

TIMELY REAL ESTATE GOSSIP

Hot Weather Shrivels Business in Omaha During Last Week.

DEALERS PLAN DENVER TRIP

Woodmen Decide to Use Texas Granite in Foundation of New Building, Membership Being Large in that State.

Ordinary matters of the trade, such as selling lots and figuring on transferring buildings from one ownership to another, are not occupying the attention of real estate men just now. For one reason the record-breaking heat of the last week made all business dull, and in that connection the members of the trade are counting upon a visit to Denver next week when they will attend the National Association of Real Estate Exchanges convention, which will be in progress in that city for seven days, starting July 11.

Omaha will send a delegation of eighteen or twenty members. The delegations from the large cities east of Omaha will meet in Chicago next Sunday night, leaving there at that time, and arriving in Omaha on Monday morning. The delegates will be entertained during the day by the Omaha exchange. The Omaha delegates will accompany the easterners to Denver, on a special train leaving here Monday evening.

The week just passed was featured by no deals of large consequence. In the building line the things of most interest which came to pass were the awarding of two public school contracts and the introduction of the work on the excavation of the Woodmen of the World building probably will be started this week.

Supreme officers of the Woodmen of the World who returned from the national convention in Rochester, after a conference with the contractors and the architect in Chicago, declared that peculiar recognition of one of the states will be embodied in the new building. The contractors, supreme officers and architects could not decide as to what kind of granite would be used in the foundations of the skyscraper. Now it happens that of the 100,000 members of the order in the United States, 60,000 of them live in Texas. Nothing could be more appropriate under this condition than that Texas granite be used in the foundation work of the building. It was decided. This substance is a hard, flinty stone, something like Colorado granite in color. It is exceptionally hard and difficult to work.

Further details regarding the inner construction of the building were solved. Refrigerated air will be used in ventilating the building during the summer months. A mammoth vacuum cleaner will be installed in the basement.

Within the last week subcontracts for steel and terra cotta were made. More than 2,000 tons of steel will be used in the frame. This will cost about \$175,000. The Northwestern Terra Cotta company of Chicago was the successful bidder for the terra cotta.

The company is represented in Omaha by F. R. McConnell, White and green, mingled with modified tints will be the color scheme in the walls.

Contracts for public school buildings were awarded as follows: Castellar-Bridges & Hoye, \$69,613. Central Park-Rahm & Behrman, \$70,000. These buildings are planned to be completed by the time the school term opens next fall.

Bids for the five-story office building of Seventeenth and Harny streets to be erected by the Thomas Realty company, of which W. H. Thomas is president, will be opened within two weeks. John Latenser is the architect. This building will be for offices on the upper floors, with the ground floor for retail shops. It will be of steel and reinforced concrete construction.

Among real estate men and contractors much interest has been expressed within the last few days in a booklet regarding the building properties of the Union Pacific in Omaha. This book was issued recently. The point of interest was the number of structures that have gone up since A. L. Mohler became vice president and general manager of the road in April, 1904. Including the new office building at Fifteenth and Dodge streets, fifteen structures have been erected in Omaha.

Big Increase in June Building

Building is going ahead all over the country at an unprecedented pace, the totals of the principal cities for June showing an increase of 11 per cent. Permits were taken out in fifty-five cities for the construction of 11,419 buildings, involving a total cost of \$93,928,919, according to reports to Construction News, against 10,311 buildings, involving a total investment of \$84,865,000 for the same month a year ago, an increase of 88 buildings and \$9,063,919, or 11 per cent. The figures in detail are as follows:

Table with columns: Cities, No. of Estimated No. of Estimated Bldgs., 1911, 1910, P.C. Gain, P.C. Loss. Lists cities like Boston, Chicago, Philadelphia, etc.

