

THE HOME BUILDERS PAGE

The American Renaissance

By Arthur C. Clausen.

THE colonial style always has been and always will be dear to the American heart. There is no more pleasant hobby than making a collection of the beautiful things in colonial bric-a-brac and furniture. Naturally, the connoisseur prefers to have the original for examples, but since there are seldom enough to go around, there is no good reason why faithful copies of original pieces of furniture made of a good material and in as good way should not be as popular as the now somewhat marred and time-worn pieces that have been resurrected from our grandfathers' attics and handed down to use as a priceless heritage.

There is one class of colonial art, which we are forced to copy, for both location and lack of number prevents us all from owning the "originals." That is the domestic colonial architecture. While we have come to look upon the colonial style of architecture as the American renaissance, it is, in fact, a native of England, where it was known as the Georgian style. It was considered as only a fad in the mother country, however, and was soon discarded for the ancient styles which are dear to the English and Scotch people. It was at this time in English history that the colonists were building their first homes and buildings and since they employed English architects their homes received the distinctive stamp of the Georgian style, then in vogue in England. It was in this school that our first American architects were cultured and trained with the result that the style came into national use and because of its association with the early colonial history of this country, we have come to know it as the colonial style of architecture. It is best known by its clean-cut classic details, the generous use of



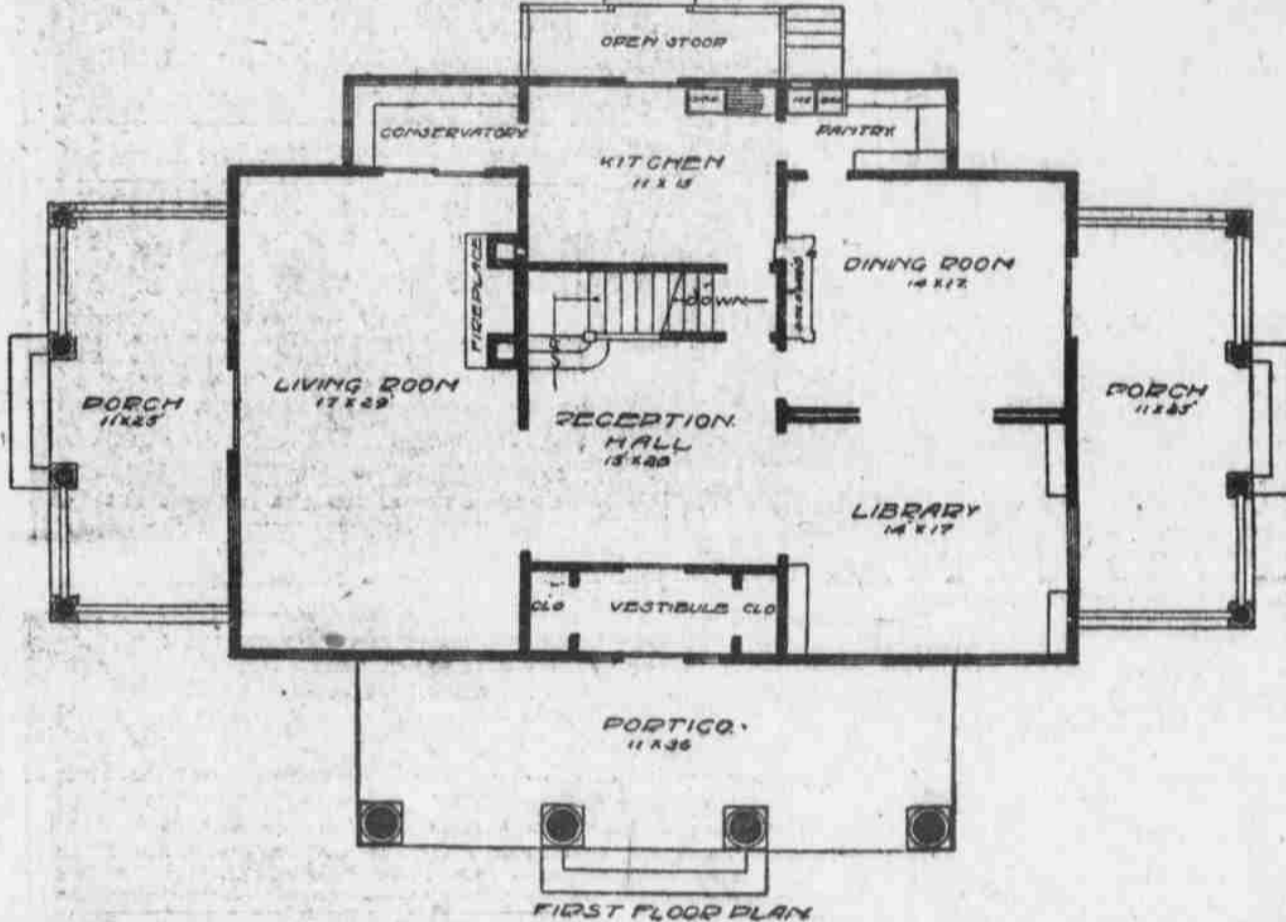
columns and pilasters, and the ever-present triple group for windows or doors, taken from the Paladian buildings of Italy.

