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## OMAHA NOW ON THRESHOLD OF GREAT GROWTH

Future Is Certain if All Interests Pull Together, Says Ernest Schreiber in First of Series.

Following is the first of a series of articles by Ernest F. Schreiber, Omaha architect, on the possibilities for developing a comprehensive plan for the future growth of Omaha. These articles will outline the difficulties in the way of the growth of cities, what has been done elsewhere and what can be done in Omaha.

By ERNEST SCHREIBER.  
When Lewis and Clarke stood on the bluffs of the Missouri on their pilgrimage to the western coast they must have had some premise of the wonderful possibilities of the country over which their glance wandered. They must have prophesied to some extent the enormous strides that such a country would make in the next century. The eyes of such dreamers as Lewis and Clark must have visualized, in spite of the wildness and savagery of the outlook, the future of such a center of empire, whose richness must have appealed to them in its glorious possibilities. The enthusiast and dreamer of today, glittering as his vision may be, will seem but a short-sighted prophet tomorrow. The future of Omaha, Neb., and America promise achievements that it is impossible to estimate today.

Other cities are larger than Omaha. Many cities are older, their histories reaching far back into the past. Many are better developed, more beautiful architecturally, more advanced artistically, more prominent commercially. Greater manufacturing and industrial centers. None, however, have a better territory surrounding, one more teeming with conservative, unvariable wealth or more productive in the essentials to the life of America. None have a more solid, substantial growth in prospect, unaffected by changing economic conditions. None are more centrally located in relation to the real wealth of the country. Never better was this shown than during the late war. Undisturbed by financial changes, unswerving by industrial disturbances, Omaha kept steadily handling the supplies of foodstuffs that fed the nation and the allies. The termination of the war did not affect the city in the least, as the never ceasing supply of agricultural products continue to pour through its granaries, mills, factories and stock yards regardless of war or peace.

Remarkable Opportunities.  
Situating in the heart of the world's most fertile and prosperous territory, with a place on an inland waterway that will one day be the method of transportation of industrial products, adequate rail facilities in every direction, it was inevitable that Omaha should become one of the leading cities of America. Its geography has made Omaha possible, and its physical topography will make Omaha one of the most beautiful cities in the world, if the opportunities open to the people are grasped and accomplished. Lewis and Clark prophesied as they were, and we see Omaha as it is today. Men of today, with prophetic vision as great as that of Lewis and Clark can only grasp at the gigantic possibilities of the future. But, influenced by the rapid strides of the past years, we are a little more able to prophesy rightly, and a little more fearless in our prophesying.

The realization that the cities were to outstrip their facilities soon unless some action were taken, came a few years ago, to most of the cities of America. Up to that time, most of the cities, like Topsy, had just grown. They were rapidly becoming overcrowded and unhealthful. Men with vision began to realize that steps must be taken to regulate the growth so that the city would grow according to rules and laws which would make it habitable in the future and not a mere pile of steel and brick where men would stagnate and die.

About Civic Pride.  
City plans and commissions for their development were the result. The few cities who were the first to get the vision, grew more beautiful and livable. They expanded industrially and financially. They grew in population and their citizens were happy and healthful because the city provided for their recreation and housing. Their homes were improved, their manufacturers restricted to definite areas, building heights were defined so as to permit of light and air to the workers. The dweller in the city began to take pride in the appearance of his city, and in time the idea spread.

