

Real Estate Dealers Offer Reward for Conviction of Plumbing Thieves.

MOVE FOR BIG CIVIC CENTER

At the Request of the Woman's Club the City Engineer Has Prepared Plans for a Two-Block Park.

At the Wednesday meeting of the Real Estate exchange it was decided to offer a standing reward of \$50 for the arrest and conviction of plumbing thieves.

Tentative plans for a civic center for Omaha have been drawn by the city engineer's department and are held in the office of Mr. Craig.

Under these plans the civic center would center on Eighteenth street, with the city hall and the court house on the east.

To carry such a scheme to completion would mean the expending of many million dollars, according to Mr. Craig.

The plans carry out the slogan of "beautify Omaha" and are a perfection of the general scheme for beautifying the city by operating special lighting districts.

Plans for lighting the city have been completed and await approval of the city council. However, the council will not consider the lighting scheme until after the passage of the bill for the revision of the city charter.

The lighting plans include the installation of special lighting districts in nearly 100 blocks in the downtown districts, which take in all the business section and the thoroughfares leading to the union and Burlington railway stations.

Most of the March settlements have been made all over the state by land renters. This is the time when deals made possibly months before are closed.

The excellent weather of the last month has allowed the completion of the paving on Dodge street in Dundee, between Forty-eighth and Fiftieth street.

Special bond issue elections were held in Dundee and Benson during the last week. That in Dundee, for the issuance of bonds of \$40,000 for the erection of an independent water works system, was defeated.

It now develops that by mistaken interpretation of the statute which requires a voter to live in a precinct ninety days that many voted at the Dundee election who had lived in the precinct a little more than thirty days.

There is considerable agitation in Dundee now over the proposal to divide the Dundee precinct so that Dundee proper will be a separate precinct.

Byron R. Hastings of Hastings & Hayden returned Thursday from a month's business trip in California. He says there is considerable excitement in Bakersfield on account of the big oil strikes.

John F. Flack, president of the City Men's Loan Association, took out a building permit for a \$12,000 residence at 409 South Thirty-eighth street.

A farm of 160 acres, part of the old Creighton farm two miles north of Benson, was sold Tuesday by the John Creighton Real Estate and Trust company to James A. Langan for \$14,000.

Sixty acres of land which has been owned by Barbara Poppenger since 1880 was sold Thursday to J. J. Anderson for \$10,000.

The Home Buyer, the Hastings & Hayden monthly publication, in an article entitled "The Value of the Land Show to the Working Class," has the following to say relative to percentage of the first Omaha annual Land show:

"The Omaha Bee took upon itself the burden which was carried out in Chicago by the Chicago Tribune and held the past month the Omaha Land show in the Auditorium. This was an exact duplicate of the one held in Chicago and while not as large it was at least as complete and in many instances far better than the Chicago show."

The Omaha Builders' exchange has moved from its old quarters in the Ware block to the sixth floor of the Barker block.

Real estate men declare that never before in the history of Omaha have so many out of the city firms written in Omaha for business locations. One real estate man said he had been instrumental in making many long time leases with outside firms. The applications have been coming in since the first of the year.

Recent sales of Sarpy county farms made by the Orin S. Merrill company, in which the new owners took possession the first

Individuality in Small Houses

Arthur C. Clausen, Architect.

IT OFTEN never occurs to the builder of a small home that he can have as much individuality in the design and plan of his cottage, as the man who builds a stately mansion, in fact there is a greater chance for individuality in a small home, than in a large one.

To look well, a large home must necessarily be designed in some one of the several well established styles of domestic architecture. The plan may vary, the style may vary, the cost may vary, but in style it must be either English, classical (which includes the colonial style) or mission.

In the design of a cottage, the situation is entirely different. With a possible exception of the mission style, the limited cost of a cottage makes it impractical to attempt the more expensive styles in keeping with large construction. For this reason, a cottage home can be built in a style of its own, and need fill only one requirement, and that is, that it be pleasing to the eye.

Many expedients can be used that give it a touch of individuality. When the location is suburban, and the lot is of sufficient width, the porch can be placed on the side, and be used as an auxiliary to the living room, still maintaining a formal entrance on the front.

The style, size and shape of former windows, for cottage homes, is unlimited, and often take an important part in the attractiveness of the home. Bay windows, window seats, oriel windows, dutch windows, piano windows and casement windows are at the command of the designer without number.

Divided glass is not only appropriate, but almost essential in the design of a cottage home, especially if the style be somewhat English domestic, or colonial in its details. Many materials which could not be used in a large home are very appropriate for cottages, such as fieldstones (gingerbreads), as they call them in Dakota for foundation and chimney facing.

A well arranged plan will not work up into an attractive exterior in the hands of a skilled designer.

