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REAL ESTATE MEN GOING TO BIG CONVENTION

Realtors to Take Along a Quartet and Also Some Minute Men Speakers

The Omaha Real Estate board's big delegation for the annual convention of the National Association of Real Estate Boards will leave Omaha at 11:30 p. m. Tuesday, June 1, for Kansas City, where the convention is to be held June 23, 24 and 25.

Sixty-eight will go Tuesday. A few have already gone. This will be the largest delegation ever sent by the Omaha Real Estate board to the national convention of realtors.

F. H. Myers will represent the Omaha board in the five-minute speech contest, held in Convention hall Thursday evening, June 3.

In this contest speakers from various cities are given five minutes to talk about their own cities.

Byron R. Hastings of Omaha is vice-president of the national association and John R. Robbins is a member of the national executive committee.

The Omaha delegation will take with it a male quartet, members of which are George Campbell, Dean Smith, Hugh Wallace and Edw. F. Williams.

Following are members of the delegation:

Benson & Carmichael, F. H. Binder, Mr. D. E. Buck, William Colfax, W. T. Graham and Mrs. Graham, Mr. and Mrs. George Jones, J. H. Kniez, E. A. Baird, J. P. O'Keefe, Don Adams, I. Shuler, Dan Cary, Newman Benson, T. R. Husten, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Larsen, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Somberg, W. Farnam Smith, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Rogers, E. M. Slater, C. A. Thurston, George Tunnicliff, C. G. Carlberg, John W. Robbins, Amos Grant, C. B. Stuhrt, W. H. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gates, Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Wead, Byron Hastings, W. R. McFarland, Walsh Elmer Co. (four), Glover & Stein (three), Ernest Kniez, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. John Robbins, C. H. Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Fowler, C. C. Beavers, Walter Johnson, H. H. Noar, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Tebbens, Mr. and Mrs. D. V. Sholes, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Newport, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Bedford, F. B. Heintze, J. T. Helgren, C. F. Harrison.

Big Piano Firm Buys Belmont Hotel for Sum of \$135,000

The Schmolter & Mueller Piano company has purchased the Belmont hotel property at 1518 Dodge street for \$135,000.

The property was owned by the Nebraska - Wyoming Investment company.

It is a three-story building with basement dimensions 60x132 feet. The piano company expects to move in the first floor and basement of its new building about September 1.

Leases on the two upper floors will not expire until the middle of next year.

The Schmolter & Mueller Piano company is temporarily located just south of Dodge, where it moved following the fire which destroyed its Farnam street plant early last spring.

Northern Realtors to Stop Here En Route To Their Convention

A delegation of 31 realtors from Minneapolis accompanied by realtors from St. Paul, Duluth and other northern cities will arrive in Omaha Tuesday, June 1, at 7:40 a. m., to spend the day here on their way to the National Real Estate convention in Kansas City next week.

The Real Estate Board here will give the visitors breakfast at the Athletic club, luncheon at the Chamber of Commerce and dinner at the Field club.

The Minneapolis delegation will leave at 11:30 p. m. Tuesday for Kansas City.

Firm of Payne & Slater Dissolves Partnership

E. M. Slater and H. B. Payne of the Payne & Slater Co. have dissolved their partnership in the company to be effective June 1.

The corporate name of the company will be the Payne & Carnaby Co.

Henry B. Payne will be president and treasurer, Clark Carnaby, vice president, John Howard Payne, secretary.

Mr. Carnaby is a nephew of H. B. Payne.

Mr. Slater expects to re-engage in the real estate business, probably under the name of Slater & Co.

