

TENANTS WOULD ACCEPT OWNERS' PROPOSITION

Willing to Take Over Apartments for 6 Per Cent On Investment—Will Not Pay On Inflated Valuations.

The Tenants' league of Omaha yesterday accepted with reservations the offer of apartment house owners and rental agents to turn properties over to tenants on a guarantee of 6 per cent return on their investment.

The only possible drawback to the offer is in the method of appraising the properties, according to J. E. O'Brien, president of the league.

"We are willing to pay 7 per cent on the original investment in the Drake Courts," declared Mr. O'Brien, who is a tenant there. "We believe this cost was \$14,000, although the capitalization, which includes a mortgage, is \$274,000."

Inflated Values Barred.
"We will not pay returns on twice the original cost of the buildings. We will not be satisfied with an appraisal by the real estate board, but the league will accept the offer to take over any apartment if its value is appraised by a fair and impartial body."

"We will guarantee a 7 per cent return on a reasonable valuation of the Drake apartments, by selling stock bearing 10 per cent interest to tenants. We know the tenants would be glad to buy this stock."

"All we want is a 7 per cent return on our capitalized stock," declared W. B. Drake, controller of the Drake apartments. "If the tenants can guarantee that we would be glad to let them run the apartments, only too glad."

"The Tenants' league is fighting the paying of rents on inflated values," says the statement issued by the league yesterday. "If the apartment house owners, who offered to

accept a net 6 per cent return will eliminate the 'blue sky' their propositions will be accepted instantly.

"Everyone of them was careful to include in his 6 per cent offer that it must be on appraisal—that means they want first to double the original cost because the prices are now higher."

Excess Values General.
"Every real estate agent is trying to find purchasers for apartment buildings at high prices, using the argument that the purchaser can easily raise rents to produce a good return on inflated purchase price."

"This may continue indefinitely unless some one fights hard enough to stop it. The Tenants' league is trying to put up that fight."

"Tenants in the older apartments want to pay a fair return on the investment, but object to having the investment doubled by figuring replacement costs when they are not being replaced."

President O'Brien asserted the cost of operation in the Drake Courts could be cut down greatly. He said the rental agency alone received 5 per cent of the rent collected, when 2 1/2 per cent was the usual amount. Replacement costs have been little at the Drake court because there have been no replacements, he said.

Mr. O'Brien said the tenants would not be willing to pay 7 per cent on the present capitalization of the Drake courts because it included a large mortgage. Mr. Drake insisted the mortgage was part of the capitalization and that 7 per cent must be realized on the entire amount.

Prohibition Director In Omaha Says Booze Is On Run
George Anderson, prohibition field director for five states, is in Omaha to look over conditions and pay a visit to James Hanley, prohibition director for Nebraska.

Mr. Anderson said that Nebraska had a good reputation when it comes to the enforcement of the liquor laws. He said conditions were gradually getting better throughout the country since the supreme court upheld the prohibition law.

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STOLE TO SPARE WIFE WORRYING, YOUTH DECLARES

Increased Rent, Loss of Job and Piling Bills Made Him Steal, Young Husband Says.

A 40 per cent increase in the rent of his home, right after he had lost his job, was one of the reasons that impelled Bernard Brinkhaus, 2919 Douglas street, to take tools from the J. S. Davis machine shop, 1407 Jackson street, and sell them for \$25, he declared yesterday in District Judge Troup's court, where he was released under a bond of \$750. He said the rent was "raised" from \$30 to \$42 a month.

Garbed in prison clothes, his hands and lips trembling, the young man stood before Judge Troup as his wife entered the court room today.

The little woman whom he had sought to protect, it is alleged, by stealing, was dressed in a pretty pink frock with short sleeves and a girlish straw hat. She is only 20 years old.

Both Sob in Court.
The young prisoner raised his eyes timidly as his wife approached the bar. She looked at him and then rushed to his arms, where he held her and kissed her while tears flowed down their cheeks.

