

# THE BEE'S BUILDERS PAGE

## ACTIVE BUILDING OPERATIONS START

Athletic Club, Hotel and Business Buildings Will Boom the Commercial District.

### DEVELOPMENT IS SWIFT

With bids on the \$400,000 new Athletic Club building for Omaha to be asked for shortly after April 1, another of the big building jobs contemplated for Omaha this year will soon get under way. More than \$100,000 worth of the \$375,000 bond issue of the Omaha Athletic club have already been sold, it is announced by Burns & Brinker, who have the selling of the bonds, and the campaign to sell them has not yet definitely started. The bond firm announces that in all probability practically all of the \$375,000 issue will be bought up by Omaha and Nebraska investors.

Plans are also practically complete for the ten or twelve-story hotel building which is to be built by the syndicate headed by Harry Wolf, on the corner of the present Schlitz hotel.

### New Business District.

The Athletic Club building, the new hotel building on the Schlitz corner, together with the contemplated Orchard-Wilhelm building between Sixteenth and Seventeenth, on Howard; the Burgess-Nash addition on the Boyd theater site, and contemplated building of seven or eight stories on the northwest corner of Seventeenth and Howard streets, will give Omaha five exceptionally fine new structures in the immediate business section this year within a radius of one and a half or two city blocks. A better idea of how these five handsome business structures will flock into the immediate business section of the city may be obtained when attention is called to the fact that four of them will be within one block from the court house, and the other will be barely two blocks from the court house.

And this little reference to immediately prospective development in the heart of the retail district does not even take into consideration the coming twelve-story telephone building three blocks from the court house; nor does it have reference to practically a dozen fine structures that have gone up in the last year and a half or two years within two or three blocks from the court house, considered as a pivotal point from which to view the development.

### Some New Ones.

Here are some of them, just by way of review: Grain Exchange building, one block from court house; Fontenelle hotel, one block; Sanford hotel, one and a half blocks; First National Bank building, one block; United States National Bank building, one block; Rose building, one block; Saunders-Kennedy building, one and one-half blocks; Brandeis power house, two and one-half blocks; World-Herald building, two blocks; Castle hotel, two blocks.

Outside this immediate limit of the retail center building activities are also daily humming.

The contract has just been awarded to the Westinghouse-Church-Kerr company of New York to build the \$600,000 power plant for the Union Pacific shops at Eighth and Cass streets. Work has already started.

Carl A. Johnson has been awarded the contract to build a \$40,000 apartment house for Mrs. P. Mahrens at the corner of California street and Lincoln boulevard.

The Nurses' Deaconess home and chapel for the Immanuel Deaconess institute is to cost \$75,000, and preliminary plans are made.

Ground is being broken for the \$35,000 apartment house for H. D. Frankfort at Thirty-ninth and Dewey avenue.

Bids are being taken by Margolin Bros. for a \$30,000 apartment house they will build at Twenty-fourth and Parker streets.

Work is in progress on the Collis Products company butter-milk meat factory at Ninth and Dodge streets, a plant to cost \$50,000.

The work on a \$15,000 garage for R. M. Harris is being pushed between Thirteenth and Fourteenth on Harney street.

William Redgwick has been awarded the contract to build the \$30,000 addition to the Methodist Episcopal hospital at Thirty-ninth and Cumings streets.

John H. Hartle has the contract to build the \$15,000 addition to the J. Burns bakery at Twentieth and Cumings streets.

C. M. Skinner is to build a \$15,000 garage and sales room in South Side.

These are a few of the later jobs under construction or in immediate contemplation, to say nothing of those announced months ago and partly completed now, such as the Lec-Coit-Anderson warehouse, the Waterloo Creamery company, the Kirschbraun Creamery company and a score of others in the wholesale and manufacturing district of the city.

