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The Building Boom.

It really looks as though the new prosperity had struck the Park. In addition to the \$150,000 hotel of F. W. Cushing now in process of erection, there are the Page and McMullen residences down on the Ravinia lake front, costing about \$30,000 each. Fred Clow took the McMullen contract last week for the carpenter work, and August Noerenberg has the mason work. They are both to be completed by July.

Then there is the high school building, at another \$30,000, with the contracts let, and while we are very sorry our Park contractors did not get the jobs, we are expecting Park workmen will do most of the work. There are the Presbyterian parsonage or manse, say \$5,000, and the Messenger home at not less than \$10,000, besides Fred Clow's new \$3,000 cottage, all these are in sight and under way, or with contracts let, and we expect more to follow. This resume does not include the extensive repairs being made on the Denison house amounting to several thousand dollars, to say nothing of

the cutting down of several valuable shade trees on that lot.

The following is a summary of these contracts and if they do not make a little boom, what would?

Hotel	\$150,000
Page house.....	30,000
McMullen house.....	30,000
High School.....	30,000
Parsonage.....	5,000
Messenger home.....	10,000
Denison house.....	3,000
Clow cottage.....	3,000
Total.....	\$261,000

St. Johns Avenue.

Every one is pleased that the council appointed a committee of conference to meet the property owners on that street and agree if possible on some plan acceptable to the abutting property owners and to the citizens generally, as well as to the committee representing the council, so as to make a harmonious report to the council at its special meeting, to be held for that purpose, next Tuesday evening, Feb. 20th. If you are interested in St. Johns avenue south, be present at that meeting.

High School Building.

President Smoot of the high school board informs us that the contracts for the new school building were let a week ago last Friday evening. The carpenter, mason and cement work and plastering went to Anson & Holman of La Grange; iron work to F. L. Hill, painting and glazing to Brand Brothers, roof and sheet metal work to the Allen Cornice Works of Chicago, and the plumbing to a Chicago firm. Its extreme dimensions will be 60x160 feet, and will cost 25 per cent. more than if the West Deerfield folks had not fought it, material and labor having advanced so in price during the last two years. It is to be ready for use in September, 1900.

Mrs. Charles H. Warren reached her home, on Central Avenue West, after an absence of some five weeks in the east, chiefly in Clinton, Mass., where she went to attend the wedding of a cousin. When she reached home she found her husband confined to the house with a bad throat.

The American Express Company will open an office of its own in the new depot, and Fred Clow and A. G. McPherson are figuring on the carpenter work. The agent has not yet been appointed.