

Drake Tenants Accuse Company Of Conspiracy

Answers Filed in District
Court Suit to Collect Back
Rent Contain Many
Grave Charges.

Charges of conspiracy and fraud are made against the Drake Realty and Construction company and Drake Holding companies Nos. 1, 2 and 3, in answers filed yesterday in district court by tenants of Drake Court from whom the company is seeking to collect \$400, alleged to be due in back rentals.

The tenants deny that the different companies are legally organized in Nebraska or any other state, and deny their capacity to bring suit in the courts.

Testimony to this same effect, according to attorneys for the defendants, was presented to the grand jury, but it was held that the criminal statute is not broad enough to cover the alleged conspiracy.

Claim Agreement Broken.

The tenants are W. C. Eldred, who occupies apartment No. 40, and Katherine and Margaret Riordan, living in apartment No. 106. They claim that on June 20, in company with other tenants, they met with William B. Drake, president of the Drake Realty and Construction company in the council chamber at the city hall, where he agreed to permit the tenants to occupy the Drake Court apartments for a sufficient period to return the company 7 per cent on its original investment, to be determined from the books of the company by a disinterested, competent public accountant.

This was after an announcement of increased rentals had brought forth a storm of protest from the tenants.

The books, however, the tenants allege, never were forthcoming.

Say Claim is Void.

They allege that the claim sued on is irregular and void, for the reason that the contract was the direct result of a conspiracy between Drake Holding companies No. 1, 2 and 3 and the Drake Realty and Construction company to exact from tenants an extortionate rental.

The tenants claim that all four companies have as officers and stockholders William B. Drake, Allen R. Bradley and Walter J. Palmer. They point out that when the holding companies were incorporated in February, 1918, the United States was at war, and claim that as a result of the housing shortage which existed in Omaha, the different holding companies conspired to "extort" from the renting public rents out of all proportion to the original investment made.

Increases in some instances, they declare, amounted to from 40 to 60 per cent of the original rental. This, they declare, detracted from the energy applied to winning the war, and hindered the subsequent readjustment.

They ask that the company's claim for \$400 rent be dismissed.

Attorneys for the tenants say they are prepared to take the case to the supreme court if necessary.

American Bank Building Lease May Be Sold at Auction

If the American Bank Building company, now defunct, does not pay George Flack \$17,777.50 within 30 days, the company's 99-year lease on property at Nineteenth and Eppan streets will be sold to the highest bidder at public auction. This is under the terms of a decree handed down by Judge Day yesterday.

The court held that Flack having spent \$21,226.68 on taxes and upkeep, and collected \$3,820 in rents, was entitled to the sum of \$17,777.50 from the company.

Woodrow Wilson Etchings

For Foundation Donors
A certificate containing a portrait etching of Woodrow Wilson and designating the recipient as one of the founders of the Woodrow Wilson Foundation will be given to every subscriber to the foundation endowment fund, according to William F. Baxter, state chairman of the organization.

Prominent American artists now are working on designs for the certificate, Mr. Baxter said.

On Sale Friday

For Friday we offer women's and misses' silk and wool dresses worth \$18.75 and up to \$25 at **\$14.75**

Julius Orkin
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Friday Ends the \$1 Down--\$1 a Week "Hoosier" Club Plan Union Outfitting Co.

Handsome "Hoosier" Cabinet Given Away Absolutely FREE Friday Night.

If you have been wanting a time and labor-saving "Hoosier" Cabinet in your kitchen, be sure and take advantage of the "Club Plan Sale" now in progress at the Union Outfitting Co. In addition to the easy terms of \$1.00 down and \$1.00 a week, a beautiful 31-piece set of "Blue Bird" Dinnerware will be included FREE; also \$5.00 will be allowed on your old kitchen table. The "Union" is the Omaha agent for the "Hoosier."

Furniture on Display At Brandeis Stores

Problem of furnishing a home no longer need delay wedding bells, according to the Brandeis Stores, which announce that their furniture department, opened Monday, is a revelation in the possibilities of medium-priced furniture. Bedroom suites in antique silvered oak, consisting of bed, dresser and large chiffonette, can be bought for \$97. Six-room arrangements are on display, complete in all details. Surprising values are to be had on all pieces shown.

Man Is Accused of 9-Year Gas Theft

Federal Employee Discharged
As Company Finds Meter
"Leaked."

A contrivance to consume gas without its passing through the meter is said to have been found in the residence of Albert Sudenburg, 3833 Parker street. Sudenburg, an employee of the federal building for nearly 20 years, not only loses his position with his pension rights, but also faces court action to recover \$211 estimated to be the amount of gas consumed since the city took over the gas plant.

The Omaha Gas company, former owners of the municipal plant, may seek to recover for gas consumed during seven and one-half years of that company's ownership. Sudenburg also is deprived of gas service until a satisfactory settlement is made.

