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# THE HOME BUILDERS PAGE



## Building Notes of the Week

The manager of Miller, Stewart & Beaton company's department of interior decorating has just returned from New York and other eastern cities, where he secured the latest suggestions and ideas for home furnishings. This interior decorating department is drawing up some of the most beautiful plans for making homes beautiful that have ever been seen in Nebraska.

Furnace information for home builders will be given free by the Omaha Stove Repair Works. This firm is one of the leaders in the furnace business and has ideas and figures that demand attention from all prospective home builders.

The Southern Coal and Supply company is going on record with some of the fastest building wrecking operations in the history of Omaha. This company seems to have the work down to a fine point and gets the results in rapid time. It does good work at all times.

The new Union Depot postoffice is finished with Sherwin-Williams Copal Varnish, furnished by Barker Bros. Paint Co. This varnish is always specified on government work.

The following sales are reported by the Anchor Fence company for the last week: Wolff Bros., Benson, Neb.; Newberry's

Hardware company, Alliance, Neb.; J. Landrock, 124 South Twentieth street; Dwight Williams, Omaha, Neb.; Joseph Voler, 222 South Twentieth street; I. C. Brown, 215 North Sixteenth street; John Wemphoff, 248 South Twentieth street; and C. O. Pullis, 282 North Forty-first street.

The expanded metal sold by the Northwestern Expanded Metal company of Chicago is recognized as among the best metal for concrete reinforcement. It is used in floors, roofs, bridges, pavements, sewers, etc.

Seed time finds the Nebraska Seed company doing the biggest business of its history. This spring everybody apparently has the "garden fever," for more people are buying seeds than ever, and it begins to look as though Omaha would be a garden city this summer.

The safe place to put pianos is in the evenly heated storage room of the Omaha Van and Storage company. This is used exclusively for pianos. It is heated so that the instruments are not injured.

Sales of Sherwin-Williams paints are large this spring. Many Omaha homes are being treated to new coats for the summer. Barker Bros. Paint company, which handles

these paints, also reports a large sale on Keystone.

For up-to-date and sanitary plumbing Long & Vorse, 604 North Twenty-fourth street, are now recognized as among the leaders in the city. Their work is always satisfactory. They take pride in doing things right.

That the cement business of Omaha is on the rapid increase is shown by the work which is being done by the Ideal Cement company. This firm is breaking all previous records. It has established itself on a solid foundation in Omaha and is among the leaders of the state.

When your key "won't work" call up the C. R. Heflin company. You will not need to get angry at the key and say things you ought not. This firm will open any lock and save your temper.

The Omaha Loan & Building association is anxious to confer with families that do not own their homes. They have propositions to offer that will probably lead you into the way to build a house of your own.

It is almost fly time and most people are preparing to protect their houses against the summer pest. The Omaha Window Screen company will be pleased to submit figures for providing your house with screens.

The electrical work done by W. W. Sherwood, 1212 Farnam street, is of the kind that will make you call upon him again. It gives satisfaction.

All the bill-boards along railroads leading into Omaha are being repaired by F. L. Martin Co. Barker Bros. Paint Co. are providing all the paint.

F. H. Turney & Co., 306 South Thirteenth street, report that the sale of the American weather strip was larger last week than any previous week of this season. This strip is dust proof.

A good many people are giving instructions to the Burgess-Granden company at this season of the year to come to their homes, take down their beautiful chandeliers and fixtures, refinish and repolish them and then reinstall them. The whole process takes only a few days. There is no dirt or inconvenience attached, while the results are most gratifying. One has the effect of having secured an entirely new fixture. It is surprising to learn how reasonably the work is done.

## Richardson is Still After Drinking Cups

Though the committee on supplies of the Board of Education failed to approve a scheme to install sanitary drinking fountains in the school buildings, James Richardson, chairman of the committee, says he will make a minority report and ask the board to buy the fountains at the next meeting.

Richardson recommended the purchase of fountains at a cost of \$1,500, but he says the committee turned him down on the grounds that the board did not have sufficient funds. About the same time they bought an automobile for the buildings and grounds committee, declares Richardson.

"I am going to give the board a chance," says Richardson, "and am going to make a minority report. I may get locked, but I am going to have the satisfaction of knowing who is going to do it." "Personally, I am not opposed to the automobile purchase, but I believe there are other things that are needed worse than an auto for the committee. The sanitary fountains are absolutely necessary."

## BURGLAR FISHES FOR LOOT

Angling Gent on Night Stroll Hooks Watch and Money Through Window.

The angling burglar, a gentleman of nocturnal habits, who fishes loot from his victims with a pole and hook, robbed R. E. Bergquist, 2215 South Central boulevard, Friday night.

The fisherman landed a Swiss watch, a chain and \$2 in cash. He worked from an open window.

