

OVER A MILLION FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN CITY IN 1908

Records and statistics gathered by The Argus show that during 1908 there was spent in Rock Island approximately \$1,000,000 for improvements. This amount is about equal to the average yearly expenditures for building and other improvements, although it is slightly less than the amounts spent in 1907. During the year some very notable improvements have been made, including the completion at a cost of about \$25,000, of the Safety building, a \$150,000 office building; the construction of the Best block on Second avenue, which when completed and furnished will represent an outlay of possibly \$150,000; the construction of the M. W. A. printing plant at a cost of \$35,000; the remodeling and enlarging of the city hall at a cost of \$12,000; the building of a new factory for the Rock Island Tool company, at a cost of \$25,000; the construction by the National Neck Yoke company, of a new plant at a cost of \$25,500; yard and other improvements by the Rock Island Lumber company, aggregating \$10,000 or more; and the building of a new warehouse by the Rock Island Sash & Door Works at a cost of \$25,000.

A careful examination of all available records, and conservative estimates made of the amount expended,

sewer districts, one and two of the southwest storm drains, the Sixth ward sewer system and the Seventh ward sewer system, aggregating \$61,338.78; the grading on Twenty-eighth street, costing \$500; cutting Eighth avenue between Fourteenth and Fifteenth streets, \$500; filling in Tenth street between Fifth and Seventh avenues, \$1,000; widening Railroad avenue from Fortieth to Forty-second streets, \$500; and filling various streets in the First, Second and Third wards at a cost of \$1,000. The total amount spent for public improvement in 1908 was approximately \$200,000.

The city spent \$500 in extending the police and fire alarm system, and the remodeling of the city hall is one of the notable improvements of the year. The fire which gutted the buildings made extensive improvements necessary, and the city council wisely appropriated sufficient money to include changes not absolutely necessary, but desirable. The work when completed will represent an expenditure of about \$12,000.

Public Utility Extensions.
It is estimated that the three corporations, the People's Power company, the Tri-City Railway company and the People's Light company, all

big improvements, and scores of new residences and smaller buildings are either planned or under contemplation. The Rock Island Club is considering a project for a new four-story club house, there are two big deals under way with a view to the building of more big office structures, several fine residences are to be built, and the different industrial corporations of the city are planning important improvements. Among the latter are the Rock Island Sash & Door Works and the Rock Island Plow company, both of which have made preparation for big extensions in 1909. A new block is to replace the old Negus building on Seventeenth street, between Second and Third avenues, now owned by John Volk.

Done During Year.
An examination of the records shows that the following improvements have been made during 1908:

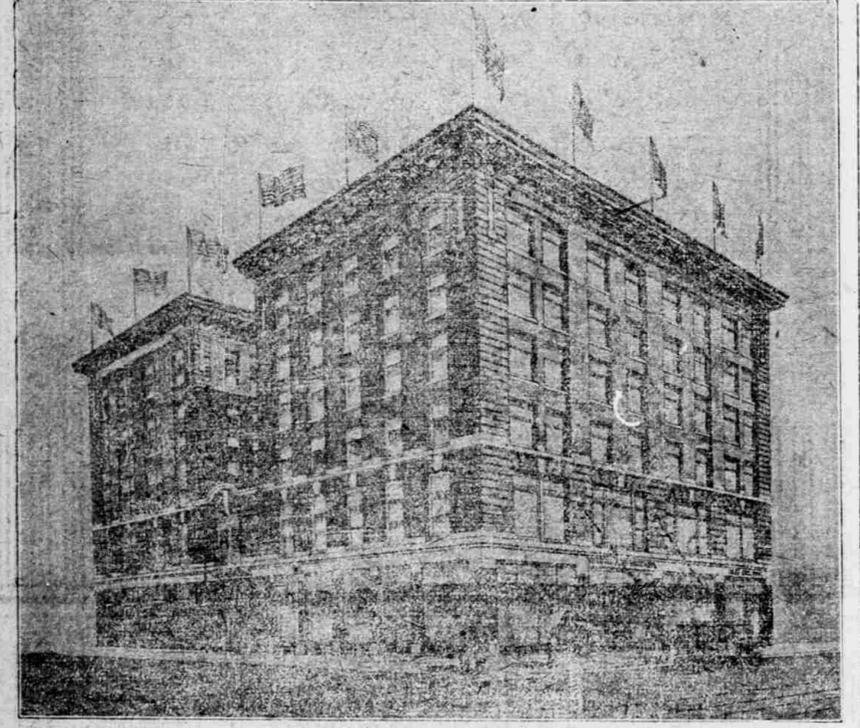
William Klockan, Sixteenth street and Third avenue, two story brick garage.
J. R. Brooks, 4002 Seventh avenue, two story frame.
J. Bollinger, 425-427 Sixth avenue, two story concrete store and apartment building.
John Devine, 531 Twenty-eighth street two story frame, seven rooms.

