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HOME BUILDING GUIDE

TIMELY HINTS and SUGGESTIONS about BUILDING

SHOULD NOT HINDER BUILDING TRADES

R. E. Sunderland Says There Should Be No Letup in Ordinary Trend of Business.

"A persistent propaganda seems to be well on foot to discourage normal business operations and it may be of enemy origin for the purpose of causing business paralysis, throwing many out of employment and creating serious civil unrest," said Ralph E. Sunderland of the Sunderland Bros. company.

"One of our most important basic activities—the building industry—is threatened by mistaken and perhaps misquoted 'advice' supposed to come from Washington.

"The suggestion is made that 'unnecessary building and road construction' should cease in order that men and transportation facilities may be released for the handling of government necessities.

Must Protect Business. "Everyone recognizes that in war time the transportation of all commodities necessary for successful conduct of the war must take precedence over all else, but the fact remains that regular commerce and business should not be unnecessarily interfered with—and, if at all, with some degree of intelligent distribution of the burden among all lines of business.

"The business of producing and marketing building materials such as cement, brick, lime, sand, stone, lumber, etc., is basic and sustaining. If this prosperity is imperiled hundreds of thousands of workmen directly employed and those engaged in affected building trades must suffer.

Should Push Road Building. "Now more than ever before road building should be pushed to the limit and there is no reason for abandoning the construction of school houses, churches, business buildings and residences.

"It is an economic mistake to sound undue alarms in the realm of constructive and necessary business operations which even in normal times are all too sensitive to the ill effects of disturbing rumors and suggestions.

"There is money enough and there are men enough to do our successful part in this war and there is no need for curtailment of the ordinary and necessary processes of the building business.

"It is exceedingly important to permit and encourage every man in America to maintain at least his normal earning capacity."

Realty Concern Retains Its General Contract

Contractors who had expected to get to bid for the job of building the \$100,000 apartment house for the Selma Realty company at 5102 Capitol avenue, were disappointed. The work is to be done by day labor, the owners retaining the general contract themselves. Reinforced concrete, brick, and stone is the construction. The building is to be three stories high.

Plans Completed Soon For New Church Building

George J. Sprague is completing plans for the new church building of the St. Andrew Episcopal church at Forty-second and Hamilton streets. Bids will soon be asked on this job. The building will cost approximately \$15,000. It is to be 60 by 110 feet in dimensions. Charles G. Trimble is chairman of the building committee.

Swift & Company to Erect \$2,000 Office Building

A \$2,000 office building is to be constructed by Swift and company at Twenty-sixth and Q streets, South Side. The owners will do this by day labor. Brick and stone is the material to be used. The foundation is completed.

Seven Thousand Garage For North Sixteenth

Edward Cackley is building a \$7,000 garage, 2622-24 North Sixteenth street. Silas P. Woolf has the general contract. The building is 44 by 132 and is to be one story high. Bids on heating, plumbing and electric wiring will now be taken.

Fine Garage Is Being Built Now in Dundee

C. D. Sturtevant is building an \$8,000 garage at 103 North Fifty-third street. The foundation is in. Two stories and basement are contemplated. John F. Peterson has the general contract.

Excavation Starts for Two-Story Apartment

A. Theodore is building an \$18,000 apartment house at 1815-17 Maple street. The building is 40 by 60 and contemplates two stories and basement. Richard Everett drew the plans. Excavation work is in progress.

New Two-Story Garage to Be Put Up on Lincoln Highway

Bids are being taken for a two-story garage at 2205 Farnam street for H. Pelton. The building is to be 103 by 171 feet.

Italian Commission Is Invited to Visit Omaha

Omaha wants the Italian war commission in America to visit the Nebraska metropolis during its tour of the country. Through the secretary of the Italian embassy at Washington the Commercial club has invited the commission.

See Want-Ads Produce Results.

Up-to-the-Minute Duplex Apartment



This plan shows a duplex apartment built by Home Builders, Inc., on a number of fifty-foot lots. The arrangement is different in many ways than the ordinary double apartment. Each apartment has a front porch and separate front and rear entrances. The living rooms and dining rooms are finished in oak, with a colonnade opening between them. There is an open stairway off the living room and a built-in sideboard in each dining room. Each kitchen is equipped with a sink, gas stove, clothes chute and a Powell kitchen cabinet, which is built into the wall. The kitchen and entry are finished in yellow pine. On the second floor there are two large bedrooms, a sleeping porch and a bathroom, which are finished in white enamel.



