

NEWS OF THE BUSY HOME BUILDERS

BUILDING NEWS AND NOTES

Three Well Known Plumber Firms Merge Into Single Company.

TRUSSED CONCRETE GROWS IN FAVOR

Many of Larger Buildings Will Be Built After New Type of Construction—Building Notes.

A consolidation of more than general interest in the plumbing line was effected last week when the Johnson Plumbing and Heating company consolidated with the W. T. Daly & Co., the combination taking over the business of John Rows & Co., located at 1412 Howard street, which will be the permanent location of the new concern and will be conducted under the name John Rows & Co. have been established in Omaha for over half a century, being one of the oldest if not the oldest plumbing establishments in the city. The reputation of "Honest John" Rows for integrity and excellence of workmanship is almost national. The capital stock of the new concern will be \$50,000. The stock and fixtures of both the Johnson and Daly companies will be at once moved to 1412 Howard street.

Hollis M. Johnson, president and general manager of the new firm, although still a young man, has had a most successful career in this line of work, having been for several years associated with the J. J. Hanighen Plumbing company as manager, prior to engaging in business on his own responsibility under the name of the Johnson Plumbing and Heating company.

W. T. Daly, who assumes the duties of secretary and superintendent of construction, is also a young man and will have entire charge of the construction work for the new firm. Mr. Daly, as the head of the W. T. Daly & Co., has also gained for himself a wide reputation, which will make him a valuable member of the new combination.

With the immense amount of stock on hand, which will insure against delay in filling rush contracts and the thorough equipment which the new firm will have in the way of special machinery, they ought to be able to render the very best of service at a very low figure. Contracts now on the books aggregate nearly \$80,000.

The interior of the First Christian church at Twenty-sixth and Harney streets is being finished by the Alfred Bloom company in mahogany and birch. The same company is doing the interior work on the new home of Thomas Cudahy. The six flats being erected by C. H. Foster at Fortieth and Harney streets will also be finished by this company in quarter-sawed oak.

The Trussed Concrete Steel company reports a most encouraging outlook for business in Omaha and vicinity. This is a comparatively new type of structure and is newer in Omaha than in other parts of the United States and the world. The local office of the company, which is a national concern, has been opened only a short time, but a number of large contracts have been secured by the firm. Among these are the new building of the Carpenter Paper company, which was originally designed for seven stories, but on account of the cheapness of construction will be extended to eight; the big structure to be erected by the Harbmann Vinegar company; the floors of the new Boston store and the new building of the Iowa School for the Deaf. The company will also build a bridge over the Little Pappis on West Q street. It is also figuring on the new building to be erected by J. A. Swanson at Sixteenth and Harney streets. If the company gets this latter contract it agrees to erect the building in 120 days, which is said to be a record for a building of this size.

The new store of O. D. Kiplinger on South Sixteenth street is receiving much favorable comment. The interior fixtures, cigar cases, wall cases, settee and mantle are all of mahogany and the work of the Alfred Bloom company. The same company is doing the work on the new offices of the Electric Light company in the Young Men's Christian association building. These are of quarter-sawed oak with marble base and are practically completed. The Alfred Bloom company has the contract also for the new offices of the M. E. Smith Dry Goods company.

The Omaha Tent and Awning company has put in a new type of awning at the store of McCarthy & Wilson, the tailors. It is the "spring roller" awning and is built on the principle of the old style awning. This kind of awning is specially designed for low fronts, where there is no room for the usual kind of awning to be raised and lowered. The Albert Erdholm company has also been supplied with a similar awning of a slightly different type. The front being somewhat higher, and permitting the use of an awning with some swing to it.

F. M. Hamling has placed several tile floors on porches of new residences in the city during the past week. One of these was in the new home of Thomas Cudahy and in the new home of Dr. H. P. Hamilton. This type of porch floor is coming into greater and greater favor in the city. It is said to be more durable than a wooden floor and more easily kept clean, while at the same time presenting a far more artistic appearance. It is also a conservator of coolness in the summer.

The Capital City Pipe and Brick company has been awarded the contract for the erection of the Yoman building in Des Moines. The structure will cost more than \$80,000.

The Union Pacific commissary building being erected by B. J. Jobst and A. C. Busk is nearing completion. Work is now being done on the roof of the structure.

The concrete foundation for the new Northwestern freight depot was completed last week and Contractor John Harte expects to begin the work on the superstructure at once.

