

TO MAKE STREET WIDER

GOOD PROSPECT THAT VANCOUVER AVENUE WILL BE IMPROVED.

**One-Fourth of the Property-Owners
Have Already Agreed to Dedi-
cate Strips.**

The prospects are considered very hopeful for the widening and improving of the 100-year avenue from M. to M. to Aurora street. The map showing just how much of a strip will be required from each lot has been prepared at the City Engineer's office and turned over to M. E. Thompson. This map shows that at the north end of the avenue 12 feet will be required from both sides to make the required 60-foot width. From this point south for four blocks, each block being 400 feet long, the strips reduce down to nothing. At the point only six inches will be required. The strips, therefore, will be in the shape of a wedge. The average width is probably not really over six feet.

Owners of lot have signed dedication of their portion of the strips, which is about one-fourth of the whole number. All will have to make this dedication, or the method of all or nothing. If all do not dedicate, then the widening will be done through proceedings of condemnation. This latter procedure will go, as there are enough property owners favorable to the widening to carry it, but the committee is anxious to get voluntary dedication of the strips as a first step. It will not only save much time, but much hard work. Inasmuch as a large majority of the property-owners are in favor of the widening, it would seem the part of wisdom for all property-owners to make the dedication by signing

Plans are Being Prepared for a Two-Story Building Costing \$3000.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Mississippi-Avenue Building Association of Central Albina, Saturday evening, it was decided to have plans for the proposed public building prepared. Chap-
pell-Browne, architect, was instructed to make the plans and estimate the cost. The expense of the building, according to the general suggestions of the directors, it was decided to have three main rooms on the first floor, and a large hall, with perhaps three or four offices on the second floor. On the first floor the two rooms facing Mississippi avenue will be for store and a smaller room facing Shaver street will be a small office.

It was the judgment of the Board of Directors that it would be safe to invest \$3000 in such a structure as proposed, and it will be on the street-car line and centrally located.

Mr. E. Thompson, president of the Board of Directors, said yesterday that \$200 was available to start with, but that the directors can get all the money they want. The Two Misses Bobbe have subscribed for \$400 of the stock. Mr. Thompson has taken \$100, and expects to take another \$100. The building is to be a two-story foundation will cost \$115, and one-half will be taken in stock. There will be considerable work done and partly paid in stock. Within the next three months the Central Albina Board of Trade will be able to hold

BRIDGE FILES FROM OREGON.

They Are for Railroad Building From Salt Lake To Los Angeles.

The piles for a bridge said to be 6 miles long, across Salt Lake, for the railroad that W. A. Clark will build from Salt Lake City to Los Angeles, Cal., will be furnished mainly by Oregon contractors and will be secured at the same tenderer as the portion of them will be shipped over the Short Line from a point on the O. R. & N. St. Johns spur, near Cone Bros' sawmill. Some railroad men made the statement that the piles were to be shipped from this point on the St. Johns spur, ground having been secured for this purpose.

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about the only state that can furnish them.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT FUND.

Mississippi-Avenue Congregational Church to Be Generally Beautified.

The Mississippi-Avenue Congregational Church is collecting a "civic improvement fund" to meet certain demands and beautify the church and its surroundings. It proposed to raise \$345, to be divided as follows: To decorate and beautify the church grounds, \$55; to paint the church building, \$75; to pay district assessors, \$100; to pay district assessors, \$100; to pay for Mississippi-avenue lateral sewer assessment

Of this money the Sunday school is to receive \$48. Young People's Society of Christ the church will receive \$100. Ladies Aid Society \$100. All is to be raised by the last of May. The Sunday school has already raised nearly its portion.

Prizes provided for the boys and girls raising the first and second largest sum were awarded as follows: Margaret Allen raised \$11.50; Sadie Ham raised \$9 and was awarded second prize of a Bible. For the boys, Clifford Wright raised \$50 and Willie Thompson raised \$30, and were awarded first and second prizes, respectively.

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Yesterday morning a fire alarm was struck from box 214 for a small blaze that had started in some old clothes under the old car factory building at the foot of East Clay street. The fire was extinguished without loss. The cause was not known.

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