



WHEN COMPLETED

FOWLER & BEINDORF, Architects.

THE COLOSSEUM. Its Doors Opened to the Public Last Night.

The Building Not Quite Completed—A Cut of This Immense Structure, as it Will Be When Finished, Appears On This Page.

A Description of the Building—How The Idea of Erecting It Originated, and by Whom—The Incorporators.

This sketch represents The Colosseum, which is located at the corner of North Twentieth and Spruce streets. The building was opened last night, although not quite completed.

Its Construction. The plans and specifications of this mammoth structure, occupying more ground than any other building in the

west, were prepared by Messrs. Fowler & Beindorf, the well-known Omaha architects. When completed, as per sketch, the building will occupy 270,000 feet, being 81,000 square feet.

It will be an imposing structure and one of which Omaha may well feel proud, it being the only one of its kind in this country, except the Madison Square Garden in New York City.

The construction is something entirely new in architectural truss work, and was first introduced by Fowler & Beindorf in the G. A. R. arch at the intersection of Twentieth and Sixteenth streets, in the fall of 1887, during the state encampment here.

This truss work is looked upon as a triumph in the higher branches of architectural construction, and is an evidence of what can be done even where means are limited.

This test was satisfactory beyond the most sanguine expectations.

A Description. The interior circle will be used for general athletic and, such as fairs of war, horizontal bar, jumping, etc.

Around this is a pony and pedestrian track, fifteen feet in width. Outside of this is the bicycle track, twenty feet wide, ten laps to the mile.

Beginning at the outer edge of this track are the seats, the first row being four feet above the track. The seats are arranged on the theatre plan.

Back of the seats is a promenade, varying in width from seven to thirty feet and extending clear around.

The heating will be done by a new efficient electric process. Directly off of the promenade are new retiring rooms for ladies and gentlemen.

Entrance and Exits. The principal entrance is the center of the building on Twentieth street, leading by easy stairs directly to the promenade.

There are seven exits leading from all portions of the building, and will all be in continuous use, thus accommodating those attending to leave by the nearest exit in case of accident.

Messrs. Fowler & Beindorf, the architect, have erected a structure of which they may well feel proud; they have given Omaha such a building as was sadly needed, one which any national political or other convention can be held, as this building will seat more people than applied at either the Chicago or St. Louis political conventions, recently held.

This shows what Omaha skill can do if given a chance. The gentlemen, by faithful attention to their clients' interests, have forced themselves into the front rank of architectural designers, and now take second place to no one in their line.

In addition to the many large blocks and residences this firm have planned during the past season in this city, they are doing a great deal of state work, and also the immense Merriam hotel and office block in Council Bluffs.

Its Origin. A little over twelve months ago John S. Prince first got the idea of erecting a mammoth structure within the limits of Omaha for athletic sports—it to be a building also large enough for national conventions, one of almost unlimited seating capacity.

His visit to Paris in 1881 during his bicycle race with Terront and D'Everly, champions of France, in the Colosseum, gave him a fair idea of what was needed in Omaha.

He consequently about a year ago explained his ideas and plans to Mr. Charles Beindorf, of Fowler & Beindorf, the architects, who made drawings of the proposed building.

Mr. Beindorf being anxious to make even the Colosseum in France, made many improvements upon Prince's suggestions, and when the plans were completed Mr. Prince had little or no trouble to secure all the necessary subscriptions.

When he started out for this purpose last fall he concluded it better to wait until early spring before pushing his pet scheme, and in consequence of some little newspaper talk the idea remained dormant until last July, when new life was injected into it, and to-day the success of the scheme is assured.

Among the first citizens approached by Mr. Prince were W. L. Maris, C. S. Flagg, Julius Meyer, and Samuel E. Rogers, all of whom gave him encouragement.

Directly afterwards the stockholders met and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Samuel E. Rogers—President. C. S. Flagg—Vice President. Julius Meyer—Treasurer. John S. Prince—Secretary and General Manager. W. L. Maris—Superintendent.

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Now let Omaha secure either the Republican national convention or the Democratic national convention. There is now room for all. At a convention the Colosseum can seat over 20,000 by using the arena as seating capacity.

A BRILLIANT WEEK SOCIALLY

How the Society People Have Been Amusing Themselves.

MRS. MAGRANE'S RECEPTION.

First Party of the Home Circle Series—Reception at the Fort—Surprise Party—The Social at Miss Singer's.

