

TIMELY REAL ESTATE GOSSIP

Omaha's New Flatiron Building is Ready for Occupancy.

OLD BELLEVUE IS WAKING UP

Southern Omaha Suburb Places 350 Lots on Market—Is Spending \$20,000 for Water System and Reservoir.

Bellevue at last is coming into its own. The little village, southern suburb of Omaha, older than the city itself, in recent months has begun taking on new life and may in a few years come to glory in the fact that through the whim of a railroad she was destined not to be a city in herself.

The village will grow, however, in being the most beautiful and largest populated suburb of Omaha within a short time, for with the recent awakening there has come a desire to gather into its environments as many Omahans as may come there.

Bellevue college, which owns a greater portion of the beautiful village, has placed 350 lots upon the market in order to raise money for its endowment fund and to build a big stadium and gymnasium near the college buildings. The settling up of these lots will be one of the first steps toward making the village into a town and later into a part of Omaha.

Another great stride toward that end which is now being contemplated by the citizens of the village and prominent Omahans who are interested in its welfare is the construction of a boulevard along the river front which will connect the suburb by roadway with this city.

Roy N. Towl, an engineer who lives in the village and who maintains an office in Omaha, has dreamed for years about such a boulevard and gradually the dream is coming true. He has outlined the drive which is to run along the river 15 feet above the water. A trestle now runs along part of this stretch outlined by him.

And still another step is the construction of a \$20,000 water works plant and pipe system. A reservoir is being built on the hill which overlooks the village. Its location will afford a natural pressure to supply water to houses all about that section of the country. Mains are being laid through all the streets of the place.

Bellevue in the past has been quiet in proclaiming to the outside world its assets. As a matter of fact it is located at a place far more adaptable to a city than Omaha's site. Henry T. Clarke, a pioneer, who donated Clarke hall to Bellevue college and who once owned practically all the land in that vicinity, picked the site for a city.

And but for the fact that the Union Pacific, in coming into this city years ago, chose the location for its Missouri river bridge at the place it now stands, Omaha might now be a suburb of Bellevue instead of the opposite condition. The bridge turned the tide of settlers and Omaha was begun. Bellevue has remained practically as it stood then.

There stands there now as historic landmarks the buildings and houses which stood there then. Hamilton mission, the oldest church in Nebraska is there. It is yet in a good state of preservation and appears almost as it did when built with the exception that its steeple is gone. The steeple was blown off in the cyclone a few years ago.

There still stands the old Fontanelle bank building and the Judge Ferguson home. These are pointed to as some of the historic sights of the village. Its natural drainage, its river frontage and its general topography and location are almost perfectly suited as a city's site. But interest in these old places is being supplanted by interest in the new undertakings of Bellevue.

A few months ago the board of trustees of Bellevue college decided to build up the institution and at the same time build up the village. The 350 lots owned by the college, available for sale, were placed on the market and George G. Wallace, an Omaha real estate man was appointed sole agent.

Mr. Wallace, as a member of the board, is interested in the future of the college as well as the village. He has appointed W. J. Chalcores of Bellevue as his salesman and the work of disposing of the lots for the college is now under way. The sale will net the institution about \$20,000. By taking people to Bellevue to see the lots Mr. Wallace is creating a great deal of interest in the beautiful place for the many who have not before realized its value.

Charles Horn reports the sale of six new houses on Twenty-first street between Sprague and Sahler streets, which were built by him this spring. They were full two-story dwellings of six and seven rooms each with sleeping porches. He is now building six more on a similar plan which he intends to place upon the market this fall. He says there is an unusual demand for houses of medium size.

The Flatiron building, Seventeenth street and St. Mary's avenue, is now practically completed and will be ready for occupancy this week. Most of the space throughout the building, the first floor which is equipped for stores and the upper three stories fitted out as a modern rooming house, has been taken by merchants and roomers.