Activity and quiet are intermingled to a remarkable degree in the reports from the different cities. In the first there were increases in thirty-four cities and decreases in twenty-one; there were losses in the larger, while the intermediate cities show phenomenal gains, the big cities in Ohio making a remarkable showing. In Chicago and New York there were moderate decreases of 18 and 19 per cent, followed by Pittsburgh with a falling off of 33 per cent. St. Louis and Denver, however, are remarkably active in Ohio, a state which is enjoying unusual prosperity. Cincinnati having the largest totals for the month

tures have been erected in the seven years of Mr. Mohler's regime. They are: The union terminal postal station, a commissary building, motive power office and laboratory, blacksmith shops, car shops, paint shops, motor house, hose room and oil house, shavings burning plant, dry kiln, stripping shed, planing mill, ice house and pony saw mill.

Progress on the Penco apartments at St. Mary's avenue and Howard street, between Seventeenth and Eighteenth, is rapid. The erection of the walls has been started. This building will contain 100 rooms. It is to be four stories high and will be used as an exclusive bachelors' quarters. Penco & Slater company have the management of the building which is being erected for the Elizabeth Kountze Real Estate company.

George S. Porter, secretary of the Penco & Slater company, plans to erect a five-room bungalow at Fifteenth and Leavenworth streets. He will make his home there. The residence will cost \$1,500.

C. C. George & Co. made the following sales last week: A lot on California street, between Forty-ninth and Fiftieth streets, formerly the property of Mary S. White, to Frank L. Hubal, Mr. Hubal will build a home on the lot, which he obtained at a cost of \$1,200.

Ten acres two miles west of South Omaha, from George D. Phillip to Mari Balsvoeken, for \$1,000, and six acres in the same locality from Elizabeth Darr to George H. McNeil, for \$1,000.

J. W. Kelley sold a lot on Chicago street, between Twelfth and Thirteenth streets, to E. P. Boyer for \$7,000. The lot has a frontage of forty feet on Chicago street.

Arthur D. Brandeis has sold twenty acres opposite his country home at Arlene Lodge, Ralph Kitchen of the Packer hotel for \$50 an acre. Mr. Kitchen obtained fifty-two acres adjoining this site recently.

The Mason apartments at Thirty-first and Mason streets were sold by Edward Johnson to H. I. Plumb for \$3,000. The deal was made by Conrad Young and Selwyn Dougherty.

Six two-story frame houses at the southwest corner of Twenty-sixth street and Woolworth avenue were sold by Anna E. Ingersoll to Peter E. Schmitt for \$25,000.

Plans have been drawn and specifications made for an addition of two floors to the Loyal hotel. Work upon the improvement will be started in January. The hotel is owned by the Herman Cohn estate.

E. E. Howell has bought the L. E. Aitcher home of fifteen rooms at 1122 South Thirtieth street for \$3,200. F. E. McNeill has sold the residence at 1803 Biensy street to W. A. Weldenhaft of Spalding, Neb., for \$4,600.

Construction of the Omaha surgical hospital, to be erected for Dr. A. R. Condon, 1706 South Thirty-second avenue, will be started Monday.

The building will stand on a plot 100x100 feet in size at Park and Dewey avenues. It will be 70x50 feet, with the main front facing west. Being constructed with the view of private hospital purposes, there will be only two small wards in the building, which is two stories high with a half basement, which in reality is another floor. Twenty-three private rooms will be provided in addition to two operating rooms fitted up in most modern style. These rooms each will connect with a sterilizing and operating room. The building will cost \$50,000.

There is a suggestion of an Italian motif in the general architectural design. The principal color scheme will be yellow, the walls being constructed of vitrified brick. The trimmings will be of dark green tiling. Over the doorway will be an attractive glass canopy. The building will be completed in the fall. H. A. Raapke is the architect.

CATTLEMAN MEETS A FOOTPAD

Becomes Confused and When He Regains Consciousness His Bank Roll is Gone.

Gus Alden, a cattleman from Sioux City, thought he was safe taking in the sights of Omaha Friday night until he encountered a cool black negro at Twenty-seventh street and the Union Pacific tracks.

Gus figured that the negro figure approaching at midnight was a friend making the same kind of a tour until he was ordered to throw up his hands. Then Gus became confused and can remember no more except that his bank roll of \$64.10 vanished with the negro.

