

TIMELY REAL ESTATE GOSSIP

Many Proofs at Hand of Betterment of Business Conditions.

JOBBERS WAIT ON TRACKAGE
New Wholesale District Activity Depends on Council's Action—Tel Jed Sokol Will Build a New Home.

Last week furnished proof that the real estate business has been picking up. The October totals, far in excess of September and the biggest October of local record, furnished a good many investors and dealers.

In the new wholesale district on Jackson street activity waits on the city council and if permission for trackage is given this week several announcements of new wholesale and jobbing house locations will be forthcoming.

A \$35,000 or \$40,000 building is to be erected as the permanent home of the Tel Jed Sokol, the Bohemian Turners of Omaha, on the site of their present lodge building at Thirteenth and Dorcas streets.

The land owned by the Tel Jed Sokol comprises 70 feet on Thirteenth street and 125 feet on Dorcas street. In the sixty-foot front it is the intention to place stores and rent them.

The gymnasium is to be an entirely separate building of brick, one story of thirty feet high and covered over with a glass roof. Shower baths, places for wrestling, boxing and so forth will be located here, besides an ample gymnasium hall in which the class work of the Turners will be conducted.

There are 225 members of the Tel Jed Sokol and a stock company is to be formed to pay the expenses of the new structures. It will be run on the same plan as a building and loan association and the trustees think that they can easily cover the expense in this manner.

The University of Omaha has been deeded twenty-five lots by O. C. Redick, which, added to the present holdings of the institution, will give ample scope for future development.

Hastings & Hayden have sold to the Uncle Sam Breakfast Food company a tract 12x152 feet at Twenty-eighth avenue and Boyd street. The overall company pays \$2,600 for the property, which includes trackage, and announces that it will improve the place in the near future.

In the near future F. D. Wood and B. G. Hastings will learn whether their activities during January and the succeeding months are to be entirely in the direction of selling real estate or whether they will be telling fellow legislators at Lincoln of the needs of Omaha.

BLANKET CLAIMS ALLOWED
Commissioners Bruning and Bedford Vote Against Claim as Matter of Principle.

Commissioners Bruning and Bedford voted against allowing the claim of Robert Smith, clerk of the district court, for witness fees at the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners Saturday morning.

Commissioners Bruning and Bedford voted to allow the claims. Inquiry as to the reason for the negative votes brought out the fact that Commissioners Bruning and Bedford always vote against claims of this nature.

THEIR fees nor have to go through the troublesome operation of filing claims for them with the county commissioners. Mr. Smith pays them in cash and then covers all of them with a claim for himself, which he files with the commissioners.

No business of importance was transacted by the board at Saturday's meeting. After the monthly claims had been allowed the board adjourned until next Saturday morning.

Charles C. George's election to the presidency of the Omaha Real Estate exchange is not his chief claim to distinction as an Omaha business man, but this is a result of his activity in connection with the skyscraper which owes its recent existence to him far more than to any other man.

Mr. George is president of the City National Building company, which built the tall structure in the corner of Harney streets, and which stands for the time being at least as the most modern building of the kind in the city.

Mr. George is one of a band of Knox college graduates who have prospered in Omaha and most of whom, somewhat curiously, have been connected with the real estate business in one way or another.

John L. Kennedy was just leaving the Knox campus at Galesburg when Mr. George entered. Others of the same school are Frank and Charles W. Martin, who are primarily insurance men but who dabble extensively in real estate; J. E. George, brother of Charles C. Frank E. Tunniff of the George company, and Frank H. Gaines, the attorney.

Mr. George came to Omaha in 1885 on graduation and his first job was a clerkship in the office of Sears & Salmon, then the biggest real estate office in the city. The office was located in the Williams block which stood where the Union Pacific headquarters building is going up. A few months later John R. Webster bought the insurance end of Sears & Salmon's business and Mr. George went along with him.