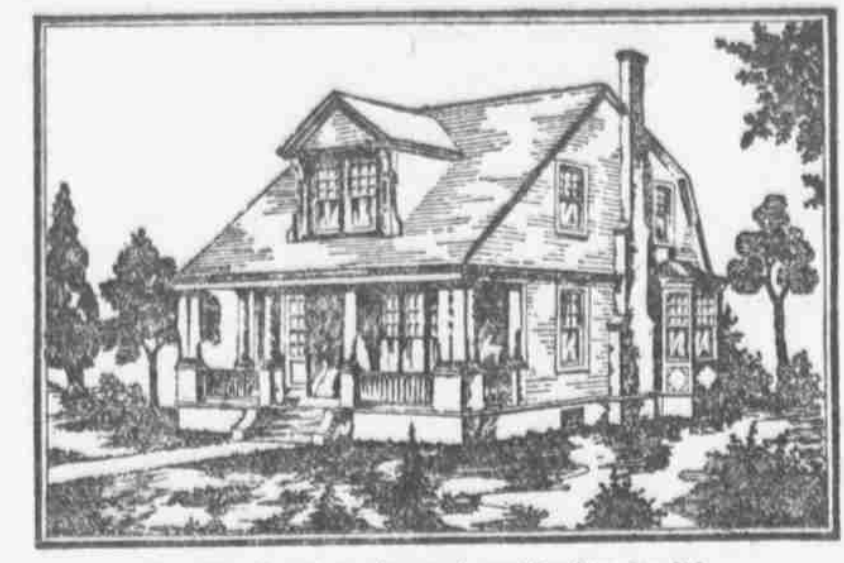
The Nebraska Stone company expects to have the retaining wall of the yards completed within a few weeks, if the supply of stone keeps up. This wall is eight feet thick at the bottom and rises in some of the stones weigh more than two tons.

J. L. Brandeis & Sons have a large number of Nernst lamps in their beautiful new store, which enables them to say to the public that their new store is the best lighted establishment in the country.

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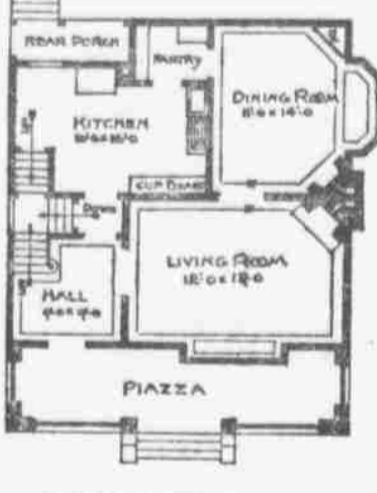
Recently the Woodmen of the World remodeled the second floor of their building and solved the lighting of the offices on this floor to their entire satisfaction by installing 4,000-candle power of Nernst lamps, mounted directly on the ceiling.

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FIRST FLOOR PLAN

sincerely hope that the designs shown will enable our readers to more easily select a design and arrangement that will fulfill their respective requirements.

The attractive home shown this week is one that retains the square shape, which is the most economical to build, but which in most cases is as plain as to be distasteful to those who want a home that has a distinguishing difference from its neighbors.

The large porch, with its numerous immense columns, gives it a solid, well built effect.

Entering the reception hall, we look through an arch into the spacious living room with its corner fire place. The dimensions of this room, 12x16, will fulfill the popular demand for a living room as large

as the size of the house will permit. The dining room, with its beautiful bay window and corner fire place, needs only a passing comment as to its many attractive features.

The kitchen is large and very conveniently arranged and has steps leading to landing on stairs.

The cellar stairs have a grade landing with door opening on the outside.

The second floor has four nice bed rooms, each with a good closet, and a well arranged bath room with connecting linen closet.

The cellar extends under entire house and is seven feet to Jolo, first floor nine feet and second floor eight and a half feet. This house will cost \$1,500 to build, exclusive of heating or plumbing.

By special arrangement with the publishers our subscribers can obtain the 1907 edition of "Twentieth Century Cottages," a book containing a number of views and complete floor plans of houses costing from \$1,000 to \$2,500, for 25 cents.

We will also furnish complete plans and specifications for any of the houses published on this page from week to week.

Address all correspondence to "Home Builders' Department," Omaha Bee, Omaha, Neb.

Good light also means good work, and a well lighted office is conducive to more cheerful spirits and a better mental effort, which in turn is sure to be reflected in the efficiency of the employee.

The new All Saints' church at Twenty-sixth and Dewey avenues, which stands as a monument of architectural beauty, is lighted with 3,500-candle power of Nernst light, from sixteen Nernst lamps, specially designed for church lighting.

A large number of merchants in Omaha have installed Nernst lamps on account of its daylight quality of illumination and its high efficiency and economy, which is characteristic of the Nernst lamp.

The scale of plumbers' wages has advanced 50 cents per day on all new work since April 1. On work booked previous to that date the old rate will be maintained.

J. J. Hanighen, formerly at 408 South Fifteenth street, is now located in his new quarters at 108 Harney street. This is said to be the largest contracting plumbing establishment west of Chicago. It occupies two floors and basement and is equipped with new machinery of the most up-to-date pattern. Mr. Hanighen has been established in this line of business in Omaha since 1885.

Much activity is reported in the lines of heating appliances of all kinds.

Two large furnace jobs have just been completed by Mrs. T. L. Kimball and Mr. T. H. Kimball.

The installation of a Magee furnace for Captain F. B. Lawrence has just been started. The plant will be strictly first-class in all respects. M. Rogers & Sons company are doing the work.

A good many Omaha firms dealing in supplies are showing evidence of a growth of business. Among these is the Western Electrical Supply company, which has increased its floor space, having recently taken rooms at 1418 South Fifteenth street, which is next door to its old location.

A good many people these days are using a very satisfactory substitute for wainscot tiling in their bathrooms in the shape of Keene's cement. Where this is used it is necessary to use metal lath. After it hardens it is even harder and more durable than tile and can be marked off or mounded to imitate tile by being painted with white or cream enamel paint.

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