

**SIX STORIES HIGH.**

Contract Let for Thompson-Hall Office Building.

To Be Situated at S. W. Corner Kansas Avenue and Fifth.

**SPENCER OF TOPEKA**

Local Contractor Makes Lowest Bid on Structure.

Work of Razing Old Buildings to Commence on May 3.

At 5 o'clock last evening the contract for the new Thompson-Hall office building to be erected at the southwest corner of Kansas avenue and Fifth street was let to F. M. Spencer of this city. The contract provides for the completion of the building by January 25, 1910. It will be six stories in height above the basement, constructed of re-enforced concrete and absolutely fire proof. The cost of the structure will be \$125,000.

The new office building will be erected by a syndicate in which W. A. L. Thompson of the Thompson Hardware company of this city and Horace Hall control the stock. It will be erected for offices only—the Merchants National bank being in the first floor occupying the northeast corner. The rest of the building will be constructed for the purpose of giving to the renters roomy comfortable modern offices. Mr. Thompson stated this morning that his store would not be moved to the new location. The Thompson establishment is a mammoth concern with big store rooms and extra offices across the alley from the present location. The new building is strictly an office structure.

When finished the Thompson-Hall building will be one of the largest in the city. Practically seven stories in height with a 52 foot frontage on Kansas avenue and 150 feet on Fifth street, modern in every respect, with an outside facing of gray pressed brick, this new building will loom up several stories above the surrounding property. Just at the brow of the Kansas avenue hill extending down towards the Kaw river the structure will look several stories higher from the broad view up the avenue. It will complete the three blocks of heavy brick faces between Fifth street and Eighth avenue and break the monotony of two and three story "red" which have been such a fixture on Kansas avenue ever since Topeka stepped into the city class.

The only woodwork in the building will be the wooden door material. Iron beams and pillars will not be used at all—everything will be concrete—re-enforced. The floors will be of tile, the lathing of metal and the mop board itself will be of concrete. It would be impossible to start a fire in one room and burn the building. It would die out at the scene of its origin. The stairways will be of concrete and stone.

When finished the bank room will be one of the finest in the city. Big lobby, massive vaults, beautiful fixtures, luxurious private offices, and a new idea—a ladies' waiting room in the front of the building. This bank will have the whole northeast corner and most of the first floor. A stairway in the south end of the building on Kansas avenue will lead to the elevator and to the halls. Store rooms will also be finished up on the first street floor. On the Fifth street side another entrance will be made. This will also lead to the elevator and halls. A basement will be fitted out into office and store rooms. A large part of the basement is taken up, however, with the foundations of the big vaults above.

The owners stated this morning that a large number of the offices had been rented already. This being a fire proof structure the top floor is more popular than the lower floors. The top floor of this building will give one of the grandest views of the city. On the north and up through into the west and down into the east the big Kaw valley can be seen to a great advantage. The building being situated on the brow of a big hill the whole north part of the city will be open for inspection. The Thompson-Hall structure will undoubtedly be the "Masonic Temple of Topeka."

The site of the new building is now occupied by the Marshall drug store, a two story brick and another smaller building of the same construction. These buildings will be razed at once—as soon as a contractor is secured to do the work. It is expected that work will commence on Monday, May 3. The renters can hold their stores until May 1. The razing will be pushed as fast as possible in order that the building gangs can commence their work. The foundation of the new building goes into the ground several yards—this being one of the heavy ones in connection with the construction of the building. Mr. Spencer, the contractor, will do the whole work with the exception of the plumbing, elevator and fixtures. The hardware alone for the building will cost over \$2,000. This is a wholesale price, too.

With the construction of this miniature skyscraper Kansas avenue corners from Fifth to Tenth street will be occupied by large imposing buildings. The Mills building to be erected within the next year and several other contemplated structures on the avenue will complete the walls of the busy thoroughfare. Topeka is experiencing the first touches of a big building boom.