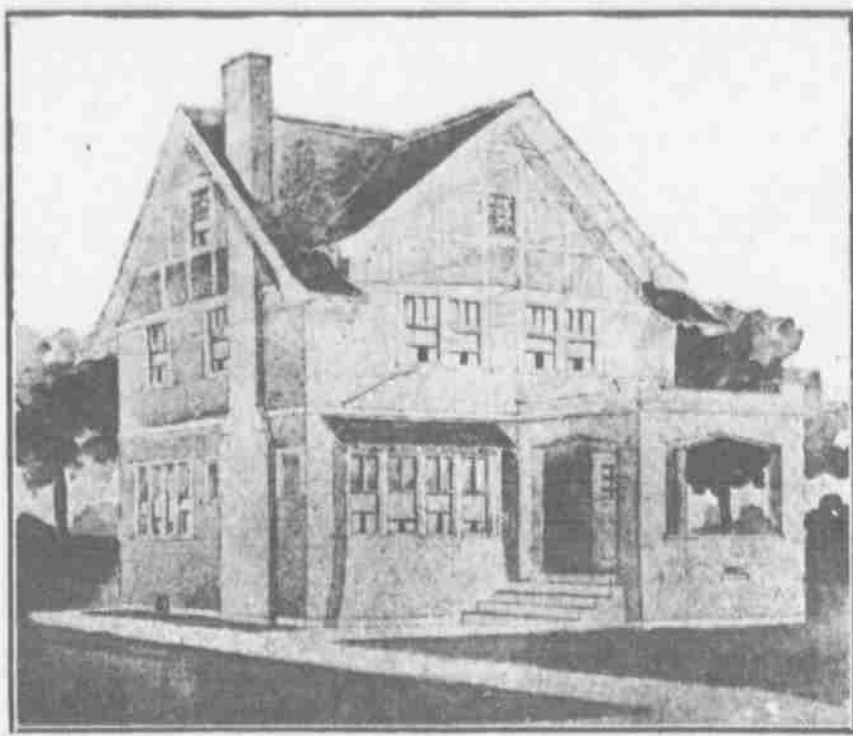
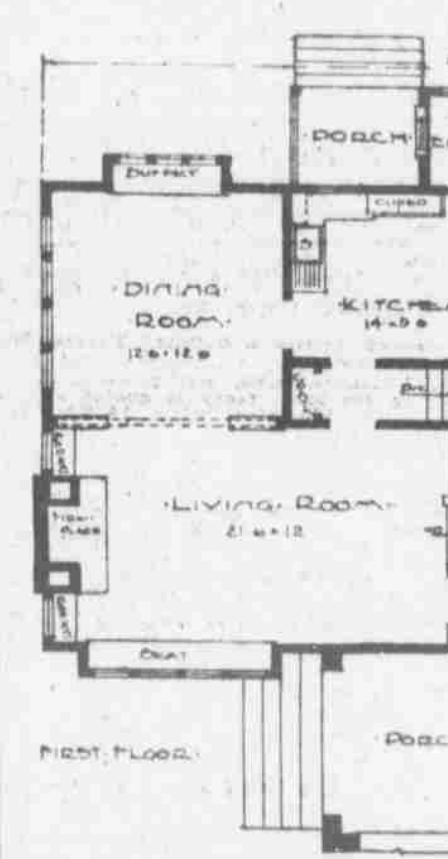
Then was formed the firm of Potter, Webster & Co., which later became Potter, Webster & Co., and finally was changed into the Potter, Cobb & Meikle company, an abstract business which is operated by George & Co. today.

Cost of Procrastination

Arthur C. Clausen, Architect.

It is the most natural thing in the world for a man who is going to build next year to wait until next spring or at least until after the holidays before taking any decided step toward planning his home. It is these procrastinators who make up the "spring rush" in all these connected with the building business, and the spring rush invariably results in some poor work and high prices for everything.

Taking the lowest estimate, 3 per cent, this would mean a saving of \$50 on each thousand spent, or \$400 on the cost of a \$20,000 home. Well worth saving isn't it? While a contractor cannot start on the construction of a building in January, he can award his mill work and the mill can be getting out this part of the work before the rush comes.



MR. CLAUSEN'S BOOK

"The Art, Science and Sentiment of Homebuilding."

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do not, and the majority will not, but will follow the natural tendency of the human race and procrastinate until they find that their house is going to cost considerably more than they expected.

The first step is to get your mind made up at once as to what you want and remember that plans are not made with a rubber stamp.

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Conversion of Frame Houses

THERE is no movement now in progress that promises so much of benefit to the western states as that which will eventually convert the frame houses used for residential purposes into the fashionable plastic form of exterior construction.

The advantages to the owner and occupants are that the habitation will be made much more comfortable in winter, with, in most instances about half the expenditure for fuel, and cooler in summer.

Stucco is the name given to the mixture of sand and cement which is commonly used in making sidewalks and will stand the climatic exposure better than any natural stone.

It is noted by travelers that stucco finish is universally in use in all European cities and the beauty of the material contributes more than anything else to the attractiveness which draws the numerous visitors.

The foreign builders spread the stucco on brick walls, but as the adherence is not reliable, it is frequently the case that it drops off, making renewals a necessity.

American architects have adopted a method which suits local conditions by using wood frames covered externally with metal lath, which, being completely imbedded in the concrete mortar, effectually prevents any scaling or detachment of the mortar.

The process of overcovering old frame houses is inexpensive, as it is not necessary, except where alterations are desired, to disturb the weather boarding.

Mr. George is a member of the Omaha Commercial, Omaha Country and Happy Hollow clubs. His real estate activities began when he was about 4 years of age on his father's farm near Galesburg.

Wood lath should never be used for exterior work, as they soon shed the mortar.

use, but this merely creates additional cost without serving any useful purpose.

The high prices of corn and oats make the process of cement overcovering have special interest to farmers who shelter horses and cattle in frame barns, because of the saving of the food which goes solely to keep up the animal's heat.

It is estimated that with a warm stable two bushels of oats or corn will go as far as three under conditions ordinarily prevailing. Another consideration is that there is less danger from fire of stabling origin.

KANSAS BREAD LAW IS VALID
TOPEKA, Kan., Nov. 5.—The state supreme court today decided that a loaf of bread weighs 16 ounces or it is not a full loaf.

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These books on the different activities of life in the business field and in the home are listed in the most accessible form; and if the public library has not in hand just the book desired, a request will suffice to get it, and the applicant will be notified when it can be had.

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