REAL ESTATE MEN SEEK INFORMATION

Want to Know of the Plans and Policies That Are in Operation in This City.

The Omaha Real Estate board has been the center of inquiry from a number of the leading boards of the country, as to policies and plans of operation. Organizations of real estate men throughout the country pursue two general lines of activity. First, as to those matters affecting the development and improvement of the community, and, second, as to those matters affecting the ethics and conduct of the real estate business.

The Omaha board until its recent reorganization, under the old name and organization of the Omaha Real Estate exchange, gave considerable attention to the first line of activity and did much toward the development and advancement of the city, county and state. Its leading members and leading committees concerned themselves as to matters of taxes, public improvements and the advancement of public interests. While the constitution directly forbade political affiliations, some of the members thought that the activities of the old exchange came dangerously near being political.

Under the present organization and control the board devotes itself almost exclusively to interests that pertain to the real estate business and only occasionally takes up concerns that are public.

The Denver real estate board in a communication to the local board asks for advice and help, stating that for the last twenty-nine years it has given so much attention to public affairs, no other organization of Denver having taken a more prominent part in promoting matters of public improvement, that it has neglected its own affairs. It has been asking help from the boards of the country and in a recent communication says that it has received from the Omaha organization the most valuable advice received from any of the seventy-five of eighty different boards with which it has been corresponding.

The Minneapolis board through its committee on taxation and public expenditures has been after the tax situation. So far the investigation of this committee, which is being made country-wide, shows that the "tendency of city authorities is to impose a continual increase in the percentage of taxes upon tangible real estate and a constantly decreasing percentage on intangible personal property, leading to over-valuation of real estate for tax purposes and may result in future disaster to real estate interests in any city that permits it.

Sends Out Data Sheet.

The Minneapolis board has sent out a "data sheet" asking from other boards the valuation of real estate and other particulars. It also furnishes a valuation compendium of opinions of leading authorities on "Principles of City Land Values," "Principles and Problems of Real Estate Valuations" and similar topics. These will all be presented at the next meeting of the Omaha real estate board and will no doubt be referred to a committee for consideration and future report. This may bring the Omaha board back to something of the old policy of public duty, particularly when it is linked up with real estate welfare.

The Salt Lake City board is in correspondence with the Omaha board with reference to a school bond election that is pending. The following

American Ambulance Service in France a Record of High Honor

In connection with the films to be shown at Boyd's theater on June 9, there will doubtless be an increase of the already marked interest in those books of war letters, 'Friends of France' and 'Ambulance No. 10.' These letters, written by the college boys of the American Ambulance Service in France to friends at home, have a wonderful grip; they are so real, so simple, and so full of the human kindness and the splendid, unquenchable spirit that makes the work of these fearless young fellows a marvel and an inspiration. 'Ambulance No. 10,' a collection of the letters of one young ambulance man, is especially well written, with a wistful vein of sentiment running through the stern, often harrowing record of his daily experiences, and bringing before one's actual eyes the terrors and the triumphs of that voluntary service. A particularly direct approval by President Lowell of Harvard college is a good comment on these quite remarkable and thrilling letters. 'Any one who cares to know whether our young volunteers in the ambulance corps are doing, their devotion and courage, the risks they run, the suffering and the lives they save, should read this book. It has impressed me more than anything else from the front that I have seen. Every one who reads it will want to help support the corps, and those who feel so may be assured that there is no better means of aiding French wounded soldiers than the American Ambulance Field Service.' If their

could be any question of their enormous success on this great errand of mercy, it would be answered by the fact that the commonest request of French wounded is to be turned over to 'the Americans' care. More decisive yet, their hospital service has been officially announced to be the "most efficient ever operated on a battlefield"—this judgment not only from the allies, but from Germans who have also received its ministrations.

