

INCREASED BUILDING ACTIVITY PROMISED

Buildings for Manufacturing Purposes in Good Demand—Home Builders Continue Active.

The past week developed a much better feeling in building circles, and though actual construction is at the moment rather light, the prospects for immediate betterment are brighter. Architects quite generally are finding plenty of work to do, and look for a material increase in building activity before winter finally sets in. The money market has righted itself and the longing for a "house and home to call my own" is as strong as ever in the heart of the renter.

The small manufacturer, too, is coming into the market for factory sites with trackage facilities, and a number of deals along this line are in progress. Where buildings for this purpose are available, there are still many improvements to be made to meet the special requirements of the manufacturer. In most cases an entire new building or a practically complete remodeling of old structures will be necessary for the same reasons. All this must sooner or later show a favorable effect in building activity. Several new factory buildings will probably be started before the end of the present year.

Among improvements planned on West Superior street is the proposed erection of a new business building by Moses Cook and Samuel Gittleson, on the frontage adjoining the New Grand theater, upon which a 99-year lease was taken by them last December. The new structure is to have two stories built upon a foundation sufficiently strong enough to carry an additional five or six stories if later desired. Construction of the building is to be begun about April 1 next.

The new building will, when completed, be occupied by Paul Pantaze, 219 West Superior street. Mr. Pantaze has already obtained a lease of the building for a period of 10 years.

Architects Holstead & Sullivan are calling for bids on a brick store building to be erected on Twenty-first avenue West, for Mork & Co., at a cost of approximately \$7,000.

The several contracts covering improvements on the Halvorsen hotel building were awarded as follows: Foundation contract to George H. Lounsberry; heating plant, to A. J. Harker; roof, to Callan & Hopkins, and superstructure, to C. O. Thompson, who will carry the work on day labor.

Otto Johnson has secured the contract covering the erection of two additional stories on the National Biscuit company's building on Lake avenue South. The two upper floors of the new superstructure will be occupied by the Gowan-Lenning-Brown company.

The Nolan Construction company has taken out building permits for the erection of three dwelling houses in Restormel street between Michigan and Pacific avenues. The buildings are to be erected at a cost of \$2,000 each.

A frame dwelling house to cost about \$5,000 is in the course of erection in Highland park for Magdalen Wissmiller. In the Riverside Suburban Homes district, A. J. Frey is building a bungalow which should be completed in a short time.