



THE PROPOSED NEW ORPHEUM THEATER TO BE BUILT ON STATE STREET.

The proposed Orpheum theater is to be located on State street at the south corner of Commercial avenue, just south of the Lincoln House annex. The building will be fireproof of pressed red brick and stone, with ornamentations in cement, with 79 feet front, and 135 feet in depth, the rear facing on Plum alley. The height in the clear will be 60 feet. The seating capacity of the theater is to be 1,500 people—850 on the ground floor, and 650 in the balcony, with standing room for 100 more. The cost of the structure is put at \$35,000. A feature will be the separation of the stage, auditorium and the front, which includes the lobby and the store apartment, thus dividing the building into three independent structures. The stage is to be 40 feet deep and 68 feet wide, and is to be provided with a steel-asbestos curtain. The stage will have six large and two small dressing rooms on the right hand side, with property rooms on the left. There are to be four proscenium boxes on the ground floor, and four boxes in the balcony. In the front of the house, the proprietors have decided to locate a store on the ground floor, with the vestibule and large lobby. The ticket office will be located inside the lobby.

A special feature of the house will be the automatic skylight over the stage, through which any fire that may be started on the stage will find ready vent, and there will be several special fire escapes from the parquet and balcony. Active construction will begin at once. The elevation as given above has been adopted as far as the front above the ground floor is concerned. The elevation of the ground floor in the printed plan will be readapted to accommodate the stores. C. M. Neuhausen is the architect.