It is especially adapted to construction in wood, and from this fact it has derived its somewhat misleading name of "carpenter's renaissance." White paint is used to a large extent in colonial architecture, the deep shadows bringing out its exquisite details. In architecture as in life, it is the shadows which bring out the true character. Contrast of color is always prevalent. White columns, however, can never make a colonial house, the details and proportion of the rest of the house must be in keeping. There must be a feeling of harmony throughout. If you do not know in what style to design your home, select a competent architect and instruct him to make it

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colonial. You cannot miss the mark far, and will have a home which will always be in harmony with American life and command admiration as long as it stands.



TIMELY REAL ESTATE GOSSIP

Denver Man Acquires \$200,000 Ranch in Boone County.

EXCHANGES IOWA LAND FOR IT

Rental Men Respond Readily to the Realty Exchange's Request for Report on Number of Vacant Houses.

A deal involving over \$200,000 has just been closed wherein Emery P. Freeman of Denver, Colo., has become owner of a 5,000-acre ranch in Boone county, Nebraska, giving in exchange his acres of land in Wayne county, Iowa. The deal was made through the agency of Toland & Wiley.

Local rental men are responding readily to the request of the Real Estate exchange for lists and descriptions of their vacant houses, the object of the exchange being to determine the exact number of vacant houses in the city and thus silence the rumors arising from the statistics of the gas and electric light companies as to the number of unused meters in the city. The bulk of unused meters, say the realty men, are in ancient buildings in the poorer part of the downtown district, and often a large number of unused meters are found in the same building.

The inquiry has been raised among local real estate men as to whether or not the plan adopted by Tukey & Son of printing maps of the residence section of Omaha on the reverse side of their letter heads is a good thing for the real estate business. Some of the realty men express the fear that prospective customers, once having in their possession a map showing the location of all property by block and lot numbers, with reference to the streets, will go and pick out property for themselves and deal direct with the owners, eliminating the services of the middleman.

Real estate business in Omaha, as anticipated, "picked up" in a lively manner after the Ak-Sar-Ben season and practically every salesman of the city is busy on some "deal" or other. Rumors are current of a number of transfers in process of negotiation which will mean substantial improvements in a trade and industrial way.

Members of the Omaha Real Estate exchange expect to get a good many pointers on selling land next

Wednesday, when the exhibitors at the Omaha Land show, will be guests of the exchange at luncheon. Last year when the Land show was here the exhibitors talked before the exchange and explained some methods of advertising, which, practiced by local realty men, would probably place Douglas county acres in as great demand as those of California or Oregon.

A delegate to the National Prison congress last week got the idea that Omaha real estate must be very high-priced because he had heard that the new county jail is to be situated in the top story of the court house. This idea was quickly dispelled, however, when he was told by Omahans that real estate here is low in comparison with that of other cities of Omaha's size and importance, and that the jail is to be on top of the court house for safety and to afford plenty of fresh air to the prisoners.

Many of the real estate men suspected an abstractor's trust in the city and their suspicions were confirmed last week when J. Fred Kerr sent out a circular announcing that a trust had been in operation since June 1, but that he had withdrawn from it. Of course, the existence or non-existence of an abstractor's trust is not vital to the real estate dealer's business, as the public pays the abstract bills in the end.

The struggle of Nebraska real estate men to get the legislature to pass two or three bills last winter may be contrasted with the situation in Massachusetts, where the legislature passed a host of bills without apparent effort, many of which the real estate men did not want. The National Real Estate Journal says of the Massachusetts legislation:

"The long session of the Massachusetts legislature this year increased the bulk of the annual publication for members of the Boston Real Estate exchange of the statutes passed affecting real estate interests in Boston. It takes a pamphlet of sixty-three pages to record a synopsis of 16 acts and resolves passed this year which directly or indirectly touch the Boston and Massachusetts landed interests."

The purchase by Dr. Gifford at Thirty-fourth and Davenport of ground for a children's playground is a large deal in point of number of lots involved. There are twenty-five lots, or about five acres. Dr. Gifford will give the lots to the city and the Park board will improve the tract for a children's playground. Harrison & Morton, who secured the lots for Dr. Gifford, said:

"The purchaser thinks that some of these close-in vacant tracts should be

saved for children's playgrounds and breathing places for the people of Omaha, and that the need of them will be more pressing as the city builds up and residence districts become more congested. There are a number of such places where property could be had at quite reasonable prices now, and in some cases where the city practically owns little tracts because of their tax claim on the property. In the case of the tract that we are buying, we found that there were several lots that had practically been abandoned by the owners and the city had tax claims of as much as the lots were worth."

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This means the country between the head of the Great Lakes, the upper Mississippi Valley and the North Pacific Coast.