"Oh, Bernie, why did you do it?" she sobbed.
"I didn't want to worry you, dear," he said, "I had lost my job and the bills were piling up and the rent had been raised—and you know why I didn't want to worry you. So I—"

"Never mind, dear, we'll stand by you and we'll all be happy yet," said the little woman, drying her tears with a small handkerchief.

The father of Mrs. Martin, F. K. Martin, 2701 North Twenty-fifth street, joined the little group and clasped hands with his son-in-law.

Gave His Home as Bond.
"It'll all be right, Bernard," he said. "I've put up our home for your bond and you'll be back with Queenie today again."

Queenie is Mrs. Brinkhaus' first name. They met while Bernard was at the balloon school here in 1917 and were married before he went overseas with the Third Balloon company. He was wounded in France, where he spent 19 months.

On his return to Omaha last year the young couple set up housekeeping. The ex-soldier got a position at the J. S. Davis machine shop. A let-up in business, a few weeks ago, resulted in his discharge.

Pretended He Was Working.
Seeking to spare his wife worry, husband took his lunch every morning, ostensibly to go to work, returning in the evening. But he had been walking the streets all day, hunting work at his trade and every day knowing that his funds were nearly gone.

Then came the raise in the rent. And finally the desperate young man is alleged to have resorted to the theft.

"I've put up my home, everything I have on earth, to go on Bernard's bond," said Mr. Martin. "He has never been in any trouble before and I'll certainly stand by him in this."

Commissioner Falconer Still Critically Ill; Visitors Not Admitted

The condition of City Commissioner Thomas Falconer was reported yesterday as serious. The attending physician has not announced the exact nature of the illness, but says it is a deep-seated cold.

Mr. Falconer's temperature was 105 Thursday afternoon and it was 103 at 3 a. m. Friday. He suffered a chill Thursday night.

Visitors are being denied admittance to the commissioner's room. Mr. Falconer returned Thursday morning from the west in a weakened condition. He remained three days in Denver, where his condition grew worse. He left Omaha June 17 to attend the annual Shriners' meeting in Portland, Ore.

FILM THEATERS FIGHT DEMANDS OF MUSICIANS

Movie Men Answer Threats of Melody Makers by Decision to Banish Orchestras From Theaters.

The Omaha Theater Managers' association will not grant an increase of 60 per cent demanded by union musicians, and the producers of harmony and melody have announced that if new contracts are not signed by July 15 they will add 10 per cent to their original demand.

A note of discord exists between the managers and musicians. The theater men insist that they will not pay the 60 per cent increase; that to meet such a demand would mean another increase in the prices of admission and they are unwilling to pass another burden over to their patrons.

What Demands Are.
The musicians ask an increase from \$35 and \$38 per week to \$50 and \$63 per week. The leaders want an increase from \$50 to \$85 and \$65 to \$100.

The movie theater managers state that they will limit their music to organs before they will grant the increase that is asked. The managers, however, will renew efforts to obtain a compromise agreement.

Too Much to Pay.
"An increase of 60 per cent is too much to ask," said W. Ledoux, manager of the Empress. "We are willing to pay an increase of about 30 per cent."

The usual theater contracts for music are signed for the year beginning September 1. None have been signed in Omaha for the next theatrical year.

Whole villages in Jugo-Slavia are composed of women.

Clearing House to Cash School Warrants at Par

C. O. Talmage, chairman of the finance committee of the Board of Education, announces that a conference with the Omaha Clearing House association resulted in an agreement to cash school district warrants issued to janitors, laborers and clerks for June, July and August.

These warrants will be cashed without discount and the total will be approximately \$100,000.

The financial situation which will confront the school board when the schools are reopened September 1 will be a matter for consideration by the board during the next few weeks.

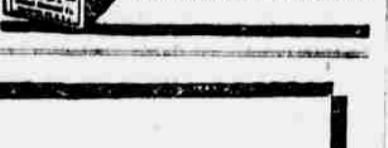
With headquarters at the University of Virginia a society of amateur astronomers has been formed to co-operate with professionals in observations of the skies.



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