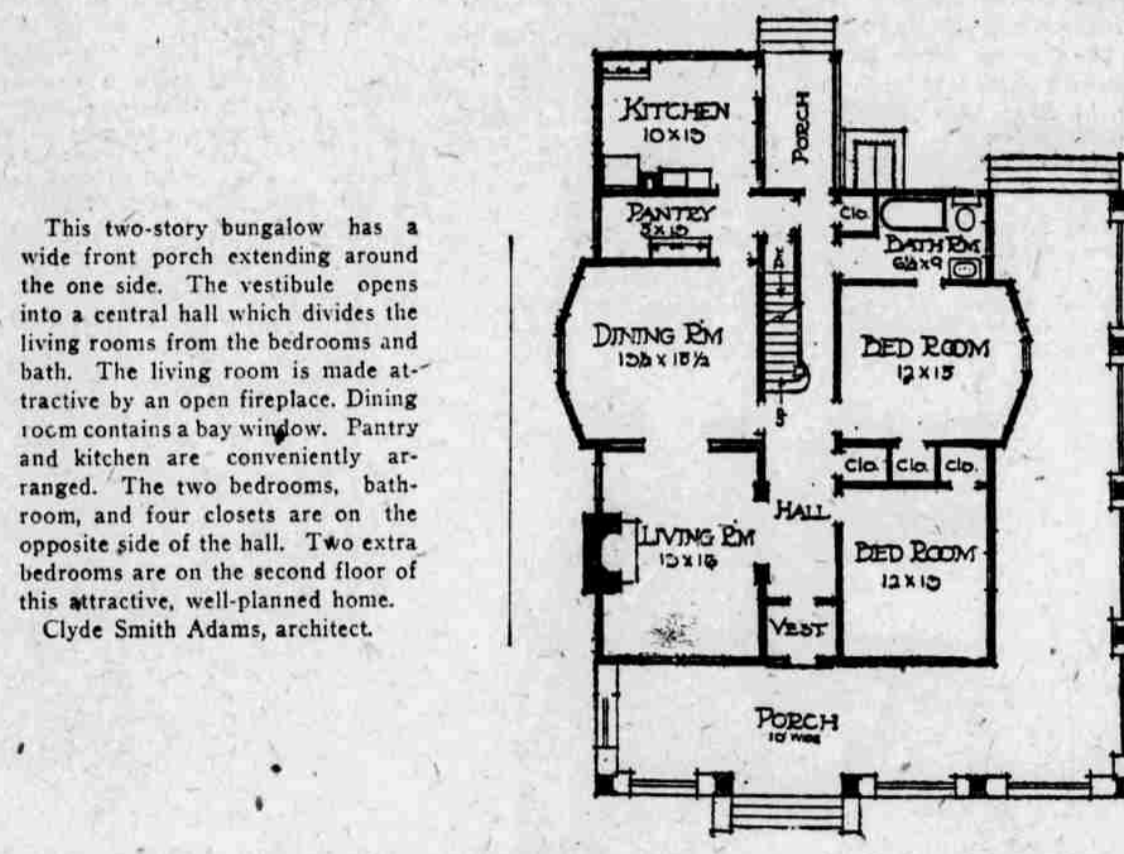
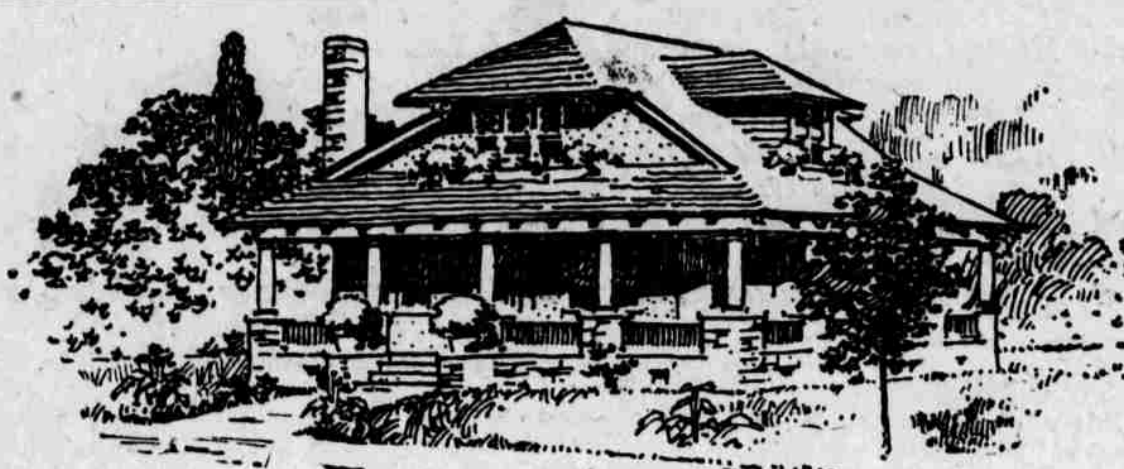
The location is to be determined later.

