

# John Ohlsen & Sons---The Master Builders

## The Members of the Firm

After twenty-three years as an associate member of the firm known as Ohlsen Brothers, our friend, John Ohlsen, has organized a good solid building business, together with his sons, William and Edwin, who have done work in Central Nebraska that are marked as monuments.

John Ohlsen came to this country from Berganhusen, Germany, in 1889, located in Loup City and has since been engaged in brick manufacturing, contracting and building business. Reviewing the enormous number of buildings erected in these years, we find not only those that have marked our sister cities, but those that are in Loup City, as a solid piece of masonry, making our city one of the most substantial, best built cities in the state for its size.

William and Edwin have both been through the Nebraska State University, studied engineering, ventilation, fire protection, building laws, contracts, etc., and are able to handle the building business as modern times requires.

These people do much drafting, designs of every description, make complete plans and specifications, estimates, and in fact, everything necessary to complete a building.

Referring to the statistical report, we find in the last eleven months that John Ohlsen & Sons are responsible for over \$75,000 worth of building work and during the same period they have submitted over \$288,000 in bids, which shows that these people are in for business and are able to do the work up right.

## Description of Buildings on Which Bids Were Submitted

The I. O. O. F. building at Broken Bow, Nebr., cost \$26,000. Fireproof, marble trim, enamel face brick, cut stone cornice; nearly completed.

The Methodist church at Doniphan, Nebr., cost \$10,000, and the Sargent High school, cut stone, face brick, oak trim on interior, cost \$26,000; all completed, being designed and planned by Oscar Kirschke, of Grand Island, Nebr.

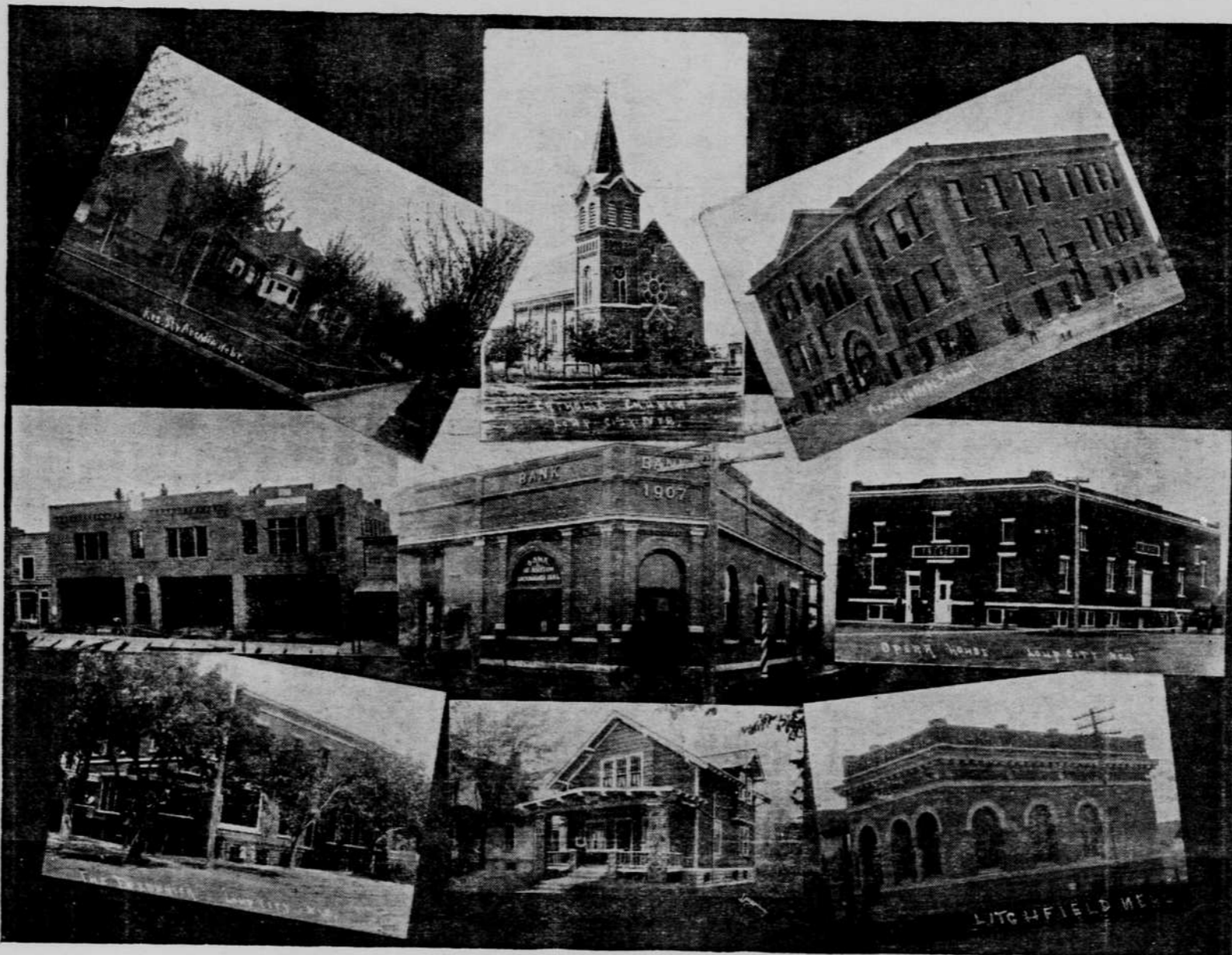
The Masonic Temple and Shepard building at Ansley, Nebr., were designed and planned by Oscar Kirschke, Grand Island, Nebr.; built by John Ohlsen & Sons; same completed.

