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MANY NEW IDEAS

New Mills Building Will Have Unique Features.

Mahogany Fixtures to Be Installed February 1.

"BUNGALOW CORNER."

E. B. Murphy Erecting Three at Seventh and Lincoln.

A New Engraving Firm Established in Topeka.

There Is an Awakening of the Realty Men.

As work on the new Mills building at Ninth street and Kansas avenue progresses it might be of interest to note some of the features which will go to make this the finest business block on Kansas avenue, and the most up-to-date structure of the kind in Kansas.

All the latest ideas have been embodied by the architects in the structural makeup, and the building built as it is with steel reinforced concrete, and brick masonry is as near fire-proof as it is possible to make a business block. This fact is brought home to the casual observer who has seen fires meretriciously burning after dark on the upper floors to prevent over-time workmen from suffering with the cold. "Wire glass and metal" window

For further protection against fire frames have been provided on the south and west exposures. These frames proved themselves to be most effective at the time of the San Francisco disaster. The plate glass which only melts at extremely high temperature does not run off but clings to the steel wire.

The most spectacular thing about the building will be the big sign which will display its electrical work at the top of the structure in big six foot letters and which will be seen for miles in any direction, and will be an excellent advertisement for the city in lieu of the light on the Capitol dome which a committee of the Commercial club failed to have put up, notwithstanding the fact that the governor approved the idea.

There is 129,000 square feet of floor space in the building which represents about three acres. The Mills company will occupy the first six floors including the basement, and the two upper floors are being divided into office rooms.

The business block will be provided with the only express elevator in the state, which will be used for the accommodation only of those who have business on the sixth and seventh floors. There will be two elevators to provide for the passenger traffic of the lower floors occupied by the Mills Dry Goods company, aside from a freight elevator to do the heavy work.

There will be a ladies rest room on the mezzanine floor which will be sumptuously furnished with every convenience, cozy corners and comfortable lounges included, and providing such conveniences as telephone booths. There will be a hospital room adjoining. On the fifth floor there will be a lunch room to accommodate the shoppers.

The interior fixtures will be of mahogany, and will be put in place by the first of February, if there are no unlooked for delays in the construction work.

Vacuum Cash System.
A vacuum heating system will be installed which will admit of the use of low pressure steam, instead of high pressure which the ordinary system necessitates. A pump will be provided which will draw back the water from the pipes, and the Edison company which will supply the steam will have a pump that will return the water to their plant. The system is known as the Illinois Engineering company's system. Tungsten lights will provide illumination for the structure.

Next week the work of installing 3,000 feet of 2 1/2 inch tubing for a cash vacuum system similar to those in use in the department stores of the large cities will begin.

There will be 21 wrapping stations where the money will be put in cart-ridges 3x1 1/2 inches, which will in turn be placed in a head made of sheet metal. A lever will be pressed and almost instantaneously the cartridge will be received at the cashier's desk in the basement of the building.

Then the charge will be shot back through another pipe to the proper station. The fact that two tubes are required for each station makes it necessary to put in more than a half mile of tubing. The postoffice department is using the vacuum method of carrying mail matter in one or two of the large cities. A patent blower of fan will be the means of creating a vacuum in the tubes.

Incidentally in speaking of the elevators it might be mentioned that the machinery will be on the top floor instead of in the basement as is usually the case.

Arthur Tillotson is superintending the work of construction as representative of the Mills Dry Goods company. The following are the contractors: Douglas & Evans, general contractors; H. E. Howard, the Otis Elevator company of Kansas City, and the Lamson company of St. Louis, cash vacuum system.

corner of Seventh and Lincoln. One of these bungalows he has completed. The other two he will build at once.

"I have built a good many bungalows in Topeka," said Mr. Murphy this afternoon. "I believe that I can incorporate in these new California homes all of the latest features of home building and comfort. Bungalows are more popular now than ever before and people are growing to realize that there is lots of room, lots of comfort and more coziness and homelike pleasure than in any kind of a house that can be built. 'Bungalow Corner' will be equipped with the latest type of California architecture."

New Kansas Farmer Press.
The new Goss half-tone magazine press has arrived which was ordered by the Kansas Farmer company and the work of putting the great machine in place has begun. It is claimed that this is the largest press of the kind in the state. The press is being installed in the basement of the home of the Kansas Farmer on Jackson street, and owing to its size it was necessary to raise the first floor of the building the back of the composing room four feet in order to put the monster piece of mechanism in place.

