

OUR NEW SCHOOL HOUSE

One of the chief attractions of our town to the "stranger within our gates" is the large and fine-looking School House on Broad and 9th streets. We promised a description of the building some time ago, but through the excessive modesty of the architect, Mr Peter D. Denney, were unable to procure the figures until a few days since.

The house has stone foundation; super-structure of brick; roof of tin; finish of pine wood. The size of building on ground is 54x54 feet; on the east front is a tower 18x20 feet; height of tower 70 feet, main building 45. The entrance to the main building is by two doors in the tower; a hall six feet wide runs the length of the house - each side of the hall are two rooms each 21x26; ceilings are 14 feet high; three of these are neatly finished with combined seats and desks for school rooms - The second floor is at present in one large hall, entered from double stair-way in tower, this room is unfinished. On the third story of the tower a room for philosophical and chemical apparatus and library is to be finished.

In the construction of this building due attention has been paid to ventilation; the floors have been deadened, and hat and cloak racks put on for convenience of pupils.

The style of architecture is of the Italian order, and for beauty and utility combined is excellent. The workmanship throughout is of the best; Messrs Howard & Talmadge did the brick and stone work, Mr Peter D Denney the carpentering; the roof was put on by Messrs George F Blanchard & Co., and the painting by Mr E. C. Kavanaugh.

The cost of the building, completed, is to be \$16,356; to which, add \$800, cost of furniture, makes a total of \$17,156. Of this amount the District has already paid a small sum over \$9,000, and the 5-mill tax levied last year and other funds to be paid this spring, it is hoped it will about free the District from debt. Our citizens have paid considerable tax for school purposes, and we have one of the best buildings and best schools to offer as attractions to settlers.

In the Fremont Tribune 22 March 1871 3:5

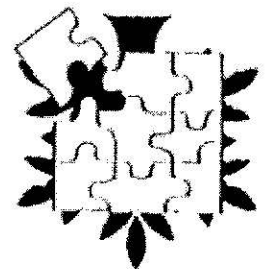
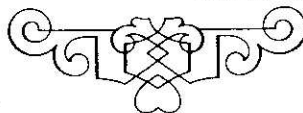
Photo of School

Claire is an antique buff and found in a box a number of old pins at an Antique shop back in the early 1970's, and they contain photos of the schools in Fremont in 1876. It just so happens that the school house just described was on one of the buttons and it was enlarged so that a photo could be made just for this issue of the April Newsletter.



9th & Broad
West Side of
the Street

Other school pins - compliments of A Hospe Co Omaha
South School - 1 block west of Main, 4 ½ blocks south of the Railroad tracks.
West School - 2 blocks south of Military on "L" street
East school - 4th & Clarkson
South school - 11th & Union
Englewood school - no address, just the photo
High school - 9th & Main, East side.
Normal school - 9th & Irving and Platte



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