

ACKLIN CO. IS BUILDING NEW FACTORY HERE

**Manufacturing Concern Lets
Contract for Quarter of
Million Dollar Plant at
Nebraska and N. Y. C.**

INCREASE WORKING FORCE

**Growth of Business Makes
Dorr Street Quarters Too
Small—Factory to Be Mod-
ern in Every Respect.**

The Acklin Stamping Co., in the 1600 block on Dorr street, yesterday awarded contracts for the erection of a new and modern plant at Nebraska avenue and the New York Central railroad.

The new factory, to cost a quarter of a million dollars, will be 600 feet in length by 150 feet wide, will be of the most modern "daylight" construction, completely fireproof thruout and equipped with the very latest word in labor-saving devices.

Contract was given the A. Bentley & Sons Co. This firm will design as well as erect the building.

The Acklin company now employs 300 men and the new factory will make it possible to take on at least another hundred at the outset.

Located on a railroad siding, in a section of the city rapidly becoming the site for factories and on a plot of ground that will permit of future expansion, the new some of the Acklin people will rank as one of the largest in its field in this section of the country.

Firm Starts in 1911.

With the possible exception of two other concerns, it is believed the new home of the Acklin company will occupy more floor space than any other factory in Toledo.

The new plant is to be equipped with travelling cranes, conveyors and electrical apparatus for the handling of materials to permit of the most rigid economy in the manufacturing operations of the firm.

It was in 1911 that Grafton M. Acklin resigned as general manager of the Toledo Machine & Tool Co., selling out his interest in that concern. He founded the Acklin Stamping Co. for the benefit of his two sons, James M. Acklin and W. Collord Acklin, who have been active in the management of the firm since that time.

At a still later date a third son, Donald R. Acklin, went into the firm.

From its small and modest beginning the company has had a steady, gradual growth. Hardly a year has

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passed, the records of the firm show, without an expansion either in building or equipment. The present payroll shows 300 men and the floor space of the present factory is 42,000 square feet, extending thru from Dorr street to Woodland avenue.

The growth of the business of the Acklin company warrants leaving this site, officers of the company said yesterday. In the new factory there will be 90,000 square feet on the ground floor of the main building. The company owns ground at the new plant site sufficient for the addition of two more units similar in construction to the plant now being erected.

The Acklin Stamping Co. produces pressed metal parts for other manufacturers. Many automobile manufacturing firms have been continuous customers of this firm since its inception.

Along with its contract manufacturing the company has recently taken on the manufacture of pressed steel automobile steering wheel spiders, for which it holds the exclusive right under the patents of the Beck-Frost Corp. The Acklin company now is supplying these steering wheel parts to the Willys-