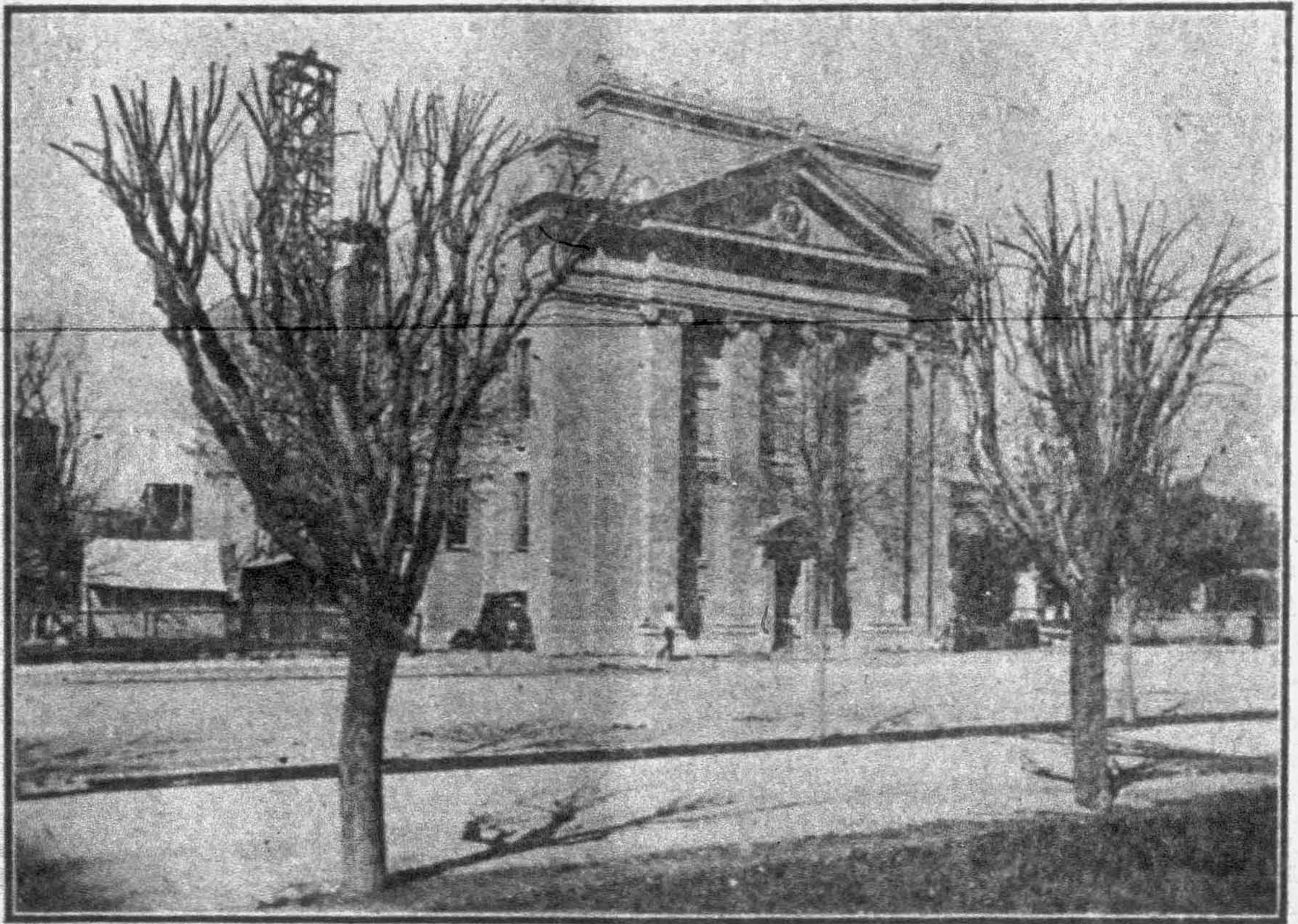


SCOTTISH RITE CATHEDRAL, NOW BEING COMPLETED, WILL GIVE MASONS FINEST LODGE HOME IN SOUTHWEST



TUCSON claims the finest lodge home in the Great Southwest. The new Scottish Rite Cathedral which is being built on South Scott street opposite the Carnegie library will be completed about April 15. One month later, May 15, the dedication ceremonies will be held. The corner stone was laid on December 8 at which time Col. Epes Randolph and President Von Klein Smid of the University of Arizona were the principal speakers.

At the dedication, a large class will receive the Scottish Rite degree. According to H. A. Drachman of the building committee, this will be the first time that degrees will be conferred in this manner in Arizona.

The Scottish Rite Cathedral Association, the building corporation has the following officers: William Griffith, president; Epes Randolph, vice-president; H. A. Drachman, treasurer; George J. Roskrug, secretary; Charles E. Walker and William Pyott, members of the board.

In discussing the building, Mr. Drachman said: "The architects are Trost & Trost of El Paso, who planned the structure in co-ordination with the members' ideas. The plan carried out was to have the building convenient, beautiful, and useful to the highest degree. Wey-

mouth Crowell of Los Angeles is the general contractor.

"The structure is two stories with a basement, the latter to be used as a drill hall for the Knights Templar and will contain a banquet hall, ladies' cloak room, a hat room for gentlemen and a dance floor. On the first floor the ladies' parlor, billiard room, and library will be located.

Special Room for Organ.

"In the rear of both the first and second floors will be located the beautiful auditorium. The stage, alone, will be furnished at the cost of \$20,000. Adjoining the building on the south, there is being built a special room for the \$10,000 organ. The organ is being built at the California Organ Company's plant at Van Nays, Cal. It will be the finest three manual organ in the southwest, west of Denver and outside of Los Angeles.

"Six hundred seats have been ordered for the auditorium. The finishings will be mahogany. The art work on the ceiling and walls alone when completed, will amount to a small fortune.

"The robes, drop curtains, and other stage equipment are being manufactured by the M. C. Lilley Company of Chicago. The furniture and carpetings for the building have been bought through the Albert

Steinfeld Company of Tucson. The furniture is to be of mahogany and to cost no less than \$8,000.

"Then, on the second floor, will be the two lodge rooms where all local Masonic bodies, including the Blue Lodge, Scottish Rite, Knights Templar, Royal Arch and Eastern Star will meet. Several smaller rooms will also be located on the second floor for the use of these orders.

Building Fireproof.

"The solid concrete construction will make the building absolutely fireproof. The hollow tile partitions and the perfect heating and cooling system will give the building a temperature of seventy degrees on the hottest day in summer or the coolest evening in winter."

"When completed, the building and furnishings will cost no less than \$150,000. It will be one of the finest structures of its kind anywhere to be used exclusively by Masonic bodies. It will be a most worthy monument to the Masons of Arizona."

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