

CONTRACT IS LET

LIPSETT & SINCLAIR TO BUILD THE NEW WERNER BLOCK.

WORK WILL BEGIN AT ONCE

BUILDING WILL BE A HANDSOME TWO-STORY STRUCTURE.

This Season a Busy One in Building and the Activity Promises to Continue Until Winter—A Review of the Work.

The contract for the construction of the business block to be erected on Front street, just south of the Savings bank building, by Werner Bros., and for which J. D. Chubb of Chicago is the architect, has been awarded to Lipsett & Sinclair, and the preliminary work will be started this morning. The contract for the plumbing and heating will be let later.

A Handsome and Modern Block.

The building will be a modern up-to-date store and office building. It will be two stories in height, with sufficient strength in construction for the addition at any time of one or two extra stories. The first floor will be occupied by Werner Bros.' grocery and will be finished throughout in quarter-sawn oak with hardwood floor, steel ceiling and modern fixtures. The office of the store will be located at the rear, overlooking the bay, and will be furnished with vault, toilet, wardrobe, etc. The order room will be also at the rear of the first floor. The basement, which will be divided into two stories, will practically be entirely utilized by the firm's business. A large freight elevator will connect both basements and the store floor. A private telephone system, consisting of six telephones, will be installed in the grocery business portion of the block. The entire building will be lighted with gas and electric lights and will be heated by steam, the boiler and fuel rooms being located in the rear of the sub-basement. The lights in the store portion will be controlled from a switch-board in the office.

The stone front will be built of iron and will be the first of its kind to be installed in the city. It will be a strictly metropolitan ornamental cast iron front, from sidewalk to the second story, with large plate glass windows set into iron frames.

The second floor will be very conveniently divided into ten large and well-lighted offices, finished throughout in oak and with oak floors. There will be vaults, wardrobes and lavatories in each office as well as glass partitions. The toilet rooms and the entrance to the second floor will have interlocking rubber-tile floors and opalite tile wainscoting.

and in the corridors linoleum walling will be used for the wainscoting. The front of the second story will be finished with pressed brick with mottled granite color, trimmed with Portage Entry sand stone, and will contain large windows and a stone cornice. The north side and rear will be faced with pressed buff brick. The roof will be of tar and gravel.

Architect Chubb is also receiving bids for the erection of a hospital building to be built at Negaunee for Dr. J. H. Hudson.

Building Active This Season.

In connection with the letting of the contract for the construction of the Werner block, it may be stated that building generally has been very active in Marquette this season. The construction work at the new furnace, high school, Normal school and prison has given employment to a large force of men in the aggregate, and in addition there has been an abundance of small work, including the erection of a number of dwellings.

Several two-story houses have gone up in the Towar addition north of the Normal. Seven of these are completed and occupied. The dwellings were erected by Contractor Henry Hallam, who has also done considerable work in other sections of the city. When seen yesterday Mr. Hallam said: "Yes, I have been unusually busy all spring and summer. The work started early in the spring and I have kept a force of twenty-five men at work continuously since. The operations, however, have not been confined to Marquette. I have just finished erecting a large boarding house and two dwellings at Michigamme. In Marquette the work has included the construction of the Siegel grocery store, with hall on the second floor, and the building of an addition of six rooms at the Brunswick Hotel. At the coal dock I have built a large coal shed and tunnel for Ickanick & Co. The tunnel is 392 feet long. In addition I have remodelled a number of residences, and at present am erecting a residence for Frank La Bonte on Third street and remodeling S. Barney's house on West Ohio. I think that on the whole I have been more rushed and have had more men at work this summer than last. I have the erection of a number of houses in prospect, among them fifteen more dwellings in the Towar addition."

Sinclair Well Employed.

James Sinclair, has had a good-sized force employed at the new furnace of the Pioneer Iron company. He recently completed the machine shops, store rooms and offices and has submitted figures on the construction of the two large still houses to be erected as a portion of the chemical department. The work of building the new north wing at the Normal school was also recently completed by Mr. Sinclair. He is at present engaged in completing the construction of the new kitchen and dining room at the prison and expects to have them finished in about two weeks. A \$1,600 residence for A. E. McDonald at the corner of Third and Fisher is also to be built by Mr. Sinclair.

Work on the high school and manual training school is well advanced and it is expected that the high school building at least will be ready for occupancy very shortly after the opening of the school

term on the first Monday in September. At present the carpenters are finishing the roofing of the two buildings, and the plastering work will be soon well under way. Waterworth & Fee of Duluth are the contractors at \$56,636.