The Flatiron building is one of the most unique structures in the city. Shaped as its name indicates it is well adapted to the purposes for which it has been built. A triangular court extends from bottom to top, allowing plenty of light and air to circulate through the building and making all the rooms in the upper floors outside rooms.

In this upper part there are ninety-six rooms of which some are contained in the twenty-four suites of two and three rooms each. There are forty single rooms.

There are twenty-four private baths in the building and a public tub and shower bath on each floor. Each room is fitted out in Craftsman furniture in fumed oak finish, a telephone, hot and cold water, built-in medicine cabinet and clothes closet and other conveniences.

The building is under the management of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Greag. The Payne & Slater Co. is lessee and proprietor.

Mother Was Fossilized.
A man who has an office downtown called his wife by telephone the other morning and during the conversation asked "What the baby was doing."
"She is crying her eyes out," replied the mother.

"What about?"
"I don't know whether it is because she has eaten too many strawberries or because she wants more," replied the discouraged mother.—Indianapolis News.

THE HOME BUILDERS PAGE

Some Pointers on Vacation Time

By Arthur C. Clausen.

COOLER weather, keener competition, more prompt delivery of building material, plenty of labor and more working energy among the mechanics makes the fall of the year an easier, cheaper and more satisfactory time to build than mid-summer, when contractors are rushed to the "limit," having all the work they can handle, when the congestion of orders means slow delivery of building materials, and when workmen naturally do not perform their work, during the hot weather, with the vim and energy that they work when the days are cooler.

To build in the fall does not mean, however, to wait until fall before going over the multitude of things which every home builder must consider preliminary to having plans prepared and figured on by the contractors. It pays to consider all of the many details carefully, and to do so takes more time than the average man or woman of affairs can spare from his or her work.

Is there anything more interesting or more pleasant to contemplate than the planning of one's home in which will be spent the remainder of life's span, and in which will be experienced the most of life's joys and happiness. Therefore, what more appropriate time than vacation time could be devoted to studying up on the many things which must be considered. Following are a few of the suggestions which every prospective home builder should consider preliminary to the planning of a home:

First—The cost problem, which includes the comparative cost of building materials as well as the size of the house, the conveniences which it can contain and keep within the building funds and what arrangements can be made for financing the building when necessary to obtain a loan for part of the amount.

Second—The exterior building materials, whether of frame, brick or cement construction and the kind of construction best adapted to the local climate.

Third. The arrangements of the rooms.

Fourth. The design of the exterior.

Fifth. The design of the interior.

Sixth. The materials to be used



throughout the interior for the wood-work, floors, etc.
Seventh. Interior decorations.
Eighth. Plumbing, where located, what kind and whether there are any complications arising from suburban location which must be overcome.
Ninth. The kind of heating plant.

whether hot air or hot water.
Tenth. Ventilation.
Eleventh. The lighting of the home.
Twelfth. The many miscellaneous things to be considered, among which are sun-rooms, sleeping porches, built-in furniture, such as fireplaces, sideboards, window seats and bookcases, the room sizes, the design of the doors and windows and the many little kitchen and pantry arrangements desired to meet personal requirements. The list could be extended almost indefinitely, but if the average homebuilder gives careful attention he will probably find that he has all he can handle in a two-weeks' vacation.

