fascinated more by her coin than her looks.

"We do not see the countenance of a Venus, delicate, graceful, smiling. Her face is fleshy, with a powerful aquiline nose. It is the face of a woman well on in years, and with a powerful imperiousness."

"But beautiful or ugly is of little concern when one studies her relations with Antony in the spirit of criticism and finds that the passion of love had small place therein."

The lecturer began by comparing the ancient conception of Cleopatra, as Plutarch describes her, with that of modern poets, including Shakespeare, who had idealized her.

"There is in our way of thinking," said Signor Ferrero, "a vein of romanticism wanting in the ancient mind. We pardon with a certain compassion the man who for love of a woman has not hesitated to bury himself under the ruin of his own greatness. The ancients, on the contrary, considered such a man most dangerous, despicable, insane. But criticism has not contented itself with giving to ancient romances the significance it had for those that made it and the public that first read it."

must have money. Why, after three years' absence, does Antony suddenly rejoin Cleopatra? The secret of their relations lies in the answer which the ancient historians fail to offer. The simple truth of the matter was that Antony wanted Egypt, and not the beautiful person of its queen. He meant by his dynastic marriage with her to establish a Roman protectorate of the valley of the Nile and to be able to use for his Persian campaign the treasures of the kingdom of the Ptolemies.

"At that time, after plundering other regions of the orient by the politicians of Rome, there was but one state with rich reserves of precious metals—namely, Egypt. "Caesar already understood this. His mysterious and obscure relations with Cleopatra had certainly for their ultimate motive and reason this political necessity. And Antony, marrying Cleopatra, probably only applied more or less shrewdly the ideas that Caesar had held.

"As to Cleopatra, her government was menaced by strong internal opposition, the causes of which are ill known. Marrying Antony, she gathered about her throne to protect it the Roman legions. Antony, the heir of Caesar, proposed to conquer Persia. Therefore he married Cleopatra, whom it was said at Rome Caesar himself had wished to marry. The conquest of Persia was the ultimate motive of all his policy, the supreme explanation of his every act.

"We see them both then embark upon a political alliance—an alliance, however, which by the power of Cleopatra was soon to undergo a change. Here is the most interesting part of the story.

"Cleopatra sought to have Antony abandon his Persian campaign to accept openly the kingdom of Egypt, and to add to this Egypt the Roman provinces, Africa and Asia, and leave Italy to its dismal, declining destiny.

"But little by little, still he hesitated, doubting, fearing, he engaged himself in a crooked policy, full of prevarications, expedients, subtleties and mistakes that led him to Actium and his death."

NEWS OF THE ARMY CIRCLE

Retiring Board to Meet Monday to Consider Case of Captain Nesmith.

An army retiring board consisting of Brigadier General Charles Morton, Lieutenant Colonel W. B. Davis, Lieutenant Colonel W. P. Evans, Major D. E. McCarthy and Lieutenant James S. Kennedy has been ordered to meet at army headquarters Omaha, Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock to consider the question of retirement of Captain Otto A. Nesmith of the signal corps, Fort Omaha.

Leave of absence for one month and five days has been granted Major F. W. Sibley of the Second cavalry at Fort Des Moines. Corporal Denver Moore of Company M, Nineteenth Infantry, has been relieved from duty at army headquarters and is ordered to return to his station at Fort Mackenzie, Wyo., for duty.

SAM ADLER IS TURNED LOOSE

No Statute Covering the Offense Charged and Court Releases Him.

Sam Adler, convicted last spring of receiving stolen property, was released from bonds Saturday morning by Judge Sears on the ground there is no statute covering the offense of which the jury found him guilty.

HOLOVCHINER HOBBY HELPED

Board of Education Approves Contemplated Acquisition of Tract for Castellor School.

