A Resurrected

Nebraska Town

The New Herman

of rubbish and a mase of ruins.

man, Neb., located in Washington county, of the business of the city. was devastated by a terrific wind storm.

The Bee takes pleasure in reproducing to the stricken city. Temporary shacks the accompanying photographs of the new were erected by many of the business men Herman, which show what pluck and energy and goods ordered to supply the pressing can do in restoring and improving a town needs and take care of trade until more practically wiped off the map by a death- suitable quarters could be made. Homes dealing tornado. The transformation is cer- for the people must also be constructed. tainly remarkable when we remember that As with the stores, temporary makeshifts less than six months ago the spot upon were at first resorted to. Soon the pracwhich this thriving town stands was a heap tical regeneration of the town was taken up. Work was commenced on permanent On the evening of June 13, 1899, almost store buildings, dwelling houses and all the without warning, the little town of Her- other structures necessary to the conduct

Today Herman has re-arisen with substan-



THE NEW HERMAN-GENERAL VIEW OF RESTORED TOWN.

age and a determination to retrieve their to forego the water works, which had been

Several people lost their lives in the wreck tial business houses and comfortable dwellof their homes and a number more were ings. Hardly a scar remains as a reminder of the terrible calamity which came at the The terrible force of the wind which had close of that June day. A newness and come upon them so suddenly had left scarce a lack of shade trees gives the air of a a vestige of the former beauties of the western boom town, which had sprung up in place. On every hand was desolation. In the night. Here the similarity ends. It many places there was not enough left on has none of the free and easy hilarity and the premises to enable the owner to iden- vices of the boom town. These are the tify the lot where his house had stood. Mer- homes and places of business of a sturdy chants who had owned stocks of goods people who have had the courage to rise worth up into the thousands found them- superior to disaster, and here law and order selves destitute of everything except cour- reigns supreme. They were not even willing



THE NEW HERMAN-NEW RESIDENCE-OLD TREES.

a lifetime.

Loss of property was not to be thought of in the hours which immediately succeeded the catastrophe. There were injured to be cared for and dead to be buried. Those uninjured at once set to work on their er- circumstances and the people are again rand of mercy. Word was sent to neighboring towns and assistance was promptly sent

wrecked fortunes. Only a few minutes suf- the pride of the place in anticipation before ficed to wipe out the result of the labors of the storm. Herman today is pursuing the even tenor of its way just as though nothing had ever happened out of the ordinary. Some may not have been able to rebuild on quite so large a scale as before, but all have done the best they could under the

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