Frank Clerke, 508 Forty-first street, two story double frame residence.
Lena Pahl, 1703 Twenty-fourth street, one and half story frame house.
I. Weeda, Twenty-fourth-and-a-half street and Eighteenth avenue, one and half story frame house.
Harry Pahl, Eighteenth avenue and Twenty-fourth-and-a-half street, one and half story concrete residence.
Henry Luplow, Fifteenth avenue and Twenty-fifth street, two story frame house.
Howard Mardis, Twenty-ninth street and Eighteenth avenue, one and half story frame house.
Archibald Huber, Twenty-ninth street Seventeenth avenue, one and half story frame house.
George Carpenter, Twenty-ninth street Seventeenth avenue, one story frame house.
Albert Zeis, Twenty-ninth street Seventeenth avenue, one story frame house.
James Sullivan, Twenty-ninth-and-a-half street and Seventeenth avenue, two story frame house.
D. J. Danburg, Twenty-ninth-and-a-half street and Seventeenth avenue, one story frame house.
South Park Presbyterian chapel, Thirtieth street and Fifteenth avenue, remodeled, veneered with concrete.
Joe Burkhardt, 1334 Thirtieth street, one story frame barber shop.
Mr. Frey, 1527 Thirty-second street, one and half story frame house.
Oscar Carlson, 1531 Thirty-second street, remodeled.
L. H. Caldwell, 1430 Thirty-sixth street, one and half story frame store and flat.
Herman Flanker, 1424 Thirty-sixth street, one and half story frame house.
Mrs. M. Baum, 1420 Thirty-sixth street, one and half story frame house.
Mr. Clow, 1416 Thirty-sixth street, one and half story frame house.
William Blener, 1428 Thirty-sixth street, one and half story frame house.
John Dennis, Thirty-eighth street between Fifteenth and Sixteenth avenues, one and half story house.
Charles Ralsch, 4301 Eighteenth avenue, remodeled frame residence.
William Bachelor, Seventeenth avenue and Forty-third street, one and half story frame residence.
William Blener, Seventeenth avenue between Forty-fourth and Forty-fifth streets, five, one and half story cottages.
T. J. Medill, 4501-4503 Sixteenth avenue, two concrete houses.
Ernest Luckenbuhl, 3400 Fourteenth avenue, remodeled cottage.
Oliver Berger, 1223 Thirty-seventh street, two story frame residence.
Kirk Leverich, 1318 Fortieth street, two story frame residence.
George Eckhard, Thirty-ninth street and Eleventh avenue, two story frame residence.
C. F. Decon, 1408 Fortieth street, one and half story frame house.
C. H. Anderson, 1314 Forty-fourth street, one and half story house.
A. P. Dehr, 1610 Forty-fifth street, two story concrete store and flat.
Frank Weller, Forty-third street between Eighth and Ninth avenues, one story frame house.
George Elwell, Twenty-third street between Tenth and Eleventh avenues, two story frame residence.
Hattie Kye, 1104 Sixteenth street, two story frame residence.
Jacob Russell, 621 Thirty-ninth street, two story frame house.
H. Clevenline, 615 Thirty-ninth street, one and half story frame house.
Gus Oeger, Twenty-fourth street and Ninth avenue, two story frame residence.
John Schafer, 4520 Eighth avenue, two story frame residence.