Plans of New Court House Ready.

The erection of the new court house, for which an expenditure of \$120,000 has been authorized, will be commenced in a month or two. Charlton & Gilbert, the architects, have completed the plans and specifications, and today they will be on display at the office of the county clerk and at the offices of the architects, ready for the inspection of contractors. The job of putting up the handsome structure will of course be a big one and there is expected to be a lively competition for the contract. The bids must be in the hands of County Clerk Ross on or before 10 o'clock of the morning of Aug. 6.

Among the buildings the erection of which is still in prospect is the passenger station of the Marquette & South-eastern road. The exact location of this, however, has not yet been decided, there being two sites on Lake street in contemplation, and until the site has been determined on no definite plans for the construction of the building will be made. The freight depot has already been erected at a site on Lake street, at the foot of Sidney Adams' residence.

Two Residences at the Normal.

Plans for two dwellings that will be built and occupied by Professors Faght and Downing of the Normal, have been drawn by Architects Charlton & Gilbert. The residences will occupy sites near the Normal school grounds.

ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE.

It Is to Start a Crusade in the Upper Peninsula—An Official Talk.

Rev. J. F. Lewis of Ann Arbor, assistant superintendent of the State Anti-Saloon league, gave an inspiring temperance talk at the Baptist church last evening.

In the course of his remarks, Mr. Lewis quoted some interesting statistics with regard to the liquor traffic, showing that in this state alone there are expended every year forty million dollars for liquor. He told of the work of the league, and declared that it had been proven that prohibition does prohibit. In support of this assertion he quoted the example furnished by Van Buren county, where local option is in force and where no saloons are doing business. In that county, he said, there are many boys who have never seen a saloon.

Data was presented by Dr. Lewis to show that for every dollar the saloon keepers are paying for the privilege of doing business, the tax-payers of the county are annually paying \$21.50 per capita for the support of prisons, almshouses, insane asylums and courts, the necessity of the maintenance of which the speaker asserted was largely because the liquor traffic was permitted to flourish.

Before closing his address, Dr. Lewis made the interesting announcement that it was the intention of the Anti-Saloon league to put a representative in the field in the upper peninsula with the intention of organizing a crusade

against the liquor traffic of the district. To stimulate interest in the plan was one reason why he is making a tour of the upper peninsula at this time.

The remarks of the reverend gentleman were well received, and following the services there were many expressions of sympathy with the work of the league and promises of support that were substantiated by the contribution of funds to aid in the cause advocated by Mr. Lewis.

Arrangements have been made, Mr. Lewis stated, for a mass meeting to be held in the near future and in which all the churches of the city will participate. The meeting will probably be held at the opera house and will be addressed by Dr. W. G. Hubbard, of Lansing, state superintendent of the league.

MOSHER GOES OUT.

There Will Be a New Deputy Warden at the Branch State Prison.

An extended period of friction between Warden Freeman of the Marquette branch state prison and his deputy, Eugene Mosher, was brought to a close Saturday afternoon, when the board of prison control decided to sustain Mr. Freeman in making Mr. Mosher's removal. Messrs. Moriarty of Crystal Falls, Hennes of Menominee and Clark of Marquette, the regular members of the board, were present at the sitting, as was Governor Bliss in his ex officio capacity.

The session was held as a courtesy to Mr. Mosher to give him an opportunity to show reason why he should not be removed, and the deputy warden was represented by his attorney, M. J. Sherwood. Judge Brown appeared for Mr. Freeman.

If anyone expected a duplication of the prison investigation held under the direction of the legislative committee in January, 1901, they were disappointed, as no testimony was taken from parties indirectly concerned in the case, although both Mr. Freeman and Mr. Mosher were heard.

The sitting of the board occupied the greater part of the afternoon, and was public in so far as the press was admitted. The proceedings were not particularly interesting or in any way sensational. The board was evidently endeavoring to ascertain whether the friction between the two prison officers is and has been detrimental to prison discipline. It made no particular effort to search out the cause of the friction or place the responsibility.

The board, in its action, manifested its belief in the necessity of standing squarely behind the warden in the dispute at issue, he being responsible to the state for the proper administration of the prison. As far as The Mining Journal could see the board was perfectly satisfied with Mr. Mosher's prison work and recognized his ability and integrity in the office of deputy warden.

Saturday's proceedings were the logical outcome of the legislative proceedings, during which Mr. Mosher and Mr. Freeman were set at six and seven.

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