

# OMAHA REAL ESTATE

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### OMAHA DOLLARS CLINK OUT SONG OF PATRIOTISM

#### Gate City Lives Up to Its Reputation of Being on the Job When Country Calls.

Omaha has been "on the job" early and late, in season and out of season in patriotic activities ever since this county joined in the great war and, in fact, before that time in the relieving of distress among the war-oppressed peoples.

The city has responded in every instance with more than its share of work and money. In some cases it has done double what it was expected to do. There has been such an outpouring of money into patriotic funds as has never been seen before. The name of Omaha is known in Washington with the highest honor for what the people of Omaha have done and are doing to help Uncle Sam in his stupendous undertaking.

#### Liberty Loan Record.

Right from the start Omaha took a proud place in the Liberty loan drives. In the first loan Omaha raised half of the total raised in the state. Omaha subscribed \$9,083,000.

In the second drive Omaha subscribed two and a half times its minimum quota and nearly 50 per cent more than its maximum quota. Omaha's minimum quota was \$4,733,200; its maximum quota was \$7,888,300. It raised \$11,388,500. This is a record that brought words of commendation from Washington.

Nebraska subscribed to the second Liberty loan, \$33,317,200, which was several millions more than its minimum quota of \$29,640,000.

Kansas City, Mo., raised just a trifle more than its maximum quota of \$19,423,000, subscribing \$20,142,000. Denver also went just a trifle over its maximum quota of \$13,174,000, subscribing \$14,913,600.

#### Women in Front Rank.

The women of Omaha have been and are tireless in their war work. Not only do they display tireless energy, but a great deal of executive ability as well.

Their activities in the Red Cross are manifold. Their surgical dress department in the Baird building is in charge of Mrs. O. C. Redick. Hospital supplies are being made by 112 auxiliaries under direction of Mrs. C. T. Kountze.

The knitting section is directed by Mrs. A. W. Jeffers. The downtown workroom is in charge of Mrs. F. W. Carmichael. Mrs. Luther Kountze looks after the canteen at Fort Omaha. Mrs. C. M. Wilhelm is at the head of the civilian relief department. Mrs. T. L. Davis has charge of the big work of sending Christmas packages to the soldiers in camps.

The local chapter of the National League for Woman service has quarters in the court house. Here the women engage in knitting, mending for the soldiers at Fort Omaha and Crook and the sending of comfort kits to the soldiers.

#### Miss Millard in Charge.

Miss Carrie Millard has charge of the war relief work in the Baird building. Here surgical dressings and hospital supplies for the allies are made. Here also is a melting pot for old jewelry from the proceeds of which funds are secured for the work. Garments and supplies for refugees and war-stricken populations are being prepared by the Duryea war relief, conducted by the Vassar club.

A number of Red Cross auxiliaries are formed in the public schools. They have several thousand members. They make things and raise money for various things. Some schools

have bought Liberty bonds. Children have given over their play hours to this work and many of their parents have given up other activities to give as much time as possible toward work.

Knitting schools where women are taught to knit are among the war activities of the local Red Cross. Nebraska's total Red Cross membership today is larger per capita than that of any other state.

#### Banner "Y. M." Drive.

Then there's the Young Men's Christian association. Early in the summer Omaha poured \$18,500 into this work before its object was well known. And when the big war drive for \$35,000,000 for the nation came, in November, Omaha and Nebraska headed the list with the largest per capita subscriptions in the country.

Omaha's apportionment in this drive was \$75,000. Business men met and decided Omaha would give more. So they set the figure at \$100,000.

But nothing could stop Omaha and the city "came through" with a gift of \$125,000 to the Young Men's Christian association work.

The Omaha Boy Scouts have been a big factor in war activities. Willing hands and tireless legs have been enlisted by the hundreds and the youngsters made house-to-house canvasses. They reach people who could not be reached in any other way.

#### Works the "Left Overs."

In the first Red Cross membership, last May, the Scouts worked the last two days of the campaign and obtained 820 members, just from the "left overs," as it were.

Last June, in the first Liberty loan drive, the Scouts secured 1,187 subscriptions, aggregating \$251,650. Seventy-two Scouts secured war service medals from the government in recognition of their work.

In the Red Cross campaign of June they secured 4,248 pledges amounting to \$16,480.

They sold 7,951 bonds of the second Liberty loan, aggregating \$441,750 in value. War service medals from the government were secured by 68 Scouts for their work in this drive.

In the two final days of the food pledge card campaign they made a house-to-house canvass and secured 11,800 signatures to pledge cards.

The Scouts worked the downtown theaters in the campaign to get members for the Christmas fund.