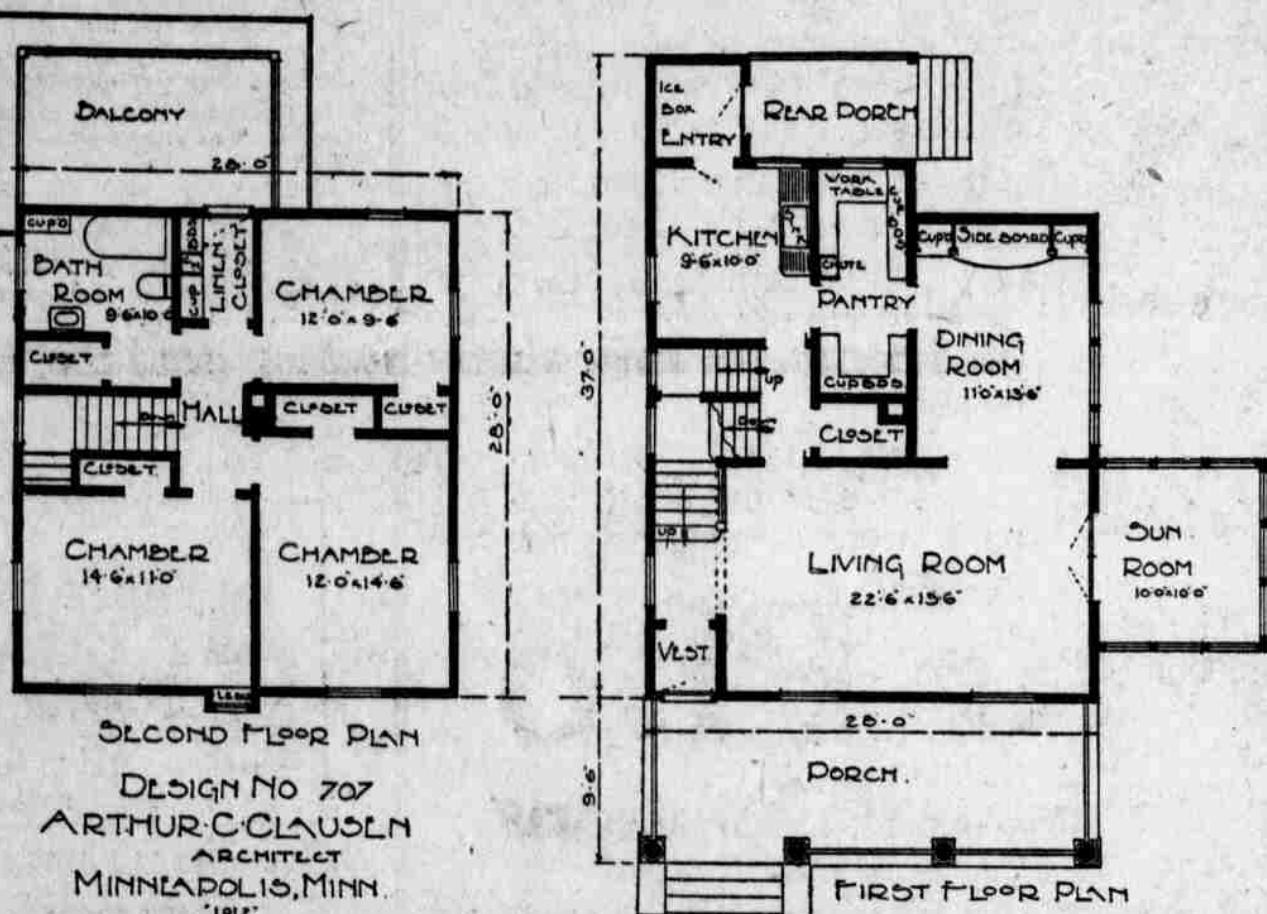
The subject of homebuilding is an extensive one, an interesting one and a very important one to anyone contemplating the building of a home and it will pay not only in the pleasure received but financially as well to give all matters pertaining to the arrangement and materials of a home very careful attention.

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SURE IT WAS HUMAN FLY

All Washington Ecstasied by a Story and a Black Spot on the Monument.

A few days ago Law, the human fly, who jumped off the Statue of Liberty with a parachute, obtained permission to climb up the face of the Raleigh hotel in Washington, and did so. Everybody has been talking about it. Then rumor said he would climb the Washington monument.

Next morning 5,000 normal citizens of Washington went clamoring down to the Washington monument in automobiles, taxicabs, plain cars and anything else they could impress into service. The street car service was tied up for miles. Every roof that commanded a view of the Washington monument was jammed. Business was suspended and everybody who could reach a window was hanging half out of it and gibbering.