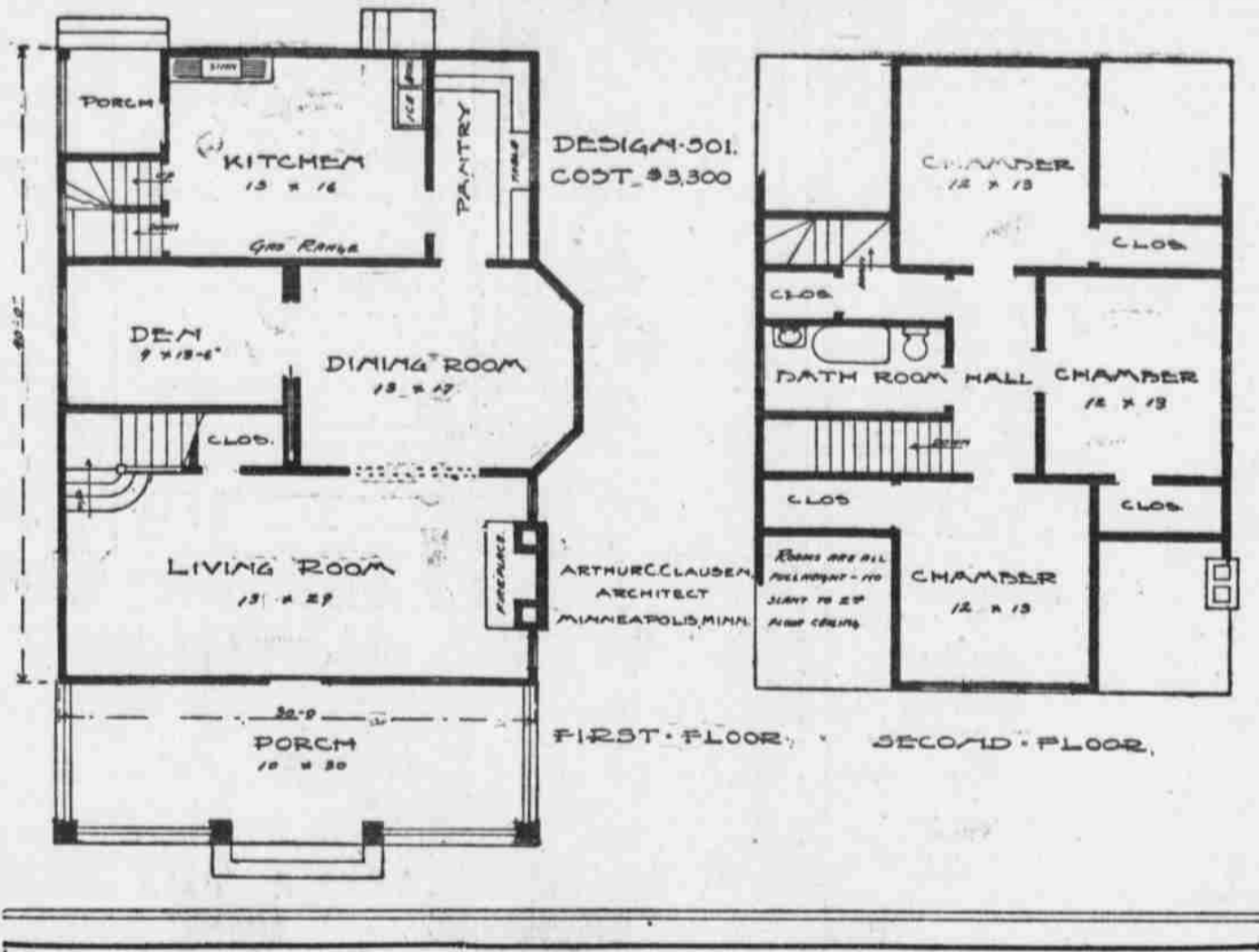
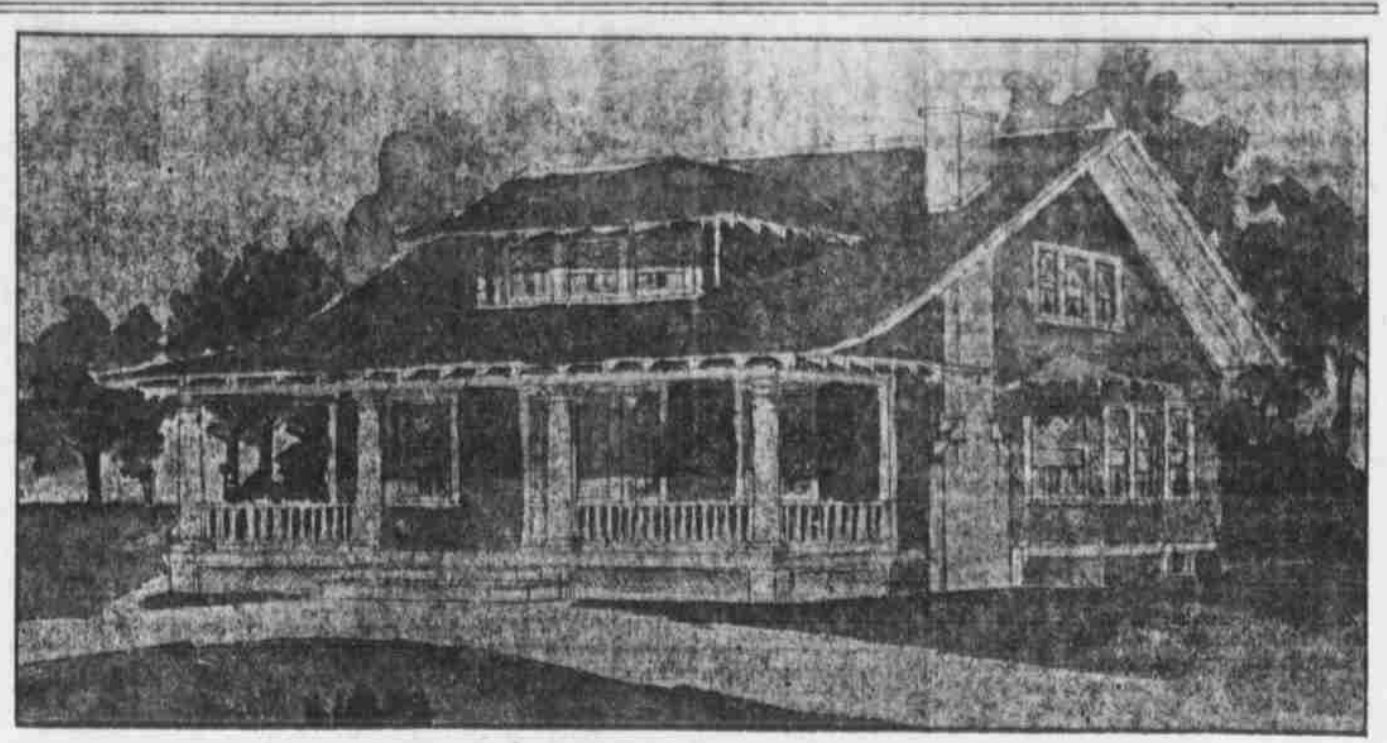
The building and property committee of the Board of Education has approved the contemplated acquisition of more ground for the Castellor street school, the pet hobby of Dr. E. Holoitchiner. The action of the committee is not final, but it must come up for ratification by the whole board at its meeting Monday evening.