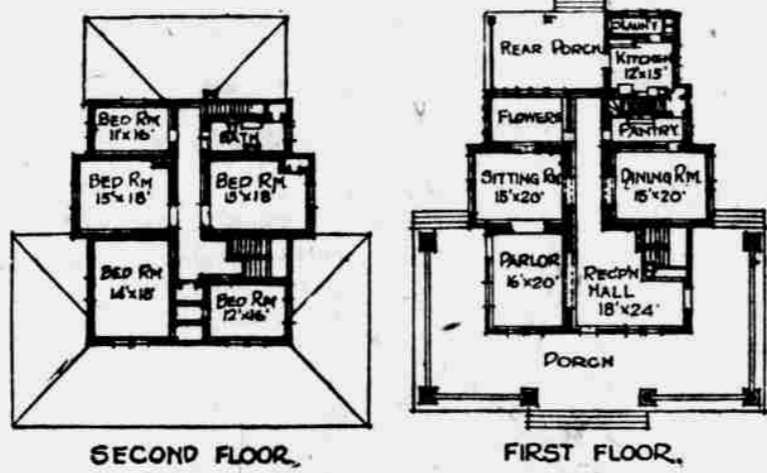
Omaha's City Planning commission was organized in 1916. As in all such movements, its growth has been comparatively slow. All the people of the city have not seen the vision. A city cannot be rebuilt or remodeled in a day. Much study must be given as to what changes or improvements are best for the future. A complete city plan is not the result of a few years, but of generations. Unwise city planning might be made destructive to growth. Every city has a different possibility in its city plan, and a well developed plan use in one city might be an entire misfit in another. With exhaustive study of conditions as they are, wise planning as to the future and above all, cooperation by the people of the city, something may be evolved that will make a city beautiful and attractive above all others in future years. Omaha has the opportunity. Will the people take hold of it and make the vision a possibility?

New Exchange Members.  
E. M. Slater, formerly of the Slater company, now head of the Slater company; Manville & Clark and R. F. Cleary of the Ames Realty corporation were elected to membership in the Omaha Real Estate board last week.

## A Spacious Home



Of elaborate style this spacious house makes a fine appearance and is an ideal home with its wide porches and large bright rooms. The reception hall extends through the center of the house, on one side of it the parlor, living room, conservatory; opposite are dining room, pantry, kitchen and laundry. There are five bedrooms and bath on the second floor, also ample closets. The attic provides good storage space. There are front and rear stairs. Clyde Smith Adams, Architect.



### Thinning Plants

Plants should be thinned to an even stand if you expect to produce good vegetables. Crowded plants never produce high yields and there is even a greater sacrifice of quality where they are not given ample space to grow in. The vegetables never reach their full size and are often so crowded that in case of such crops as radishes and beets they are irregular in shape—crooked and pitted to such an extent that much of the edible part is wasted when they are used.

The stand is too thick in many gardens this year. There is always a tendency for gardeners to sow more seeds than are necessary. This was particularly true during seeding time this year, for the season was late and extremely unfavorable, and growers wanted to be certain of a good, thick stand from the first planting. They at least wanted to have enough.

This was no doubt a good scheme and has, up to this time, resulted in no particular harm except the extra seeds have been wasted. However, the plants must be thinned soon before they begin crowding each other. It is most always better to thin out than to have to replant several days after the first planting, because the stand is uneven and the work of caring for the crop is increased. The late plants usually suffer more from the attacks of insects and also mature later, doubling the work at harvest time.

Not all vegetable crops need thinning. With some crops, such as radishes, as beets and radishes, it is a common practice to delay the thinning until the plants are ready to use. In this way a great deal of waste is avoided.

In general, however, most of the common vegetable crops will need to be thinned, and the work should be done before the plants become too large. If the thinning is done when the plants are very small the work is much easier.

The extent to which plants are to be pulled out in thinning depends on the kind of plant, the nature of its growth, the method of cultivating and training. The kind of soil also has something to do with thinning. If the soil is rich in general more plants may be left.

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### Thinning Plants

By FRANK RIDGWAY.  
In thinning plants the average gardener is often reluctant when it comes to pulling up the thrifty ones, but if all of them are allowed to remain few will mature satisfactorily. Pull up the scraggy ones and save the good ones that have a dark green color.

