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The Advance Thresher Building and the Emerson-Newton Plow Company building are actually two structures erected four years apart on adjoining lots at the northeast corner of the intersection of South Third Street and Park Avenue in the central business district of Minneapolis. These post-and-beam-within-bearing-wall structures were designed as two manufacturing-assembly plants for farm machinery. The interiors, therefore, are simple and unadorned; however, the exterior facades comprise a lavish combination of terra-cotta and yellow brick.

Ground floors on both structures consist of five bays, the central three of which form the entrance portal. Terra-cotta ornament in a stylized combination of the organic and the geometric defines the entry in psuedo-Neo-classic pilasters, architrave, and cornice. Flanking the entry are two elaborate terra-cotta cartouches; that of the Advance Thresher Building boasts two "A"'s whereas that of the Emerson-Newton Plow Company boasts an "E" and an "N".

A projecting brick string course separates the ground floors from the upper storeys. This area in each building is divided into three central bays flanked by massive brick corner piers. At the mid-point of each pier is a large terra-cotta cartouche which again bear the names and symbols of the appropriate companys. Unobvious at first glance is the difference in storiation of the two buildings. The Advance Thresher Building is divided into five storeys above the ground floor, whereas the Emerson-Newton Building is divided into six storeys. This is accomplished subtly in the similar vertical division of the facades and in the similar placement of ornamental terra-cotta panels between windows. Brick pilasters flanking the windows are capped with terra-cotta capitals in the Neo-Classic mode.

The cornice area above is defined by a secondary brick string course. Directly above the window bays is a space allotted for the company names; this space is also enframed with terra-cotta. The projecting cornices of both structures are metal and are of equal height and proportion as to creat the effect of a single sight-line.

Both structures are presently under-utilized and no longer serve their original functions. Architectural integrity, however, has been preserved and the exteriors of both buildings are unaltered.

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The Advance Thresher Building and the Emerson-Newton Plow Company building designed by the Minneapolis architectural firm of Kees and Colburn in 1900 and 1904 respectively are excellent examples of the Sullivanesque influence on the design of large-scale commercial/industrial in Minneapolis at the turn of the century. This influence is shown in the combination of brick and terracotta in an integral facade design, as in the broad projecting cornice. These two buildings are "... unique among Minneapolis buildings on adjoining lots in that the architects recognized the architectural character of the earlier building in designing that erected later. Further, they skillfully diverted attention from the fact that the two structures, while equal in height, do not have the same number of storeys."

These buildings have been recognized as architecturally significant in a study compiled by the Minneapolis Planning Commission in 1969 and are presently on a "candidate" list for preservation by the Minneapolis Heritage Preservation Commission.

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