Fresh Eggs 28c Per Dozen.

A mistake in The Public Market's advertisement, which appeared in The Bee Friday evening and Saturday morning, quoted strictly fresh eggs at 25 cents a dozen. It should have been 28 cents.

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NEWS OF THE BUSY HOME BUILDERS



Two Story Bungalow

Arthur C. Clausen, Architect.

THE BEE'S PLAN OFFER

Properly speaking, the original bungalow is but one story high, with a low roof, so low that only a small attic space can be used under it. Various conditions and circumstances which sometimes confront the homebuilder has brought to the front what is known as the two-story bungalow. The two-story bungalow is not unlike what we have heretofore called the story and one-half house, the principle difference being that a low spreading effect is emphasized, giving it a bungalow appearance, but at the same time providing considerable space on the second floor for bedrooms. Dormers and low gables are used to the best advantage in obtaining light, air and increasing the size of the bed rooms.

Through a special arrangement with Mr. Clausen, The Omaha Bee is able to offer its readers the complete plans, details and specifications of the home illustrated on this page without charge for \$10. Mr. Clausen is the author of a well illustrated book, "Home Building Plans and Problems," containing besides many designs for modern homes and extensive articles on home building, over 150 designs for porches, fireplaces, picture groups of windows, stairways, kitchen and pantry arrangements, etc. Special price to readers of The Bee, 50 cents. Send all orders to Arthur C. Clausen, architect, Studio, 1013 Lumber Exchange, Minneapolis, Minn.

