

# Omaha's Newest Hostelry Opens

Another Epoch in Growth of Omaha



The new Keen hotel at Eighteenth and Harney streets, has just opened its doors. Here is a three-story building with seventy-two rooms that is to cater both to family trade and to transients.

In getting a lease on this building and spending some \$50,000 to remodel it, Harry A. Wolf foresaw the trend of business in the city to be westward. He considered the development of Harney street with the coming of the First National bank to that street, the presence of the Burgess-Nash store, the coming of the Grain exchange building, he took into consideration the process of widening the street west of Twenty-eighth street, and considered the numerous splendid apartment houses that have been built west of Twenty-fourth on Harney street. He decided the street bids fair to become a close competitor in importance with Farnam street. Then he considered the corner of Eighteenth and Farnam streets from the standpoint that it is within two blocks of the best business district of the city that a hotel on this spot would be practically on both direct depot lines of street cars, the Farnam and Harney lines, that a hotel here would look over everything that is pleasant and nothing that is disagreeable, that it would look out upon the \$1,000,000 court house and the beautiful lawn that surrounds it, that it would look on the one side upon the public library and a business college, in the other direction upon the Young Men's Christian association building and the court house, in the other direction upon the city hall and The Bee building—and thus he decided that with such a favorable surrounding a family hotel could not help succeeding.

**High Type of Hotel.**  
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Keen, who will operate the hotel, are high class people who have ideals necessary to develop the best type of hotel of this class. While they aim to make this largely a family hotel, they expect also to give much attention to transient trade.

The hotel is provided with a large, roomy and artistically decorated lobby, a wide marble stairway of model design, an electric elevator, and five fire escapes besides the main entrance. Fire escapes are all reached through the halls, so that it is not necessary to pass through any rooms to reach them. The building has fireproof walls, and is throughout what is known as a semi-fireproof building. The elevator is also of fireproof construction, and enclosed for fire protection. Even the waste baskets are metal, to add to the general scheme of fire prevention.

There are forty rooms provided with bath or connecting directly with a bath.

There are thirty-two without. There are six public bathrooms in the building besides those in the rooms. Shower baths are provided in these.

**Rooms Are Large.**  
The rooms are larger than is usual in hotels. While some are larger than others, they will nevertheless average about 12x16 feet in dimension.

Each floor is provided with a women's lobby, enclosed by brass rails and furnished with settees, rocking chairs and writing tables.

Although Mr. Keen has relatives in the furniture factories in the east, so that he could have obtained favorable prices there, he bought his furniture all through Omaha dealers. Likewise, he is hiring all his help in Omaha. Good brass beds have been put in all the rooms. The best box spring mattresses have been obtained. Fumed oak chairs, rockers and forty-six-inch fumed oak dressers have been supplied in the rooms.

Harry L. Keen, proprietor, has for many years been division manager for the Royal Baking Powder company with his headquarters in Omaha.

Mr. and Mrs. Keen have been making a study of the hotel business for some time with the intention of operating one and are prepared to render the best of service. Mr. Keen will also be ably assisted in the management of the hotel by his brother, C. E. Keen, who before entering the hotel business, was also a traveling man for a long period of years.

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