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URGES DISTRICT ON CARTER LAKE FOR CITY PARK

Omaha Has Wonderful Opportunity to Build Water Front Playground There, Declares Ernest Schreiber.

Eighth Article. By ERNEST SCHREIBER.

Omaha has a wonderful chance to build a water front park that would surpass anything of the sort in the country. Moreover, it is in a part of the city where land values have been almost at a standstill for years because of the physical disadvantages of the location as a residence district in Omaha, and the land mentioned for the park will probably never be needed for residence purpose. These reasons, together, make the reclamation of the area as a municipal park both feasible and a municipal duty.

The Carter lake district is the place to lay out a park, for the business and residence sections, scenically beautiful, and with one of the largest lakes in this part of the country in its center, the district would be an ideal place for the development of a great municipal park for the people of Omaha. The proposed river boulevard already passes completely around and through the district, and as a part of the river boulevard scheme, the park would be an excellent feature.

Will Draw Thousands.

Chicago is building up miles of park space on the shore of Lake Michigan, reclaiming the land from the lake itself. Chicago is putting millions of dollars into the work, merely as an adjunct to its park system. When completed, the park will draw thousands of visitors to the city and give to its citizens a wonderful place for recreation. It will be worth every cent of money invested to the people of Chicago and will be a stupendous piece of advertising for the city.

For 1 per cent of the money and work given to the Chicago project, Omaha could develop a park that would be every bit as attractive as the Chicago scheme, and just as big in the advertising way for Omaha as the lake park will be for Chicago.

Chicago has one big advantage over Omaha in that it is already interested and boasting for the improvement. Here, although we have the opportunity, the people have not seen and seized upon it.

First Improvement.

The first piece of improvement in the district besides the clubs which already occupy grounds on the lake, to the municipal bath house which has just been planned by the city planning commission, and which will be erected this summer. The bathhouse and boulevard connecting it with Sherman avenue, are the first step toward a development of that section of Omaha.

The river boulevard will follow the edge of the Missouri at the south end of the district, and if all the land enclosed in the boulevard west to Carter lake were made into an immense city park, with appropriate planting of trees, shrubbery, widening driveways, ball parks, athletic fields, playgrounds, tennis courts, golf courses, and recreation buildings, the city would have a park that would be unequalled anywhere in the country for attractiveness.

Could Build Lagoons.

In the course of a few years, Carter lake will prove inadequate for bathers unless some method of purifying the water is adopted. If the city took hold of the territory and made it part of its park system, lagoons could be built which would draw the water supply pure, or artificial wells sunk, which would furnish the bathers with better bathing facilities than ever before.

All this may not be done for years, but it will be accomplished some time in the future. It is, however, a scheme for improvement that is possible and practicable. After the river drive is built the project will be more easily understood. Other areas might be found which would appeal more to the people for a park than the Carter Lake district. None, however, could be more easily utilized for that purpose, and at less expense, with better results to be attained.

Sales by Hastings and Heyden Show Big Figures

Recent sales of 14 houses totaling \$64,100 are reported by Hastings & Heyden.

This firm also announces in the last month the sale of 29 acre tracts and 31 lots. House sales are: Stone, Twenty-seventh and Lake streets, Ben Cohen, \$14,000; 519 South Sixty-fifth, J. H. Coak, \$10,000; 3416 Willis avenue, H. A. Small, \$6,250; 2244 Cass, to John C. Murphy, \$5,000; 1112 Emmet, to J. S. Rice, \$4,700; 1528 Willis, to J. C. Conrad, \$5,000; 3131 Evans, to J. J. Flammick, \$2,250; 2524 North Sixty-fifth, S. J. Simpson, \$1,250; 4116 Fowler, to R. E. Campbell, \$2,250; 2177 Lake, to W. L. Pierpont, \$3,000; 2127 Vinson, to R. Holman, \$3,000; 2222 Maple street, to J. H. Coak, \$1,000; 2903 Arbor street, to J. J. Callahan, \$2,250; 2912 Mason, to L. Ouellet, \$2,150.

