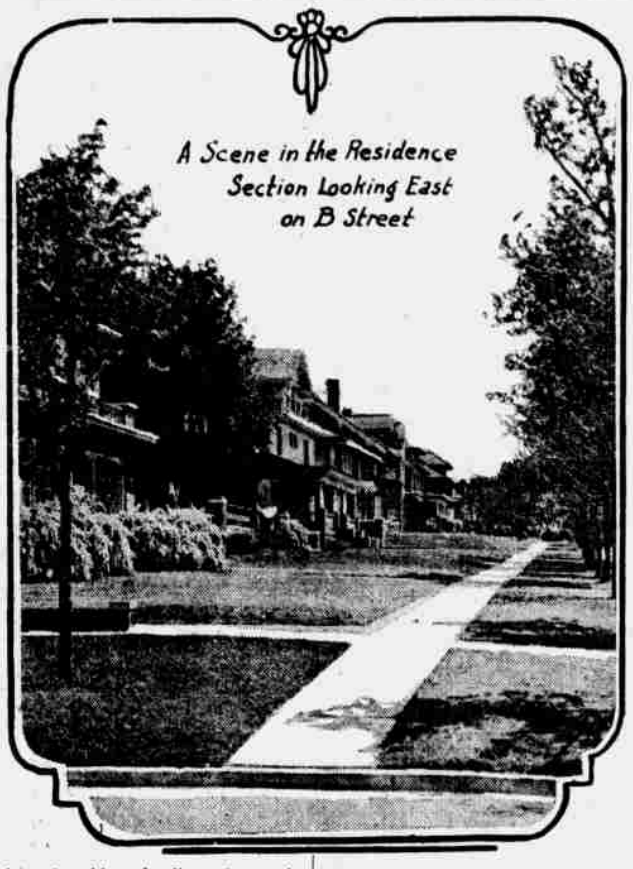
Lincoln's Home Life a Plane of Enlightened Elegance



A Scene in the Residence Section Looking East on B Street

Lincoln Carnegie Library

Lincoln adds a family a day to its population, that is, it adds an average of four persons daily to its list of contented people.

Lincoln is primarily a city of homes. Neither commercial striving nor the pursuit after learning has broken the home atmosphere there.

This atmosphere is apparent to the stranger within the gates at the capital city. Visitors there never go back home without having noticed that, and without having been recipients of attentions there they would expect to find in a city of hospitality.

Socially Lincoln is a great democracy. There are no stratas there. The circle starts with the affairs of state, made possible by the location of the capital there, and they continue in little eddies beyond that, taking in here and there practically every family of the city.

The churches contribute splendidly to the social life. In number and effort they comprise an unusually large part of the city's affairs, and they reach out in their week-day activities in such a way as to give their members the widest opportunities for advancement along social lines.

The young people's societies form an adjunct of importance in this connection and under the leadership of some of the most interesting young people's workers in the country carry on the work with good results. The Young Mens' Christian Association and the Young Women's Christian Association aid in this line and with their spacious buildings at their command to draw young folks to them give impetus to the movement.

Fraternal organizations stand high, too, in the list. The Elks with a large and well-arranged club building lead in the affairs at present. The Masons have been somewhat handicapped by cramped quarters, but the erection of a huge elaborately equipped temple at Fifteenth and L streets forecasts a time here when the wearers of the square and compass and all their relatives and the ladies of the Eastern Star, will be well taken care of in this respect.

Other lodges, although having no buildings of their own, make up for the defect by the frequency and success with which they give social affairs.

The growth of college fraternities from year to year, naturally taking into membership a number of men who make Lincoln their home, has left alumni organizations of many of them and this is also true with the sororities. All of these alumni organizations maintain a lively existence despite their separation from active college affairs.

The Country club fills a place in the social life which was vacant for many years. It has grown perceptibly during the past few years and is now one of the most popular places in or about Lincoln during the summer months, and late spring and early fall. The Country club has extended its grounds and its facilities considerably since it began its existence, and now accommodates several hundred at its home.

During the university year, of course, Lincoln is more alive socially than during vacation. Affairs of that institution, while mostly removed from the world numbers of Lincoln people travel in, is still reached by many hundreds, yes thousands of them, and there is a happy blending of the town and the gown in most of them. Former students and graduates of the big institution live in Lincoln and suburbs and never get for enough away from their alma mater to forget to contribute to the college and semi-college functions for which it is responsible.

The air of culture is felt about the city, too, in the social fabric. An unusual number of culture clubs have been organized among the women of the city and the men, too, have branched out into this realm with apparent success.

In close proximity to the state historical society's museum and records, and to the gigantic state library and to all the facilities of the university, including the members of the faculty there, the clubs have had a wealth of material to draw upon in their discussions and studies. The results are seen in a myriad of ways.

Real encouragement in these lines have been offered by the university faculty members, too, it might be written here. They have lent helping hands wherever they could in the organization of clubs for intellectual benefit, and they have taken enough interest in them from time to time to assure the members of live subjects for study and for discussion.

The homes of Lincoln are a true index of the spirit which is fostered within. They are concrete examples of the home spirit for which Lincoln is noted, and of which it is prouder than of any other feature which denotes its character.

It is said of the city that an unusually large percentage of the people there own their own homes and that no American city over 25,000 population can show a better record in this respect.