A Birthday Surprise Party.

Thursday was the birthday of Miss Stella, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Singer, and a score of her friends gave her an agreeable surprise. When she returned home from South Omaha at 9:30, she found awaiting her the Misses Fanny Eaton, Lulu Hornberger, Jennie Donaldson, Mabel Eaton, Hattie Wilson, Maggie Kane and Minnie Hornberger, and Messrs. Alfred Benson, William Baxter, Thomas Jeffries, Philip Gibbons, A. Stecke, Charles Hoffert, Ernest Smith, Sam P. Brigham of South Omaha, H. Hart, William Vidnor, Dr. Charles Rosewater, DeForest Chapin and William Singer. Miss Frederica Gucken and Mr. Fred Verhoof, who were instrumental in arranging this pleasant affair, were unfortunately prevented by sickness from attending.

Reception at the Fort.

Friday evening the Garrison hall at Fort Omaha was the scene of an elaborate reception tendered Lieutenant and Mrs. Towseley by the military people of the city and the fort. The band located outside of the hall played the overture. Following the music was the reception and introduction of the officers and their wives to the bride, who was seated beside Mr. Towseley on the stage at the north end of the hall. The ball room was beautifully decorated with banners and at the entrance on either side were stacked muskets draped with small flags.

Home Circle.

The Home Circle social club opened its eighth season with a most brilliant party in Masonic hall on Friday evening. The following were in attendance: Mesdames Gannon, Shane, Bachman, Haskell, Gratton, Redman, Shields, Kewitt, Buck, Fallone, Lucas, Heinen, Leaty, The Misses Smith, Low Angeles, Cal, the hall, Callet, Hanson, Truckey, Hayes, Leon, Hyman, Saxson, Lavey, Parker, Combe, Her, Smith, Cooper, Sanford, Hoeffely, Kewitt, Wright, Redman, Caldwell, Balch, Buck, Beckman, Bridgeman, Barrett, Haldrup, Byrnes, Crewer, Combe, Conroy, East, Frazier, Fallone, Goodman, Gratton, Haskell, Hodges, Huskie, Hughes, Koesters, Kewitt, Kelly, Karlock, Lucas, McAlister, Moffatt, McLaughlin, Meiner, Patterson, Rippe, Shane, Judge Shields, Hyran Smith, H. J. Smith, Singer, Truckey, Champlin, Pickens, Lacey, Gannon, Redman.

A Surprise Party.

One of the pleasantest events which has taken place in Omaha was a surprise party

tendered Friday night to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dickson, at their home, 1214 South Thirty-third street. At 9 o'clock 100 ladies and gentlemen friends of the couple swooped down upon them without warning and took complete possession of their hospitable home. Though more than surprised at the arrival of their guests, the host and hostess were not at a loss to accord their guests the best of treatment. For five hours the happy gathering held the fort, and with dancing and other social pastimes the evening was a truly enjoyable one.

Mrs. Magrane's Social.

Mrs. Magrane gave her opening party at Masonic hall on Wednesday evening and in numbers, elegance, enjoyment and every other way it proved a great success. The music was excellent, and the glassy surface of the hall that is so well suited for dancing is too well known to be spoken of. The dancing programmes were unusually neat. The participants in the dances were: The Misses Flora Adler, Addie Kalish, Sadie Schlesinger, Emma Iarson, Annie Durr, Mary Durr, M. Raven, Maud McGee, Virgil Yocison, Mary McMahon, Grace Pike, Mattie M. Bell, Stella Singer, Jennie Kaiser, Ida Rhoads, Lizzie and Nellie Lake, Helen, Belle and Guy, Miss Augusta Callahan, Lou Taylor, Mabel Sexton, Harding, Pettis, Haller, Alice Lund, Lottie Hooper, Blanche Trumbull, Gladys Burzner, Virginia, Edna, Fred, Edna, George Kane, Mrs. Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. Monroe, Messrs. Max Reichenberg, Abraham Brigham and Benjamin. The evening passed very agreeably, and a sumptuous repast was served at twelve. Dancing was indulged in until the small hours of the morning.

Miss Singer's Party.