Mr. Slater will specialize in buying and selling real estate.

Mr. Slater and H. B. Payne retain extensive personal property interests together.

One of these interests is in the Wellington inn.

A Two Story Bungalow



This two-story bungalow has a wide front porch extending around the one side. The vestibule opens into a central hall which divides the living rooms from the bedrooms and bath. The living room is made attractive by an open fireplace. Dining room contains a bay window. Pantry and kitchen are conveniently arranged. The two bedrooms, bathroom, and four closets are on the opposite side of the hall. Two extra bedrooms are on the second floor of this attractive, well-planned home. Clyde Smith Adams, architect.

Bids Are Asked for the Remodelling and Grading at Central High

The Board of Education, through John Latenser & Sons, architects, is advertising for bids for the remodeling of the Central High school building necessitated by the lowering of Dodge street and the regrading of the grounds. The work for which bids are now being advertised embraces the lowering of Dodge street against the building and the regrading of the lower portion of the building with stone. This will give additional school rooms in the basement and these rooms are now being remodeled, plastered and finished. The estimate of the present contracts is about \$80,000.

To get an idea of the extent of the grading necessary on the high school grounds it may be stated that about 68,000 cubic yards of earth will have to be removed, whereas the total amount of earth to be removed out of Dodge street from Seventeenth to Twenty-first streets amounts to only 183,000 cubic yards.

Mr. Warfield and Mr. Bekins of the building committee have been giving a great deal of time to the matter of saving both the utility and beauty of the present Central High school building and grounds.

County Is Receiving Bids for Remodelling County Court House

The county commissioners, through John Latenser & Sons, architects, are now taking separate bids on the following work in connection with the restoration of the Douglas county court house:

Ornamental iron work, pneumatic or electric clock system, granite and cut stone work, terrazzo and marble floors, base and cement floors and base, carpenter work, marble work, hardware.

It is estimated the above contracts will aggregate in amount \$230,000.

Separate contracts have already been let for mason work, plastering, steam heat and electric wiring. These four contracts aggregate in amount \$75,000.

Work which has not yet been advertised, furniture and fixtures, decoration of building and electric light fixtures, which will aggregate about \$180,000.

The county commissioners are somewhat worried about the chance to sell the bonds. Bids for the bonds are to be in on June 3.

Burr-Spier to Build Small Houses and Some Bungalows

Burr-Spier & Co. report sales for the past week aggregating \$80,800, including the following properties: The Carlyle apartments, 625 South Eighteenth street, owned by Paul W. Kahns, to Ferdinand Kramer; the purchase price being \$32,000.

3515 Woolworth avenue, \$18,000, to John F. Johnson of Nebraska City.

5101 Davenport street, \$15,500, to A. Ferrer.

4301 Dodge street, \$7,200, to J. E. Hostettler.

4169 Cass street, \$4,250, to M. T. Hart.

2013 North Nineteenth, \$2,350, to G. A. Lang.

2017 North Nineteenth, \$1,500, to D. F. Settle.

These realtors have plans under way for the construction of a number of small houses and bungalows to sell for not more than \$5,000. These houses will be built in different locations in the city and will be completed during the summer.

Cement Prices Up. House builders were advised last week of a slight increase in price of cement.

The increase in most cases is 5 cents per bag or 20 cents per barrel.

CUCUMBERS

By FRANK RIDGWAY. Crooked, knobby cucumbers usually grow on crowded vines. The plant is not adapted to extremely small gardens.