Mac Potter, 549-551 Thirty-first street, two story double frame house, remodeled.
P. H. Kelly, 2916 Fifth avenue, two story double frame house.
C. E. Hodgson, 2900-2902-2904 Fifth-and-a-half avenue, three houses, remodeled.
Frank Asplund, 2630 Eighth-and-a-half avenue, two story frame house, remodeled.
Oscar Thiele, 834 Twenty-fifth street, two story frame house.
Villa de Chantal, Twelfth avenue and Twenty-second street, remodeled barn.
W. A. Riess, 1004 Twenty-second street, two story frame house.
Lewis Roofing company, Third avenue and Twenty-fifth street, two story brick barn and warehouse.
Rock Island Sash & Door works, Third avenue and Twenty-fifth street, three story brick warehouse.
Miss Kate Byrnes, 418 Twenty-second street, one story frame house, remodeled.
Miss Kate Byrnes, 422 Twenty-second street, remodeled house.
Miss Kate Byrnes, 424 Twenty-second street, remodeled house.
Broadway Presbyterian church, Twenty-third street and Seventh avenue, one story concrete office.

Union Printing company, Eighteenth street, one story brick addition and remodeled office.
L. B. Best, Best block on Second avenue and Seventeenth street, six story brick and concrete.
John Volk, Seventeenth street, old Negus block, new building under construction.
M. W. A. printing building, one story addition.
City hall, Third avenue and Sixteenth street, addition and remodeled.
Thomas Rosenfield, Third avenue between Fifteenth and Sixteenth streets, two story brick, remodeled store and flats.
Mrs. Mary Robbins, 739 Fourteenth street, two story frame house, remodeled.
Margaret Klotz, 916 Fourteenth-and-a-half street, remodeled frame house.
G. H. Hagis, 748-750 Fifteenth street, two story double frame house.
E. H. Stafford, Twentieth street between Seventh and Eighth avenues, two story brick residence, remodeled.
William Sexton, 315-317 Eighth street, two story double frame house, remodeled.
Annie M. Beatty, 1103 Twelfth avenue, one and half story frame house.

Rock Island Tool company, factory, First street and Fifteenth avenue.
Jacob Nesley, Second street and Thirteenth avenue, one and half story addition.
John Sars, 704 Twelfth avenue, one story frame cottage.
Harry Barth, 604 Twelfth avenue, one story frame cottage.
Adolph Ostering, 510 Eleventh avenue, one story frame cottage.
A. F. Swanson, 423 Fifth street, one story addition.
S. J. Stader, 317 Sixth street, remodeled frame house.
Rock Island Plow company, two story frame warehouse, and remodeled office.
S. J. Woodin, 510 Eleventh avenue, one and half story frame cottage.
Island City Boating association, First avenue and Twelfth street, one story club house.
Sunn Apple, Third avenue and Eighth street, two flats, remodeled.
Mrs. M. E. Ross, 422 Eighth street, two story frame house, remodeled.
Ernest Peltcher, Eleventh avenue and Fourteenth street, two story frame cottage.
John Koch, Seventeenth street between Second and Third avenues, two story brick shop.