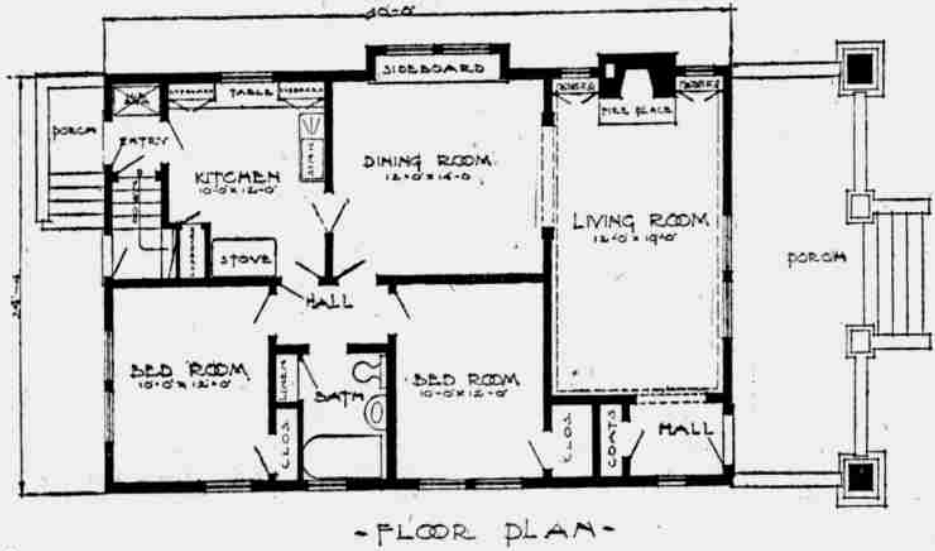
### Real Estate Exchange Invests Funds in Land

Membership fees in the Omaha Real Estate board to the amount of \$1,500 are already available in the board's treasury, and this the board proposes to spend at once in Omaha real estate.

At the last meeting of the board held Wednesday, it was decided that since Omaha real estate values are showing such remarkable advances, the board itself, which is now incorporated, should lose no time in investing some of its money. It was the general expression of the body that this money ought to be invested at once, and C. C. George moved that the executive committee of the board be empowered to look for available property that could be purchased by the board and report on the condition next week. It was the general opinion that the board should buy Omaha property with the \$1,500 as the first payment, and that it should go the limit credit on the strength of this equity in obtaining some good pieces of Omaha property.

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## Plan for a Comfortable Bungalow



-FLOOR PLAN-

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### Prizes for Letters.

The owners of the land and Harper & Co. have put up \$1,015 worth of prizes to be distributed among those who write the best letters on these subjects. They have put the contest in the hands of the three daily papers in Omaha, and have asked the contestants to write their letters to the contest editor of any one of three papers. Garden lots are to be given away in this competition. The first bunch of lots for the first prize are lots worth, according to the price fixed on the tract, \$435, the second \$205, the third \$140, the fourth \$135, and the fifth \$100 in cash.

The lottery feature is entirely eliminated in this contest, since the con-

testant pays no money for the privilege of contesting. Anyone over 21 years of age may contest by coming to the sales office of the company at Fifty-sixth and Q streets.

From the end of the car line at Forty-third and Q streets representatives of the company will have cars to carry all visitors, buyers and contestants to the tract and to the field office of the company.

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Mr. Dunbar comes from the Nebraska Fire Insurance Inspection bureau, where he has been for the last eight years in the capacity of inspector and for the last two years branch manager for that office at Lincoln.

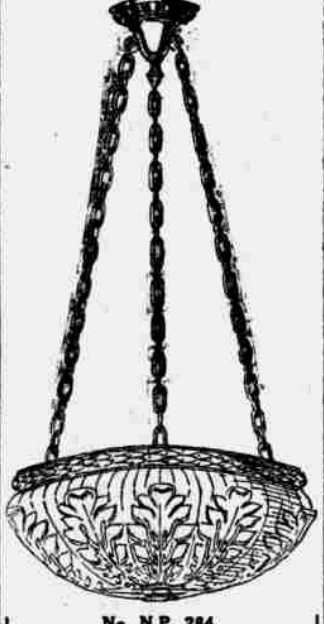
He has a wide acquaintance throughout the state and is known as one of the best insurance inspectors in this field. His experience and close study of insurance problems enables him to be of invaluable service to this firm and those interested in insurance of all kinds.

## Build Live Stock Pens For River Shippers Here

Suitable stock yards for the handling of what live stock comes into Omaha by Missouri river navigation will be built this spring at the foot of Missouri avenue on the South Side. This was assured by W. H. Shellberg of the Union Stock Yards company in a meeting of the terminal facilities committee of the Missouri River Navigation league recently. The Julius F. Silber, which has been in "harbor" at Omaha all winter, is about ready to begin operations again between Omaha and Decatur. The ice at Omaha has all gone out of the river, and reports from the upper reaches of the river are that the ice is moving out piece by piece. Captain Neff of the Silber believes he can begin operations within ten days.

## Sioux City Cheers Its Troops Back from Border

Sioux City, Ia., March 24.—Several thousand residents of Sioux City swarmed about the Union station here last night in a welcome to Companies H and L of the Fifty-second Iowa regiment on their return from the border. The guardsmen came from Des Moines today, where they were mustered out. The troops, headed by a band, marched to the armory along streets filled by cheering crowds.



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