house. This and many other important details are not governed by rule, but should be left to a competent designer. The bungalow should always include at least three things; a large porch, a large living room and a large fireplace. You will notice that the size is emphasized in each instance. The bungalow should suggest generosity in all its details; even the front door should be unusually wide and it is needless to say that no window should be less than three feet wide and from four to five feet wide in the living room. Arranging the stairway to ascend from the living room is always permissible in a two-story bungalow, although it can be separated from the living room and placed in a hall by itself, if desired. The dormers on a bungalow should be low and broad with considerable projection to the eaves. The upper lights to the windows look best if divided. There are a number of designs which look well. The division can be made by either the wood bars or leaded. While most any material can be used on

the exterior of the bungalow, there are two styles of exterior that seem to be made especially for it. They are the shingled wall and the rough cast cement wall. The shingles which are most often used can be laid in a number of ways that will break the monotony of the plain shingled wall. The style used should be governed somewhat by the general style of the house. A pleasing way is to place the shingles (on the walls) alternately eight and two inches to the weather. This requires no more shingles than to place them in regular rows of five inches to the weather and appearance is both original and attractive. A cement exterior on the two-story bungalow looks the best when only carried one story high with the gables and dormers shingled. To carry the cement wall up into the second story gives too massive an appearance for a bungalow.

The design on this page is a good example of the two-story bungalow, since it contains most of the desirable features of a bungalow and many conveniences not always found in large homes. There is no reason why a bungalow should not be just as convenient in every way as a full two-story house. The exterior wall of a bungalow looks the best if not too regular; outside chimneys, bay windows, oriel windows, etc., help to break up the wall surface and give it character. Windows placed in groups always look well in a bungalow, or, in fact, in any style of house when they are properly designed and located. One of the good points about the design shown on this page is the regularity of the plan on both floors. The proper size of rooms and the proper location of partitions with reference to those above, has considerable to do with the cost of a house of any style. It is always best to have as many of the second story partitions over the first story partitions as practicable. Another point to bear in mind, that rooms which are an odd

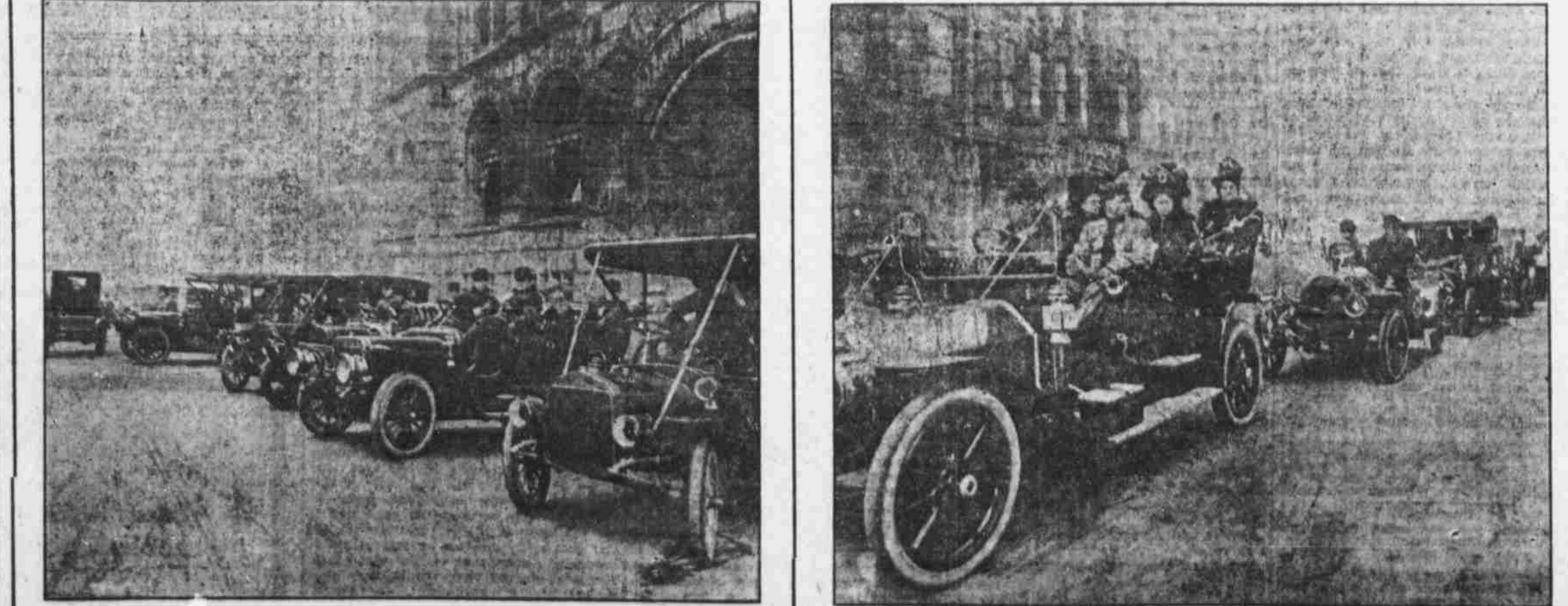
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How a Confederate Hero Died To the Editor of The Bee: More than twenty years ago The Bee printed some sketches of what war is from the ready pen of John T. Bell, formerly well and widely known for his honorable connection with the press of Omaha, and now a prominent citizen of Oakland, Cal. Mr. Bell was a union soldier in our western army in an Iowa regiment and fought in most of the great battles from Donelson to Atlanta inclusive. Asked to meet the regiment at a reunion in 1886 he sent the sketches. The Bee had published in a little printed pamphlet which I have had the pleasure of reading with much honor because it contains the most realistic picture of actual war I remember ever to have read. I am now asking The Bee to reprint Mr. Bell's account of an incident which occurred after the battle of Corinth, when our own Dodge was in command, which describes a confederate hero and the military execution of a mere boy of eighteen summers who bravely