Cucumbers, however, can be raised along the side of a fence or the edge of a porch and trained upon wire trellis so as to take up little space. Muskmelons can be raised in the same manner if slings are provided to support the melons. The cucumber does much better when planted in hills and allowed to spread its vines over the ground. The ground is thus shaded and moisture conserved.

Most gardeners are familiar with the two classes of cucumbers, the slicers and picklers. The former is for use during the summer; the latter is stored for winter use. The slicer is the one most commonly planted in the small back yard garden where there is room for only a few hills. They are meatter, have fewer seeds and are larger than the picklers.

For picklers you want a smaller cucumber. They are more prolific than slicers, producing more on a single vine. Of course, they must be pickled as soon as they reach the desired size. Do not pull them off, but cut the stem with a knife. If allowed to remain on the vines too long the cavity becomes large and the seeds hard. There are varieties that may be used for both slicing and pickling. The white spine cucumber of the Arlington strain is a good slicing variety.

Probably on garden vegetable responds so well in rich soil as the cucumber. The richer the better. Cucumbers on rich soil mean quick growth and they are more likely to escape the ravages of bugs. However, it does fairly well in a variety of soils.

Four or five hills will furnish enough cucumbers for a good-sized family, unless some are to be pickled. Plant them in hills six feet apart. Plant about 10 or 12 seeds in a hill and thin them later, but don't crowd them. Tobacco dust will keep the bugs away from the vines. It is usually safe to plant cucumber seed about the time sweet corn is planted. Keep the crust broken around each plant.

Unique Features to Be Included In New Sweet Business Block

The new building to be built at Twenty-fourth and Farnam streets by Earnest Sweet, owner of the Hamilton apartments, who has closed a contract with the Home Builders, Inc., will be a store building of unusual character, but don't crowd them. The building will have a frontage of 116 feet on Twenty-fourth street and 77 feet on Farnam street. John Latenser & Sons, architects for the building, will supervise the work of construction.

The front construction will consist of copper work and plate glass, while the building will be faced with mat-textured brick and terra cotta.

The rear walls will be in plastic stucco and stone work, with trellises, seats and colonades. The building will be trimmed with marble and terrazzo inside. A unique feature will be the exterior illumination, provided by cornice lamps of high power set in ornamental fixtures.

A time record may be established on construction of the building, according to Mr. Sweet.

To Erect World's Biggest Telescope at Vancouver. Vancouver, B. C., May 29.—A telescope which, it is claimed, will be the largest in the world, is to be erected here at an early date. The lens will be ten feet in diameter and will be half a foot larger than the famous telescope at Leipzig.

Groups of Men Make Neat Sum in Realty On Small Savings

The Nebraska Real Estate Trust has recently sold through the office of their treasurer, E. H. Bonner, the property at 1110 Douglas street, which the trust bought a year ago for an investment. This organization is made up of 20 Omaha men who have paid in \$10 a month each. E. H. Bonner is the real estate agent for the trust. The membership includes a number of prominent citizens of Omaha, such as H. S. Daniel, postmaster; J. D. Ringer, W. B. Hughes, J. A. Linderholm, Harvey Milliken, Floyd Clarke, F. D. Field, Dr. Charles Pollard, Cotton Roth, T. F. Quinlan, John C. Ackerman, R. W. Eaton, C. R. Belden, Henry A. Thompson, F. J. Adams and C. C. Crowell, jr.

The property at 1110 Douglas street was sold for a consideration of \$25,000, and is occupied by the American Transfer company. The consideration was for cash. The trust expects to use this fund for investments in attractive real estate in which to place the funds which they have on hand.

Denver Realtors and Band to Stop in Omaha For Day Next Sunday

The Denver special train taking realtors of Denver and other western cities to the National Real Estate convention in Kansas City next week will be guests of the Omaha board all day Sunday, June 6.

The westerners will arrive here at 6:40 a. m., June 6, and will leave at 1:30 a. m., June 7.

The Denver special is carrying a band of 50 pieces.

The visitors will be given dinner at the Happy Hollow club at 6:30 that evening.

