

LIGHT AHEAD FOR Y. M. C. A. PLANS

Contribution of Half of Cost of
\$100,000 Building May Be
Made by Eastern Parties.

It is understood on authority that cannot be doubted that Superior will in all probability be assured of a handsome Y. M. C. A. building before another 12 months has elapsed. There have been several denials of the statement made by those who are supposed to know, but from another source equally as reliable it is stated that the erection of such an institution is almost an assured fact.

According to the information the sum of \$10,000 has already been subscribed by leading citizens of the city toward the erection of such an institution. It is the intention to erect an edifice costing in the neighborhood of \$100,000. It is the belief of the promoters that a certain wealthy easterner and capitalists with interests here will contribute half of this amount provided the local citizens will subscribe the other \$50,000.

It is claimed that a prominent Superior man went east some time ago with this in view. While in New York it is said that he conferred with representatives of the persons looked to for the funds. From the many examples of the wealthy easterner's generosity the local promoters of the institution feel satisfied that they may expect assistance in the matter to a marked degree.

Shortly before the Superiorite left for the east the matter of circulating a subscription among local citizens was started. In less than an hour before he took the train for New York \$10,000 was pledged by local business men. It is said that \$2,500 of this amount was contributed by a well known mining and real estate owner who has been a resident of Superior for many years. Several other subscriptions, ranging from \$1,000 down to \$250 were promised, completing the \$10,000 in less than 60 minutes.

Should the building be erected it is probable that Ogden avenue and Thirteenth street will be selected as the site. This property is owned by the Land & River company, which concern, it is understood, has agreed to donate any four lots it owns on Ogden avenue for the purpose. This location is considered the most favorable from all points of view so that it is presumed that the building will be erected on this plot.

There has been talk of building a Y. M. C. A. in Superior for over a decade. For various reasons the movements have always died in their infancy or early childhood. However, the source of the present information and the plausibility of the details and facts that accompany it lead those who favor the project to believe that the present movement will result in success.

There is no doubt that Superior is in urgent need of such an institution where the young men of the city may gather without being compelled to hie themselves to less desirable places. The recent arrest and fining of Harry Witz for running a gambling house catering to youths under age has acted as an additional incentive toward the establishment of such an institution.

Business men, the city administration, educators, ministers of the gospel and the best citizens generally are of one accord in admitting the need of a Y. M. C. A. The consensus of opinion being so uniformly favorable to the project leads to the belief that it will be an easy matter to raise \$50,000 provided the remainder is contributed by the eastern parties.