Omaha's Visit to Council Bluffs a Notable Return Call



AUTOS MASSED ON EIGHTEENTH STREET READY TO START.

PROCESSION ON ITS WAY.

did because he refused to purchase his own life at the price of his honor. Soon after our arrival at Pulaski one Samuel Davis was captured near our lines with complete pluck for our camp concealed on his person. He was tried as a spy, found guilty, and sentenced to be hanged. On the morning of the trial that the plans were furnished him by citizens of Pulaski, and he was so brave that he could save his own life if he would disclose the identity of the parties. This offer was declined, and he was hanged. His death was brought out to the gallows in an ambulance, seated on his coffin, in company with chaplain and preceded by a band playing a funeral dirge. We were formed in a hollow square around the gallows, and when the procession arrived one corner of the square opened and the prisoner and chaplain stepped with four men carrying the coffin, which was placed at the gallows steps. Prayer was offered and Davis touched on the shoulder by an officer who for the last time said: "Give the name of the man who furnished you these plans and you will be granted an escort to Gregg's outpost and given your liberty." The boy looked about him. He was only 18 years old, and life was bright and promising to him. Next overhead, idly swinging back and forth, hung the noose; all around him were soldiers standing in line with muskets gleaming in the bright sunshine; at his feet was a box prepared for his body now pulsing with young and vigorous life; in front were the steps which would lead him to a sudden and disgraceful death, and that death it was in his power to avoid—no easily. For an instant he hesitated and then the tempting offer was pushed aside forever. The steps are mounted, the young head stands on the platform with hands tied behind him, the black hood is slipped over his head, the noose is adjusted, a spring is touched, the drop falls, the body swings and turns violently, then is still—and thus ends a tragedy wherein a smooth-faced boy, without counsel, standing friendless in the midst of enemies, had with the courage of the highest type, deliberately chosen death to life secured by means he deemed dishonorable. Of just this nature was the southern army formed." and I may add, with Thomas Nelson Page, that the people of the south were not beaten in the civil war, they were "overwhelmed."

Mr. Bell justly says: "Of such material was the southern army formed." and I may add, with Thomas Nelson Page, that the people of the south were not beaten in the civil war, they were "overwhelmed." G. L. M.

PERMIT FOR HIGH SCHOOL

License Issued to Erect the New South Wing, Which Will Cost \$175,000. Permit for the erection of the south wing to the Omaha High school was issued Saturday to the Board of Education and by its issuance the city building inspector's department has equalled the record made last year, both in the number of permits issued and the cost of buildings to be erected. The addition to the High school will cost \$175,000. One other permit was issued on Saturday. This was to A. Stephansen, for a frame dwelling at Twenty-fourth and Park streets to cost \$1,500.