

LOCAL CONCERN

CONCRETE WORK AT SUN GROUND

Company Reports to Owners of Savanna Contract for Government by Christmas.

BY J. L. HUGHES.
Concrete work at the Sun Grounds may be completed in a few days, and the people of the earth may clamor for a change, but Uncle Sam is heading the way. The work is being done ahead of the road to prevent any future entanglements that may be drawn into it.

The Henry W. Horst company of Rock Island is playing no small part in this program, that may mean more towards the ultimate realization of permanent peace than all the theories and promises combined. The Doubling Thomas would be convinced of this by a trip to the proving grounds at Savanna, Ill., where the Horst company has been working for some time.

The ordinary layman has no conception of the vast construction work in progress on that 15-mile stretch of land used for testing of big guns. The Henry W. Horst company was here yesterday on a tour of inspection of the grounds in order that a better grasp of the magnitude of the task could be had by the public. The party made the trip to the grounds, a special coach, leaving Davenport in the morning and returning last night after several hours spent at the grounds. Isolated as it is, the grounds are not often visited by representatives of the public, so this article will attempt to convey an impression of the gigantic work undertaken by the Rock Island company.

Arriving at the proving grounds early, the visitor glimpses a scene of desolation and, and if the day is drizzling cold, such as yesterday, he may be tempted to turn back without going up the long stretch of concrete roadway that leads to the buildings on the high background. But if a member of a party intent on enjoying an outing, and at the same time bent on acquiring some knowledge of what the buildings are up against, the chances are he will go on.

With an efficient guide like A. E. Horst, who had met the special at Savanna, the gloom is soon dispelled. Especially is this true if the mess hall, in which hundreds of laboring men and mechanics are fed three times daily, is the first point for inspection. A fine lunch had been served on the train by Henry W. Horst, so nothing more than a quick survey of the eating place was made. But the pungent odor of many kinds of food made it plain enough that this part of life is well handled by the Horst people.

Orderly Banks.
Passing through the mess hall and canteen, the party enters the sleeping quarters of mechanics. The strict orderliness of bunks and the sense of cleanliness in what strikes the observer as this building, providing for comfort in a minimum of space.

The climb to the hill top is not as strenuous as it first appears. That sense of desolation has been dispelled by the mess hall, and now things look more cheerful at the sight of the officers' building, the commandant's fine red brick structure and the administration building. These were built during war time. It is not the purpose of this story to deal with the past, so we will hurry along to the scene of operations of the Horst company.

Buildings Cost Millions.
Rock Island enterprise has contracted for 11 buildings in that section of the grounds known as the upper field. They are of brick and frame construction and are rapidly under the magic of efficient direction and willing work. The total cost of the buildings is \$1,000,000 in round figures. Three of them are barracks to house 100 men each. They are of two stories to provide for commodious surroundings for the soldiers who in the future will occupy them. Then there is an addition to the hospital, two buildings for non-commissioned officers, a home for the contracting officer, assigned to the grounds, a stable to care for 70 horses, an engine house, store room for locomotives, an addition to heating plant and an addition to the officers' home.

The work on these buildings was started two months ago. Every advantage of the weather is being taken to give them shape and form before the wintry blasts interfere. Every modern appliance is in use to facilitate the work and insure speed.

Fast Storage Pit.
We have to board the train again to get to the upper field where another gigantic task is being taken care of by the Horst company. It is a six mile trip and part of it is made over tracks recently laid by Horst under another contract. Might add here that this contract calls for 16 miles of road, connecting the upper field with the lower field. There is a reason for this.

The government is going to have 300,000 tons of nitrate stored at the upper field, and in case of war these tracks will mean much in the matter of transportation. To date 70,000 tons have gone into the new way, most of which came from the Pacific coast.

The object of this trip to the upper field is to look over the first nitrate storage pit in the country, work on which will be completed by Christmas if the weather is any kind of a good sport. Here we find an enormous hole in the ground to a depth of 18 feet. It extends 1,800 feet in length and is 250 feet in width. The sides slope to the bottom. First impression is that it would make a dog-gone good skating rink, or better still, a swimming pool.

Concrete. When finished some 300 tons of concrete materials will have gone into the pit. This work was started only three months ago. Over 60,000 yards of dirt will have been removed when the excavating is completed. The work is being done far and wide. Two steam shovels are working night and day on this. A large portion of the pit has already received the concrete cast. This work is handled swiftly and without confusion. Huge mixers pour a steady stream of the mass into wheel barrows. The mixers line both sides of the pit so that the work progresses evenly.