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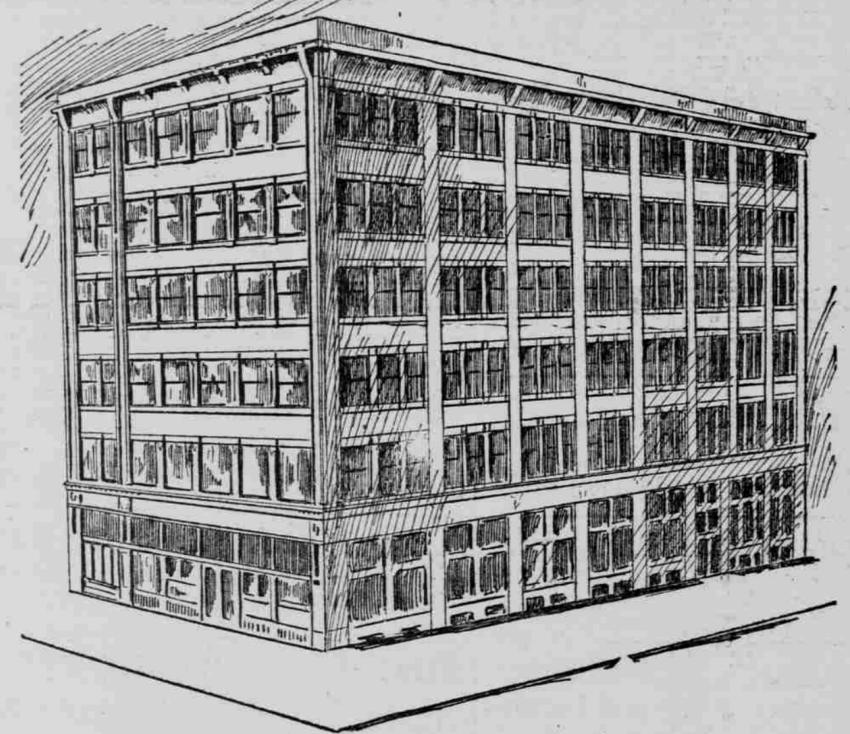
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**SENATORS ARE DODGING**

Numerous Schedules in Tariff Bill Passed Over Without Action.

Washington, April 23.—The reading of the tariff bill being resumed in the senate today, numerous requests were made by both Republicans and Democrats for the passing over of various schedules, although an agreement had previously been made that such action was not necessary in order to permit a senator to enter and obtain a vote on any article. Nearly every senator was in his place. Senators McCumber and Simmons suggested that the lumber schedule be passed over and Senator Beveridge made the same request in respect to the tobacco schedules. The suggestions of various senators indicated that more than half of the rates under the wood, sugar and molasses, tobacco and agriculture and other schedules would come in for criticism at a later date. Senator McLaurin requested that various schedules under the head of agriculture be passed over, and Sena-

tor Aldrich asked whether he did not wish to make a similar request in respect to rice, the duty on which the finance committee had allowed to stand at two cents a pound as passed by the house. Mr. McLaurin said he had not referred to that paragraph because no change had been made in it, "So," he added, "there is nothing at which the gentleman can allow his risibles to rise."

"There is nothing under the agriculture schedules that is so high as the duty on rice," suggested Mr. Aldrich. "Still we might amend the schedule," said Mr. McCumber, smilingly. "Let it be passed," interposed Senator Gallinger with a significant glance toward the Democratic side.

**COMPROMISE ON RATES.**

Injunction Against Missouri Roads to Be Modified.

St. Louis, Mo., April 23.—By a proposition offered by Circuit Attorney S. G. Jones, the temporary passenger rate injunction against the 18 Missouri railroads will be so modified that it will apply only to discriminatory rates. The change was announced today following a postponement of the hearing of the case to April 26, which delay was granted in the circuit court after Jones had pleaded that Governor Hadley's illness made this necessary. The original restraining order prohibited the roads from charging a passenger rate of more than 2 cents a mile. "My proposition to modify the decree was made because I believe that there is merit in the roads' contention that the two cent rate is confiscatory," said the circuit attorney later. "Furthermore, I believe that they are willing to adopt a non-discriminatory rate of 2 1/2 cents a mile."

Beech Hargis Trial Begins. Irvine, Ky., April 23.—In the trial of Beech Hargis today Judge Adams overruled the second motion of the defense for a continuance. The jury was accepted by both sides and Floyd

Byrd who was employed to aid the prosecution by a public subscription of the citizens of Jackson, made the opening speech for the state.

