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From the Artesian Wells.

THE BUILDING RESUME FOR 1886.

Miles City Fast Changing From Log Shacks to Brick Palaces.

One year ago to-day the JOURNAL presented a summary of building improvements in Miles City for the year 1885; the aggregate cost of which was \$324,450. We pointed with pride to these figures believing them to be the high water mark for at least a year or two. The more costly buildings erected in 1885—the brick blocks on Main street—had in a measure been forced upon us by the extensive fires of that year and improvements that might otherwise have been deferred were crowded into that year making a showing that while gratifying was regarded as robbing the immediate future of some of its honors. But as the year 1886 began to unfold its possibilities it became apparent to contractors and builders that this record of 1885 was to be equaled if not surpassed and the final footing shows that it was, the sum total of the year's improvements footing \$368,150, and leading the year 1885 over by \$43,000.

The building record of the past year shows many gratifying features, chief of which is the general use of brick in the new business blocks, which not only indicates a firm belief in the future of the town, but lessens the danger of wide-spread conflagrations. In residences, too, brick has been used liberally and with good effect during the last year, there having been seventeen brick dwellings erected during the year; some of which, notably E. H. Johnson's, C. B. Towers' Konrad Schmidt's and B. Vreeland's are costly and highly ornamental structures. On the night of the 6th of August occurred the last big fire which this town will see for some time. It was long expected and occurred in the fire-trap frame range occupying the entire south side of Main street from Schmalsle's corner (Sixth street) up to Gallagher's store, which fortunately for him and his neighbors had a short time previous been veneered with brick and proved a barrier which the flames could not pass. Building was at once commenced on the burned district and there are now, either finished or in course of construction a frontage of 175 feet of brick buildings two stories high and built in first class style.

The trend of business on Main street toward the court house, indicated by the improvement of 1885 has been still more clearly marked in 1886. Maxwell's block, Gilman's, Huffman's and the monster brick block erected by W. R. Stebbins for the occupancy of J. H. Conrad & Co., all marking the march of business toward the east end of our main thoroughfare. Aside from the brick residence property mentioned above there has been 400 feet frontage erected for business purposes in 1886, as follows:

Maj. E. Butler, brick store, Main street..... 25x80
W. A. Burleigh, Jr., brick store, Main street..... 25x40
Lt. E. R. Gilman, brick store, Main street..... 25x80
Misses Graham, brick block, Main street..... 50x80
L. A. Huffman, brick store, Main street..... 25x80
A. J. Maxwell, brick block, Main street..... 50x80
W. R. Stebbins, brick block, Main street..... 50x80
W. F. Schmalsle, brick store, Main street..... 25x80
Konrad Schmidt, brick block, Main street..... 50x80
Joseph Leighton, brick store, Park street..... 25x40
Robert White, brick block, Sixth street..... 50x40

Of the above all are finished except the Konrad Schmidt block, and all are two story buildings except the Burleigh and Leighton buildings. Before taking leave of the subject of brick improvements, we should mention the handsome brick church built by the Episcopal congregation which is now under roof and will be ready for occupancy in the spring. It is a very handsome structure and a marked improvement to the section of the city which it occupies.

In the building of residences a very decided preference has been shown in the past year for the north side of the town and nearly all the more costly residences have been built in this section. The open waste that a year ago stretched from the old sawmill to the brewery is now well filled with dwellings and from the character of the im-

provements made there bids fair to be the fashionable part of the town.

Thus far the improvement has barely kept pace with the demand and last year as heretofore no vacant stores or dwellings that were habitable, have been found, but it would seem now that the limit has been reached in business property at least, and that any further building of stores must be at the risk of the builder as far as tenants are concerned. We believe that the people of Miles City enjoy the happy faculty of knowing when they have got enough and that by putting a check on building in excess of the demand, we can still preserve our record of not having an empty store or an untenanted dwelling. Unless we have a large increase of population we have no need of new business firms, and consequently at present, no need of more stores.

