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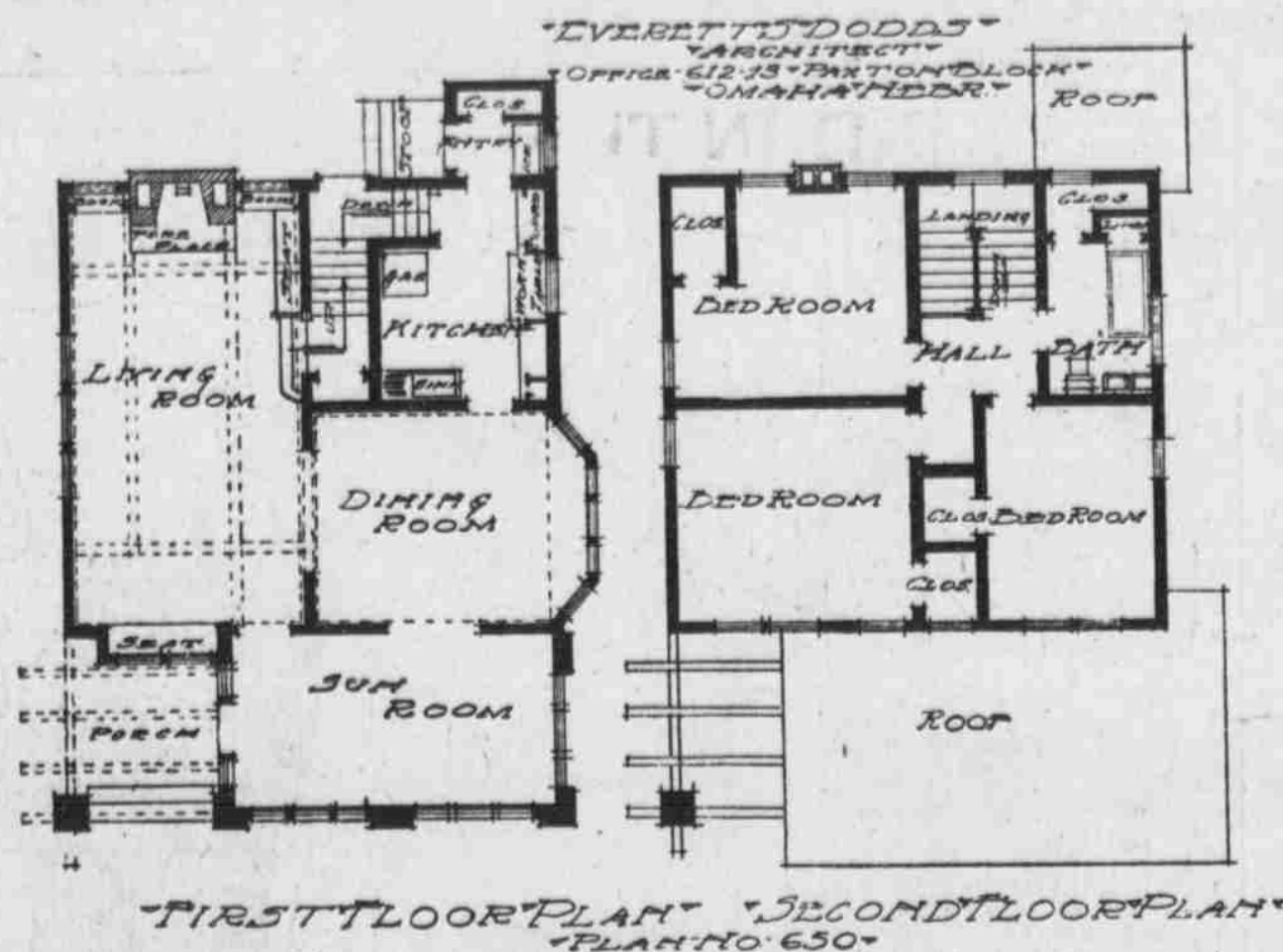
Making a New Soil.

In my back yard I have a strip of ground, 250 feet, where for two years I have tried to grow a few radishes, etc. without success. This land is what I should call poor, being probably what was dug out of the cellar when the house was built, and later leveled off to make the yard. I have tried practically all of the small vegetables, and either through ignorance on my part, or some other condition, everything grew to tops; fine tops, but that was all. I never saw such nice cucumber vines as I had last year. Suddenly they yellowed and died. Tomatoes are the only plants I received any return from at all, and they were not what they should have been. I would like to know when and how to fit this soil, what fertilizer to use (it would necessarily have to be a commercial fertilizer) and how much; when and what variety of vegetables to plant, and how to plant them. - P. S. M.