Guard Against Cold.
Weather reports are given close scrutiny by the foremen on the job. Concrete is delicate stuff when pitted against cold, so utmost precautions have to be observed to guard it through the hardening process. If the forecast is for freezing weather, the pouring is stopped early in the afternoon and the newly laid surface covered with canvas. Fire buckets, known as salamanders, are installed beneath the canvas, raised tent-wise, and a warm glow of heat maintains a sufficient temperature.

When completed the pit will have capacity for 200,000 tons of nitrate, which at present is stored in buildings, an expensive proposition. The nitrate needs no cover. It cures and preserves itself.

Serve Fine Supper.
By the time the inspection of the pit was completed it was fast drawing toward train time. Supper was still to be had, so the party hastened to the mess hall, where arrangements had been made for serving. It was a real feed. Two kinds of meat, potatoes fried nicely, pie, apricots, coffee, cake, etc. Certainly no kick there for anyone.

The menu set the same at a charge of 40 cents per meal. It is not served in courses, but is placed on the tables and they help themselves.

A little about the workings of this organization. The Horst company has about 700 men engaged on its contracts, 500 of whom eat and sleep on the grounds. The others live in the city of Savanna. A man by the name of W. F. Bacon is charged with the responsibility of looking after their personal wants and providing them with entertainment during the evening in the form of moving pictures and talks.

The Organization.
F. J. Colosey is the man in charge of all the work, including that of the buildings, the railroad and pit. Frank Cederburg and H. Greenleaf heads assigned to the lower field, or building construction. John Wood is the carpenter foreman and Carl Horst is the bricklaying foreman. Channon & Dufva of Rock Island are installing plumbing and heating. George Parks is directing the structural steel work. Robert Peterson is the general superintendent of the pit work. He is assisted by Karl Lutz, Peter Bjorklund is the labor foreman, and John Johnson and J. F. Barnmaster are in charge of the concrete mixing gangs.

Captain B. F. VanderVoort represents the construction division of the United States army, and he is directly responsible to the government for the progress of work. Aside from that being done by Horst company, he has to inspect 73 other buildings going up in charge of a Chicago contracting firm. The plans and specifications for all this work were prepared by the construction division in Washington.

Those who made the trip from the tri-cities are as follows: Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Horst, Thomas W. Walton, Carl G. Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Schneider, Mrs. Ph. Wilhelm, Mrs. Carl Horst, Mrs. H. T. Horst, Mrs. A. E. Horst, Mrs. Henry Witt, Mrs. Karl Lutz, Mrs. M. H. Pedell, Mrs. M. Lohse, Mrs. M. F. Wendt, Miss M. Lattig, Miss Ruth McGinnis, Mrs. Elsie Pierce, Mrs. Esther Young, Miss Florence McDonald, Miss Ellen McGrath, Miss Ruth Horst, Mrs. F. J. Colosey, Miss Ellen Sundeen, Mrs. Beas Baker, Mrs. Harold Greenleaf, Glenn Hubbe and J. L. Hughes. A. E. Horst joined the party at Savanna and returned to Rock Island with it last night.

Obituary

David Wright, 1327 Fifth-and-a-half avenue, aged 75, after an illness of two days, died at St. Anthony's hospital at 4:30 o'clock this morning. Mr. Wright was employed by Williams & Co., Moline, but was forced to retire a month ago on account of ill health, his death being the result of pneumonia fever. Mr. Wright was a veteran of the Civil war and was married in 1895 to Mary Holt. He had resided in Rock Island 13 months.

Surviving are the widow, two daughters, Nina of Rock Island and Ruth of Fort Worth, Texas, and a son, Ralph, of Rock Island.

The funeral will be held at Moeller's chapel. The date has not yet been set.

Archie W. Lewis.
Archie W. Lewis, 745 Twenty-fourth avenue, aged 36, suffering from an attack of pneumonia, died at his home at 5:30 this morning. He was born Aug. 17, 1884, in Grayson, Ky., serving for 14 years in the regular army. He was discharged last June.

Surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Lewis; a brother, E. H. Lewis of Rock Island, and three sisters: Mrs. Crawford of Clarkson, Ky., Mrs. Emil Van Hornbeck and Miss Anna Lewis of Rock Island. Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon at the Cleland Presbyterian church. Burial will be in Chippewaock cemetery.

CHAMBER BOARD HEARS REPORTS OF DELEGATES

Account of State Meeting Given Delegates—Plan Meetings for Each Bureau.

Reports of the delegates to the annual convention of the Illinois Chamber of Commerce held in Chicago on Thursday of last week were made to the board of directors of the Rock Island Chamber of Commerce at a special meeting this noon.

Accounts of the sessions, which were attended by representatives from organizations in every part of the state, were given by H. H. Cleveland, who was re-elected treasurer of the state chamber, W. H. Schilling, J. J. Burgess and Secretary O. F. Hildebrandt. The board was pleased with the reports brought back by its delegates and gratified at the reelection of Mr. Cleveland over a candidate from the Chicago Association of Commerce.