BEST BUILDING (FOR YOUNG & McCOMBS.)

shows that in building improvements alone approximately \$700,000 was spent, and when to this is added the cost of public improvements, and the funds expended by the public utilities companies in the extension and reconstruction of the service, the total is brought to over \$1,000,000. The estimates include the expenditures of the city in various lines of improvement, including the work in the parks; the cost of the different building improvements noted, and several hundred thousand dollars spent in increasing the number of homes in the city by over 150. It is interesting to note that during the year the majority of the residences built have cost more than \$1,500, and only a small proportion have cost less than \$1,000. Many have run up to \$3,000 and \$4,000, and a few have cost as high as \$8,000 and \$10,000.

The Public Improvements.
Two miles of pavement went down during the year at an aggregate cost of \$81,000. The streets improved were as follows: From Thirtieth to Thirty-eighth streets on Seventh avenue; Twenty-fifth street between Fifth and Ninth avenues; Tenth to Eleventh avenue on Twenty-third street; First to Second avenue on Fifteenth street; First to Second avenue on Fourteenth street; Tenth to Twelfth avenue on Nineteenth, and Tenth to Twelfth avenue on Forty-second street.

Watermains were extended on Thirty-fifth street from Ninth avenue north to the first alley; on Forty-first street from Fourteenth to Eighteenth avenues; on Twenty-sixth street from Tenth to Thirteenth avenue; on Thirtieth street from Eleventh to Fourteenth avenue; on Thirty-fifth and Thirty-sixth streets from Fourteenth to Eighteenth avenue; and in Blakeley's addition at an approximate cost of \$14,000. The extensions cover a distance of three miles all told.

New sewers were placed in the alley of block nine of the Old Town addition, and blocks 1 and 10 in Spencer & Case's addition (Seventeenth street) covering a distance of one-half mile in all, and costing \$9,000.

Ten and one-half miles of new sidewalks were laid in the Second and Seventh wards during 1908, six miles in the Second and four and one-half miles in the Seventh. The total cost of this improvement work was \$40,000.

Other city improvements made during the year cover amounts spent on

merged under the general ownership of the Tri-City Railway & Light company, commonly termed the public utilities merger, have put between \$135,000 and \$150,000 into improvements, and that the larger portion of this amount has been invested on this side of the river. While it is difficult to estimate just what amounts have been spent in Rock Island, since the improvement on this side of the river can hardly be separated, it is certain that over a quarter of the total has been spent in improvements in Rock Island. The People's Power company improvements include big extensions of both gas and electric service and the installation of big new leaders, and improvements at the gas plant and the electric power plant. The Tri-City Railway company's improvements have consisted in the relaying of track and the installation of new equipment. The improvement on Eleventh street, which is not yet entirely finished, is the most notable work done by the street car company this year.

Work in Parks.
In the public parks the improvements this year have been confined to Long View and to the Seventh avenue boulevard. On the latter \$1,200 was spent in grading and filling, and in providing necessary plumbing for the care of the grounds. This promises to be one of the most attractive little beauty spots in the city. In Long View park 5,990 feet of cement walk was laid, and about the same amount of crushed rock walk was put down. The board has 2,000 feet of curbing installed. The city was given 100 feet of asphalt paving at the Fifteenth street entrance, to correspond with the Seventeenth entrance, where another company gave the city a like strip of paving. The commissioners spent \$300 for new shrubbery and plants.

The Rock Island Exposition company spent about \$5,000 in the permanent improvement of its grounds on Ninth street. The Island City Boating association established a harbor for launches and small boats at the foot of Twelfth street, and built an attractive little club house, the entire improvement amounting to about \$500.

