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The Moraine.

If you have not visited Mr. Cushing's new and big hotel up between the Boyington and Middleton bridges on the Sheridan Road, north,—you ought to do so at an early day. The first, last and abiding impression it makes on one is, it's immense size. It impressed us, the other day, very much as the big hotels at Saratoga Springs used to do thirty years ago. It is "awful big," as children say, and seems to reach from ravine to ravine, especially the southeast wing which anywhere else, would be a big hotel in itself. Besides the offices, dining rooms, kitchen, pantries, parlors, etc., there are nearly one hundred and forty rooms, single and in suites.

Then it has all the modern conveniences. steam heated, electric lighted, bath rooms by the score, for general and private use, and sewerage perfect as it can be made. The floors above the first one are Georgia pine. The rooms are of good size and so far as we noticed are well lighted.

The buildings are so far back from the street that there will be no annoyance from the dust or noise, and with the abundance of shade and

well graded lawns, it will be like a lodge in some "vast solitude," and so near the lake that with the east winds, the breakers on the shore will furnish the best of music for tired nerves. It is only two blocks from the electric street cars, and a short mile from the Park depot, which as soon as the Sheridan Road is macadamized will be only a pleasant drive.

Aldermaman elect Edward A. Warren has had the general charge of the entire job from first to last, and he has handled it with the large force of workmen admirably. There has been no confusion, and consequent delays, with loss of time and money. Every set of men, as all saw them, seemed to be working well and effectively. They were not in each others way, and none were standing idle for want of sufficient superintendence. In this big job Mr. Warren has showed himself not only a skilled workman, but also a skilled and very capable bandler of large forces of men, engaged in all kinds of mechanical work. Alderman W. J. Obee had charge of the regular mason work, putting in the foundations, running up the brick outer walls, etc., and so far as we

could see or learn, did it well. At the time of our visit last Monday, there were at work on the buildings men as follows, and there had been many more at other stages of the work: Laing's graders, 30; Laing's teams, 9; plumbers, 7; carpenters, 73; masons and helpers, 10; plasterers, 20; lathers, 8; general teams, 3, or in all 12 teams and 138 men—quite a little colony by itself. It will be opened June 1st, and every room is reported spoken for and more wanted, and folks want Mr. Cushing to enlarge at once.

The street and alley committee have done a good thing in cleaning off the mud from Laurel avenue east and putting on a layer of stone. Of course there are defects on Laurel and Prospect that no layers of crushed stone can remedy. First the substratum or lower foundation is insufficient for the heavy teaming on the surface and then second the sub-soil water was not taken off. But these top dressings of stone now are the best things that can be done, though they can not make up for the defects. But all believe that these top dressings of crushed stone kept up perpetually will greatly improve those streets and make them fairly good ones. But the mud must be taken off, occasionally at least, so that the water can dry off and prevent deep ruts or holes in the macadam.