Rev. T. C. Armstrong, frame dwelling..... 1,000
P. A. Johnson, frame imp..... 400
Major E. Butler, brick store..... 6,500
Wm. Burleigh, frame dwelling..... 1,100
Geo. W. Blanch, frame dwelling..... 1,800
J. H. Boring, frame dwelling..... 1,100
Theoph. Biener, frame dwelling..... 800
Theodore Biener, brick dwelling..... 1,000
John Buckingham, brick dwelling..... 1,350
W. H. Burdard, brick imp..... 600
T. J. Bryan & Co., frame imp..... 700
Baptist Church, frame imp..... 1,500
C. E. Brown, frame imp..... 300
A. E. Burleigh, frame imp..... 2,000
W. A. Burleigh, Jr., brick store..... 4,500
J. Burleigh, frame shop..... 400
John Brechauer, frame shop..... 400
Ed Campbell, frame dwelling..... 2,500
L. R. Cummings, frame dwelling..... 1,000
Wm. Courtney, frame imp..... 1,700
S. F. Cate, frame dwelling..... 400
Catholic Church, frame imp..... 1,000
J. W. Cole, frame imp..... 200
C. E. Case, frame imp..... 650
J. S. Collins & Co., brick imp..... 1,000
James Dancy, two frame dwls..... 2,200
Thos. Deering, frame dwelling..... 800
M. L. Dole, frame dwelling..... 800
D. Dugan, frame dwelling..... 600
Duch Co., frame improvements..... 60,000
Electric plant..... 10,000
Electric building..... 1,500
Ernest Jacob, frame dwelling..... 500
A. J. F. Ehrich, brick dwelling..... 2,000
Episcopal Chapel, brick..... 5,300
Edward Flynn, frame dwelling..... 500
Fitz & Leonard, brick imp..... 300
C. R. Griffin, frame dwelling..... 2,000
Jno. Gibbs, frame dwelling..... 1,800
J. W. F. Green, frame imp..... 400
German Hall, frame imp..... 500
P. Gallagher, brick imp..... 2,000
L. E. R. Gilman, brick store..... 7,000
Aug. and Ezra Graham, brick block..... 11,000
Abram Hall, frame dwelling..... 1,600
L. A. Huffman, frame imp..... 200
Floyd Heavener, frame store..... 1,500
Wm. Harmon, frame store..... 1,000
Wm. Harmon, frame warehouse..... 2,000
L. A. Huffman, brick store..... 7,500
E. H. Johnson, brick dwelling..... 7,500
Wm. Kidder, frame dwelling..... 800
Chas. Klein, frame dwelling..... 500
C. R. Kelsey, two frame dwls..... 2,100
Chas. Kelly, frame imp..... 400
W. D. Knight, frame imp..... 500
Joseph Leighton, frame imp..... 3,000
Joseph Leighton, frame store..... 1,800
Leighton & Jordan, brick store..... 3,000
Chas. Larsen, frame dwelling..... 2,000
Jas. McFarlane, frame dwelling..... 3,000
Maggie Matson, frame dwelling..... 650
W. C. McWhirk, frame dwelling..... 900
D. F. McMillan, frame dwelling..... 1,300
S. R. McGowan, frame dwelling..... 700
Geo. R. Milburn, frame dwelling..... 700
Arthur Millard, frame dwelling..... 600
J. Miner, frame imp..... 700
W. N. Macqueer, enlarging and improving hotel..... 7,000
A. J. Maxwell, brick block..... 12,000
Moran Bros., frame imp..... 200
Geo. M. Miles, frame imp..... 500
Geo. M. Miles, frame store..... 1,300
D. F. McMillan, frame shop..... 650
N. P. R. Co., imp..... 10,000
Samuel Pepper, brick dwelling..... 1,500
D. W. Pierce, frame imp..... 1,500
H. Ritter, frame imp..... 1,500
L. B. Rea, frame imp..... 350
A. K. Ridley, frame dwelling..... 400
Slaughter House, brick and frame..... 30,000
Slaughter House, frame..... 15,000
School House, improvements..... 2,000
T. Schultz, frame imp..... 300
J. W. Strevel, frame imp..... 300
Rev. S. E. Snider, frame dwelling..... 1,800
W. C. Staehle, frame dwelling..... 500
W. B. Skinner, frame dwelling..... 3,000
Levi Simpson, frame dwelling..... 700
W. S. D. Smith, frame dwelling..... 1,500
A. Schmitt, frame dwelling..... 2,000
E. Sipes, frame dwelling..... 900
Geo. Scheetz, brick dwelling..... 1,200
G. H. Scott, brick dwelling and improvements..... 1,300
Konrad Schmidt, brick dwelling..... 3,000
W. F. Schmalsle, brick dwelling and improvements..... 6,000
F. Silverman, frame store..... 1,300
W. R. Stebbins, brick block..... 10,000
Schmalsle & Ullman, brick residence..... 3,000
W. F. Schmalsle, brick store..... 8,000
B. Smith, frame store..... 1,000
Konrad Schmidt, brick block..... 10,000
Strevel & Garlock, frame office..... 1,300
C. B. Towers, brick dwelling..... 4,000
Jno. S. Truscott, frame dwelling..... 900
Annie Turner, frame dwelling..... 1,000
Bryon Vreeland, brick dwelling..... 3,500
Fred Whiteside six frame dwls..... 6,900
J. D. Williams, frame dwelling..... 600
C. A. Winchester, frame dwelling..... 1,200
H. Whithead, frame dwelling and improvements..... 500
W. C. Ward, frame building..... 200
Robert White, brick residence block..... 5,400
Whiteside & Peter, toboggan slide..... 1,000
Chas. Young, brick dwelling..... 1,200

