

GOSSIP OF DEALERS IN REAL ESTATE LINE

Interurban Lines Needed to Effect Vast Development of City of Omaha.

LEGISLATION IS NECESSARY

Exchange Appoints Committee to Investigate and Report Bill to Make Better Conditions for Investors.

That good interurban lines would be the greatest thing possible for the development of Omaha...

To Cut Down Offices.

The executive committee of the Real Estate exchange was delegated to look into the matter of suggesting legislation that would tend to do away with county and city offices that are believed to be more or less useless.

Not Knocking Omaha.

"Now, really, I am awfully tired of hearing the charge that I am knocking Omaha, just because I propose some progressive legislation. I am not knocking Omaha, and those who say I am simply say that for the lack of any other argument."

Christmas Serenade by Neighbors for Bedridden Woman

Triple Christmas cheer in the form of a Christmas serenade was arranged Friday evening for Mrs. Annie Smith on Thirty-second avenue, who had been a bedridden invalid for eighteen years.

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Part of Yellow Journalism in the Causation of the European War as the Germans See It

Contributed by A. L. Meyer.

Conspicuous amongst the questions of the day is, "What has caused the more or less predominant pro-British, or anti-German sentiment in the United States, and why are many prominent dailies and weeklies persistently and systematically promoting the same by magnifying every event favorable to the allies and unfavorable to the Germans, and by ignoring or minimizing everything that is unfavorable to the allies and favorable to the Germans?"

The principal reason can be no doubt be traced to the fact that high finance in the United States is so closely allied with high finance in England, financial and commercial interests and obligations being so closely interwoven as to be akin to a business partnership, which would make it seem perfectly natural that such interests make their influence felt here in the creation of pro-British sentiment.

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During the latter half of the 19th century, by the coming of Alfred Harmsworth, the smart young man, yellow journalism was launched upon its prosperous career with the birth of the "Daily Mail."

At first the older respectable papers looked askance upon this new departure as an adventurous publication, edited on the plan of the yellow press in the United States, for which they prophesied an early failure.

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REALTY SLIDES IN THEATER

See Ad Department Urging Desirability of Omaha Property.

Campaign Carried On in Connection with Real Estate Advertisements Daily Found in Great Newspapers.

The Omaha Bee has just placed an advertising slide in every moving picture theater in Omaha, and all its suburbs, as well as in Council Bluffs, urging the public to take advantage of the opportunity of owning real estate, and get the satisfaction that comes with such ownership.

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Journalism from taking hold in England, the king taking the passage with the rank of baronet, i. e. Mr. Alfred Harmsworth was created Lord Northcliffe. As yet, however, Mr. Pearson through his ownership of the Standard still outlasted Harmsworth, but with the new title and the blind toadyism of the English public to the titled few, especially when possessed of luxurious castles in the country, the star of the newly made Lord Northcliffe was in the ascendency, while the declining property of the old respected London papers came to his further establishment.

While the old established Times gradually ceased to be a paying investment, its position having been undermined by such papers as the Daily Mail and Express, and when the Walter family, its owners since the eighteenth century, was ready to surrender its possession to its younger and more enterprising competitors, Harmsworth had his final innings as a power within the British press.

His success tempted others, and amongst them Arthur Pearson, who a few years after the birth of the Daily Mail founded the Daily Express, another halfpenny paper of even lower standards than the Mail. It stopped to the very lowest standards, brought the most impudent lies from all countries in the form of faked original telegrams, and was the paper which at the time of the Boxer insurrection published the fake news of the assassination of all Europeans in Peking, which caused a man carrying a letter to offer a reward of 1,000 taels for every white person rescued from the Boxers.

Without wishing to assail the sacred institution of an unlicensed press, it may not be amiss to point out a lesson as to curbing yellow journalism, which even here in these United States, looms up every now and then as a menace to the peace of our country.

Decrease in Building in November

Building statistics for November make a poor showing, but it is not so bad when one takes into consideration the fact that the principal cities of this country have for months and years been piling up a tremendous increase over the previously corresponding period.

Table with columns: City, No. of Bldgs., No. of Estimated, No. of Estimated, % of Gain, % of Loss. Lists cities like Chicago, New York, Cleveland, Philadelphia, etc.

Complaint of Davis To Be Investigated

Omaha real estate men have decided to investigate the case of Mr. Davis, who says he was fleeced by a real estate agent providing that all real estate men be exterminated.

REAL ESTATE EXCHANGES AND CODE OF ETHICS

The Omaha Real Estate exchange has been asked to adopt the code of ethics of the National Association of Real Estate Exchanges. The national association has adopted a code of ethics in real estate transactions and has sent out copies in pamphlet form.

Woman Asks Quarter Million from Hospital for Serious Injuries

Mrs. Gladys E. Short, 35 years old, who jumped from a fourth story window of Clarkson hospital while in delirium, according to allegations of a petition filed in district court, asks \$250,000 damages from the hospital. A broken back resulted from the fall, she asserts, which has caused paralysis of the lower part of her body.

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MRS. CLUTE SPURNS HUSBAND'S EFFORTS

Refuses to be Reconciled to Mate Who Tried to Blacken Her Character.

RECOUNTS HER EPISODES

Tells of Time Husband Drives Her Into Closet and Then Tries to Make Belief She Visits Room of Another Man.

Rekindled love for the wife who divorced him humbled the pride of Fred M. Clute, 2106 Chicago street, and dragged him, asking for forgiveness, to her feet, after a deposition he had given was used to disparage the character of Mrs. Clute in the Yetter divorce case in Kansas City.

Mrs. Clute, who now lives at 23 North Twenty-second street, ordered her former husband from the house, while he protested that he defamed her "because he loved her so."

The deposition by Mr. Clute sets forth that Mrs. Clute was in P. A. Thompson's room at her boarding house one morning at 7 o'clock. Mrs. Clute testified that her husband chased her into the room, threatened her, and that later he made the affidavit in a fit of jealousy.

Ice Harvest Will Start on Sunday

The Christmas weather has finished off the ice crop and tomorrow, regardless of the fact of it being a Sunday, the harvest will begin, giving employment to several hundred men.

A survey of the ice fields shows that the ice has reached a thickness of from twelve to twelve inches, with an additional inch being added each twenty-four hours so long as the temperature hovers around zero, as it has been doing during the last two days.

On Carter lake the employees of the ice companies are marking off the fields and Sunday cutting and storing will start. The Omaha Ice and Cold Storage company will put 100 men at work and the Gudmundson about 100.

At Meadow the Rock Island will start some fifty men at work, gathering the annual ice load and Monday morning at the latest, Cudahy will commence cutting ice at Seymour lake, with Swift cutting at Memphis, where it is asserted the ice is fully twelve inches thick.

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The first half of the term closed with a program of music and readings followed by a social hour and refreshments and more than 100 persons participated in the pleasures of the occasion. The entertainment was held under the auspices of the senior class.

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