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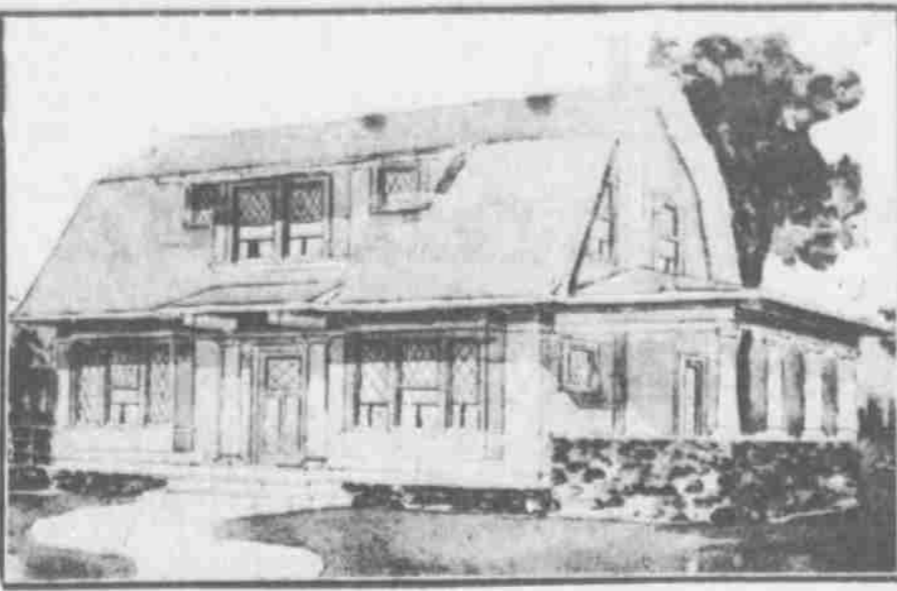
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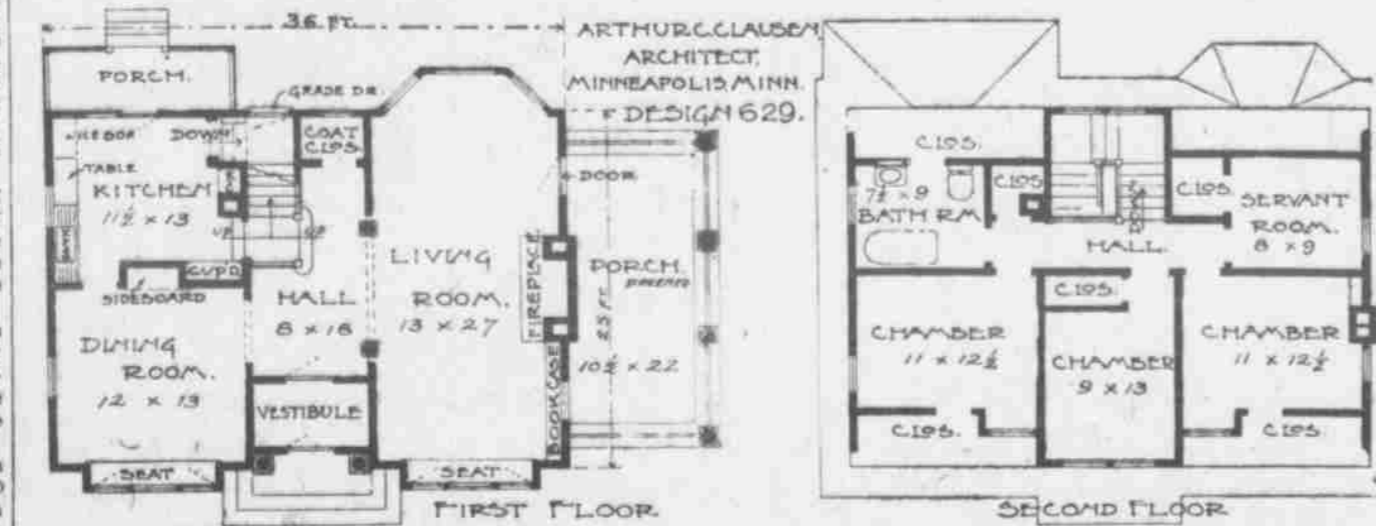


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The Key to the Situation—Bee Want Ads.

EXCHANGE IS FOR COMMISSION

Members Endorse Bill as Favored by the Ad Club.

COMMITTEE REPORT IS IGNORED

Exchange Decides to Let the Water Board Clause of the Bill Remain as It Is—Delegation to Go to Lincoln.

By a vote of 19 to 5 the Real Estate exchange endorsed the proposed bill for an enabling act to allow Nebraska cities to adopt the commission plan of government Saturday afternoon by 19 to 5.

