

| INSURING THE NEW STATE CAPITOL. <br> Pretty steady lot of peopie in Nebraska. The re fusal of public opinion to become wildly wrought up over charges of graft and negligence in the construction of the new state capitol provides enough evidence of that. It would have been possible to have jumped at the conclusion that verything was wrong, to have blasted the reputation of everyone concerned in the project, and to have abandone the plans and set back many years the completion of a new state house. Nebraskans not only wish to be fairly treated in this matter, but they desire themselves to be fair. <br> Nebraskans for many generations to come wil be thankful that this was not done. This splendid public building will stand as a monument to the restraint and good sense of the citizens of this state. <br> Nothing was left undone to seek out waste and poor materials. After a preliminary flurry in which some officials expressed the mistaken belief that the walls should be constructed of the same material as the cornerstone, it was discovered that there was not enough stone of this quality in the world to put up such a building. Though the stone is fresh from the quarries and has yet to season to its maximum hardness, the pressure tests revealed that it was up to standard. <br> Through a readjustment of prices several thousand dollars was saved on the stone contract. There was that gain from the investigation. And the further benefit of increased vigilance on the part of all connected with the project is not to be overlooked. The public may be more confident than ever that the new capitol is being honestly built. <br> A suggestion of The Omalia Bee that the architects of the state constitute themselves as the guardians of this project has been amplified in a letter to the chairman of the joint legislative investigat- ing committee at Lincoln. In this the Nebraska division of the American Society of Engineers volunteers to act with the Nebraska chapter of the American Institute of Architects to decide disputed points and clarify the situation. This spirit of public service among the technical groups is as praiseworthy as is the disinclination of the general public to rush into matters with which it has not the speneers of Nebraska will watch the progress of this building there will never be the slightest reason for question as to the methods of its construction. |
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