

REAGAN'S EYES ARE OPENED

Local Democratic Chairman Surprised by English Political Meetings.

SCANT COURTESY TO THE ORATORS

Ireland in Much Better Condition Than England Today, Because of the Benefits Flowing from Land Purchase Act.

John E. Reagan, chairman of the democratic county committee, has returned from a business trip to Ireland. He has with him a blackboard and a book for Mayor Dahlman and a new notion of politics.

"I did not see or hear of one political meeting in the United Kingdom that did not break up in a row. This was especially true in England. It seemed to me that the most distinguished men in public life, when on the platform, were treated as very much as we would treat the veriest bum if he attempted to make a public talk on angelic morals.

"Ireland Better Than England. Ireland is today in much better condition than England. I never saw so much poverty and misery in my life as exists in England, while similar conditions are fast disappearing in Ireland, except in isolated instances.

"Going over I was a passenger on the Celtic, and for five days in one of the lower stories of the boat several hundred bales of cotton were on fire. With so much water about, it was a matter of time before it was burned up. Coming back I was on the Lusitania, and perhaps the news was brought to your paper that a tidal wave hit us, which smashed the windows in the pilot house, two hundred feet above the surface of the sea, and carried away some of the nautical instruments.

"The German war scare has everybody scared green in England. They were astonished when, in answer to inquiries, I told them we knew little or nothing about it over here. Their cherished hope is that the United States will join with England in an alliance to make the Kaiser keep within bounds.

"No, I wasn't seasick, going over or coming back."

HENS THAT LAY EGGS IN WINTER, NOT SUMMER
Chickens Jack Barnett Has Are the Kind to Own These 50-Cent-a-Dozen Days.

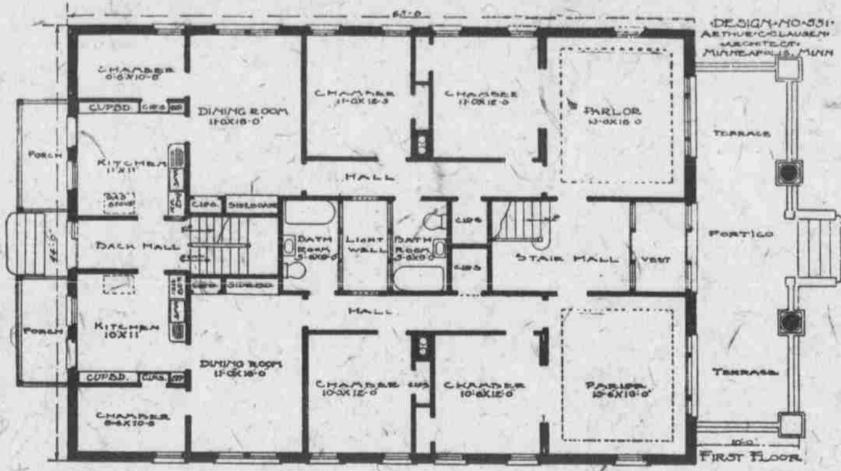
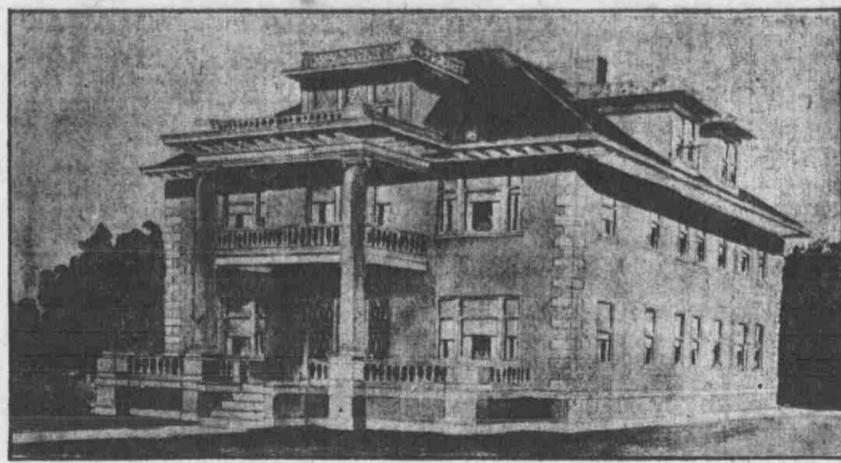
Jack Barnett of the assessor's office has a new breed of chickens of which he is justly proud. These chickens are a source of great pride and wealth to the owner. Their great value is in the fact they have reversed the seasons and lay eggs all winter, but refuse to lay in the summer.

WALTER R. BEDDEO IN JAIL
Former Politician is Charged with Defrauding South Omaha Concern and Deceit the Same.

Walter R. Beddeo, for a score of years active in Nebraska politics, is in the Douglas county jail, where he was lodged by Deputy Sheriff Thompson, who went with having defrauded the Western Auto Supply company of Omaha out of \$5.

POOL HALL OWNER PUNISHED
Elmer Alabaugh Permitted Gambling in His Pool Hall and Police Caught Players.

NEWS OF THE BUSY HOME BUILDERS



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HOME BUILDING is the most universal art in the world; that is why there is so much engaged in it. To some life in a home constitutes the ideal home, having no responsibilities or cares. Others prefer a detached house in which they have to do their own janitor work, keep up the heating plant, mow the lawn, etc.

