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Latest of City's Hotels



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MAYFLOWER, AT BUSH, JONES S. F.'S NEWEST HOME HOTEL

102-Room Hostelry Last Word in Modern Guest Accommodations

Furthering of the phrase pertaining to San Francisco and known throughout the world—"The City of Fine Hotels"—has been accomplished through the recent construction of the city's latest hostelry, the Mayflower Hotel at 975 Bush street. The new hostelry is situated on the south line of Bush street, 45 feet east of Jones street, and is close to the business, shopping and theatrical centers of the city.

Although open for but one week Hotel Mayflower is already more than 60 per cent tenanted, according to the builders, Richard J. O'Brien, Thomas Kiernan and Elias Rhine. The building has a frontage on Bush street of 66 feet, a depth of 137 feet 6 inches, is of steel and brick construction, class A and B, contains 102 rooms and has a basement and sub-basement. A garage in the basement, entered from Bush street, has ample parking facilities for more than forty automobiles.

Connecting with the lobby and running through to the rear of the building is a commodious banquet and dance room where guests may entertain large groups of friends. Two fast-moving elevators running from the garage in the basement to the top floors afford service to the guests. They are of the automatic type and were furnished and installed by the Pacific Elevator and Equipment Company.

102 GUEST ROOMS

Each of the 102 guest rooms have exterior exposures and each contain bath and shower. The plumbing was installed by N. George Weinholz. Several innovations in furnishing and convenience, namely installation of "disappearing" Rip Van Winkle beds and pullman buffets, have added to the attractiveness of the hotel and have been instrumental in the rapid tenancy, according to one of the builders, Elias Rhine.

"We are offering to our tenants a complete modern two-room apartment, centrally located, and are providing hotel service daily, for the price that the average family pays for a two-room apartment in apartment buildings of the city," said Rhine yesterday. "Tenants in our building will be permitted to entertain their friends in their rooms. Due to the Rip Van Winkle disappearing bed arrangement the living room has ample space for the entertainment of guests.

EACH ROOM HAS BUFFET

"We have also made another innovation—the installation of pullman buffets in every room. The buffet contains a small sink, electrical refrigeration for fruits and edibles that the tenant may care to keep in his room, an ice making machine, and space for eating utensils that are necessary. An incinerator system quickly and safely disposes of all garbage. Each of the rooms have tiled bath rooms."

The building, which contains a store on the first floor adjoining the hotel entrance, has been leased to the Mayflower Hotel Company, Inc. for a period of fifteen years. The store has been leased to a chain grocery concern. Both leases aggregate \$35,000 yearly to the owners.

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