Total cost..... \$368,150

A study of the foregoing figures fails to give any reliable data to govern the sinking of future wells. The shallowest here shown, that of Mr. Riddle's gives at a depth of 193 feet a flow of 90 gallons per minute, being the largest flow ever struck here. This well is on the other side of the Yellowstone about four miles below town and probably about forty feet below the grade of Miles City. Inasmuch as all of our wells have in some measure, either greater or smaller, fallen off from the original flow, the general opinion appears to be in favor of casing them all the way down to the water supply. This will no doubt restore the original flow and render it lasting.

With this summary of our permanent improvements for the past year we close the chapter, hoping that circumstances may require as large an expenditure of money next year, but deprecating the making of any improvements that are not demanded by increased prosperity in other lines.

GENERAL NEWS COLUMN.

The Galesburg opera house was destroyed by fire. Loss, \$75,000.

Ontario elections returned the Liberals to power by increased majorities.

Rev. C. R. Searles, who ran away from East Lynn, Ill., with a woman, has been arrested.

Rev. Waldo Messaros, Philadelphia, charged with adultery, declares it a case of conspiracy.

Their \$5,000 annuities will be paid the starving Winnebago Indians in Wisconsin at once.

The San Francisco street car troubles are far from being ended, and a general tie-up will probably result.

Money is being freely contributed by brewers for the defense of Arnsdorf, the murderer of Rev. Haddock.

Prince Augustin Itherbide and Senor Carcedo fought a duel at the City of Mexico, Carcedo being wounded in the shoulder.

Wednesday was the 79th anniversary of Gladstone's birth. Telegrams of congratulation were sent him from all parts of the world.

Captain Sparrow, of England, committed suicide at Las Vegas, N. M., because he had invested his all, \$75,000, in a bogus cattle company and lost it.

A forty-five-minute, twenty-one-round, bare-knuckle prize fight took place between heavy weight iron workers near Pittsburgh, and is pronounced one of the bloodiest fights on record.

Seven members have organized the Hermosa prospecting company and engaged the services of an old time prospector. He has been furnished an outfit for the next four months to search for precious metals in the Black Hills. Some valuable tin finds are expected.

A recent interview in Kansas City with Robert Pinkerton divulges that the mystery of the express robbery in Missouri is now solved. Frothingham, the messenger, is probably in the affair deeper than any one, and five accomplices have been arrested. Of the \$60,000 stolen, about \$45,000 has been recovered. The affair seems to have been a bungle on the part of the robbers.

ARTESIAN WELLS

Although not strictly a part of our building improvements, our artesian wells are a sufficiently important feature, to warrant their being included in the general resume of the year, and