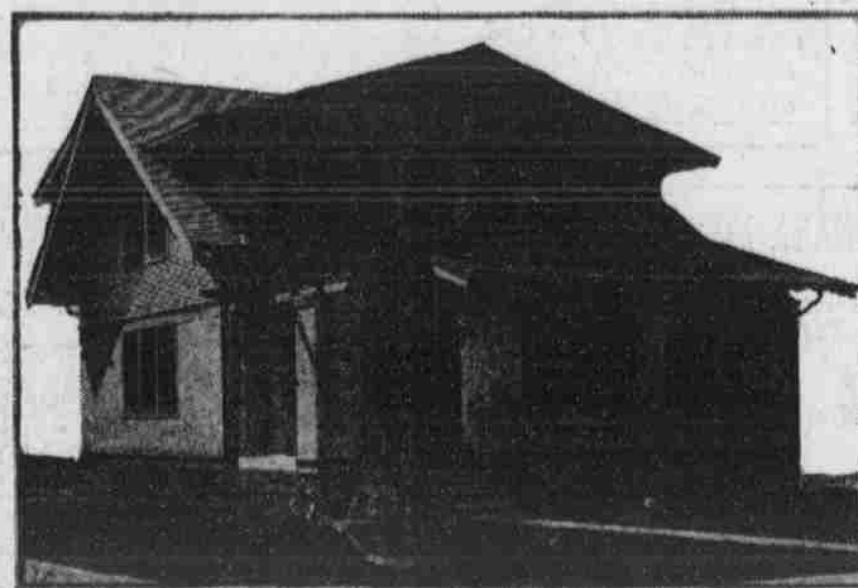
In this little plot of 200 square feet you have the big problem of how to build up a waste and sterile soil. The chances are that this is largely subsoil thrown out of the cellar and mixed with the rubbish. No doubt it is sour and with little or no organic matter; probably baking hard in time of drought. A good soil will give up its plant food under proper culture, but this is really not soil at all, and about all you can do until you can fit it is to put plant food in so that your crops can take it out. You must in some way fill that land with organic matter. If time were no object you could do this by sowing turnips, working them under in June, sowing buckwheat, follow-

ing this by rye, and so on until this decaying organic matter made soil out of this waste. You want crops at once, and so you must work differently. Arrange to get at some stable about 60 pounds of fine, well-rotted manure. Spread this evenly over the plot and spade it carefully in, so as to have the manure mixed all through the upper surface. Then get twenty-five pounds of slaked lime and scatter it evenly over the spaded soil. Rake this thoroughly in so as to get it out of sight. This is to sweeten the soil and fill it with organic matter, and having done this you have started your land on the road to soil. Get a small bag of some mixed fertilizer, designed for truck or garden crops, and use ten pounds of it raked in about a week after using the lime. You may then go ahead and plant your seeds and set out your plants. We do not know whether this spot is near a fence and thus has too much shade. It ought to have sunshine, but if you follow this plan your crops ought to grow, and year by year with careful treatment you will come closer to garden soil. It will be better to train the tomatoes up on stakes and thus have room for the smaller vegetables. The garden must be kept stirred with hoe or rake, and is watered when necessary. In brief, this is the way sterile soils are brought back. It means lime and organic matter—the latter added in the most practical and sensible way available.

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BREEN ENLARGES ON CITY MERGER

Explains the Benefits that Municipalities Will Derive from Being Under One Government.

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"Wherever there is a physical attachment of the four utility services, the water, the electric light, the gas and the street car lines between a metropolitan city and suburbs, every additional set of municipal officials is a needless expense." said John Paul Breen in an address before the Omaha Real Estate Exchange Wednesday. Mr. Breen, being the author of the Greater Omaha bill passed by the last legislature, was asked to talk before the exchange on the benefits that are to arise from this consolidation. He began by stating that to speak of the benefits accruing to any one of the municipalities would be to limit the subject to a narrower scope than he had anticipated. He asserted the thing to be considered is rather the general good that will come to the whole community as the result of the consolidation of the municipalities.

Depends on Larger City. Touching on the utility services that the suburbs are getting in common with Omaha, the speaker asserted that when a suburb is getting all these services from the larger city, it is in fact dependent for its very life on the larger city. He pointed out that the majority of the people in Dundee are making their living in Omaha. That to some extent, though not to so great an extent, this is also true of South Omaha. He asserted that both South Omaha and Dundee were originally platted parts of Omaha and that the streets were even made in a continuation of Omaha's streets and the numbering made to conform.

Consolidation the Rule. "There is no more reason for having the separate municipality of South Omaha, south of Vinton street," said Mr. Breen, "than there would be now for drawing an imaginary line at Cuming street and creating a separate municipality north of that line to be known as North Omaha, with a separate and distinct set of city officials." The speaker also pointed out that consolidations have been the history of every great city surrounded by suburbs. He asserted that Richmond had done this long before the civil war, and that it is old custom that is almost universally practiced. "As for immediate benefits, it is likely that the telephone company, for example, will have to stop charging the 6-cent toll for a call between Omaha and South Omaha." He asserted the word of an official of the company has been obtained that about \$15,000 a year in tolls will thus be taken off.

"There has been no good reason why they should charge this toll, asserted Mr. Breen, 'for the line has been only an imaginary line. But so long as South Omaha was a separate municipality, the company was able to make this charge. Now there will be no excuse for collecting extra toll for crossing the Vinton street line.'"

Big Realty and Also Building Deals Are Record for the Week

In actual figures of dollars and cents the week has again brought out a splendid showing of announcements of real estate activities and building projects actually started. The biggest thing in the line of a real estate transaction is the sale of the section of farm land of the John Hallenbeck estate one and a half miles west of Millard to B. H. Robison for an even \$100,000. As announced by the Payne Investment company, which made the deal, this is a sale for \$100,000 in money. Two big new building projects were announced during the week aggregating a proposed expenditure of nearly \$60,000. In the early part of the week came the announcement that the New Blackstone hotel is to be built at Thirty-sixth and Farnam streets at a cost of \$300,000, and that the ground actually has been broken for this structure. The Blackstone Holding company is the owner of this new project, while the structure is to be built by the Bankers Realty Investment company as architects and builders. The structure is to be an eight-story one, and is to be used for a high-class family hotel. The Blackstone is to be ready for occupancy by the middle of next winter.

Then during the latter days of the week came the announcement of a clear sky that the Skinner Manufacturing company, which only a few months ago finished its large new general plant at Fourteenth and Jackson streets, is at once to expend \$110,000 in the erection of an exact duplicate of the present new plant as an addition to double the capacity of the factory.

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