'Friends of France' is a more comprehensive book, containing letters from different men, with addenda of portraits, many illustrations, "honorable mentions" from the French government, etc. Both the books are intensely absorbing and must read a lively desire in readers to share somehow in the merciful work they record. This may be done in some degree by patronizing the exhibit of films of the ambulance service in France, which will shortly be here. These films were taken under supervision of the French government and given by it as a mark of gratitude to the service. By request of the management they will be shown here under the auspices of the Colonial Dames of Nebraska. They have met with great success on their tour, and will without doubt give a most exciting and faithful realization of scenes and conditions in the war zone, and of the part that our brave young Americans are taking in aid of the allies for whom they have such warm sympathy.

George Roeder, a young Harvard man, who was lately driver of 'American Sanitary Section No. 2,' Seventy-third division, and whose name figures frequently in the war letters, is accompanying and explaining the films, which will add much to the interest of the occasion. Mr. Roeder received "honorable mention" from the French government and has been conspicuously faithful in the service from the very first days of mobilization.

Two File Petitions to Sever Matrimonial Bonds

R. C. Holly is suing Gladys Holly for divorce in district court on grounds of alleged desertion. They were married at Limestone, N. Y., April 29, 1901.

Eva Lillian Hanson, suing Fred C. Hanson for divorce in district court, alleges nonsupport. They were married in St. Louis, Mo., September 21, 1912.

Omaha Uni Seniors Give Their Farewell Party

The seniors of the University of Omaha gave the last party of the year in Joslyn hall last Friday evening. The whole affair was very novel. It was a patriotic military party. The hall was decorated with flowers and flags in all American color combinations. The student guests were sent through five forts, Snelling, Riley, Omaha, Sheridan and Santiago. At each fort different games were played.

Patriotic Chimes to Peal Forth Registration Day

Just as a reminder of registration day, patriotic chimes, calculated to stir the breasts of all loyal men, will peal forth from Trinity cathedral. The chimes will ring the patriotic message Sunday afternoon from 4 to 5 o'clock and on Tuesday, registration day, 10 o'clock in the morning and 12 in the afternoon. Professor John Bower will play the chimes.

Nation-Wide Co-Operation for Securing More Labor on Farms

Washington, June 2.—Under the government plan for the organization of farm labor, the details of which were announced by the United States Department of Agriculture today, provision is made for nation-wide co-operation in the solution of the farm help problem. The work of organization already has been started in about forty states, and it is expected that eventually every community in the United States will be reached. It is believed that the resultant utilization of emergency labor will begin to have an appreciable effect on the farm labor situation before the season has far advanced. Meanwhile, the immediate and acute problem of supplying labor for the harvests, now beginning in the southwest, is being handled, so far as the United States government's services are concerned, through the existing employment service of the United States Department of Labor, which will continue to handle such problems of mass mobilization under the new plan as it has in the past.

The plan is based on close co-operation on the part of the United States Department of Agriculture and the United States Department of Labor with state committees on national defense charged with labor matters, with the state agricultural colleges, with the county agents, and with county and local or township labor committees or representatives to be established in every locality. The Department of Agriculture will represent the federal authorities in determining farm labor needs and in assisting in organizing all available farm labor in the rural districts. The United States Department of Labor will devote its attention to organizing labor in urban communities and industrial regions, and will co-operate with the farm labor forces where necessary by obtaining extra labor from the populous centers. The plan provides for strictly local

handling of all labor problems that can be adjusted locally. The fundamental unit of the organization is the "community man," who, with the assistance of such committees as he may appoint, canvasses his own neighborhood, finds out what farmers need help, and what men are available for supplying the local need, and affects such adjustments as can be made locally. If, after all local adjustments have been made, there remains either a deficit or a surplus of labor, he reports to the "county man," whose business it is to effect adjustments between the several communities in his county. The county man, in turn, reports any deficit or surplus to the "state man," who canvasses the situation for the state as a whole and reports to the Department of Agriculture, which, in close co-operation with the Department of Labor, is charged with the distribution of mobile labor for the country as a whole.

Thus each unit in the system acts as a clearing house for its own territory, reporting to the units higher up only when it needs help or has help to offer. The plan provides that supplemental reports shall be submitted by each community man whenever changes in the local labor situation make desirable further adjustments that can not be met with the material at hand, or when a surplus of labor develops which he can not use.

