

THE NEW SPALDING HOUSE

Description of the Big Hotel to Be Built on Superior Street.

French Canadians Celebrate St. Jean Baptiste Day--A French Carron Wonder.

An Immense Structure.

The TRIBUNE takes pleasure in introducing to its readers in this morning's issue the first correct description of the new Spalding hotel which is at present in course of erection. The excavation has been completed and the foundation wall is being laid, after which the building will go up rapidly, the contract calling for its completion by July 1, 1888.

The building will be seven stories high on Superior street and eight stories high on Michigan street, the height from the ground to the top of the corner tower being a total of one hundred and nine feet on Michigan street and ninety-six feet on the corner of Superior street and Fifth avenue west. The building will be constructed of St. Louis pressed brick with trimmings of Fond du Lac brown stone, and will

BE COMPLETELY FIRE PROOF.

The main columns in the corrilor and dining hall will be composed of iron, and those in front of the building will be of granite.

The ladies' entrance will be on Fifth avenue through an archway ten feet wide, supported by columns of polished granite, the main entrance being on Superior street through an archway fourteen feet high and twelve feet wide, supported by columns of polished granite with caps and bases of carved brown stone, and surmounted by the name "Spalding" carved in bas relief.

THE BASEMENT

entrances will be on Michigan street, the front being divided into six store buildings. In the rear of these will be the bakery and workroom, a general workroom, two store rooms for supplies, etc., the laundry, baggage room and boiler room. Passing through the main entrance the visitor will step into a hallway twenty feet wide, paved with octagonal blocks of polished granite and thence into the lobby which occupies about one-fourth of the first floor. On the right hand side will be the reading room, writing room, water closets and reception room, while on the left hand side will be the private office and billiard room, the latter being on the Michigan street corner. The front part of the ground floor will be occupied by stores, the corner having a bank vault and will probably be occupied by a banking firm. Passing up a flight of stairs

THE SECOND FLOOR

is reached, the hallway opening into a grand corridor eighteen feet in width and ninety five feet long. On either side of the corridor is a parlor, the rest of the second floor being occupied by rooms *en suite* and the bath rooms. The

THIRD, FOURTH AND FIFTH

floors will all be occupied by guest chambers which will be of a large size, each being furnished with a grate and steam pipes for heating purposes, and also being connected with bath rooms, supplied with hot and cold water and all modern conveniences. The bath rooms will all be fitted up with marble trimmings, and are expected to outrival anything west of Chicago. On

THE SIXTH FLOOR

will be the dining room which will be forty feet wide and eighty-two feet long. This room will be two stories in height, facing on Michigan street and on the Superior street side will have a balcony built out from the seventh floor, which will be used by the orchestra on the occasion of a dance or concert. On the Fifth avenue side will be a private dining room, childrens' dining room and on the other side will be the ordinary, to be used by guests when the dining room is occupied. The kitchen will be in the front of the building on the left hand side in front of the ordinary. The servants' quarters will be on the seventh floor over the kitchen, the rest of this floor being occupied by guests chambers and store rooms.

AN OPEN COURT

seventy two feet long by seventy-four feet in width runs up through the center of the building from the second floor, a skylight being in the center to give light to the lobby and office. On every floor will be bath rooms and water closets fitted up with marble trimmings. There will be 171 guest chambers in the building, each being supplied with fire places and steam heating apparatus. The first and second floors will be finished in oak and cherry, the others being finished in other woods. Two passenger and one freight elevators, run by hydraulic pressure will connect with all of the floors, besides wide double stairways finished in mahogany and oak with brass trimmings.

The contract calls for the work to be done for \$325,000 but Mr. Spalding stated yesterday to a TRIBUNE reporter that before the work was finished it would probably come to \$350,000.