#### Soldiers Treated Royally.

The soldiers stationed at Omaha's two forts are treated better, it is said, than those stationed at any city because of the many civilian war activities and the comprehensive way in which they have taken up the needs of the soldiers.

The Omaha Rotary club saw the need of a downtown club house where the soldiers could "loaf, play pool, smoke or play games. They needed a place they could call their own. The Rotary club raised \$3,000 among its members and within 10 days had an ideal club house furnished and running. The old Omaha Racquet club building at Seventeenth and Howard streets, was fitted up for this purpose. Centrally located and splendidly equipped, it is just the thing needed for this purpose and has a large patronage from the boys in khaki. It is appropriately named the "Khaki club."

The suffering of the Jews, Armenians, Syrians and other war-stricken peoples have been alleviated by the generosity of Omahans. Many thousands of dollars have been raised by Omaha Jews and forwarded for the relief of Jews in the warring countries. A drive for Armenian and Syrian relief this winter brought in \$20,328 from the state, Omaha contributing by far the largest part of this. The First Unitarian church of Omaha gave \$1,775 and the First Methodist church \$1,046.

Omaha kept up its enviable reputation for liberal war giving in the Red Cross membership drive, which has just been completed. The managers of the campaign started out with the purpose of obtaining 40,000 members, about one in five of Omaha's population. They ended by getting twice that number.

### BUILDING AND LOAN FIRMS SHOW GAINS

#### Despite War Drain, Nine Savings Associations in Omaha Report Total Gain of \$3,800,000 in Assets.

Nine building, saving and loan associations doing business in Omaha found out the year with a moderate increase in new business and normal earnings. During the first half of the year an abundance of money and steady demand carried values almost to a record. The federal government did not start combing the country for war money until June, and the effect of Liberty loans on investment savings was not manifest until later in the year. Nevertheless the associations report a total gain of \$3,800,000 for the 12 months, all but \$325,000 cleaned up in the first six months.

The assets of all associations operating in the city total \$35,250,000. At the close of the year, June 30 last, the aggregate assets of all Nebraska associations were \$54,545,000, of which Omaha associations now hold 64 per cent of the total.

Present assets of the nine Omaha associations and the earnings for the last six months of 1917 are as follows:

Name	Assets	Dividends
Conservative Loan and Savings association	\$14,000,000	\$290,000
Omaha Loan and Building association	10,600,000	200,000
Occidental Building and Loan association	6,600,000	106,284
Nebraska Savings and Loan association	1,200,000	30,000
Commercial Savings and Loan association	1,230,000	22,000
Bankers' Saving and Loan association	610,000	15,000
Provident Building and Loan association	440,000	9,520
State Savings and Loan association	200,000	4,975
Home Savings and Loan association	100,000	2,500
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$35,160,000</b>	<b>\$684,269</b>

#### Reduction in Interest.

An important feature of the year's business was the reduction in interest rates of loans inaugurated by the Conservative, Omaha and Nebraska associations last April. These associations have been pioneers in reducing cost of loans to home builders, fulfilling their creative purpose of advancing home ownership at the least possible cost. A flat rate of 6 per cent on old and new loans went into effect at the end of the first quarter, resulting in a reduction of the dividend rate from 6 and 5.5 to 5 per cent flat. No change was made by the six remaining associations, their interest rates standing at 7.2 per cent and up, and dividend rates ranging from 5.5 to 7.5 per cent.

Checks for the dividends have been sent out as a New Year's greeting to holders of paid-up stock, while installment shareholders are accredited with their proportionate share.

Prospects for the new year differ materially from those of a year ago. Association managers generally do not look for much growth while the war lasts.

#### Collector of Customs Has Light Year Because of War

Collector of Customs C. W. McCune for this district reports a decrease of more than 50 per cent in the value of imports received in 1917, as compared with those received in 1916. In 1916 the value was \$907,428, and in 1917 they were only \$427,201, a decrease of \$480,227. This was responsible for the decrease.

Goods to the value of \$93,185 came in through the port of Omaha free of duty in 1917, and \$334,016 worth of goods were dutiable. The total duties collected here in 1917 were \$50,681, compared with \$69,473 in 1916. The decrease in duties collected is, therefore, not decreased as much as the value of goods imported. In 1914, the year before the war started, \$176,000 in duties were collected at Omaha.

### MUNY WATER PLANT HAS BIG RESERVE

#### Balance Sheet of Metropolitan Board Shows Accumulation of Nearly \$2,000,000 Since 1912.

The balance sheet of the Metropolitan Water board for December 1 shows that since the city took over the plant on July 1, 1912, the plant has accumulated reserves and apparent saving, \$1,912,817, divided as follows:

Reserve for depreciation, \$553,068; miscellaneous reserves, \$62,749; reserve for sinking fund, including \$500,000 bonds destroyed, \$723,000; surplus fund, \$574,000. The plant has cost to date \$7,603,677, which includes improvements, the latest of which is being completed at the Walnut Hill pumping station.