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  - Bacon, hickory smoked, by the strip, lb . . . . . 18c
  - Silk Soap, extra special, 9 bars . . . . . 25c
  - Coffee—the broken kind extra special, per lb. . . . . 10c
  - Sour Pickles—large size—special, dozen . . . . . 10c
  - Silk Soap—a big reduction—9 bars for . . . . . 25c
  - Diamond C. Soap, big value, 9 bars . . . . . 25c
  - White Rose Soap, try it, 10 bars for . . . . . 25c
  - Monday Morning Soap, still better, 12 bars . . . . . 25c
  - Ivory Soap—the 10c cakes, 3 for . . . . . 20c
  - Sugar—best granulated—19 pounds for . . . . . \$1
  - Sugar—best granulated—on \$5 orders, 24 lbs. . . . . \$1.00
  - Ginger Snaps—fresh and good—per lb. . . . . 5c
  - Frosted Cookies—the children like them—dozen . . . . . 5c
  - Animal Cakes—just opened—per lb. . . . . 15c
  - Fancy Red Salmon—the 15c cans, for 2 for . . . . . 25c
  - Coal Oil—we sell it at, gallon . . . . . 10c
  - Gasoline—the best kind—gallon . . . . . 15c
  - Prunes—sweet and fresh—3 pounds . . . . . 25c
  - Evaporated Peaches—good ones—3 pounds . . . . . 25c
  - Cider Vinegar—the 40c quality—gallon . . . . . 20c
  - Soda Crackers—fresh—per lb 7c, by the box, lb. . . . . 6c
  - Butterine—buttercup brand—2-lb. brick . . . . . 35c
  - Lard—pure hog lard—special lb. . . . . 12 1/2c
  - Water Sliced Dried Beef in glass jars—per jar . . . . . 15c
  - Breakfast Bacon—water sliced—glass jars . . . . . 20c
  - Sugar—best granulated—19 pounds for . . . . . \$1
  - Catsup—Heinz and Libby's—per bottle . . . . . 25c
  - Canned Corn—cream corn—2 cans . . . . . 15c
  - Canned Peas—good ones—2 cans . . . . . 15c
  - Cream Cheese—New York—per pound . . . . . 20c
  - Tea, Gunpowder—the 50c grade pound . . . . . 30c
  - Coffee—Fraser Bros' special blend, per pound . . . . . 25c
  - Pretzels—fresh and crisp—per pound . . . . . 15c
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**WHAT SCHOOLS COST**

Superintendent Fairchild Discusses Magnitude of Kansas System.

State Superintendent Fairchild delivered an address to the students of Washburn college at the chapel Thursday evening. Among other things he gave out the following interesting information regarding the public schools of this state: The average citizen does not have the faintest idea of the magnitude of public school property and the annual expenses of carrying on these schools. It costs about four millions a year to conduct all the business of the state and pay all bills and salaries, while it requires about ten millions to keep up the public schools and colleges of the state. Over thirteen millions are invested in school property in Kansas. There are 501,000 persons of school age in the state and of this number over 400,000 are in school at this time. The percentage of attendance out of the possible number eligible to attend school is very large when it is considered that large numbers of persons finish high school while under the school age set by law and are therefore exempt from the truancy law. The superintendent's address was full of interesting and valuable information about the school work of the state and some of his statements were startling in their account of the volume and magnitude of this great work of education of which Kansas is justly proud. Everybody reads the State Journal.

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  - 8 1/2c pkg. Seeded Raisins, ea 5c
  - Great big bar fine 10c Toilet Soap, cake . . . . . 6c
  - 10c pkg. Pitted Prunes, pkg 6c
  - Peck Black Walnuts . . . . . 20c
  - Good California Cooking Figs, lb. . . . . 45c
  - Good Sweet Oranges, not very small, doz. . . . . 15c
  - Can California White Cherries for . . . . . 20c
  - 19 lb. fine Granulated Sugar \$1
  - Can Jumbo size Pet Milk . . . . . 8c
  - Fine Home-Made Doughnuts, dozen . . . . . 10c
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Carlo Fischer, Cellist.

Miss Plumb surpassed in ability and grace of execution any one who has before visited our city.—Toronto, Canada Globe.

Garnett Hedge was delightfully pleasing in the singing of his numbers. His tone production is almost perfect.—St. Louis Post Dispatch.

Miss Ormsby's singing "Requiem" is of exquisite and haunting beauty.—Philip Hale, Boston Herald.

Arthur Middleton has a voice second to none in Chicago.—Fine Arts Journal, Chicago.

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Monday Afternoon, May 3

Monday Evening, May 3

Tuesday Afternoon, May 4

Tuesday Evening, May 4

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Monday afternoon, Harry Barnhart, song recital . . . . . 25c

Monday evening chorus of 700 voices seventh and eighth grade Topeka school children from the Laurel Wreath; also the famous contralto, Esther May Plumb, and the noted violinist, Richard Czerwonky . . . . . 50c

Tuesday afternoon, the great Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra of 50 pieces. This orchestra is maintained by the City of Minneapolis which guarantees \$200,000 and the market conductor, Emil Oberholfer . . . . . 75c

Tuesday evening, the great Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra with the Washburn chorus of 700 voices that have been under training for months with Prof. Penny and Mr. Klingenberg, with numbers by Richard Czerwonky, pianist, Mr. Klingenberg, pianist, and conductor, Emil Oberholfer . . . . . 75c

Total . . . . . \$2.00

The entire net proceeds of this entertainment go to apply on the great pipe organ which this committee has undertaken to pay and turn over free to the city, clear of all incumbrance. There will be no free tickets; the advertising is donated by the Topeka newspapers. Special invitations are extended to all lovers of music throughout the state. This is planned as the first of a great series of musical festivals to be given in Topeka annually. Special inducements for all visitors will be made by the Topeka merchant.

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