Lots and Acreage Are Sold in Beverly Hills Place

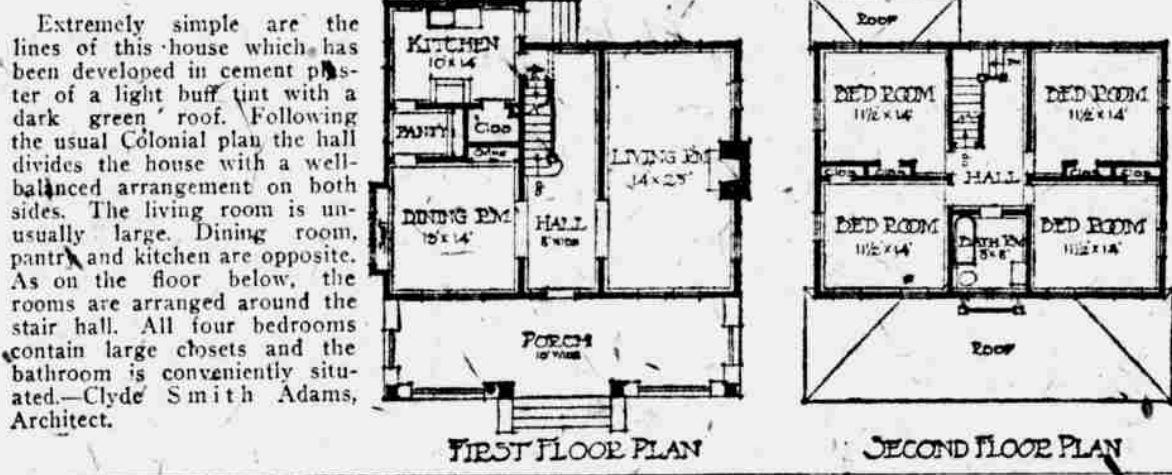
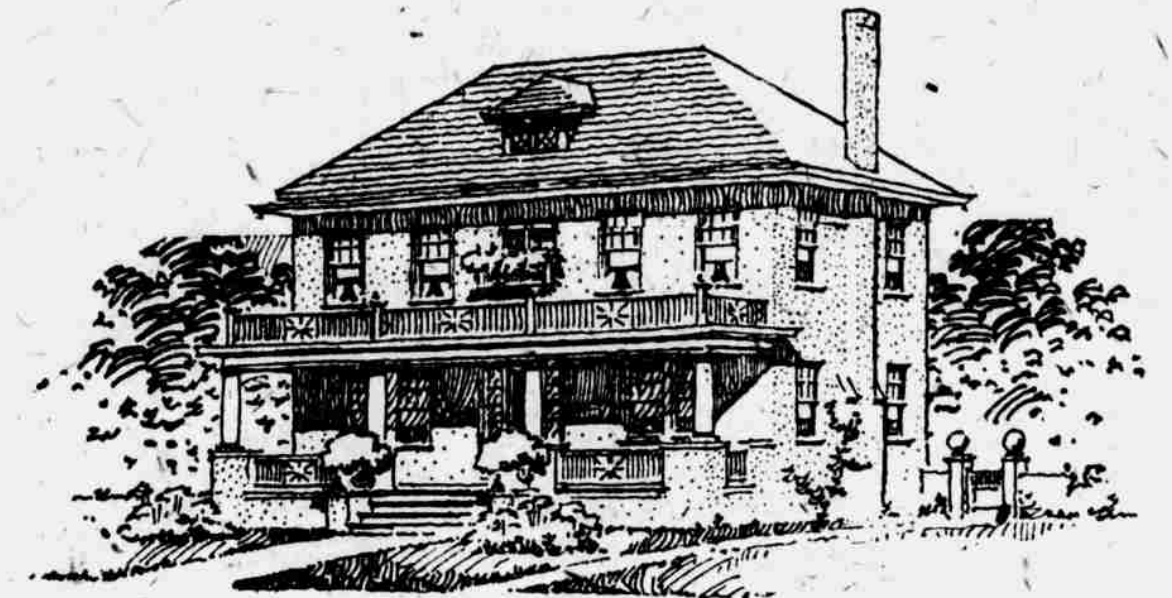
The Byron Reed company last week sold \$24,150 worth of lots and acreage in Beverly Hills.

The firm's sales in a single day amounted to \$16,150 in that addition. Beverly Hills is west of Fair Acres and south of Dodge.

Two Beverly Hills Lot Owners Have Already Erected Garages and Planted Shrubby with a View to Building There Next Spring.

Eight, five, six and seven-room bungalows are being erected in the southwest portion of the Edgewood addition by A. B. Griffith. Mr. Griffith a few years ago did some building in Dundee. His Edgewood houses were designed by Earl Porter.

A Colonial House



TIGHT MONEY PUTS CRIMP IN SUCKER HUNT

Many Fake Promoters, Unable to Get Notes Discounted, Laid Flat.

A flock of promoters of stock selling enterprises have been laid flat on their backs by the stringent money market. They are anxious to start on a hunt for suckers, but the difficulty in getting their notes discounted has put a crimp in their business, according to bankers here. Men in position to know declare that the people of Nebraska have put \$100,000,000 into speculative enterprises in the last three years and that two-thirds of the stock is worthless.