On last Thursday evening Miss Stella Singer was tendered a pleasant birthday surprise by her several friends. Among those invited were the Misses Wilson, McBeth, Weir, Kasper, Hornberger, H. Kane, Kaiser, Shonfield, Lawton, Eaton, Donaldson, Hempel, Freuhauf, Hart, Anders, Stricker, Gocken, Newman Adler. The Messrs. Waggoner, Doty, Newman, Kuehn, Artman, Hamsher, Veddes, Rosewater, Alexander, Robbins, Stule, Jeffries, Baxter, Kalk, Johnson, Frederick, Chapin, Smith, Thomas, Adams, Widner, Singer, Reichenberg, Hart, Aupsbacher, Nacey, Pussey, Brigham and Bergman. The evening passed very agreeably, and a sumptuous repast was served at twelve. Dancing was indulged in until the small hours of the morning.

Tally-Ho Party.

A tally-ho coaching party from Omaha took in the Bluffs Thursday. They stopped at the new Ogden for a brief rest, and enjoyed a spread in the dining hall. The members of the party were John E. Wilbur, Joseph Garneau, Jr., M. and Mrs. E. P. Peck, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Chambers, Mrs. W. H. McCord, Mrs. Lewis S. Reed, Mrs. W. B. Morris, Miss Minnie Richardson, Miss Grace Chambers and Miss Bishop, of Omaha; Miss Parnelle, of Cleveland, O., and Miss Hodges, of Boston.

The Eastern Star.

The first dance of the Vesta chapter of the order of the Eastern Star proved to be a most enjoyable event. The attendance was large, the music good, and company congenial. The remainder of their dates for parties for the rest of the season is as follows: November 22, December 13, January 31 and February 17.

Imperial Club.

The members of the Imperial club held their second party of the season at their own hall on Saunders street Friday night and a most enjoyable time was experienced.

Mrs. R. W. Guild's Card Party.

Mrs. R. W. Guild gave a card party at her residence on Park avenue on Tuesday night. Several of the most intimate personal friends of the bride's parents, where a reception was given and a beautiful repast was spread. The evening was most pleasantly spent. At a late hour, amid a shower of old slips

This young vocalist is in possession of a voice of great volume and with cultivation and hard study he will make his mark in concert. Mrs. Clapp's pupils include a number of promising vocalists.

Amateur Theatricals at Unity Church.

The Unity dramatic club have completed all their arrangements for the production, next Thursday evening, November 22, of the brilliant comedy, "Engaged," by the author of "Pinafore" and the "Mikado," at Unity church, Seventeenth and Cass streets. The company has been drilling and rehearsing for weeks under the direction of several professional who are in the cast, and all are well up in their parts. The leading role will be played by a gentleman, who has performed with great success in other places, while the part of the "maid" is in the hands of a well-known actor and elocutionist. The remainder of the company are all capable, and a fair performance is assured. The comedy is, in many respects, the best farce ever written in the language. It is written in Mr. Gilbert's well-known vein of mingled burlesque and satire, and never fails to amuse and interest an audience. Shrieks of laughter follow the delivery of each one of Mr. Gilbert's brilliant hits at poor human nature, and the applause is almost continuous. The performance next Thursday is for the benefit of the church.

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pers, the newly married couple departed for their future home, 2423 Saunders street.

At 8:30 p. m. Wednesday, November 14.

Mr. Albert E. Pike and Henrietta Nowman were united in wedlock by Dean Gardner, at the residence of the bride's mother, 708 South Eighteenth street, in the presence of the immediate relatives of the family. After the ceremony was performed an elegant supper was served. Many beautiful and valuable presents were received. Mr. and Mrs. Pike have the best wishes of a host of friends.

Edna Kasper.

Mr. Edward Egan, a valued attaché of the St. Louis steamer company, was married on Wednesday to Miss Kasper, of Fremont. The event occurred at St. Patrick's church, in that city, and the Rev. M. E. King pronounced the words that made them one. The nuptial couple have returned to Omaha and are stopping at the Cozzen's hotel. They were warmly welcomed by a large number of friends.

Rapley-Douglas.

On Thursday evening, Mr. George Rapley and Miss Laura Douglas were united in marriage by the Rev. Dr. Wetzel. A reception followed at the bride's residence.

Kaufman-Vodicka.

Mr. William Kaufman and Miss Anna Vodicka were united in wedlock last evening by Dean Gardner, at the residence of the bride's father, 1214 South Twentieth street. The nuptial couple were warmly welcomed by a large number of friends.

Dancing Notes.

