

BUILDING WORK IS INCREASING

Architects and Contractors Anticipate Large Increase in Business for Season.

NEARLY ENOUGH FUNDS SECURED FOR NEW BETHEL

Several New Structures to Be Started Within the Next Month or Two.

Last week made a creditable showing in the number of permits issued, they totalling 35 with the cost of improvements placed at \$55,365. This is a vast gain over the record for several weeks back.

Now that the fall is actually with us architects anticipate that the final lap of the year's building operations will record gratifying activity. It has always been the rule that considerable belated work comes out just prior to the freeze up.

Many residence propositions have thus far been held up, prospective builders preferring to go slow and sure. It is fully expected that some of these will be released for bids during the next couple of weeks.

Some further business and buildings of a public nature are also expected to be gone on with yet.

In that category comes the new Bethel to go up on Mesaba avenue and First street. When the plans were opened three weeks ago at the office of Architect F. G. German, it was found that the lowest bid exceeded the amount of the funds in hand by a few thousand dollars, so it was decided to set out to secure additional subscriptions to cover the deficiency before going ahead. It is expected this will have been made up in a few days, when the contract will be awarded.

The Duluth Brewing & Malting company will erect a brick building at Virginia to contain two stores and flats. An old frame structure now standing on the site will be removed back and remodeled for a dwelling. The job is estimated to cost about \$10,000. Plans have been prepared by J. J. Wangenstein, and bids will be called for during the present week. Mr. Wangenstein will also let the contract this week for the Peterson flats to be erected on Sixteenth avenue east near Jefferson avenue.

The new Spina block at the corner of Lake avenue and First street is beginning to take on such proportions that the quality of its construction can be appreciated.

This will be the most substantial business block erected on First street in recent years, and it is understood that in appearance and equipment it will not be surpassed by any block of a similar nature in the city.

Its erection on the lines being carried through is regarded as another example of the confidence owners have in the street as a retail thoroughfare. Out of the five stores facing on First street two have been rented, the Boston Music company being one, and an outside drug company is negotiating for a third. The entire second floor will be occupied by the L. C. Coffin dancing academy. Anthony Puck & Halstead were the architects for the block.

The Waldorf apartments on First avenue west above Second street are taking on a finished exterior appearance. They will be ready to pass from the contractor's hands about Oct. 1.

Contained in the building are 12 five-room apartments, besides janitor's quarters. It has a frontage of 75 feet by a depth of 70 feet, making it practically square and admitting of a layout such as to afford large central halls and to give each apartment a corner, making every room an outside one. Thus more light and air is obtained than in the usual construction of such apartments laid out on the so-called "shoe string" plan.

The central general halls are very spacious being each 24 feet in length by 12 feet in width. The living rooms are each 11x18 feet in size.

The sanitary ventilated disappearing wall beds are a feature, making each room a combination chamber and living room.

In these apartments, with the wall beds installed, a clear space is left of 11 by 12 feet, making it vastly different from others in which perhaps half the available space is taken up by the bed.

Up-to-date plumbing has been installed throughout the building, a feature in it being direct closet valves instead of the old fashioned, noisy leaky flush tank.

The exterior walls are of tapestry brick carried all the way round, with white Bedford stone trimmings.

The appearance of the building is greatly enhanced through its standing back from the street and having a large and beautiful porch in front. Its cost will be about \$40,000.

J. J. Wangenstein is the architect and Frank L. Johnson the contractor. In a house adjoining the apartments an up-to-date cafe is being installed with tile floors, etc.

D. V. Case & Broomhall have received a report to the effect that the remodeling of the court house at Grand Rapids, Minn., is nearly completed and that the building will be ready for occupancy shortly.

Frank L. Young & Co. have let the contract for the heating and plumbing in the Mondon block on Fourth street and Tenth avenue east to Stack Bros., and the electric lighting to the Richardson Electric company.

Modern Woodmen of America have decided to erect a two-story West End camp building on Twenty-first avenue west and First street. It will be 50 by 105 feet in size and will contain two lodge halls on the ground

floor with a spacious public hall above. The cost of the building is estimated at \$20,000. Plans for it are being prepared by Austin Terryberry Bids will be called for shortly.

Ellerbe, Round & Sullivan are preparing plans for a two-story modern frame building to be erected for Mrs. Mary Sullivan on Sixth street near Second avenue east. It will cost about \$3,000.