It is estimated that more than \$51,000,000 was sunk in this way last year. The aftermath is now arriving, as was indicated in the statements of Judge Woodruff of the federal court in the case of the Missouri Valley Cattle Loan company.

Dangers Not Realized.

"The dangers of promoting new businesses are not realized by the public," said one man who handles large sums for investment. "To come up from a small beginning is the best way for an industry. Few enterprises that start out in a big way to rival established competition can succeed. This is often forgotten and we hear stock salesmen comparing a little business to one of the few great successes in its line."

"Every banker knows that at least two-thirds of all new businesses fail and only about one in 25 really succeeds. People will say that the promoters are honest men, and well recommended, but these qualities alone do not insure success. The greatest business ability is required to put new industries on their feet, and this is too often lacking."

Collect Money, Move On.

"Smooth salesmen will come to town from Texas or the east and talk to prospects about the huge profits the leaders in industry are making. Often these profits are as small as being too large, but then the promoters turn around and promise the same percentage through the company they are forming. They collect the money and notes of the investors and move on. Then we begin getting inquiries about them from Seattle, San Francisco or other western points, where they are doing the same thing."

"Some of these promotion schemes pay dividends as long as they can keep selling stock. This is taken out of the money collected from later investors. The law should prohibit the payment of dividends until earned. Of course, the blue sky law is no guarantee of the wisdom of an investment, although it is supposed to guard against fraud."

Victims in All Classes.

"It is only in the last two or three years that the people of Nebraska have had a surplus. Good crops and fair prices for farm products gave them some capital, and stock salesmen flocked here to take it away from them. Every class of citizens has fallen victim to the speculative craze. Preachers, lawyers, farmers and even business men have been the prey of the stock-selling schemes. As long as money remains tight, we will be protected, but when the situation eases up, look out."

Ready to Show New Homes During the Evening Hours

The Mattson & Smalls real estate firm has inaugurated a new method in the selling of homes. This firm has erected a number of homes on Fiftieth avenue and Fiftieth street, just south of Farnam, and in order to show these houses to the prospective buyer who can only visit the addition in the evening the lights in all the houses are connected. This gives a good idea of how the property appears at night. The lights are kept on until 9 o'clock every evening.

Farm and Garden

By FRANK RIDGWAY.

Butter Making

Several Chicago suburbanites who own a cow or two played a trick on the dairymen last summer by packing enough butter in brine to last them all winter. They are doing the same thing again this year, because it saves several dollars on the winter's supply of butter.

If butter is to keep for five or six months during the fall and winter extra care must be exercised in making, selecting and packing it. The fundamental prerequisite in getting butter that will keep well is to use sweet cream. While sour cream may be used, sweet cream adds greatly to the keeping qualities and should be used wherever available.

The objection to using sweet cream is that it is more difficult to churn than sour cream, but the extra work in making the butter is worth while. Butter to be stored must be firm in texture. The temperature of the cream at the time it is churned has much to do with this. Of course, the firmness also depends on the way butter is worked. Use cold water in washing the butter to remove the buttermilk. Butter will not keep well unless most of the buttermilk is taken out. For this reason the working should be thorough. However, overworking must be avoided. Salting should be done at the rate of three-fourths of an ounce of salt to each pound of butter.

Before the butter is packed it should be made into one- or two-pound rolls or molded into bricks. When packed in this way it keeps better and is of a convenient size for wrapping in parchment paper. Stone jars are commonly used for packing the rolls or bricks.

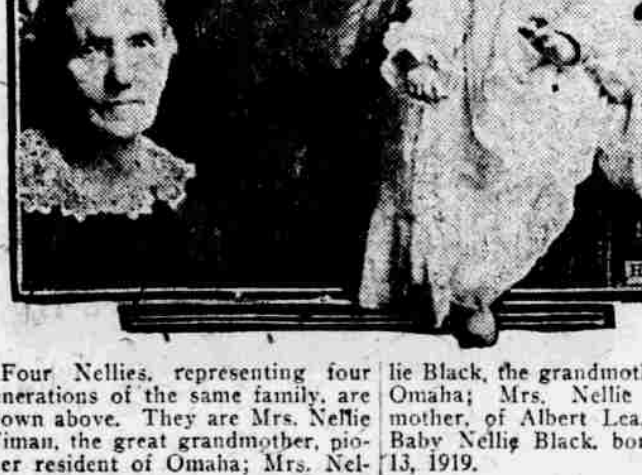
In making the brine use 18 pounds of common salt to 50 gallons of water. The salt is easily dissolved by agitating the mixture in a churn for 15 minutes. Perhaps a better way is to boil the mixture. If this is done, do not pour the solution over the butter until it is thoroughly cooled. Weights placed on top will hold the butter below the brine. More brine must be added from time to time, as the water evaporates. Store in cool place—the lower the temperature the better it keeps.