"We have been running night and day," said President Albert T. Reid of the company, "on account of lack of facilities to handle our work. This press is practically the same as the one built at the same time for the Saturday Evening Post. It is the biggest press in the state of Kansas."

It is a Goss perfecting rotary press and will print a 64 page periodical. It is 21 feet long, 15 1/2 feet high, and 12 1/2 feet wide.

The Topeka Engraving company is the name of a new firm which will begin business in Topeka within a day or two with commodious quarters on the second floor of the Kansas Farmer building.

It is controlled by the men connected with the Concordia Dispatch Publishing company, who are also proprietors of the Concordia Engraving company. It is said that the Topeka engraving plant is to be larger than that in Concordia. Messrs. Southwick, Betts, Hoopes, and Hemphill of Clay Center are interested in the new plant. Mr. Betts is hard at work superintending getting the equipment in place. The latter will be modern in every respect.

The Fox-Cook company is in receipt of a communication from J. L. Penny of Hutchinson relative to taxes, which is significant. It reads in part as follows: "Am glad to see your taxes in Topeka are about \$12 less than last year, while here on the same class of property they are \$30 to \$40 more."

Realty Association Awakened.
The Topeka Real Estate Dealers' association has been dormant to a more or less degree for the last few months, but now a general feeling that something is to be done to revive interest in the association is prevalent among the members. Just what scheme will be adopted for the purpose of infusing new life has not as yet been decided upon, but it seems that an effort will be made to induce all the realty firms which are reputable and which are now non-members to join the organization.

At a meeting held at the Commercial club Friday noon, it was decided to defer action relative to becoming affiliated with the National Association of Real Estate Men until the proposition has been discussed more fully.

Building Permits.
Following are the building permits issued in the last week:
Joseph Stranuel, one story dwelling, 422 Larch street, \$700
A. B. Winant, one story dwelling, 1103 East Eighth avenue, 1,500
Mrs. D. A. Sheppard, three story dwelling, 815 Garfield avenue, 3,200
I. E. Garlinghouse, two story dwelling, 1543 Western avenue, 2,500
Miscellaneous items 750
Total for week.....\$8,950

THEATRICAL NEWS.

(Continued from Preceding Page.)

to Brown at the address given by her husband. The Brown that receives the message is a hair dresser (Roy Hilliard) who immediately calls on Mrs. Temple and is followed by his wife, (Miss Lamar). The stories told, the schemes adopted and the ruses of Fuller and Temple to keep the truth of the matter from Mrs. Temple and their efforts to get the convicting field glasses for their real owner complicated matters to such an extent that it would seem almost impossible to get everything straight again, but they do and everyone "lives happily ever after."

A special matinee will be given Thanksgiving day.

At the Novelty
The Novelty has booked for next week another strong vaudeville bill. The feature act will be Gilroy, Haines & Montgomery, presenting The Good Ship Nancy Lee," comedy singing and talking.

Hufford & Chain, styling themselves "The Cuffed Parson and the Minstrel Man," black face comedians, have been booked, also Dan Maley, character singer, and the Cardwaine Sisters, international dancers.

Harry Clark, who is becoming popular in his ballad singing will have another pleasing song. Moving pictures will close the show.

THEATRICAL FLASHES.

James Kearney, formerly of Topeka but now of Kansas City where he runs the James R. Kearney Booking Exchange, stopped over here Friday afternoon on his way to western Kansas where he went on business.

Guy Bates Post in "The Nigger" will be the attraction at the Shubert, Kansas City, Thanksgiving week.

Thanksgiving attraction at the Willis Wood, Kansas City, will be Adelaide Thurston in "Miss Ananias."

"The Book of Judith" is the title of a play by Joseph Medill Patterson that will follow the production of his "Rebellion."

It is a modern paraphrase of the story of Judith and Holofernes, with a Kansas farming district as the locale.

Victor Moore's role in his new starring medium, "The Happiest Night of His Life," while suggesting something of the rugged, quiet and tender tenderness peculiar to his characterizations in "For-

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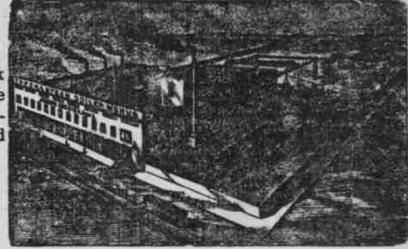
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