The contract for the Barnum, Minn., school has been let by the same architects to A. Roberts at \$5,800.

The electric wiring and fixtures contract for the Mountain Iron, Minn., school has been let by the architects, Bray & Nystrom, to the Richardson Electric company.

The contract for the erection of T. McCarthy's new residence on Twenty-eighth avenue east has been awarded by P. M. P. Olsen to Gust Carlson, and the electrical work to the Burgess Electrical company. The building will cost about \$8,000.

Kelley & Lignell will let the contract today for the county jail at Grand Marais, Minn.

J. A. Smith is erecting a brick residence on the Greysolon road between Thirteenth and Thirty-first avenue east, at a cost of about \$9,000.

The Karon Investment company is building two brick flat buildings on Fourth street between Tenth and Eleventh avenue east at a cost of \$4,000 each.

The following permits were issued during the week from the office of the building inspector:

To Brostrup Ellingsen, cottage, West Fifteenth street, between Twenty-seventh and Twenty-eighth avenues	300
To Thomas Austin, concrete foundation, East Tenth street, between Eleventh and Twelfth avenues	200
To Zenith Box Co., barn, Rene street, between Forty-third and Forty-fourth avenues	500
To Oscar Anderson, frame cottage, Luther avenue, Woodland	75
To Mrs. Charles Larson, frame cottage, Luther avenue, Woodland	500
To L. Polinski, hay shed, East Seventh street, between Thirteenth and Fourteenth avenues	150
To Anderson & Gow, brick hotel, West Third street between Third and Fourth avenues	12000
To Carl A. Carlson, cottage, Cook street, between Forty-sixth and Forty-seventh avenues east	500
To Arthur A. Erickson, frame dwelling, Woodland avenue, between Elizabeth and Norton avenues	2500
To Joe Lee, frame store, West Third street, between Twenty-second and Twenty-third avenues west ..	300
To W. A. Knox, frame building, Faribault avenue, between Kolstad and Elysian streets	1000
To Olaf Pearson, foundation of frame dwelling, East First street between Fourth and Fifth avenues	350
To Olaf Pearson, foundation and repairs, Gillat street, between Forty-second and Forty-third avenues	400
To L. M. Johnson, repairs to roof and basement, West Sixth street between Second and Third avenues	200
Karon Investment Co., brick flat, East Fourth street, between Tenth and Eleventh avenues	4000
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To A. W. King, frame garage, East Third street, between Twenty-sixth and Twenty-seventh avenues east	150
To Woodruff Lumber Co., gasoline tank	50
To Charles Wall, frame cottage, Fifty-ninth avenue west, between Highland and Medina streets	500
To J. A. Smith, brick dwelling, Greysolon road, between Thirtieth and Thirty-first avenues east	9000
To D. J. Kulaszewicz, alteration of the main entrance doors of Assembly hall on Commonwealth street, between Bowser and Goodhue streets, north Duluth ..	25
To Charles Wall, frame cottage, Fifty-ninth avenue west, between Highland and Wadena streets ..	500
To J. A. Smith, brick dwelling, Greysolon road, between Thirtieth and Thirty-first avenues east ..	9000
To D. J. Kulaszewicz, alterations, Commonwealth avenue	25
To John D. Mohar, stone foundation, East Fifth street between Sixteenth and Seventeenth avenues	275
To P. George Hanson, frame dwelling, West Second street, between Twenty-second and Twenty-third avenues west	2000
To J. C. Merrick, frame dwelling, Fifty-seventh avenue west, between Elgath and Olney	2000
To Bert Wheeler, as executor, frame dwelling, Traverso street between Thirty-fourth and Thirty-fifth avenues west	1000
To H. Nels Campbell, St. Croix avenue, between Sulphur and Ducanan streets	200
To Thomas Stewart, concrete foundation, West Michigan street, between Nineteenth and Twentieth avenues	300
To J. W. Lomore, frame dwelling, East Tenth street, between Eleventh and Twelfth avenues	1000
To Mrs. E. Streeter, frame kitchen, East Elgath street, between First and Second avenues	90
To J. Roy, sleeping porch, East Second street, between Tenth and Eleventh avenues	700
To Joe Pussusky, barn, Fern street, between Ivy and High streets	75
To D. D. Rush, frame dwelling, Anoka street, between Rondo and Elysian avenues	1500

Number of permits issued..... 35

Total cost of improvements..... \$55,365