The custom of wearing gloves at dancing parties is not as arbitrary as it once was, and gentlemen are now required to wear white gloves in this matter. When it was fashionable for ladies to wear white kids and gentlemen to wear white gloves, the custom was to wear gloves and waists of their party dresses were ruined by the perspiration of their partner's hands. Then all the gentlemen wore gloves, and the ladies complained that their gloves and waists of their party dresses were ruined by the perspiration of their partner's hands. The custom is now to wear gloves and waists of their party dresses were ruined by the perspiration of their partner's hands.

General Gossin.

James H. McShane left for Laramie City Thursday by Rev. J. Williams, occurred the marriage of Mr. John Willist to Miss Emma J. Van Haller, daughter of S. G. Van Haller, of 2812 Leavenworth street. The ceremony was very impressively performed. At its close the merry party adjourned to the residence of the bride's parents, where a reception was given and a beautiful repast was spread. The evening was most pleasantly spent. At a late hour, amid a shower of old slips

but now of Chicago, is visiting friends in the city.

Mr. Thomas Balfourton, chief hospital steward of the city of the Platte, is prostrated with sickness.

Mrs. George M. Cooper and daughter have returned from the east and are now at home, 518 South Thirty-third street.

Miss Fannie Hardt.

Miss Fannie Hardt, who has been visiting her sister at Cleveland, O., for several months, returned home Thursday.

Congressman Anderson and wife.

Congressman Anderson and wife, of Iowa, are spending a few days in the city, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Templeton.

John H. Webster gave a pleasant party at his residence last evening in honor of Judge Brewer, of the United States district court.

Dr. Woodburn, government physician at the local agency, has been in the city a few days, but past week shaking hands with old friends.

Congressman W. B. Owen, of Indiana, will be next Wednesday marry Mrs. C. E. Luice. The wedding occurs at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Purvis, on St. Mary's avenue.

AMUSEMENTS.

Mr. Bert Davis, press agent of George Wilson's minstrels, is in the city. The company of which Mr. Davis is agent is now here on this way, and will appear at Boyd's opera house on Monday and Tuesday evenings next.

He says they have been doing a phenomenal business. "Our success," he said, "is easily accounted for. George Wilson's name is known far and wide; it is a familiar name, as you may say, in the two hemispheres, having been identified with the best and most progressive amusement enterprises in existence. No species of vulgarity is allowed, no jokes are told that descend upon public entertainers as a substitute for wit. Mr. Wilson will sing several new songs, expressly written for him."

The engagement of the talented artist, Rose Coghlan, promises to be one of the events of the season. She comes with a new play, which has been pronounced by many eminent critics to be the most important contribution to English dramatic literature since the time of Shakespeare. The play is "Joocelyn." It is from the pen of Miss Coghlan's brother, Charles E. Coghlan, who is a gentleman of culture and a master of stage craft. The cast requires a company of eighteen people for its presentation, and the parts are in the hands of some well known actors in the country. The company brings all of the scenery, curtains, properties, furniture and stage appointments necessary in the play, thus insuring a perfect and complete performance. Notwithstanding the prominence of the star and costliness of the production, there will be no advance in prices. On Saturday evening, the last of her engagement, she will present Charles Read's comedy, "Peg Wolfington, or Masks and Faces."

A Home For Omaha's Poor.

To the Editor of This Bee: The pressing need of a home for the sick poor of Omaha is becoming every day more and more apparent, inasmuch that the matter fairly forces itself upon the attention of their more unfortunate sisters. As a result of much consultation between the members of the Women's society of All Saints church, it is now proposed, if this appeal shall be successful, to rent a small building in some convenient locality, to fit it up, and furnish it suitably for the object in view, viz, the care, nursing and medical treatment of all such invalid persons as are absolutely unable to pay their own charges, such aid to be rendered regardless of their religious persuasion, and the work of fitting up the house to be begun as soon as a sufficient number of subscriptions has been secured. Mrs. A. W. Pratt, President.

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses were issued yesterday: Name and Residence. Age. W. Kaufmann, Omaha, 23. Anna Vodicka, Omaha, 23. Herbert H. Tommas, Omaha, 29. Meta N. Hayes, Omaha, 22. Peter West, Omaha, 22. Ellen G. Roche, Omaha, 26. Louis R. Roll, Omaha, 26. Louisa McDonough, Omaha, 23.

THE REALTY MARKET.