Cutting Corn for Silo

The manure spreader and hauled back to the fields every year as a result of using overripe material in filling silos. The best time to cut corn for silage should be carefully considered before filling the silo this fall.

Overripe corn, dry stalks and blades of corn, hollow stemmed plants and ripe weeds, when cut up and blown into the silo do not pack well. With such dry material there is insufficient moisture for fermentation, and air pockets are formed, which encourages development of

Four Nellies Mark Four Generations in Family



Four Nellies, representing four generations of the same family, are shown above. They are Mrs. Nellie Wiman, the great grandmother, pioneer resident of Omaha; Mrs. Nel-

OMAHA WILL BE SHORT OF HOMES FOR 3 YEARS YET

Housing Situation Becoming More Acute Throughout Country, Says Veteran Real Estate Man.

E. A. Benson, veteran realtor and builder, predicts that by January 1, 1921, the home building program in Omaha and most other cities of the country will be two and a half years behind.

Mr. Benson says there is no hope of catching up in the next two or three years. In a formal statement yesterday he said: "Reports from all over the country show that the housing situation is becoming acute."

May Call Legislature.

"In Illinois the governor has been called to call a special session of the legislature to consider the question of increased housing facilities. This is a problem that I do not believe any legislature can solve. I think the situation must be corrected almost entirely by private enterprise. On January 1, 1920, the country was two years behind in its building program. That condition applies to Omaha. I do not believe that more than 50 per cent of the normal building program will be done in the year 1920. This will leave the housing situation two and one-half years behind by January 1, 1921."

Few Homes Being Started.

"There are fewer residences being started in Omaha at the present time than at any other time in my experience of over 30 years. My own firm, one of the few to build this year, has not over half a dozen completed houses for sale.

"We have in Edgewood 20 houses under construction, but none far enough along to offer for sale. We are not making any new building contracts, and do not have any hope of doing so. Present conditions of the material market and transportation make it inadvisable for any builder to make new contracts."

Bungalow Building Costs Less in Omaha Than 2-Story Houses

Four pages of the August issue of the Builders' Journal of Boston, a well-known building magazine, are devoted to illustration and discussion of bungalow building being done in Omaha by the Maenner Realty Construction company.

The magazine, which is edited by architectural experts, discusses all details of three different types of bungalows. Exterior and floor plan illustrations are used. Detailed costs of each type are given.

The magazine says the Maenner company has proven that the foot cost of a bungalow is less than that of a two-story house. The bungalow, according to the magazine, costs 35 to 38 cents a cubic foot and the two-story house 45 cents per cubic foot.

Buy Two Inside Tracts To Develop and Plat

The Slater company last week purchased two tracts of land, both in the city limits, both to be developed and platted this fall.

Five Residences Sold.

The following five residences sales totaling \$40,900 are reported by Hastings & Heyden: Thomas D. Reagan, new residence at 526 South Fifty-first avenue, Lockwood; Conrad, \$12,500; Robert Burns, 214 South Fifty-second avenue, \$10,000; James T. Nelson, 4235 California street, \$6,500; James Sanderson, 3003 Indiana avenue, \$7,250; John Bager, house and acre tract, West 1 street, \$4,650.

Fine Wines Slake Thirsts At the Lords' Lunch to King

London, Aug. 21.—Hungry Europeans have looked askance at the menu of the luncheon served to the king by the House of Lords recently.

In addition to the mouth-watering table of viands, there were included no less than five wines, one of which was Courvoisier's Old Napoleon, bearing the cobwebbed date of 1824. Other wines on the list were: Gonzales-Oloroso-1884; Dudesheim-Schlossberg-Aulseue v. 1904; Lanson-Perre et Fils-1911; Cockburn's v. 1868.

The food list included choice cuts of terrapin, duck and fish. There also were some fireplaces smoke, while others do not? 3. What is an ideal arrangement for the basement? 4. What are the advantages and

Heart Secrets of a Fortune Teller



By RASTRAEL MACK.

I Dethrone Snookums.

Far be it from me to knock a helpless woolly dog, but I did have a hand recently in putting a certain little canine in his proper place. Early one morning last week a youth of some 20 odd summers walks into my office seeking wisdom. He looks like such an honest kid that my motherly instincts rush to the front immediately. "Nothin' serious," I forecast, "but I suppose he thinks he's up to his ears in trouble."