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THE LANPHER HAT

Blouse Bargains

Georgette and Crepe de Chine Blouses, worth up to \$8.75. On sale Friday **\$4.95**

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Two Hours in Berlin Taxi

Costs R. B. Howell Only \$1
Two hours in a Berlin taxi cost R. B. Howell, manager of the Metropolitan Utilities District, just \$1, he writes in a letter received yesterday by Robert Smith, clerk of the district court.

The latter was written from Dresden, Germany, October 1. Business conditions, he says, are apparently normal, although the mark has so greatly depreciated in value that wages are very much higher than before the war.

Children March Out Safely

As Fire Endangers School
Nearly 200 children were endangered at 10:30 yesterday morning, when fire was discovered burning fiercely on the roof of the Sacred Heart junior school, Twenty-second and Binney streets.

The kiddies marched out orderly as the result of their fire drills and soon the building was emptied. The fire, confined to the roof of the two-story structure, caused damage estimated about \$300.

Eyes Sore?

If your eyes or lids are sore; if they itch, burn or feel dry; if your vision is blurred, your eyesight dim; if you are obliged to wear glasses, go to Sherman & McConnell's store and get a bottle of Band-Aids. Dissolve one in a fourth of a glass of water and bathe the eyes as directed. Band-Aids soothe eyes and improved eyesight will make the world look brighter.

Note: Doctors say Band-Aids strengthen eyelids to get out in a week's time in many instances and straighten crooked eyes under a positive money-back guarantee.

Traveling Means Sure Foot Strain

THE lure of the "just beyond" makes miles of extra steps for every tourist or traveler. The strain comes first on the feet and soon develops that feeling that home, after all, is the safest and most restful place.

The Ease-All shoe will add miles of pleasurable walking to your trips and still add to your style, for Ease-Alls follow the mode.

Ease-All

The invisible steel arch support in the shank, the "bandaged brace" formed by long, strong fitted counters, the narrow heel to prevent slipping, assures your correctness of style and keeps your feet as fresh and comfortable as nature intended they should be. No traveler should be without an Ease-All in the wardrobe.

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No. 1—A double steel invisible support built into the shank, lifting the arch of the foot to its natural position.
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Good Looking Oak Suite

Finished in Italian Brown Oak, you will find it attractive, practical and dependable, even though the prices are very low.

45-inch Dining Table that extends to 6 ft. (all oak construction), **24.50**
Dining Chairs, full boxed continuous posts, saddle seats and carefully finished **5.00**
The suite can also be bought in golden oak, polished, at the same prices.

50-inch Buffet as illustrated, with 6x40-in. French plate mirror, at **35.00**
China Closet to match **33.00**

One of Many Suites at Small Cost

About 100 Dining Chairs

and Arm Chairs from broken suites, in walnut, mahogany and oak, and a very wide range of leather and upholstery fabrics for the seat coverings. All chairs are of good, dependable quality and wonderful bargains at the

Sale Prices
Values formerly from 13.00 to 35.00— **6.50**
Values formerly from 20.00 to 45.00 **11.50**

BLANKETS

—Two Splendid Values

Fine Wool Blankets that are warm and heavy are offered in blue, gray and pink checks, made the more attractive by silk bound edges— price **7.50**

All-Wool Blankets in cheerful colorings are offered in a heavy weight. They measure full 70x80 inches, and constitute a wonderful value— at **11.50**

Fine Sateen Covered Comforts, with fancy centers and plain borders and linings with warm cotton filling— special value **11.50**

Full size Silkline Comforts, in attractive patterns and with warm cotton filling— special value **5.00**

in Our Gift Shop

Fine Seamless Axminster Rugs

In warm, cozy colors and splendid Chinese and Oriental designs; the kind of rugs hundreds of Omaha people have been looking for, and a value they'll appreciate.

8-3x10-6 size— **33.50**
9x12 size— **36.50**

A Wide Assortment of LINOLEUM

Just splendid patterns in bright, cheerful colorings that, tile-like, go clear through to the burlap base. The well-known wearing qualities of this grade of linoleum have been insured by proper seasoning. This is a better value than we have been able to offer for a very long time. Price, per square yard— **145**

Hartmann Trunks

Full Size Hartmann Trunk, with wardrobe equipment, laundry bag, and shoe mat. **29.50**

Full Size Hartmann Wardrobe Trunk, fully equipped with combination dust curtain, laundry bag, hat box, and interlocking bar. **50.00**

We have a number of 1920 Hartmann Trunks in discontinued patterns at greatly reduced prices.

Wear-Ever Aluminum

In a Sale

1.05 1-quart Wear-Ever Sauce Pan **35¢**
1.10 2-quart Wear-Ever Sauce Pan **69¢**
1.10 Wear-Ever Frying Pan **49¢**
Aluminum Round Roaster, special **3.00**

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