THE HOME BUILDERS PAGE

Built-in Furniture



MR. CLAUSEN'S BOOK "The Art, Science and Sentiment of Homebuilding." 30 chapters, 300 illustrations. It covers a wide range of subjects, including the selection of materials, proper design of entrance, windows, fireplaces, etc. New third edition. Price, \$1.50.

OME homes when you enter them shortly after completion, but before they have been turned over to the decorators and house furnishers, appear to be almost furnished, and assembly only need a few draperies, curtains and sundry pieces of furniture to make them look homelike. Such homes invariably have a great deal of built-in furniture. By this term is meant any special feature in the home, which has been so designed as to make it serve an ornamental purpose, for example, built-in sideboards.

A built-in sideboard, if properly designed and proportioned to the room it occupies, and located where it will show off to advantage, is always an attractive feature. Many built-in sideboards, however, are such inharmonious combinations of the cabinet makers art that they actually detract from the appearance of the room.

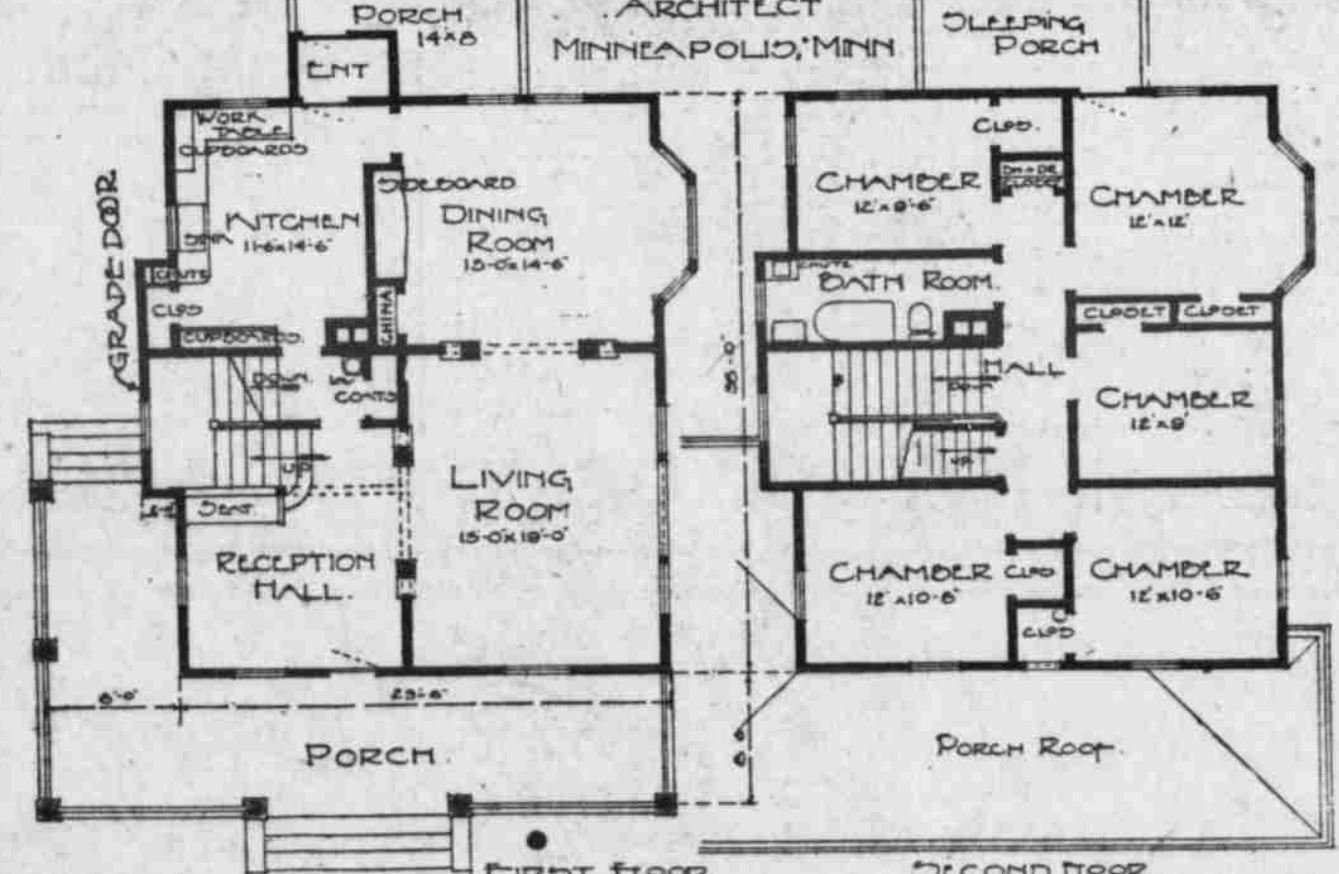
A sideboard should not be overloaded with useless ornamentation. It should rather be a setting for other things and designed with a view of showing off to advantage the select pieces of cut glass ware, silver ware or hand painted china possessed by the owner.