Prospects for 1909.
While 1908 has shown the average amount of money spent in improvements, the prospects are that 1909 will show an even greater aggregate. Already plans are prepared for several

M. W. A. print building, Sixteenth street, two story brick printing plant.
Mrs. Smith, 4206 Fourteenth avenue, six rooms, one and a half story cottage.
C. C. Pratt, Sr., 815 Forty-third street, two story frame residence.
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J. P. Dolly, Twenty-third street, near Ninth avenue, double two story concrete residence.
J. H. Stoddard, 1531 Twenty-fourth street, two story frame.
William Gansert, 807 Twenty-second street, remodeled two story frame residence.
John Volk, 1823 Fifth avenue, two story frame.
F. T. Myers, 1726 Twenty-first street, two story frame.
W. E. Bailey, 531-533 Twentieth street, two story double brick house, remodeled and veneered with concrete.
Henry Kinner, 1101 Fourth avenue, remodeled two story house, veneered with concrete.
James McNamara, 1005 Twentieth street, two story concrete residence.
A. Pearson, 1123 Twentieth street, two story frame residence.
Mrs. E. B. Schmidt, Thirteenth avenue and Seventeenth street, two story frame.
Mr. Young, 1042 Nineteenth street, two story frame, remodeled.
A. W. McConnell, 1601 Twelfth street, two story frame house.
E. Blakesley, Glenhorse court, Twelfth street, two story frame house.
Dr. Freytag, 902 Fifteenth street, two story frame residence.
Miss McMahon, 2441 Eighth avenue, two story frame residence.
Albert Ulke, 1122 Sixteenth avenue, one and one-half story frame house.
Sidney Anderson, 1004 Fourteenth-and-a-half street, one and one-half story frame house.
Herbert Cook, 1028 Fourteenth avenue, two story frame house.
Ans Anderson, 1412 Twelfth street, two story frame house.
R. McCartney, 1226 Fourteenth street, one and half story frame house.
A. F. McLean, 1295 Fourteenth street, one and half story frame residence.
Herman Malwald, 701 Ninth avenue, two story frame store and flat.
Bennett Organ company, Third avenue and Forty-fourth street, two story frame shop and warehouse.
Dr. H. G. Trent, Twenty-third street and Tenth avenue, two story frame house.

Joseph Diesneroth, 505 Fifteenth street, one and half story frame building.
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James Burns, 317 Twentieth street, one story concrete shop.
H. H. Cleveland, Eighth avenue and Nineteenth street, remodeled two story residence, concrete veneer.
Charles Bladel, Eleventh avenue and Twelfth street, two story brick store and flats.
C. Montoy, Tenth street and Fourteenth avenue, one and half story frame house.
Mr. Stanbaugh, Eleventh street and Fifteenth avenue, one story frame house.
Mr. Sundquist, Eighth street and Seventeenth avenue, one story frame house and one story frame shop.
John Scheurmann, 1700 Sixth street, two story frame house and barn.
Albert Burk, 1002 Seventeenth avenue, one and half story frame cottage.
John Kososky, 1123 Twelfth avenue, one and half story frame cottage.
National Neck Yoke company, First street and Sixth avenue, warehouse, 24x32 feet, brick and concrete; and factory, 39x199 feet, brick and concrete.

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MODERN WOODMEN PRINTING BUILDING.

Neils Hanson, 4511 Ninth avenue, two story frame residence.
Peter Anderson, 4509 Ninth avenue, two story frame residence.
John Johnson, 823 Forty-first street, two story frame residence.
Augustana college, retaining wall along Seventh avenue.
Mrs. Daly, 1126 Thirtieth street, one and half story frame residence.
August Hildebrandt, 628 Thirty-fourth street, one and half story frame residence.
Martin Laughlin, Thirty-third street and Eighth avenue, one and half story frame house.
John Grimes, 539 Thirty-first street, one story frame house.

Joseph Scheurmann, Twelfth street and Sixteenth avenue, two story brick store and flats.
John Mauriss, 1428 Fourteenth street, one and half story frame house.
Charles Ulmeyer, Fifteenth street and Sixteenth avenue, two story frame house.
Ed Lundberg, 1209 Fourteenth-and-a-half street, two story frame house.
A. C. Dunlap, 1614 Twelfth street, two story house.
Carl Carsten, 1105 Fourteenth street, one and half story frame house.
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Volunteer Coal company, First avenue between Fifteenth and Sixteenth

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