Plans for holding meetings of the various bureaus of the Chamber of Commerce before the first of the year to nominate candidates for the new board of directors, to be named at a general membership meeting in January, were discussed and the selection of dates left to the bureau chairmen and Secretary Hildebrandt. Six candidates are to be nominated from each bureau, with two to be elected.

The president was authorized to select a delegate from the local chamber to attend a meeting of state city planning commissions to be held at Decatur Dec. 7. It is expected that the Rock Island city planning commission will likewise send representatives.

AGED HILLSDALE WOMAN SUCCUMBS

(Special to The Argus.) Hillsdale, Nov. 24.—Mrs. Christine Stewart, aged 63, after an illness of two weeks, died at her home here at 5:30 o'clock this morning. Mrs. Stewart was a pioneer resident of Hillsdale.

Surviving are four sons, Edward of Rapids City, Fred, Joe and Charles of Hillsdale, a sister, Mrs. Charles Hass of Osborn, and two brothers, John and Fred Snider of Port Byron.

Funeral services will be held at the Hillsdale church Friday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. Rev. F. D. Menze will officiate. Burial will be in Bethesda cemetery.

Y.M.C.A. CALENDAR

Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Striratt entertained a crowd of the dormitory men Monday evening at their home. The club met and arrived shortly before 8 o'clock. Entertainment consisted of games, vocal solos by J. A. Johnson, piano solo by Miss Marian Striratt and a song by Bob Striratt. Refreshments were served and the evening was greatly enjoyed by all.

Results of the volleyball games last night at the Y were: At Large. Lawyers. 15.....1st game.....14 16.....2nd game.....11 Doctors. Amer. Legion. 15.....1st game.....15 16.....2nd game.....14 13.....3rd game.....15 Nov. 30 at 5:15 o'clock the lawyers will play the legion and at 5:55 o'clock the doctors will play the team at large.

The cross country hike tomorrow will be ten miles. Hikers meet at the Y at 8 o'clock.

The 5:15 class will have a volleyball game at 9:30 o'clock Thursday morning. The captains are Graves, O'Melin and Swanson. The noonday class will play at 10:30 o'clock. Captains are Larson, Hamlin, Fick and Marshall. The teams will be chosen as the men arrive. Those coming first will be the ones to play. The handball tournament will begin at 10 o'clock Thanksgiving morning.

There will be a hare and hound chase for the boys, leaving the Y building at 9:30 o'clock tomorrow morning.

The big Thanksgiving dinner will be ready at 12:15 o'clock. The regular cafeteria dinner will be served from 12 o'clock until 1:30 o'clock and breakfast from 8 to 9 o'clock. No supper will be served.

Principal Arnold Lau and Rev. Launcelot Hadway were the leaders at the H-Y meeting last evening. A good program is outlined for the general session next Tuesday.

BEATEN BY NEGRO.
Zion City, Ill.—Mrs. John Mason, 55, a semi-invalid for many years, was attacked and beaten by a negro in her home. Physicians fear she may not recover.

Personal Points

Mrs. E. J. Higginson of 1218 Fourteenth-and-a-half street, will leave tomorrow for a three months' stay in Los Angeles, Cal. She will also visit friends in San Bernardino and San Diego.

Miss Hazel Rust, girls' work secretary of the Y. W. C. A., left this afternoon to spend the Thanksgiving holidays at her home in High.

Miss Agnes Algie, who has been the Moline reporter for The Argus, left last night for Los Angeles, Cal., where she will join her parents and make her future home. She will make several stops on her trip west.

Miss Florence McConochie will be home from Northwestern university tonight to spend the Thanksgiving vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McConochie, 1611 Twelfth avenue.

Mrs. Mary Findling of 2733 Sixth avenue, who has been visiting in Clinton for the last 10 days, will return to her home today.

CHEAPER CANDY FOR "KIDDIES"

But Fancy Article Will Be as Expensive as Ever—Christmas Chocolate Outlook.

Chicago, Nov. 24.—(By United Press.)—Candy for the kiddies will be one-third cheaper this Christmas than last, but it will cost the same for the young man possessed with the "cosmic urge" to "say it with chocolate" to his lady fair.

It isn't that the candy manufacturers don't join the rest of the world in loving a lover, but, according to Albert Levy, general manager of D. Auerbach & Sons, large candy manufacturers, fancy box candy sold now was made six months ago when sugar prices were soaring.

"The public generally does not realize that all of the best box chocolate candy has to age before it is good," said Levy. "All good box candy is about six months old. French candy is harmful to the stomach and not so tasty as that which has been aged in the box."