Away off in the distance, about 300 feet up the monument, was a dark spot that seemed to be slowly advancing upward. People on street cars rushed for the back platform, gazed a moment, and then frantically rushed off and hailed the nearest chauffeur. The price of a trip to the monument went up to \$5 in ten minutes. Congressman Fitzgerald of New York ran madly out in front of a racing taxi in which were seated Congressmen Bartlett of Georgia and Martin of Colorado.

"Get out of the way," shouted Martin. "We're going down to the monument and haven't a minute to lose."

"For heaven's sake take me on," pleaded Fitzgerald. "I've tried to get a taxi, and this is the last one left."

They let him on and sped on their way, passing McCall and Roberts of Massachusetts in a sea-going hack, Howard in a runabout and other statesmen too numerous to mention.

"Did you see him stop to wave his handkerchief when he got to the 300-foot level?" asked Clerk Trimble of the house, leaving two-thirds out of a window.

"No," groaned Congressman Rubey of Missouri. "I just got here. I never have any luck. Holy smoke! Look at him! He's slipping!"
A gasp went up. The figure seemed to waver and then to get itself together. A cheer went up.
Meanwhile Fitzgerald, Martin and Bartlett had reached the neighborhood of the monument. To their intense surprise a roar of welcome went up from 5,000 throats. They found themselves in the center of a mass of automobiles in which they recognized about a third of the house

PUBLICITY DOPE IN EPITAPHY

Sober Remarks on Tombstone Cause Live Screams in Graveyards.

There are some people who try to make money out of anything, as the inscriptions on some tombstones bear witness. Although tombstone epitaphs are frequently censored by the authorities, a good many have been passed that are more in the nature of puns for the living than tributes to the dead.

The widow of a man who died some years ago arranged for the following inscription to be placed over the grave of her husband.
"Here lies — dear departed husband of — who now carries on his business of general outfitter, and always gives good value. Terms cash."

That is tombstone advertising with a vengeance, and it is not an isolated case. It has been recorded of a certain shopkeeper that he had his grave dug and the tombstone placed above it some years before his death. The tombstone was nothing less than an advertisement of his

business, for the inscription ran: "Here lies John Emerson, the Best Hatter in the State of Ohio." This tombstone, after raising some discussion, was eventually passed by the authorities.

A Canadian firm went one better even than this. The head of the firm in question died, and over his grave was inscribed on the tombstone: "Here lies Abraham Stokes, Founder of the Firm of Stokes, Stokes & Co., who for many years have manufactured pickles and bottled fruits. Best of all, and without rival."

The tombstone censors sometimes refuse permission for epitaphs of this description to be placed over the graves of the dead. The widow of a well known patent medicine manufacturer, who wished to erect a tombstone bearing a detailed account of her late husband's discovery of the patent medicine in question, found that the authorities were obdurate in not allowing the inscription to appear. Finally she abandoned the idea of advertising the business, and erected a more suitable memorial, in which no mention was made of the commercial life of the dear departed.—London Tit-Bits.

Neighborhood.
"Who is that woman sitting on your side porch?"
"Hush. She's my next door neighbor."

"What is she doing there?"
"Why, she's interested in a serial story in a magazine I let her take and now she's waiting for me to bring home the next number."

"Rather cheeky, isn't it?"
"No, no. I've got her lawn mower."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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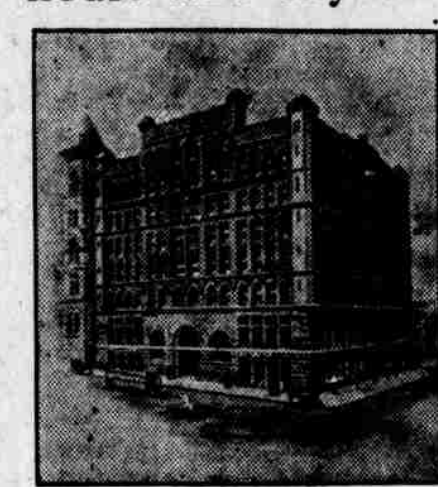
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