

CHANGES IN FOWLER BLOCK.

Getting Ready to Receive Fremuth's Big Stock.

The Fowler block at the corner of Superior street and Lake avenue, which is under lease to I. Fremuth, and who will open one of the finest and most extensive department stores in the Northwest there, is doing extensive alterations and improvements. These are made under the direction of G. F. Appleyard, who represents the owner of the building, E. M. Fowler, of Detroit. The Superior street front of the building has been changed so that there is a wide main entrance in the center, with very wide and high plate glass windows on either side. The main Superior street entrance will be 19 feet wide and will be very handsome. It will be laid in mosaic tile and will be very attractive. There will be another smaller entrance to the building at the westerly end on Superior street. This entrance will open directly into the shoe department.

The interior will be furnished throughout in natural oak. The floors

will be of maple and the walls will be handsomely tinted. There will be a wide central aisle running straight back from the main entrance and there will be another aisle crossing it at right angles in the middle of the ground floor, leading to the passenger elevator. In addition to the passenger elevator there will be a bronze stairway with marble steps leading to the second floor.

The second floor, which was originally intended for offices, has been cleared of everything to duplicate the floor space on the first floor. The finish and general appearance of the second floor will be equally attractive. The building contains more than 25,000 square feet of space and receives light from three sides. The cost of making the alterations and finishing the building to receive the department store is about \$2,000. The work is now well in hand and the store will be ready for Mr. Freimuth's stock during the latter part of next month. The work of laying the floors is about to be commenced.

The store contains about 200 linear feet of show window. The building is strictly fire proof. It will be lighted by an independent electric light plant. The building contains three floors. One of these is entered from Michigan street, the second is approached from Superior street and the third floor is reached by passenger elevator from either floor. The area of the Michigan street floor is the same as that of the other floors and will be a very attractive section of the big store.