In doing this the exchange ignored the report brought in by the special commission plan committee, which recommended that the Water board be excepted in the bill.

The attempt of the committee to discriminate in favor of the Water board acted as a red flag to many members of the exchange and the discussion, which was exceedingly free, at times grew almost personal.

The special committee which brought in the report was composed of F. D. Weed, John Robbins, D. C. Patterson, John L. McCague and C. F. Harrison; Byron R. Hastings and N. P. Dodge not being present.

In speaking against report of the committee to except the Water board, W. H. Green asked: "Why should we try and keep a few of our friends in jobs. Let us get after this thing right or drop it altogether."

Ralph Sunderland, former president of the Ad club, said that within the last few days it had been decided to include the initiative and referendum features in the bill. He said exceeding care should be observed to not bring in side issues that would operate against the bill.

H. B. Payne declared that the mention of the Water board only served to antagonize. He therefore moved that the exchange go on record as favoring the Ad club bill, paying no attention to the report of the special committee.

John P. Breen at this juncture explained that if exceeding care were made it would mean that the entire bill would have to be re-drafted, for the bill as it now stands makes no provisions for the election of other officers than the seven commissioners in charge of 100,000 population.

F. D. Weed stated frankly that if the Water board were included out of office that he would be against the Ad club bill. It was suggested that since the Water board had been seven or eight years in trying to accomplish something and as it still has more than a year to do something before any one could take office in Omaha under the commission plan that worry over the Water board should be spared.

All members were furnished with slips bearing the names of senators and representatives from this district and all were urged to write asking them to take favorable action on the commission bill. This was also done in regard to the bill for exemption of taxation on mortgages. J. L. McCague declared this was a bill of utmost importance to the people of Nebraska.

Plans are already under way for a delegation of about 1,000 of Omaha citizens to go to Lincoln later and by the earnestness of their demonstration demand the passage of the commission plan bill.

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Hearing on Damages on Twenty-Second Street Up Monday

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MINNESOTA LAND MAN OPENS AN OFFICE HERE.



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In recognition of the growing importance of Omaha as a land market, W. F. Nelson, manager of the Nelson Real Estate agency of Minneapolis, has opened a branch office at 311 Bow building.

The Omaha branch will be under the charge of Nordstrom & Neff.

Mr. Nelson is largely concerned in the development of the northwest. He is engaged in the sale of Minnesota and North Dakota lands. He has offices at Badger and Canby, Minn., and Ryder, N. D.

Last Sounding Balloon Sent Soaring Skyward

Weather Bureau Experiments with Upper Atmosphere Completed at Fort.

The twenty-fifth and last of the series of sounding balloons was released by the meteorological experts at Fort Omaha on Saturday afternoon. Though the data obtained through the use of the recording instruments attached to the balloons has not been completed, E. F. Sherry, in charge of the work, believes that some valuable information has been obtained.

Effort was not made to discover anything new in the upper currents, but rather to secure some complete data concerning them, especially at this time of the year. Though it is not a matter of great importance to the meteorological experts it is interesting to note that during this series records were broken for both height and distance sailed by balloons. One drifted 102 miles, while another soared to a height of fifteen miles.

Stockholder Paying Debts of Failed Bank

Henry Block of Pekin, Who Paid Half Obligations of Institution, Pays Additional 25 Per Cent.

PEORIA, Ill., March 4.—Henry Block, a wealthy merchant and former stockholder in the defunct Ties-Smith bank of Peoria, today notified 2,000 creditors that he would voluntarily pay them an additional 25 per cent dividend.

At the time of the bank crash six years ago, Henry Block was a stockholder, but took no active part in the bank's affairs. Although released by the federal court, the entire Block fortune was used to repay creditors. Since that time Block has made another fortune. It will take over \$100,000 to pay the additional 25 per cent dividend, making a total of 75 per cent paid to the creditors by Block alone.

MULLEN WANTS THE RECORDS

Demand Police Court Books, but is Referred to Clerk J. J. Mahoney, Who Has Charge.

Arthur Mullen, appearing as attorney for the state in the ouster proceeding against Chief Donahue, demanded the records of the police court while on a visit to the police station Saturday afternoon. He was referred to J. J. Mahoney, clerk of police court, with the statement that the clerk alone was empowered to open the records.

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Advertisement for Omaha Loan & Building Association. Features a monthly payment plan for home ownership. Located at 18th and Dodge Streets.

Advertisement for The Bee Office Building Co. featuring office space for rent in the Bee Office Building at 17th and Farnam Sts.

Advertisement for Krug Bock Beer, bottled and ready to drink. Available at John Nittler, 3224 So. 24th St., Omaha.

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