## Moderate Decrease in Building

Building for March in sixty of the principal cities of the country shows a decrease of 12 per cent in comparison with the corresponding month a year ago, according to official reports to Construction News. Permits were taken out in sixty cities for the construction of 21,675 buildings involving an estimated cost of \$92,180,975, as against

23,786 buildings representing an investment of \$73,411,313 for the same month a year ago, a decrease of 11 buildings and \$2,430,538, or 12 per cent. This is not considered in any sense a bad showing. It will be seen by the accompanying table that these losses are in thirty-two cities and gains in twenty-seven.

Cities	1911		1910		Gain, Loss
	No. of Bldgs.	Estimated Cost.	No. of Bldgs.	Estimated Cost.	
New York boros, Manhattan and Bronx	543	\$10,268,425	282	\$18,199,555	44
Chicago	1,199	9,552,700	1,281	10,002,900	26
Boston	435	4,315,000	188	4,351,000	53
Philadelphia	2,301	8,881,200	2,261	5,842,270	4
Brooklyn	417	2,234,200	783	5,210,800	63
St. Louis	622	2,207,100	903	2,247,344	28
Los Angeles	967	2,122,800	1,033	1,719,921	23
San Francisco	526	2,090,700	537	1,927,200	8
Portland, Ore.	806	1,984,471	664	1,471,000	36
Indianapolis	695	1,731,514	755	1,928,369	17
Detroit	719	1,307,225	663	1,651,049	24
Louisville	292	1,209,826	336	1,386,450	14
Cleveland	528	1,214,797	771	1,192,204	2
Cincinnati	1,214	1,099,420	1,031	947,535	16
Milwaukee	596	1,009,609	426	967,000	29
Minneapolis	691	1,000,115	683	1,436,190	26
Baltimore	527	1,047,869	440	909,270	9
Oakland, Cal.	806	1,027,756	357	885,270	74
Newark	207	1,027,223	325	1,785,601	18
Pittsburg	151	1,029,901	357	853,622	13
Kansas City	515	958,469	396	1,652,206	43
Rochester	287	885,812	381	1,139,436	22
Seattle	1,179	751,640	1,241	1,470,390	50
Denver	286	718,560	339	1,121,000	36
Buffalo	299	699,000	344	926,000	25
Atlanta	466	678,007	461	696,641	6
Richmond	94	574,712	92	529,064	61
San Diego	217	549,669	171	245,499	124
Houston	301	522,219	245	198,862	163
Memphis	361	482,962	371	432,257	15
Hartford	135	447,795	129	221,039	18
Omaha	169	421,869	211	500,940	7
Dallas	128	414,276	229	682,877	14
Worcester	116	400,273	171	344,965	17
Peoria	47	398,291	48	152,990	167
New Haven	282	388,915	309	448,975	64
Spokane	108	388,296	126	260,034	10
Tulsa	126	356,236	139	289,064	21
Wilmington	166	309,828	76	202,539	14
Birmingham	269	296,506	304	448,957	26
Dulles	125	281,560	139	244,829	40
Fort Wayne	97	263,759	115	211,025	20
Paterson	118	258,886	102	238,432	26
Grand Rapids	139	252,586	120	308,515	40
Wilkes-Barre	89	209,727	83	107,343	33
Davenport	39	169,640	18	372,500	45
Syracuse	100	160,000	100	308,515	60
Chattanooga	207	149,595	316	142,947	5
Norfolk	71	148,068	90	139,314	23
Lawrence	32	119,225	44	152,125	29
Cedar Rapids	39	115,000	25	143,000	10
Springfield	35	92,525	67	134,000	19
South Bend	42	92,842	67	106,850	14
Little Rock	87	104,494	88	218,221	52
Charlotte	56	81,133	56	158,990	48
Lynchburg	60	74,837	62	109,015	60
Stockton	23	59,125	33	53,870	8
Portland, Me.	24	65,250	31	91,525	29
Troy	39	49,440	38	68,460	42
Pueblo	32	39,965	21	55,772	65
Totals	21,675	\$92,180,975	21,756	\$78,611,562	12

There was a big drop in New York City of 44 per cent, as compared with a rise of 55 per cent in Brooklyn and only 4 per cent in Chicago, while Boston shows an increase of 52 per cent and Philadelphia 4 per cent, making the aspect for the month decidedly spotted, but it is believed that with a more settled condition of the weather construction will proceed upon a

very satisfactory basis. A group of interior and coast cities continue to make a good showing, notably Louisville, with a gain of 24 per cent, Indianapolis 9, Cincinnati 18, Cleveland 14, Milwaukee 14, Pittsburg 18, Rochester 22, Fort Wayne 20, San Diego 24, Los Angeles 22, San Francisco 8, Oakland 74, Portland 25. The south makes an excellent showing.

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## Free Information

## Foreign Creations in American Homes

In preparing American homes for the summer of 1911 designers have followed the ideas and traditions of nearly every foreign school. Reproductions are made of beautiful Japanese and Chinese creations of a hundred years ago. The Dutch, with its frieze effects, and English patterns, and Colonial patterns—all contribute to making the rooms of your home more beautiful.

Our department of interior decorating is prepared to give you the latest suggestions for making your home distinctive and creating a cool, refreshing place for the summer months. The manager of this department has just returned from the east, where he secured the latest hints in decoration.

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