

TIMELY REAL ESTATE GOSSIP

Real Estate Men Tell of Development of Farnam Street. SOME PHENOMENAL ADVANCES City Planning Expert Tells Some of the Things that Comprehensive Plan of City Building Will Do.

Here are some of the ideas of a local real estate salesman on the development of Farnam street. "Upper Farnam street presents a good illustration of the results of the natural expansion of the business portion of the city.

"Several substantial buildings have recently been erected between Eighteenth and Twenty-fifth streets on Farnam street, including the two Wood buildings, the Wellington, Sanford and Harvard, the Hamilton apartments, and not less than fifteen garages.

"Business houses in seeking a new location naturally try to discount the future. The Omaha National bank, located at the New York life building at Seventh and Farnam streets after occupying a building on Thirteenth street for over a quarter of a century."

Referring to Sixteenth street, this man said: "Only twelve years ago one of the largest retail stores in Omaha was located at the corner of Fifteenth street and Capitol avenue, later building at Sixteenth and Harvard streets.

Charles Mulford Robinson of Rochester, N. Y., city planning expert, in his conference with the city planning committee of the Omaha Real Estate exchange last week, noted the following reasons given by his "conservation committee" of Greater New York for advocating a city plan: First—To conserve the public health by the improvement of housing conditions.

E. T. Hayden of Hastings & Hayden, who recently returned from a five weeks' trip to California, says that he does not want his real estate friends here to think that he goes to California for his health or pleasure, but goes there on business as well.

County Decides to Pay Dr. Connell Against the opposition of Commissioner A. C. Harle the Board of County Commissioners has voted to pay the judgment of \$183 secured against the county by Health Commissioner Halph W. Connell for fees for recording births and deaths.

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THE HOME BUILDERS PAGE

The Living Room

By Arthur C. Clausen.

TWENTY-FIVE years ago a home having any pretense of size or elegance was not considered complete unless the first floor consisted of the usual kitchen and dining room, and in addition to these a sitting room, library, parlor and reception hall.



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should be of masonry, and built to burn real fuel. The modern living room should also have good wall spaces for piano, davenport, book cases, etc. It is quite customary when a reception hall is separate from the living room, to have either a very wide cased opening or a wide opening containing columns between, so that in the effect of distance the library, the reception hall and living room are practically one.

The day of small parlors is past and we now have the large living room in which are combined the old-time parlor, sitting room and sometimes the library. The living room is invariably connected with the reception hall by a large opening. In large country homes, bungalows or homes of craftsman style the living room is also the reception hall.

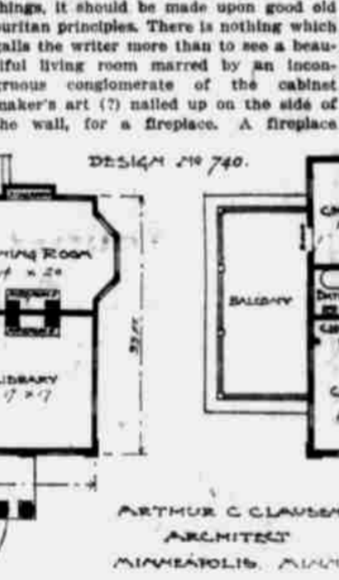
For those who still adhere to a separate reception hall of some sort, the separate library or den is popular. Every living room should contain a fireplace. It is true that they are not absolutely necessary in this day of modern heating plants, but they bring back boyhood days when cider and apples baking in a row were sweeter than they are now.

Two Big Omaha National Banks to Be Consolidated The Omaha National bank and Corn Exchange National bank are to be consolidated under the name of the Omaha National, greatly adding to the resources of the Omaha National, which is already one of the strongest institutions in Omaha.

Koontz Enters Plea to Charge of Murder Ezra Koontz, the railroad man who shot and killed Frank Smith, a brakeman, was arraigned on a charge of first degree murder before Judge Sutton yesterday. He pleaded not guilty.

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There is something in the fire that brings out the heart of the man, and especially the woman. To be confidential seems easy as the fire flickers low and there is something about a fire on an open hearth, like the pale glow of the moon on the porch at eventide, that brings out those tender sentiments which the sun in all its radiant glory fails to bring forth.



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Improving business conditions are reflected in the statements of the Omaha and South Omaha national banks, made at the call of the comptroller for February 20. Large gains in deposits and loans are shown over the last previous statement and also over the corresponding statement of a year ago.

Total deposits on February 20 were \$2,055,000, which is \$1,335,341 greater than deposits at the time of the December statement, and \$1,900,000 greater than deposits at the time of the corresponding statement of last year—March 7.

Total loans and discounts on February 20 were \$1,455,825 greater than at the December statement and \$1,911,094 greater than at the March statement.

Table with columns for Deposits and Loans and Discounts, listing various banks and their figures for Feb. 20 '12, Dec. 31 '11, and Feb. 20 '11.

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