

REAL ESTATE

Increasing Activity in the Demand for All Classes of Property.

A BOOM IN BUSINESS SITES.

The Recent Davidson Purchase on Robert, Fourth and Fifth Streets.

THE PLANS FOR IMPROVEMENT.

Specimen Transfers of the Week—A Total of Nearly Half a Million.

The unusually large number of transfers of real estate for the past week and the handsome aggregate of considerations paid, shows a very healthy market.

The "right of way agents" are like the usual run of "road agents," very sly and obscure fellows.

The builders are beginning to rush around and get their materials and implements ready to commence work.

The snow and ice is being removed and a general appearance of life is manifested.

The Windsor hotel is to have another large and important addition so as to increase its capacity by midsummer and the rock and earth is being removed by a large force of men.

The real estate transfers yesterday showed deeds from Greve, Oppenheim and Clark and from Craig to James H. Davidson for a frontage of seventy feet on Robert street, between what is known as the McCloskey block and the Quinby & Hallowell property.

The following will explain the lettering of the diagram: A—Occupied by stores.

The transfers for the week speak for themselves and show a healthy market throughout.

The largest consideration for any one transfer during the week is the sale from Emma B. Bidwell to Col. James H. Davidson, which is 160 feet front on Jackson street by 210 deep, and half a block in West St. Paul.

Messrs. Greve & Oppenheim have been selling right and left. During the week they sold to J. H. Bryant, fifteen lots in Palace addition, for \$900 each, amounting to \$13,500; also a whole block of Deau's addition, containing thirty-six lots, for different prices, varying from \$300 to \$325 per lot.

William G. Taylor to Martha E. Tenny, lot 13, block 1, in Cottage Place, Taylor's addition, \$300.

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After writing up the above facts relative to the arcade building the reporter observed that no mention was made of the large purchases recently consummated on Robert street, and directly west of and adjoining the site of the arcade, and on going back to interview Commodore Davidson as to what use he and Col. Davidson proposed to make of their Robert street frontage of 225 feet, he "smiled a very bland smile" for an old steamboatman, and said, "That's the question."

Reporter—Yes the public and especially those who own property on Robert street, would like to know what improvements are contemplated for the Robert street frontage of block 17?

Ans.—Well, I am not prepared to say, for our plans are not sufficiently matured. Rep.—Well, it has been rumored that you would build a big hotel on Robert street in connection with the arcade.

Ans.—I don't want all the "big things." I want other citizens of St. Paul to go to work and do their share towards building up this city, and I can say most emphatically I won't build a big hotel.

THE NEW FIRM

of Fairchild & Davidson are among the busiest. They cannot get into their new quarters, 334 Jackson street, until May 1, and their present rooms seem to be full all the time.

Ans.—I can't hardly say that, but I have thought a good deal about it. Now don't commit me to a hotel, big or little, on Robert street. I have only said I was being thinking about it and it may never culminate in anything more than "thinking."

Rep.—Well, commodore, don't you think a big hotel would pay in this city?

Ans.—Certainly one is very much needed and it ought to be commenced and built just as quickly as possible. We expect an immense pleasure travel from the South to Minnesota this season and I am, or the packet company is, building a new and fine passenger packet to assist the Gem City and the War Eagle to bring the people from St. Louis to St. Paul, and to take them back after their summer vacation, and this city ought to provide hotel facilities to take care of them.

Rep.—Then why won't you take the initiative in building a big hotel commensurate with the needs of St. Paul?

Ans.—Simply because I can't. I have got to keep up my steamboat line, which is just as important to St. Paul as a big hotel, and the public has clamored for years for a new and larger Opera house. I was in hopes that citizens who are wealthy and public spirited would take hold and build an Opera house to suit their own taste and convenience, but most of them who were so clamorous on the subject were only willing to lavish some one else's money, (not their own,) on an enterprise of this kind.

Thanking the Commodore for the interview, the reporter took his departure with the general impression that a "small hotel" may possibly materialize on the corner of Robert and Fifth streets next year, though we do not "commit" Commodore Davidson to this enterprise, for he declined to commit himself. He already owned seventy-five feet front on the corner of Robert and Fifth which was only separated from the balance of his property by a small piece fronting twenty feet on Fifth street and running back to and forming part of the Quinby & Hallowell purchase. He gets that twenty feet from them and seventy-five feet front additional on Robert, making him 150 feet front on Robert, 250 feet front on Fifth and 125 feet front on Fourth, and Col. Davidson by the deeds recorded yesterday becomes the owner of seventy feet front on Robert next south of Quinby & Hallowell. We suggest that a hotel fronting 220 feet on Robert using the spare rooms in the arcade building, might be large enough to accommodate the overflow of the Merchants hotel for a year or two. We have had a small diagram prepared which we print herewith showing the general outlines of the proposed arcade building. It is hoped and expected that an alley will be run from Fourth to Fifth street in rear of the Jackson street frontage and the proposed alley is shown upon the accompanying diagram, though the initiative steps to procure the opening of such an alley have not yet been taken. Commodore Davidson expressly denies any intention of building a mammoth hotel on Robert, but his plan contemplates something on the restaurant plan, neat and comfortable, with all the modern conveniences for a small public house. How much frontage it will occupy and the number of stories high it will be, he has not yet determined, and for the present he leaves the balance of the details to the newspaper reporters. In the diagram herewith published we have not had time to work out all the details of the hotel, and so leave that for a future issue.

subject at Omaha, Denver and Leadville, and if from information he is able to gather it appears that such works could be profitably operated in St. Paul, he will initiate a movement for the erection of such works here within the present year.

Mr. Fairchild has sold for E. F. Drake, to Ferdinand Willis, 50x100 feet on Fourth street, between Robert and Minnesota, for \$16,500.

Louisa Weide to Johanna Anderson, lot 14, block 11, of Arlington Hills addition, \$200.

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George S. Heron, to Helen L. Barton, part of block 20, Moss' out lots in Holcombe's addition, \$650.

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Frank B. Clarke to Mary E. Stone, lots 1 to 30 inclusive, block 7, of Clarke's addition, \$6,000.

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H. Greve to Mrs. J. W. Hicks, lot 12, block 75, of Dayton & Irvine's addition, \$3,500.

James J. Hill to Daniel M. Robbins, lots 69 and 71 of Hewitt's out lots, \$2,500.

Robert Hager to Emily L. Rountree, lot 12, block 3, St. Paul proper, \$13,250.

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