The principle advantages of a flat from the housekeeper's standpoint are the close assembly of rooms on one level, the ever ready supply of hot water and having no care whatever of the heating plant. From the standpoint of an investor, a flat provides from two to any number of homes in a minimum amount of space. A two flat building usually goes by the name of a duplex house. When the building contains more than twelve flats it is commonly called an apartment building, and in the later case there are in each flat seldom more than three or four rooms. It is the universal opinion among real estate men that a five or six-room flat will rent as readily and for as much as a seven or eight-room flat, and they certainly cost more to build. They give as a reason for this the fact that people with large families do not live in flats. Most real estate men put a ban on small children. This is no doubt a kindness to the children for flat buildings are certainly no place for growing children where their frolics must be restricted in order to keep peace with the neighbors. People can always stand the noise of their own children, but

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never fail to complain if disturbed in like manner by the children of their neighbors. Owing to the tenancy of flats being rented to small families it has been found advisable to connect one of the chambers with the parlor or living room by a wide opening so that when the chamber is not used as such it can be used as a library or sitting room. People who live in flats do not figure on paying rent for a guest chamber. Every style of home can be traced back to some form of dwelling used by primitive man. The bungalow is the development from the one story, frail homes used in various parts of the world experiencing frequent seismic disturbances. Take Japan for a good example, where seismic disturbances are very frequent, the houses are made of the materials least affected by them and most of them are only one story high. So it is said that flat buildings are the outgrowth of the primitive homes of the cliff dwellers, combining the bungalow idea of placing an entire home on one level with the cliff

dweller's habit of housing a number of families in tiers, one above another in a single rock. In fact, residents in large apartment houses are sometimes jealously referred to as "cliff dwellers." The idea of placing as many homes used one roof as possible is sometimes carried to the extreme by investors. One man remarked to the writer that he had to go out doors when he wanted to smile because he lived in a flat. Another said that his flat was not wide enough for a dog to wag his tail in. The flat should not be so narrow or the rooms so small as to bring forth such jocular remarks.

While people have come to expect small rooms in the modern flat, that would not be satisfactory in a detached house, a flat with good sized rooms will invariably rent for more and keep its tenants longer than one which has rooms so small that they are continually dissatisfied with them. Location has a great deal to do with the rent one can get from a flat. It is never a profitable investment to place a good flat in an inconspicuous locality or on a cheap lot. People who live in flats do so because they like its conveniences and they much prefer living on a car line or very close to it than taking a half mile walk, which the suburbanite prefers in the interest of his health. The cost of flat buildings varies according to the finish, but the same as all other buildings. The higher up the building goes the more the cost of the foundation and roof is distributed among the flats, thereby reducing the cost of every flat in proportion to the entire height of the building. If you get up four stories, when, after that the distance which the materials have to be hauled up and the inconvenience of doing so commences to increase the cost of each additional story, and since the rent of the upper stories is not as great as the lower stories, there is a great deal to be gained by not being profitable unless there are so many in the building as to warrant providing an elevator.

TIMELY REAL ESTATE GOSSIP

Race Against Time Again Begun on Brandeis Theater.

MARCH 1 THE DATE NOW IN VIEW

By Then Building is to Be Completed—Contractors Determined to Bend Every Energy to This End.

A race against time has again started on the new Brandeis theater and office building. Dates for the completion of both parts have been set, and the contractors say they have a reputation at stake in completing on time.

The time for the completion of the theater is set for March 1, and Manager Burgess has been given to understand he may book an attraction for March 7. The time for the completion of the stores and office part of the big structure is set for May 1, and leases are being made with that date in view.

Ernst Brandeis, who is now in New York, writes that he has visited the New York offices of the Thompson-Starrett company and that orders have been sent out from headquarters to push the building operations.

Work was still practically at a standstill on the new Morris theater, but the contractors said they hoped to have everything again running smoothly, with all back to work Monday.

Reed Brothers announce they will build a dozen homes in sunset addition this spring. This is a new addition just outside the city limits on Farnam street. The property has been graded and in many of the streets sidewalks and sewers are in place. Several houses were built in this addition last year.

Pacific Express

Loses Traffic on Overland

American Will Hereafter Handle the Business Over the Union Pacific Railroad.

Exit the Pacific and enter the American Express company on the lines of the Union Pacific railroad.

There seems to be something more than a rumor to this statement. In fact, it is practically assured that the American Express will begin operating its cars on the Hartman lines on April 1, when the contract with the Pacific company will expire.

At the local office of the latter company Superintendent Patterson said that the arrangement, if made at all, had been consummated in the Chicago office. At any rate the change will not affect the Hartman lines on April 1, when the contract with the Pacific company will expire.

C. D. Summy, assistant general agent of the American Express company, states that no authorized statement is available concerning the arrangement with the Union Pacific railroad.

It is given out, however, that the office furniture of G. C. Taylor, assistant general manager of the central division of the company at Cleveland, was shipped to Salt Lake City last week.

(Union Pacific officials state the information is news to them and that the transfer would be handled in Chicago. Ernest Young, resident director of the Pacific Express company, also states that no news nothing of the change.

Alman Found Not Guilty

CHICAGO, Jan. 22.—The jury in the trial of Vincent Altman brought in a verdict of not guilty today after being out since yesterday afternoon. Altman was accused of having exploded a bomb that partially destroyed the Central Exchange of the Chicago Telephone company on June 7.

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