

BIG BUILDINGS GO UP THIS YEAR

Warehouses, Factories, Schools and Churches Are on the List.

Eight-Story Deere Warehouse the Largest Project—Vinegar Works Plans.

There is a splendid outlook in the building world for large buildings to be constructed this season. Warehouses, factories, schools and churches are included among them, and it is safe to say that in these classifications alone over \$1,000,000 will be spent, meaning a keen demand for building material and for skilled labor of all kinds in the building trades.

The largest building of all that is planned is the new warehouse for the John Deere Plow company, to be built upon the site of old St. Philomena's cathedral and school, with a whole block of frontage east on Ninth street from Harney to Howard street. The cathedral and other buildings have all been razed to the ground, and practically all of the debris has been cleared up. Plans are now nearly completed for the new building, which, when completed, will be the largest warehouse in the city of Omaha. It will be eight stories and basement in height, with a frontage of 284 feet, extending from Harney to Howard street, with a high arch carrying the building over the alley in the middle of the block. This alley has railroad tracks, from which sidings will be built upon the private ground of the company, beneath the archway. The building will have a depth of 132 feet. The cost will be \$100,000.

Perhaps the next largest building project will be the row of fireproof concrete buildings that will constitute the new plant of the Haarman Vinegar company, on the south side of the Burlington tracks from Twelfth to Thirteenth street. This is a series of buildings of varying height, each adapted to the use of the manufacturing department which will occupy it, but the total cost of the buildings alone will be upwards of \$100,000. The site was bought last year, it then being a high bank, and since that time the company has spent \$25,000 in cutting down the bank to proper grade. It is expected that construction will begin about May 1.

The Omaha Milton company has bought a lot on Burt street between Fifteenth and Sixteenth street, and will thereon soon erect one of the finest factory buildings in the city, though of modest proportions. The plans for this structure are now being made.

Church construction is assuming active proportions. The new St. Cecilia's cathedral at Fortieth and Burt, which is a \$300,000 proposition, will be pushed along toward completion this year. Inasmuch as separate building permits are being taken for each portion of the work, the actual construction done this year will show in the records, as well as in the profits to the men furnishing the material and doing the work.

The new St. Philomena's parish church that is to care for the parish left without a church when old St. Philomena's cathedral was demolished will be built this season. A handsome site of a whole half block has been purchased at Tenth and William streets, and a \$50,000 edifice is in contemplation.

Immanuel Baptist congregation will build a handsome \$20,000 brick and stone structure at Twenty-fourth and Pinkney streets. Not only are plans made, but the contract is let, and a large part of the material to be used is already on the ground.

Work on new public school buildings that will cost \$700,000 when completed will be put under way this year. The board of education is now consulting with architects to gain new ideas, and to get plans outlined in a general way. The board has the money, because bonds to the amount of half a million dollars were voted at the last November election, and the crying need of new buildings in rapidly filling portions of the city forces the board to proceed at once with the new buildings.

These are the buildings proposed:

A new wing on the high school building.

A new twelve-room or sixteen-room building to replace the array of shacks now making up the Forest school.

A new twelve-room or sixteen-room building to replace the present inadequate Omaha View school, probably relocated some distance from the present school to accommodate a larger district.

A duplicate of the present Lothrop school to double the capacity of that overcrowded building, the additional ground for it adjoining the old site having already been purchased.

In addition to this volume of public school buildings, the Catholics will continue their policy of parochial school building to the extent this year of at least erecting a \$25,000 school building on a site purchased last year at Fifteenth and Leavenworth streets, which will be in control of St. Philomena's parish.