NEW LIBRARY TO BE ONE OF CITY'S BEAUTY SPOTS

3,000,000 Structure at Logan Square to Be One of Handsomest in United States

Undecided on Name: "Public" and "Free" Both Favored-Giant Bookstack Feature

By GEORGE NOX McCAIN CHOULD the letters to be carved on the facade or over the entrance of the great new library building read. "Free Library of Philadelphia" or

"Philadelphia Public Library"? Research. According to the doctor, it cupied by filing, bookkeeping and store-involves both taste and dignity. In a involves both taste and dignity. In a

brochure on the subject in 1913 he said: States tax-supported libraries are known as 'public libraries,' This seems to be a standard name, such as public to be a standard name, such as public school and public highway. This being the case, it is rather strange to find the local library known as the Free Library of Philadelphia. This name, perhaps, would be a descriptive one if it were under private control. Would it not be well for the name to be made harmonious with those of the other than the best of the control great community libraries throughout freely, but not taken from the building. the country before the new central building is crected?"

The new library building in course of erection is five blocks from City Hall,

of erection is five blocks from City Hall, hear the Parkway. It covers an entire city square. It is being built on a lot that measures 385 by 219 feet, that cost \$214.585.75.

As to dimensions the building will be 340 feet in length, 200 feet in depth and 100 feet high. There will be two courts inside, 48 by 68 feet. The building will be of Indiana limestone with a base of granite and it will be absolutely mase of granite and it will be absolutely

A glimpse at the plant would seem to indicate that the east and west walls are of glass, so many and so large are the windows.

Faces Logan Square

The main entrance will face Logar Square and it will consist of three large doorways approached by a broad flight

doorways approached by a broad flight of about a dozen stone steps. An entrance for the employes and staff is on Nineteenth street. There are entrances on every side of the building, slightly below grade.

Every square foot of the building will have ample light and ventilation. This is even true of the basement, which is below the street level, and which will be lighted and ventilated by large areaways. In this basement will be placed the machinery for the transmission of books, power plants for the two elevators, engine, boiler and storage rooms, and coal vaults.

The most remarkable feature of the entire structure will be the giant book stack. This stack will consist of thousands of book shelves with alleys or corridors between them on every floor. It will have a capacity of 1,250,000 volumes. It will begin twenty-five feet below the street level and will be seven stories high. It will extend across the stories high. It will extend across the entire width of the building, 224 feet in length and fifty feet in width. One could store 31,000 sets of Doctor Eliot's five-foot shelves of books in this vast

receptable. The ground floor is slightly below afreet grade on the east and west ends of the building. It will contain a lec-ture room capable of seating about 800 people; a newspaper and children's room, offices for the staff and a hospital

or emergency sickroom. Large Reference Rooms

As you mount the steps to the main entrance and enter the first floor facing Logan Square on one side the entrance will be found the reference room, with a capacity of about 10,000 volumes, and a periodical room of about 30,000 vol-umes. Besides these a great cataloguing room, with offices and committee rooms,

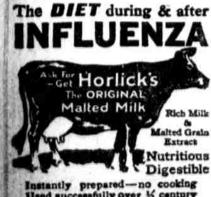
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The query is not a new one. It was and, being thoroughly up-to-date, a first raised seven years ago by Doctor room for public stenographers. Gruenburg, of the Bureau of Municipal The first mezzanine floor will be oc

The second floor will be the main floor. "Nearly everywhere in the United tates tax-supported libraries are nown as 'public libraries.' This seems be a standard name, such as public libraries.' This seems and fifty-two feet wide, facing Logan Square, with thirteen great windows looking out on the square. It will be lighted by skylights and the thirteen

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From the New York Times, Friday, January 10th, 1920.

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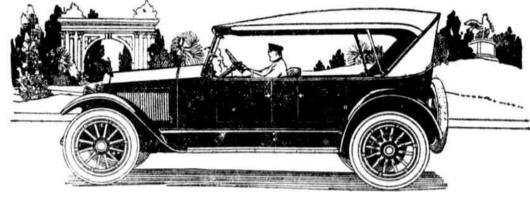
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