The homes are not only built to correspond to the ideas of their owners, but they have definite, tasty architectural lines, which they adhere to in a most happy manner. The straight, uninviting lines, for instance, which can be too frequently found in the homes of some of the larger cities of the country are absent in Lincoln. The same idea to economize is there doubtless, but the people fail to call it economy to sacrifice some of the outside beauty for a few dollars.

The good taste is seen not alone in the homes of great cost. A preponderantly splendid spirit in this connection is seen in the smaller homes of the city. The bungalow habit, if such it be, has caught Lincoln with a rush and thousands of those neat, well arranged, good looking smaller homes have gone up there in the last decade.

There has been an especially large movement toward the city during the last three years to make room for the outside movement. The bungalow has been pursuing the prairie relentlessly in and about the capital city, and threatens not to let up in the pursuit until many more of them dot the land surrounding the city.

During the last few years public attention has been given to making the streets more beautiful and to providing parks for the city on a scale never before attempted there.

The idea has been to give to the people who may not have in their home settings as much of nature as they want something they have been compelled to pass up in that respect. Antelope park is the greatest of these, and this with its additions of the last year has become a lovely place for people of all classes.

Among those who have given this attention is one of our own bankers, Thomas Auld of the Corn Exchange National bank, who was for several years a resident of the capital city. Mr. Auld gave a considerable tract to the city and already thousands of children and men and women who have frolicked upon it have thanked the donor, although they perhaps hadn't even a passing acquaintance with him and wouldn't have known him if he had come up and swung one of the kiddies back and forth.

Elaborate plans are being shown now for the erection of a new union station at Lincoln, one that will have something of architectural beauty about it and which will be a credit to the city. There are plans also discussed by many of the improvement clubs having the backing of a unanimous citizenship which might result some day in a changed location for the state capitol and which contemplate a Pennsylvania avenue in the Capital City.

The proposal is to have the capitol building located at the east end of Q street on a small hillock at Twenty-seventh street, and to have it face the west, with business blocks built all the way from the Union depot at Eighth street.

In some places there will probably be numerous little street parks built up and such additional beautifiers as electrolier lighting systems and the like will be added. Another accompanying plan contemplates the building of a great roadway from Antelope park down to Twentieth and O streets down the path now followed by the Rock Island road. This, of course, would be possible if that road availed itself of the Union depot project and changed its course through Lincoln.

Lincoln is essentially a city of homes and is rapidly becoming a city, too, of beautiful streets and beautiful buildings, but the changes that have been made are naught to the ones that are likely to be made within the next decade. The civic spirit is at work in a most commendable way. It will accomplish more things in the future than it has in the past. And one of these days when future scribes pen lines for state fair editions of Omaha papers they will have so much to touch upon that no kind-hearted managing editor will think of limiting them to 1,200 words.

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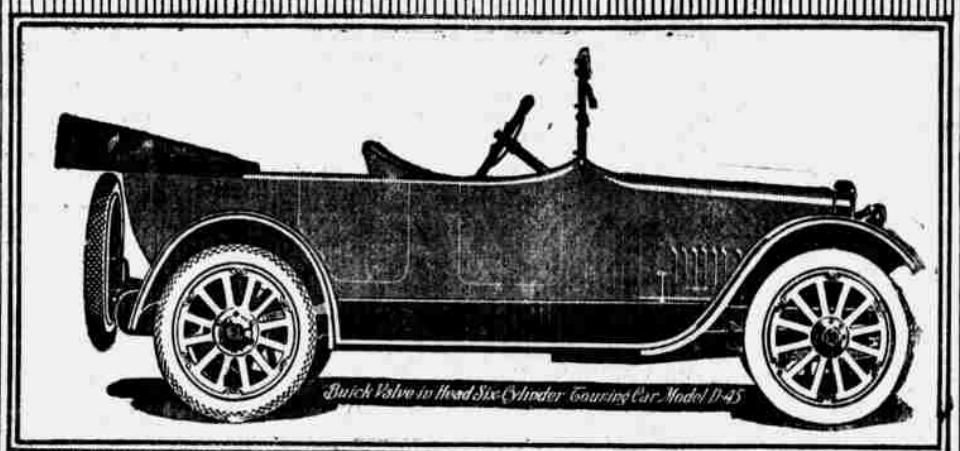

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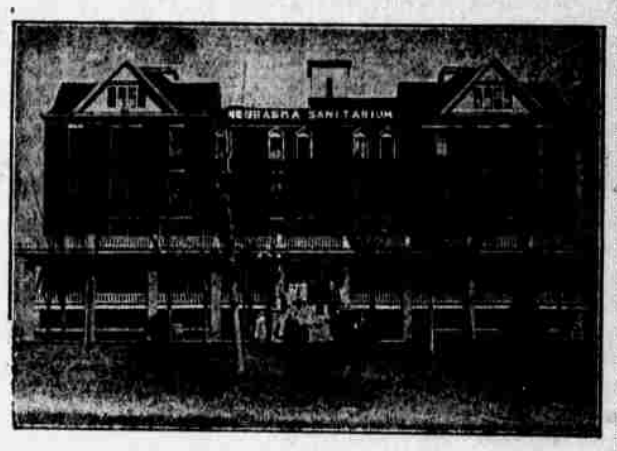

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