Instruments Placed on Record During Yesterday. E. V. Barney to C. D. Goldsmith, lot 11, blk 1, Windsor Terrace, w. d. 400. W. F. Wright and wife to F. F. Palmer, lot 14, blk 1, Burton's sub, Albright's choice, lot 21, blk 2, Junction View Terrace, w. d. 200. W. G. Albright and wife to F. F. Palmer, lot 6, blk 1, Burton's sub, Albright's choice, w. d. 200. M. H. Brown to F. H. Bonniwell, tract at end of line lot 11, blk 10, Patrick's 2d add, w. d. 4,000. I. P. Bray and wife to M. H. Brown, tract at end of line lot 11, blk 10, Patrick's 2d add, w. d. 4,000. E. A. Bink and wife to Crosby et al, lot 9 of W. B. E. w. d. 1,500. F. Mauss and wife to W. E. Hillaker, lot 19, blk 2, L. P. Hill, w. d. 1,500. J. L. Black and wife to J. H. Jett, lot 8, Summit Hill, w. d. 600. J. S. Black and wife to M. A. Olson, lot 21, Summit Hill, w. d. 1,500. H. Kuntz and wife to F. J. Lewis, lot 6 and 7, blk 2, Kuntz place, w. d. 1,200. The Patrick Land Co. to W. K. Kurtz, lots 12 to 18, blk 10, and lots 12 to 17, blk 12, Dundee place, w. d. 12,400. The Patrick Land Co. to W. N. Allen, lot 10, blk 10, and lot 10 to 20, blk 10, Dundee place, w. d. 12,200. Wm. Coburn to E. Speck, 40x150 ft. 40 ft. W. C. W. Meeker and wife to T. S. Maudsley, lot 12, blk 2, Junction View Terrace, w. d. 500. R. S. Maulsby and wife to Nebraska Mortgage Loan Co., lot 21, blk 2, Junction View Terrace, w. d. 1,500. Dundee place, w. d. 1,500. F. Williams et al to F. C. Coley, lot 2, blk 1, Saunders & Ginn, w. d. 1,500. G. E. Barker et al to J. J. Jones, lot 14, blk 1, Orchard Hill, w. d. 530. George W. Anderson to H. Anderson, lot 3, blk 2, Du Pont place, w. d. 2. L. Anderson to George Christofferson, lot 4, blk 2, Du Pont place, w. d. 2. J. J. Jones to E. J. Jones et al, all property, w. d. 200.

DISTRICT COURT.

The Disposition Made of Various Subjects Under Litigation. The following suits were filed in the district court yesterday: Dwight E. Johnson vs Charles I. Blazer et al, Petition for the recovery of balance of \$1,200 and interest, being purchase money of certain real estate in Orchard Hill addition. Charles Corbett vs Douglas Palmer and another. This is an action for the recovery of certain moneys guaranteed by promissory notes. The amount at issue is \$804. Ella McGee seeks a divorce from her husband, John, and prays for the custody of the child, William Colburn, about 10 years of age. John is described in the petition as a man of "violent and vicious habits" and unfit to have the custody of the child. Desertion is also alleged to be the cause of the wife's shortcomings. Barbara E. Roberts seeks for a divorce from her husband, George, and prays for the custody of the child, Charles E. Roberts, about 10 years of age. The husband is described in the petition as a man of "violent and vicious habits" and unfit to have the custody of the child. Desertion is also alleged to be the cause of the wife's shortcomings.

County Court.

In Justice Shields court the case of Wakefield vs Henry Finger is still on trial. The case will probably run another couple of days. K. S. Newcombe Lumber company have entered suit for the recovery of \$300 due on account of lumber delivered to the defendant, Z. H. Berlin, on account of a purchase of lumber.

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CHURCHILL ON SACKVILLE.

He Thinks That the Ex-Minister Made an Inexcusable Blunder. LONDON, Nov. 17.—[Special to Tas. B.]—Lord Randolph Churchill, in a speech at Paddington to-day, expressed the hope that the post of minister at Washington would soon be filled. He said there was no doubt that Lord Sackville had been primarily indiscreet and had made an inexcusable blunder, and that no fault could be found with the action of the United States government towards the minister.

Horos Die at Sea.

NEW YORK, Nov. 17.—Another storm-battered steamer arrived yesterday. It was the Lake Superior, thirteen days from Liverpool. From the beginning to the end of the voyage it was a succession of gales. The post of minister at Washington would soon be filled. He said there was no doubt that Lord Sackville had been primarily indiscreet and had made an inexcusable blunder, and that no fault could be found with the action of the United States government towards the minister.

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