

ON SAME BASIS.

Topeka Paving Brick Will Have Competition.

Engineer Rodgers' Specifications Let in Other Factories.

HE EXPECTS NO RISE.

Thinks People Will Pay About Same For Paving.

Grading Estimates Are Higher Than Last Year.

Foreign manufactured brick will be on a par with home manufacture under the paving specifications which John Rodgers, city engineer, has drawn up and under which the council will call this evening for advertisements for bids.

Last year the specifications provided for brick not less than 2 1/2 inches in width.

As a result Topeka vitrified brick manufacturers were the only ones enabled to comply as the other manufacturers had not prepared themselves with the necessary machinery, says the city engineer.

"We are going to throw open everything as wide as possible," said Mr. Rodgers. "I want Coffeyville manufacturers as well as Lawrence manufacturers to compete with the home people. I want the lowest price available and so have changed the specifications to any brick two inches wide may be accepted. It has to be that wide at least and may be made up from that point. The Coffeyville brick was 1-1/2 of an inch less than the 2 1/2 inches specified last year and as a result were barred out."

It has been generally conceded that the Topeka vitrified brick stands up with the best and there has never been an occasion to complain of the quality of the local brick except in one instance from a company which has since gone out of business.

The two and one-half brick which were first employed in the construction of paving last year are giving good satisfaction. It is generally believed that the wider brick is more durable. Since last year other brick manufacturers over the state have begun to manufacture the brick of this standard width and it is probable that all of the samples submitted by the various companies will be of the 2 1/2 inch width.

Though the claim is made that the cost of manufacturing brick has advanced over last year, City Engineer Rodgers believes that the bids when submitted will not show much of an advance over last year when contracts were let for \$1.22 per square yard.

The engineer's estimate last year was \$1.25. This year the estimate varies from \$1.30 to \$1.35.

The paving for North Topeka is given an estimate of \$1.35 because of the longer haul involved. The estimate for paving alleys is \$1.40 which includes the placing of oak headers, costing about 5 cents a square yard, making the actual price for the paving about \$1.35.

Estimates for the repaving of North Kansas avenue are not included in those which will be submitted this evening because the city engineer is not yet prepared to make an estimate. It will call for but one course of vitrified brick because of the presence of the concrete foundation and this of necessity will make the estimate considerably lower and probably will place it as low as \$1 per square yard.

A new curbing and guttering will be employed in North Topeka.

A concrete guttering which will form one piece with the curbing will be used entirely. The estimate for curbing is 6 cents a lineal foot. The curbing must be six inches in width and have a depth of 18 inches. This is the first time that a combined curbing and guttering has ever been used on the streets of Topeka. It is especially recommended for North Topeka because the grade is so slight and this form of construction permits the water to flow freely without any obstruction.

The estimate for Fort Scott blue limestone, Lyon county stone and limestone for curbing is 45 cents a lineal foot. Last year the estimate was 50 cents. The specifications for natural stone provide for a depth of 20 feet and a width of 4 inches.

The estimate for grading varies according to the location. In North Topeka the estimate is 27 cents, in South Topeka on West and Lincoln streets the estimate is 30 cents and for the remaining pavement 35 cents. Last year the estimate was for 37 cents all over the city. The grading for 1907 is estimated by the city engineer at 35 cents. The estimates for grading are therefore almost generally higher in every particular.

Topeka's Low Price Grocery

- Why not give us a trial order and see how much you can save? Best Granulated Sugar, 15 lbs for \$1.00. Fresh Country Eggs, dozen,15c. Choice Country Butter, lb.,25c. Good Gumpowder Tea, lb.,25c. Fancy Ginger Snaps, 2 lbs. for,15c. Good Broken Rice, lb.,5c. Fancy Head Rice, 7 lbs. for,50c. 5 lb. pkg. Table Salt,5c. 1 lb. pkg. Baking Soda,5c. Taylor's High Patent Flour (unbleached), 48 lb. sack,\$1.40. 10c Bulk Coffee (fresh roasted), lb.15c. 25c Banquet Coffee, lb. 20c or 6 lbs \$1. Best Kansas Coal Oil, gallon,10c. Cooked Corned Beef (our own make), lb.,20c. Calumet B. Bacon, high grade, about 10 lbs. to the side, lb.,18c. Rib Boiling Meat, lb.,16c. Fresh Hamburger Steak, lb.,16c. Choice Hams, per lb.,16c. Swift's Butterine, per lb.,10c. Pure Country Lard, lb.,15c. 24 lbs. Sugar, \$1.00 (Best Granulated, with a \$5.00 order, Sugar, included).