Peas, if planted in a good soil, usually thrive best when planted quite close together, and seldom need any thinning. They are usually drilled in rows and may be allowed to grow just as they come up, without thinning. This is not the case with beans. They are often planted in hills, especially the pole varieties that are staked and need to be thinned. When they have been planted with not more than five seeds to the hill and the hills are at least 12 inches apart, they will not need to be thinned, but if more than that number has been planted it will be best to thin them, leaving from four to five plants in each hill.

In order to have roasting ears that are filled to the end, with the tips covered and plump grains, sweet corn should always be thinned, leaving not more than three or four stalks in each hill. Pull out the weak stalks and leave the thrifty ones.

Radishes are seldom planted so thick that they will need thinning when the plants are young. Unless they are too thick, radishes may be allowed to stand, and the thinning can be done when the plants are pulled for table use as they reach edible size. This same practice may be followed with lettuce, which is generally sown entirely too thickly. Thin the beds by pulling the small or medium-sized plants out for table use.

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### Child Loses Both Legs When Run Over by Car

Trenton, N. J., June 26.—Edward Pachuta, 3 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Pachuta of 432 Center street, while chasing a base ball thrown into the street by his little sister, was badly injured by a one-man trolley car.

The child was taken to St. Francis hospital, where both his legs were amputated. Carl H. Sheppard, motorman of the car, was arrested and later released.

### Explains Why U. S. Is Dry

London, June 26.—"Look here, sir," said a paper hanger to an Evening News reporter, "if they had had good beer in America there would never have been any prohibition." It ranks as the newest explanation of why America went dry.

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### RENTERS' LEAGUE IS DISAPPROVED BY INVESTORS

Five Apartment House Contracts Canceled Due to Agitation, Realtor Says.

Investors interested in the building of apartment houses, and other classes of residential rental property, do not view the Tenants' league with favor.

W. R. Adair, president of the Omaha Loan and Building association, says the Tenants' league, and other agitation for regulation of rents, is discouraging building.

"We have five clients," Mr. Adair said, "who had become reconciled to high prices of building materials and labor and were ready to build.

"But when they saw the possibility of attempted dictation by law, of prices they should charge, they all refused to go ahead.

"Every one of these clients would have built an apartment house. But none is willing to take a chance on not being able to collect enough rent to pay on the investment.

"The new apartment houses would help relieve the housing shortage."

Frank H. Myers, with others interested in rental properties, believes no law can be passed by the city council fixing a rental scale.

"If a man builds an apartment," Mr. Myers said, "and establishes his rental scale, no city ordinance can require him to rent his property for less than his scale.

"It would be just as reasonable to tell the tenant, 'You've got to pay a certain price.'"

Realtors say the demand for places to live is not decreasing.

"To accommodate one of my clients who wanted to buy I bought a three-months lease on a house a few days ago," L. L. Porter said. "I advertised this lease and received 97 calls for it."

### Vacant Lots Are Moving Rapidly, Dealers Declare

Vacant lots still are maintaining the lead in the realty market, dealers say.

Following the sale of a complete tract of 104 lots in the northwest part of the city two weeks ago, another tract of 40 lots was sold out entirely last week, in the southeast portion of the city.

These lots were all sold on the payment plan. In most cases, sellers said, payments were larger than required.

"The public is beginning to realize

### Mrs. Sarah Joslyn Buys Property Valued at \$250,000

Four deeds were placed on record last week by Harry A. Tukey for Mrs. Sarah Joslyn in connection with the purchase by Mrs. Joslyn of Dodge street property between Twenty-second and Twenty-fourth streets.

These deeds showed a total consideration of \$250,000. Two more deeds are to be filed in the Joslyn deal, the transaction having involved six separate parcels of land.

### Buyers Badgley Property.

John O'Donnell, a capitalist of Crawford, Neb., has purchased the J. H. Badgley property on Jackson, between Twenty-seventh and Twenty-eighth streets, for \$35,000.

Perkins Buys Flat.  
S. M. Perkins has bought from E. W. Bedford a brick flat at 815-17 Park avenue for \$12,000.

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