Marines Sent Him.

"Right-o!" he admits. "A fellow in the marines sent him to her last week." "Which happens to be one of your very special reasons for hating friend pup," I accuse. "Well, maybe," he owns up. "I never did fancy this bird in the marines."

Quered Himself.

"Sort of quered yourself with Snookums' fond mistress, I imagine." "Well, rather," he answers. "She says I'm a brute with a heart like a rock! I can't remember the 23 other names she handed me, but they were all neat and to the point."

Needs a Snooze.

"Oh, yes," I says. "You're going to stop suggestin' picture shows and dancin', because that cuts Snookums out of the program! Insist on sittin' quietly at home in the evenin' disadvantages of different kinds of heating apparatus? 5. What is the best light for the living room? 6. Should a house have a pantry? 7. What sort of kitchen range should be installed? 8. Should a vacuum cleaning system be built into the house? 9. How many base plugs should be installed in a house? 10. What is the best way to locate a garage? (Copyright, 1920, by Thompson Feature Service.)

Building a Home

Answers to Last Sunday's Questions.

1. The processes of building a house in their proper order are: Staking out of building, excavation, grading and draining, masonry work, wood framing, outside finish, lathing and plastering, inside finish, painting and glazing, installation of hardware and interior decoration. After the building has been enclosed the heating, lighting and plumbing are put in, together with the hardware.

2. The functions of a hall are: Circulation of air, means of access to different rooms and for use as a place of reception. A hall permits of wide variations of taste in finish and furnishing, both of which, however, should be in careful harmony with the general type of the house.

3. The three general parts of a house are: The living apartments, the sleeping quarters and the cooking and dining rooms.

4. The living room should occupy the most desirable part of the house from the standpoint of exposure to sunlight and air. In this connection it is well to point out that the house should be planned for the lot in these particulars:

5. In planning the living room, space should be provided for piano (unless there is a separate music room), for bookcases (unless the library is separate) and there should be space for writing desk and sewing table (unless there is separate sewing room).

6. In locating bedrooms, special attention must be paid to proper ventilation and light, which are best effected by making the ceilings sufficiently high.

7. The kitchen should be planned perhaps the first room in the house. It is a workshop and should be laid out with a view to saving of steps, saving of unnecessary motions of the hands and for convenience of equipment and the comfort of the occupant. There should be provision for adequate ventilation and for cooling.

8. The kitchen should average 10 by 12 feet. Nine feet square would suffice for the small home, while one 19 feet square will be none too large for the farm house. It should be designed for those who use it, with regard to whether servants are to be kept or whether the housewife is to do her own work.

What to Know in Building a Home.

9. The interior woodwork of rooms is called trim.

"How'd you happen to do it, son?" "Well," he says, "I'd gotten to the point where the darned little nuisance gave me a pain whenever I looked at him. He's been holdin' down my place in the porch swing and on the parlor settee for a week. He gets all the kind words and the sweet looks that are handed out."

"Totally eclipsed by dear little Bow Wow," I can't resist interrupting. "All out in the cold and loneliness!" "Lonesome and stepped-on!" the kid says, gettin' wilder every minute. "Every time I ask her for a date she has to stay at home and bathe Snookums, or comb his curls! When I bring her candy she pouts because it's not Snookums' favorite brand! I can't even talk to her without being interrupted and told about the cute thing little fuzzy Wuzzy did yesterday."

"It's enough to make a man commit suicide," I says. "Somethin' ought to be done at once!" "You're right," he agrees, "but what? Steal Snookums, or drop him a button?" "Neither," I says, very firm. "Then what's your advice?" he asks.

"Well," I says, "I'm going to map out a simple course of action." "Act number one," I says, "deals with apologizin' for the cruel kick in Snookums' ribs. It calls for lots of sorrowful regret and a few crocodile tears."

"In act number two you're going to learn to love Snookums; you're going to park him on the seat of honor beside you; you're not going to talk about anybody's cures but Snookums'; you're not going to notice anybody's cute little ways but Snookums'."

"Anything else?" he says, grinnin'. "Oh, yes," I says. "You're going to stop suggestin' picture shows and dancin', because that cuts Snookums out of the program! Insist on sittin' quietly at home in the evenin' disadvantages of different kinds of heating apparatus? 5. What is the best light for the living room? 6. Should a house have a pantry? 7. What sort of kitchen range should be installed? 8. Should a vacuum cleaning system be built into the house? 9. How many base plugs should be installed in a house? 10. What is the best way to locate a garage? (Copyright, 1920, by Thompson Feature Service.)

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