The built-in sideboard is composed of two parts: the lower part up to the counter, which is usually on a line with the table top, is invariably very plain, and divided up into drawers or cupboards or a combination of both, according to preference. These drawers and cupboards are very convenient as a storage place for china ware, table linen and silver ware. Along the top, just under the counter, should be at least three small drawers, one divided up into four compartments for two sets of spoons, knives and forks, one drawer for miscellaneous ladles and silver cutlery for special purposes, the third for napkins.

When the sideboard is on the kitchen side of the dining room these three drawers can extend clear through, and be arranged so as to draw into the kitchen as well as into the dining room. They can then be filled from the kitchen side and their contents taken out on the dining room side.

The upper part of the sideboard should be purely ornamental, but in a simple way. At its back is usually a large bevel plate or French mirror. It is a common fault with most housewives to overload the sideboard. No matter how many beautiful cut glass dishes, silver ware or other things may be possessed, she should not attempt to display all of them upon the sideboard. Several choice pieces, tastily arranged, give it a furnished and complete appearance, but it should not be used as a shop window for all the beautiful things in the possession of the family, since the effect is invariably ludicrous.

Built-in seats are often used in modern homes, and besides the practical purpose they serve, as suggested by the name, they also are put to other use. In the northern states built-in seats frequently have low radiators under them, with open splines or lattice work on the front to permit the heat to escape. When placed beside a fireplace, with a hinged lid top, they make a convenient wood box; when located in the hall they make a convenient place to put rubbers, as well as serving their usual purpose while the rubbers are being put on; when placed in bed rooms they are convenient chests for extra bedding or clothes; when located in a den or library, they make convenient places to keep



Building Notes of the Week

There has been more interior decorating done in the homes of Omaha during the last three months, according to Miller Stewart & Beaton company, than in any previous season.

Visitors to the Omaha Van and Storage company's new fire-proof building at 215 South Sixteenth street are pleased to note the neatness and cleanliness of the different storage rooms. The private locked and mouse-proof rooms of this building are very popular with Omaha people, and the company reports that many are taking advantage of storing their goods here, where they know they will be safe, while spending their vacations out of town.

The Anchor Fence company reports a big business at this time of year. A great many Omaha people who have neglected to have fences put up earlier in the season are doing so now. A good fence, as put up by this company, adds greatly to the appearance of a house.

Ideal Cement Stone company reports a big business in cement stone blocks.

O. L. Wiemer & Co. report an ever-increasing demand for "Domes of Silence," the invisible carrier without wheels. They are something new, neat and simple for furniture and merit investigation.

O. L. Wiemer & Co., the Twenty-fourth street merchants, report an unprecedented run on garden hose this summer.

What's the use of sweating flies. The Omaha Window Screen company of 821 North Sixteenth street report that they are putting up window and door screens in all sections of the city. They put up the durable kind of screen that lasts.

When returning from your vacation take your dirty silverware to the Omaha Plating company, 129 Harny street; they will make it look as good as new.

Visitors of Douglas county will be given another opportunity to decide whether or not they wish to vote a bond issue of \$300,000 for the furnishing of the new court house. The Board of County Commissioners voted unanimously Saturday morning to place the issue before the people again under the same conditions on August 14, the day upon which the August primaries are held.

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