One-Third Cheaper.
Candy for the kiddies—jelly beans, creams, hardtack, lollypops and the like—will retail one-third cheaper, according to Levy. The sweets purchased by the children and grown-ups whose teeth will permit will sell at from 30 to 35 cents a pound lower than last year. The same grade last year brought around 50 cents.

Levy declared the price of candy has been gradually receding with sugar, but the price is still from two to three times greater than before America joined the war.

ORDER OUT FOR PENNING FOWLS

Chickens Must All Be Kept Up or Owners Will Face Arrest, Commissioner Says.

An order that all owners of chickens and other fowl within the city limits must keep them penned up was issued this morning by Commissioner William H. Fitzsimmons. The commissioner announced that chickens and other fowl must not be allowed to run at large under any circumstances, but must be kept up at all times.

He announced that his department is being swamped with complaints from persons whose premises are being overrun with other people's chickens, especially in the outlying districts.

The commissioner asserted that many owners believe that they are only required to keep chickens penned during garden season and after that they can turn them loose. While there can be nothing in gardens that could be injured by chickens at this time of year, the commissioner, nevertheless, points out that persons making complaints stand on their rights when they claim that chickens roaming on their premises are a nuisance.

The commissioner cited a city ordinance which requires that chickens and other fowl within the city limits must be kept in pens at all times.

The commissioner stated that persons making complaints had threatened to cause arrests. The penalty under the city ordinance provides for a fine of not less than \$3 and not more than \$10 with costs added.

DAVENPORT GIRL WHO FLED FROM HOME IS MARRIED

Miss Lillian Trousdale, the Davenport girl who several weeks ago fled from her home in the company of Al Goetz and was later discovered in Detroit, was married this morning to John G. Schmidt of Moline. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Leroy Coffman, pastor of the Presbyterian church of Davenport.

BEECHER BELICS BURN.
New York, Nov. 24.—Priceless manuscripts and relics written and collected by Henry Ward Beecher, including many sermons in his own hand-writing, were consumed by a fire early today that destroyed the Sunday school building adjoining the historic Plymouth church, Brooklyn, where the famous pulpit orator was pastor for many years.

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Thanksgiving Day is, indeed, no common day. Of course we're thankful every day of our lives; but that every changing factory wheel, every summing striking whistle, all the traffic and bustle of commerce, should be hushed for a day, to give place to the universal thanksgiving of a great nation is something to rejoice over.

And if this nation-wide pause to observe Thanksgiving Day shall help to put into our country snow, some of the enthusiasm of the Pilgrim Fathers who landed on that "stern and rock-bound coast," three hundred years ago, the day will doubly deserve our thanksgiving.

The Fisk & Loosley Store values the observance of this day. Every one of its two hundred employees will have the full day off. We're thankful for peace and prosperity; and especially thankful for the good will that Moline has steadily shown us these many years. With each coming year we hope to so guide our course that this splendid confidence and good will may be ours in increasing measure.

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30x3 3/4	\$19.95	30x3 1/2	\$2.85	32x4 1/2	\$46.95
31x4	\$22.95	32x3 1/2	\$3.30	34x4	\$47.95
32x4	\$26.95	31x4	\$3.85	34x4 1/2	\$50.95
32x4 1/2	\$28.60	32x4	\$3.95	34x4 3/4	\$52.95
34x4	\$32.95	34x4	\$4.20	34x5 1/2	\$53.95
34x4 1/2	\$38.85	34x4 1/2	\$4.35	35x4 1/2	\$56.90
35x4 1/2	\$40.60	35x4 1/2	\$4.95	33x5	\$63.95
35x4 3/4	\$42.50	35x4 3/4	\$5.35	35x5	\$67.90
35x5	\$47.60	35x4 3/4	\$5.65	37x5	\$70.95
		35x5	\$6.30		
		35x5 1/2	\$6.85		
		37x5	\$6.80		

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30x3	\$16.45	30x3	\$2.95
30x3 1/2	\$17.95	30x3 1/2	\$3.50
32x3 1/2	\$21.85	32x3 1/2	\$3.85
Special	\$22.95	31x4	\$4.25
31x4	\$25.45	32x4	\$4.75
32x4	\$29.95	33x4	\$4.85
32x4 1/2	\$31.45	34x4	\$4.95
34x4	\$31.95	34x4 1/2	\$5.85
32x4 1/2	\$39.95	35x4 1/2	\$6.20
32x4 3/4	\$41.80	35x4 3/4	\$6.40
34x4 1/2	\$42.95	36x4 1/2	\$6.70
35x4 1/2	\$44.95	33x5	\$6.85
36x4 1/2	\$45.75	35x5	\$7.55
33x5	\$49.95	36x5	\$7.75
35x5	\$52.90	37x5	\$7.90
36x5	\$53.95		
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