During November, 1917, the last completed monthly report, the pumpage was 46,760,000 gallons per day at an average cost of 16 cents per 1,000 gallons, including interest and depreciation charges. During 1916 the average cost per 1,000 gallons delivered through the meters was 16 cents and the average charge to consumers was 16.8 cents per 1,000 gallons.

#### Daily Cost, \$2,421.

The average daily cost of the plant operation during November was \$2,421. There are 327 miles of mains and 31,536 services. The average daily consumption per person is 94 gallons. For eleven months of this year to December 1, the plant has consumed 19,611 tons of coal.

Total interest paid by the city for five years and five months of ownership to December 1, was \$1,818,000.

The sedimentation basins at Florence have a capacity of 85,000,000 gallons.

#### The Elwood

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#### The Elwood

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### TELEPHONE BUILDING

#### Real Estate Transfers Show Increase in 1917

A substantial increase in the number of real estate transfers in Douglas county is evidenced in the annual report of Harry Pearce, registrar of deeds. The money involved in the transactions, however, is slightly less than in the previous year.

The number of deeds recorded in 1917 was 7,077, while in 1916 only 6,465 were entered. The considerations this year on the recorded deeds amount to \$13,452,531, as compared with \$14,430,621. From September 8, 1916, until July 27, 1917, when the law requiring the actual amount of the consideration to be stated went into effect, many deeds were recorded with an avowed consideration of only "\$1 and other valuable consideration." This probably accounts for the apparent decrease in the amount of money involved in the real estate sales. Farm loans and all mortgages show decided increase.

#### No General Revision of Coke Prices in 1918

Washington, Dec. 29.—There will be no general revision of coke prices for the year 1918. Fuel Administrator Garfield today issued an order continuing in force the prices fixed last September.

#### Dodge Street Bargain

A two-flat brick building renting for \$80 per month; located east of 24th St. The upgrading of this street will mean big increases in values. Offered for a short time at \$11,000; reasonable terms.

#### BEAUTIFUL MERCER PARK.

Where every lot fronts on a boulevard. All specials in and paid for; served by three car lines; every lot a perfect home site, having frontage from 50 to 75 feet. NO FRAME HOUSE PERMITTED in this exclusive residential district. Prices and terms very reasonable.

#### \$50 CASH.

Balance only \$15 per month, puts you in possession of a splendid 6-room house, with large garden space, chicken house, chicken yard 30x50 feet, fenced with 6-foot woven wire; has good well; close to Grand Ave. car and Central Park school. Price \$1,350. Your Liberty bond accepted as first payment.

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### Start the New Year With This Resolution

## I Will Own My Own Home

There is no better time than the present to make the necessary beginning.

If you can not afford to buy or build the home at once, start on your way by purchasing the building site, set aside some of your earnings each month and get the lot paid for. Then, the home will follow easily.

Think this over and act while your earning capacities are on the increase.

Building costs are high at the present time, but a good building site can be obtained now without a proportionate advance in price. For this reason now is the time to buy. Advances in the value of vacant properties are sure to take place and follow in line with all other prices. Buy now, and before this condition takes place.

### Lockwood and Dundee Heights

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### Buildings for Sale to Be Moved

We have been instructed to clear the ground we recently sold to Sprague Tire & Rubber Company.

This ground is located on the south side of IZARD STREET, between 18th and 19th Streets.

On this property there are ten houses which must be moved or torn down. These houses are numbered as follows:

916 N. 18th Street.....5 rooms	1811 IZARD STREET.....6 rooms
918 N. 18th Street.....4 rooms	1813 IZARD STREET.....6 rooms
920 N. 18th Street.....4 rooms	1815 IZARD STREET.....6 rooms
922 N. 18th Street.....7 rooms	1817 IZARD STREET.....7 rooms
1809 IZARD STREET.....5 rooms	1819 IZARD STREET.....7 rooms

We will receive bids up to Saturday noon, January 5, 1918, for the above described buildings.

Same to be moved from the premises occupied on or before January 15, 1918.

Write out your bid and specify exactly what building or buildings you are bidding on. Also write on envelope "Removal Bid." No bids will be opened until Saturday, January 5, 1918, at 2 P. M. Buildings will positively be sold to highest bidder in each case. In event two or more bids for one property are identically the same, the first bid received will be given preference.

Terms—25% cash on acceptance of bid, balance before house or houses are removed.

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