Other details of entertainment will be arranged while the two boards are in Kansas City next week.

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MATERIAL COSTS DELAYING MANY BUILDING PLANS

Shortage of Labor and Bad Transportation Contribute—Banks Not Lending On Inflated Realty Values.

Chicago Tribune—Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Chicago, May 29.—One hundred million dollars in projected building operations in Chicago has been tied up by the high cost of materials, difficulties in the matter of transportation and the attitude of labor. Plans had been made to make this a banner year in building, but it will fall far below the average. In addition to the reasons enumerated, the banks are tightening their purse strings and it is difficult to secure loans for any building at the present inflated prices.

Loans on real estate are greatly restricted and are not made on present inflated values, but are based upon values as of 1914. Bankers and investors hesitate to put funds into a building that would cost three times its actual value and which, if thrown on the market to pay the loan, would not realize the amount of the mortgage.

The serious transportation problem is forcing several plants to close down for lack of coal and raw material. Among the great projects that are delayed and may be indefinitely postponed, are the new Union depot, the new Illinois Trust and Savings Bank building, the Board of Trade, the Blackhawk and Stratford hotels, and many other big projects.

Three years ago there were employed in the building industry 82,000 men. Today this number has dwindled to 42,000 and all indications are that this figure will be greatly decreased as soon as buildings now under way are completed. Building permits issued in May of last year were 500 more than those issued in May this year. Seventy permits to build flats were issued last May as against five this May, and this in the face of a tremendous demand for housing.

Hastings & Heyden Sales.

Hastings & Heyden report the following sales, made in the last 10 days: Fred O. Huss bought one lot in Benson Acres \$1,800 A. A. Best bought two lots in West Benson 355 James H. Ross bought 10 lots in West Benson 800 Harry E. Daniels bought one acre in West Benson 800 N. Westerfield bought one lot in Acorn Gardens 775 B. J. Kennedy bought one lot in Benson Acres 1,250 B. L. Pyle bought one lot in Lincoln Heights 400 C. J. Rutz bought one lot at 42nd and Maple 2,250 J. Higgins bought 401 North 11th 11,000 P. L. Day bought one lot in Acorn Gardens 400 A. L. Hugo bought 4005 Charles 650

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New Home for Herzberg

This architect's drawing conveys but a slight idea of the beauty of the new Herzberg building, which will be located on the site of their present store, 1517 Douglas street.

Erection will commence early next spring. The new store will be five stories high with an immense mezzanine floor. Every article of outer apparel for women from footwear to headwear will be featured in this new store.

Messrs. A. and M. Herzberg have operated their store on the present site for the past 11 years.

The new building will have a combination terra cotta and white tile front. Display windows in arcade style will extend back 30 feet. Every new and approved store feature will be embodied in the Herzberg new home.

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TENANTS PLAN TO RESIST BOOSTED RENTAL RATES

Leaders Say 100 or More Drake and Dartmore Residents Will Attend Pro-test Meeting.

One hundred tenants of the Drake and Dartmore apartments will hold a protest mass meeting next Tuesday evening on the lawn in front of the Drake apartments, Twentieth street, near Leavenworth street.

The protestors will decide on a plan of action to resist a new schedule of advanced rates, announced as effective July 1. Those who have been paying \$50 in the summer and \$60 in the winter have been raised to an all-year rate of \$70 per month, and rents for smaller apartments have been increased proportionately.

The tenants are complaining against the acceptance of the summer rate for May and then being served with the increased schedule after they had their spring house-cleaning done.

W. Whittaker is the leader of the protesting tenants.

Century Old Apple Trees In Full Bloom This Year

Santa Rosa, Cal., May 28.—Apple trees, which were planted in the old orchard at Fort Ross by the Russians when they landed over a century ago, have been in full bloom and apparently these old trees will bear a full crop once more.

When the orchard was planted in 1812, according to Sonoma coast legend, the trees were blessed by a priest and an inhibitor of the pest-nounced forbidding disease to attack the trees or their crops.

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