I am particularly anxious to send this booklet to dwellers in cities and towns.

The need is daily growing more urgent for these people to spread out into the less densely populated regions.

The wisest move YOU can make is to locate in those sections where the growth in industry, land values and rural population is greatest.

If you are buying a piece of property, either for investment, for residence or business purposes, naturally the most desirable is that which is growing most rapidly in value.

Such steady, substantial growth and increase is a striking characteristic of the states traversed by the Northern Pacific Railway: Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota, Montana, Idaho, Washington and Oregon.

The total percentage of increase in population in these seven states in the last ten years was 16% greater than the total percentage of increase of the entire United States.

The value of farm lands in these states increased in the last 10 years as follows: Minnesota 82%, Wisconsin 71%, North Dakota 32%, Montana 39%, Idaho 51%, Washington 41%, Oregon 26%.

The value of products of industrial establishments of all kinds in these same states increased in the 5 years from 1904 to 1909 as follows: Minnesota 33%, Wisconsin 44%, North Dakota 87%, Montana 21%, Idaho 156%, Washington 71%, Oregon 68%. These are Government figures.

I want you to know of the opportunities which exist in these Prosperity States; opportunities to engage in farming, fruit-raising, dairying, and other agricultural lines, merchandising and business building of all kinds.

After you have looked over the general publication referred to, with which I will send a reply postal card, I would like to have you indicate what particular state or locality most interests you, so that I can send additional specific information.

This is your chance to grasp Opportunity. You can learn WITHOUT COST what these Northwest states have to offer.

Your own good judgment, after you receive this information, will decide your course of action—I believe you will determine to personally investigate the country.

We have low rates of fare to enable you to do this at no great cost.

Write me today—a postal will do. Let me send you the first booklet containing general description, with excellent illustrations and map. This will enable you to narrow your investigation down to a state or locality. Then upon your request, specific literature and information will be promptly forthcoming.

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Address **L. J. BRICKER, General Immigration Agt., Northern Pacific Railway, Saint Paul, Minnesota.**

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An elaborate display of products from the Fertile Northwest. You should surely see it. This exhibit is in charge of representatives who will be glad to answer questions and furnish free illustrated literature. I would like to get in communication with you, however. If you are interested in the Northwest, please do not fail to write me.

NORTHERN PACIFIC
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The Omaha Bee's Great **Booklovers' Contest**

I CUT IT ALL OUT AND JOINED THE CHURCH

No. 66—Sunday, October 22, 1911.

What Book Does This Picture Represent?

Title

Author

Your Name

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Write in title and author of book and **SAVE** coupon and picture. Send no coupon until finish of the contest is announced. Each picture represents a book title—not a scene or character. Catalogues containing 5,000 names on which all puzzle pictures are based—the catalogue used by the contest editor—are for sale at the Business Office at The Bee for 10 cents, by mail, 25 cents.

Rules of the Contest

All persons are eligible to enter this contest except employees of the Omaha Bee and members of their families, each day for seventy-five days, there will be published in The Bee a picture which will represent the name of a book. Beneath each picture there will be a blank for the contestant to fill in the title of the book.

Do not tear the picture and the book and put in the name and author of the book and add your name and address neatly and plainly in the space provided.

No restrictions will be placed on the way in which answers to the pictures may be secured. Each picture represents only one title of one book. If you are not sure of a title and wish to send in more than one answer to each picture, you may do so. BUT YOU MUST WRITE YOUR ANSWERS TO AN ENVELOPE WHICH IS PERMITTED. Do not correct answers will not be counted against contestants if correct answer is also given. More than one answer should not be put on the same coupon. Extra coupons should be used for extra answers. All answers to the same number should be kept together when sending in the set. Only one list may be submitted by one contestant, though any list may have five answers to each picture.

The number of coupons used—answers given—must be plainly written on the outside of each envelope submitted, but do not write such information on the wrapper.

While not absolutely necessary, it is desirable that the pictures should in each case be sent in with the answers, in order that all answers be uniform. Additional pictures and coupons may be obtained at the office of The Bee by mail or in person.

When you have all seventy-five pictures, fasten them together in a PLAT package and bring or mail them to the Omaha Bee, addressed to "Booklovers' Contest," 316 West 16th St. If you are unable to do so, you may send them by express, prepaid, to the Omaha Bee, care of the contest editor, in event of two or more persons having the same number of correct solutions, the person sending the smaller number of extra coupons will be declared winner. Write the name of two persons having the same number correct and using the same number of coupons, the person whose set of answers is most neatly prepared, in the opinion of the judging committee, will receive the first prize.

Only one list of answers may be submitted by a contestant and only one prize will be awarded to one family at any one address.

The use of the coupons is not obligatory upon the contestant, and an answer may be submitted in any legible manner the contestant may select.

Awards will be made strictly according to the merit of each separate list.

The name of more than one person must not be written upon any one coupon.

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