A great many retired farmers, of whom there are 700,000 in the country, may be available for emergency service under this plan of farm labor mobilization. The plans contemplate also the drawing of emergency labor from the cities under the immediate direction of the Department of Labor, the effective utilization of college students and school boys, and, if necessary, the assignment of volunteer women and girls to rural tasks connected particularly with the feeding and caring for harvest hands or other extra labor, or with farm canning or drying of surplus perishable products. In other words, the plan contemplates supplying assistance not merely for field operations, but to farm women during their season of heaviest domestic duties.

New Publicity Stamp To Advertise Omaha

Publicity stamps as a medium of publicity, one of the latest hoisting schemes now used in all the big city, are being circulated by the rep-



representative business and professional men of Omaha. This plan of advertising has come to be recognized as an effective instrument of civic publicity. The plan is to place publicity stamps on the reverse side of all envelopes mailed from Omaha.

Ten Thousand of Police Of England Join the Army

(Correspondence of The Associated Press.) London, April 30.—Ten thousand members of the police in England and Wales have joined the army and navy. This has reduced the actual strength of the force to 28,802, many of whom will soon be taken into the army. Special constables have, to a large extent, made up for the reduced number of regular police, 12,908 having volunteered for police duty. This large number includes constables for special occasions such as Zeppelin raids, coast bombardments and other emergencies.

Durango Railroad in Mexico Opened for Traffic

(Correspondence of The Associated Press.) Mexico City, May 30.—The new railroad between Durango and Canitas will be opened for traffic early in May. This road will cut off a long distance in traffic between Mexico City and Durango which formerly was routed via Torreon. The road runs through a rich mining region and will shorten the distance from the Durango mines to the Aguas Calientes smelter of the American Smelting and Refining company which is expected to resume operations after a long period of idleness within the next few weeks.

Shippers of Perishable Goods Should Use Great Care in Packing

Washington, June 2.—Shippers at this time should exercise unusual care in packing and loading their perishable products. They should grade their products carefully with reference to the degree of their maturity and select a nearby market for the riper products and a distant market for the products that will hold up the necessary time in transit to reach the distant market. Weather reports should be utilized in a study of the weather conditions that are prevailing in the different large markets, to the end that foodstuffs that normally are consumed in large quantities in warm weather may not be sent to markets where cool or cold weather is prevailing.

There should be a fuller recognition of the joint responsibility of the shipper with the carrier for the safe carriage of food products to destination. The specialists of the Department of Agriculture point out. Shippers should co-operate closely with carriers by giving ample instructions with reference to refrigeration and ventilation, to the end that food products may be properly conserved in transit and reach channels of consumption. Railroad agents could be rendered useful service if they were instructed in some of the most fundamental things connected with the

NEW GARAGE COSTS HUNDRED THOUSAND

O. H. Strauser Has Contract for Structure to Be Located at Sixteenth and Leavenworth.

O. H. Strauser has the general contract to construct the \$100,000 garage for J. F. Fitzgerald at the southeast corner of Sixteenth and Leavenworth streets. The building is to be one story high above the level of Sixteenth street, but there is to be a full basement and a sub-basement. The lay of the ground is well suited to such a construction. Little excavation was necessary since the garage is being built on the brink of the embankment on the east side of the Sixteenth street viaduct at the north end.

This handsome new garage will add much to the appearance of this corner in the business section of the city. Ever since Omaha has become a real city, this corner has been one of the eyesores. It has been occupied by old shacks or by delapidated sign boards. Large quantities of sand, brick, crushed rock and other building material have been accumulating there for some weeks preparatory to pushing the work when once begun. The cement footings are now being poured.

Work to Start at Once On Belt Line Elevation

During the next week active work looking to the elevation of the tracks of the Missouri Pacific Belt line will begin. The engineers who will have charge of the construction have established an office at the Dodge street crossing and are here with blue prints and the working details. Contractors who will do the grading incident to the elevation of the tracks have established their camp south of Cuming street and have up an acre or more of tents for the housing of the horses that will be used in doing the work.

North and south of Dodge street great stacks of piles are being unloaded and sharpened, preparatory to being driven for the trestle that will carry the track while the grade is being constructed.

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