Wood River High school, cost \$40,000. Fireproof corridors and stairs, rug face brick, terra cotta trimmings, gravel roof, oak and metal trim on interior; designed and planned by Berlinghof & Davis, of Lincoln, Nebr.; same under construction.

Schuyler High school, cost \$40,000; stone trim, rug face brick, fireproof corridors and stairs, oak trim; designed and planned by Grabe & Hellberg, Columbus, Nebr., and under construction by Henry Ohlsen & Son, of Loup City and David City, Nebr.

Wisner High school, Wisner, Nebr., cost \$45,000; cut stone trimmings, face brick, fireproof corridors and stairs, oak and pine trim; designed and planned by John Latensen & Sons of Omaha, Nebr.; same under construction.

Bridgeport High school, cost \$35,000; stone trim, face brick, wood floor construction, pine trim, planned by J. H. Henhke of Scotts Bluffs, Nebr.



A Few of the Buildings Completed by John Ohlsen & Sons



WILLIAM OHLSEN



JOHN OHLSEN



EDWIN OHLSEN

## Buildings Under Construction

Coffee-Pitman bank, store and office building at Chadron, Nebr., cost \$40,000; cut stone trimmings, face brick, fireproof and the construction of the same to be under separate contracts, divided as follows:

Foundation contract; General contract; Plumbing and Heating contract, Bank Room and Fixture contract.

Of the above the foundation contract is finished. General contract to be started in spring and the plumbing, heating and banking room fixture, respectively, are not yet.

The "Myers" system of reinforcing is to be used on all floors, stairs, etc.; cut stone trim, rug face brick, marble base and wainscoting, tile floors, birch and mahogany trim on interior; to be completed by September 1916. Designed and planned by J. C. Stitt, Norfolk, Nebr.

The Loup City High school, cost \$30,000; fireproof corridors and stairs, cut stone trim, rug face brick, oak trim on interior. Designed and planned by Oscar R. Kirschke, Grand Island, Nebr.

Catholic Rectory, cost \$4,000; wood floors, "Fredonia" square edge face brick, shingle roof, pine floors and trim on interior. Designed and planned by Wm. H. Ohlsen, of Loup City, Nebr.

## Bids Submitted from January 1 to December 1, 1915

January 4—Methodist Church, Doniphan, Nebr.	\$ 8,694
March 16—Sargent High School, Sargent, Nebr.	26,180
April 28—Grothen Garage, St. Paul, Nebr.	6,377
May 17—Hawkwater Bldg., Ravenna, Nebr.	6,190
May 21—I. O. O. F. Bldg., Broken Bow, Nebr.	19,490
June 7—I. O. O. F. Bldg., Polk, Nebr.	15,728
July 10—I. O. O. F., Palmer, Nebr.	8,974
July 14—Bungalow, Dr. Bowman, Loup City, Nebr.	2,885
August 5—Gauvitz Bldg., Farwell, Nebr.	5,262
August 6—Bridgeport High School, Bridgeport, Nebr.	30,504
August 13—McCabe Hotel, North Platte, Nebr.	28,479
August 22—Mackey Garage, Ansley, Nebr.	5,075
August 25—Chas. Jamrog Front, Ashton, Nebr.	645
August 30—Schuyler High School, Schuyler, Nebr.	36,250
Sept. 3—L. O. Rose, Hardware Store, Arnold, Nebr.	10,880
Sept. 17—Wisner High School, Wisner, Nebr.	37,757
Sept. 17—Wood River High School, Wood River, Nebr.	38,905
Oct. 11—A. F. Elsner, addition, Loup City, Nebr.	335
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$288,501</b>

## Bids Accepted from January 1 to December 1, 1915

Feb. 10—Masonic Temple, Ansley, Nebr.	\$ 7,219.45
Feb. 10—A. H. Shepard Bldg., Ansley, Nebr.	4,308.70
June 30—Gibson Bldg., Farwell, Nebr.	1,500.00
July 1—Solms Bldg., Loup City, Nebr.	3,625.00
July 27—Bowman residence (cement and brick work)	568.00
July 3—Presbyterian Church Basement, Loup City, Nebr.	2,844.29
Sept. 20—Catholic Rectory, Loup City, Nebr.	3,486.00
Oct. 22—Loup City High School, Loup City, Nebr.	25,335.00
Nov. 2—Coffee-Pitman Bldg., Chadron, Nebr.	26,490.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$75,376.54</b>

# JOHN OHLSEN & SONS

## GENERAL CONTRACTORS

Our Motto:—"Build With Brick"

Let us furnish and complete your building

25 years of experience and 4 years of special study proves us capable of completing a building

Completed During Season 1914-1915

ANSLEY, NEBRASKA:  
Masonic Temple and Shepard Building—Cost \$18,000.00.  
FARWELL, NEBRASKA:  
Gideon Building—Cost \$2,000.00  
LOUP CITY, NEBRASKA:  
Presbyterian Church Basement—Cost \$3,000.00.  
Solms Building, 50x100—Cost \$4,500.00

Under Construction 1915-1916

Loup City High School, 77x80 feet, 3 stories, press brick, reinforced corridors, oak finish throughout.  
Bank and Office building, Chadron, Nebraska, C. F. Coffee and B. F. Pitman, owners; 50x100, two stories and basement; reinforced concrete sub-floors; press brick; gypsum tile partitions; mahogany finish; tile floors; fireproof—Cost, \$40,000.00.  
Catholic Parsonage, Loup City, two stories and basement; press brick. Cost, \$4,000.00.

Our territory is Nebraska. Special engineers and personal superintendence. We furnish special designs of bungalows at Reasonable Prices

Estimates Cheerfully Furnished

Contracts Awarded During 1914-1915 Total \$85,651.00