FRASER BROS. C. O. D. STORE Southeast cor. 6th and Jackson Sts. Both Phones 660.

LIGHT HAT TRIMMED WITH SHADED ROSES.



The hat depicted in the sketch is one of the most becoming of the new shapes, the brim flaring up slightly in front and having the fashionable droop at the back. Natural Milan straw trimmed with an aigrette of maiden's hair fern and shaded roses of faint yellowish pink, was used for the model. The loops at the back and the draped fold about the crown were of pale blue chiffon faille ribbon.

ular this year. The difference however will be more than overcome by less number of allowances for over haul, claims the city engineer. Mr. Rodgers states that he will not allow as much for overhaul as last year. The estimate for rolling remains unchanged at 3 cents. Crossing plates are estimated at \$7.50, last year the estimate was \$7. For crossing plates the estimate remains unchanged at \$7 each.

Paving contracts were granted in Lawrence last week for \$1.30 and \$1.33. This will form a sort of criterion of how paving contracts are being let.

Increased cost for labor, increased cost for fuel for the manufacture of brick and also the higher price paid for sand are said to all contribute towards the higher price that the brick manufacturers are asking for their product and incidentally for the higher bids entered by contractors.

If some one could show a way out Mayor Green would endeavor to cut the paving of Central avenue in two. But it is too late.

"Seventy-five per cent of the cost of paving Central avenue which is paid by the abutting property will be paid by the property owners on the west side of the street," said the mayor. "This works a hardship, it is caused by the little points of land that at every block come in on Central avenue on the east side of the avenue. The city too is going to have a heavy proportion of the cost just for this same reason. The ring should have not been continued more than half way."

MAY CHANGE ROUTE.

Topeka & Southwestern Railroad Surveyors Awaiting Instructions.

The active work of surveying the permanent line of the Topeka & Southwestern railroad has been delayed a few days awaiting the consulting engineer's opinion as to the possibility of changing the route so that it will miss the Merriam and Harmon farms just west of the city. As the line is now surveyed it will cross the Merriam farm between the wagon road and the house, and Mr. Taylor has taken the matter up with Lamprecht Brothers & Co. with a view of having the route changed.

Mr. H. N. Herbert, the consulting engineer, has taken the matter under advisement to see if it is possible to make the change and his decision is awaited and meanwhile the corps of surveyors are quartered in the city ready to commence active operations as soon as his decision is received.

The preliminary survey is about the same as numerous other surveys for a line in this section of the county, and is practically the same as the one made by an engineering corps just about the close of the war. Whatever the decision of Mr. Herbert may be active work of surveying the route for the graders will be commenced some time next week, and the work of completing the line will be pushed with the utmost speed.

KEEP YOUR WINDOWS DOWN.

Chloroformed Handkerchief Tossed in Room Allows Burglar to Act.

Iola, Kan., June 10.—Saturday night a burglar by throwing a handkerchief saturated with chloroform through an open window into the room where Dr. S. A. Whipple and his wife, who reside on the old Beck farm west of Gas City, were sleeping, succeeded in putting both of the occupants of the room into a stupor and securing a twenty dollar gold piece from a pocketbook in Mr. Whipple's trousers pocket. The burglar, however, in his hurry or carelessness, left a similar pocketbook containing \$25 in bills which was in another pocket of Dr. Whipple, also in the next room with the shop. Tel. 503 ind. & Bell 1377, and our wagon will call. The Old Reliable "Golden Rule," 710 Kansas ave.

THE HARVEST HAND RATE

Goes Into Effect June 15, Continue to July 15.

The Santa Fe has offered a rate of one third fare for harvest handrates which will be good from June 15 to July 15th from points in Eastern Kansas and Kansas City and St. Joe to points in the wheat belt. This will help materially to swell the traffic as the latest estimates by Superintendent Gerould of the Free Employment bureau call for twenty thousand harvest hands. In order to put these rates into effect from Kansas City and St. Joe it was necessary to secure a special dispensation from the Interstate Commerce Commission giving authority to place interstate rates into effect without the customary thirty days notice.

NORTH TOPEKA NEWS

Miss Julia Frisbie came down today from Granville.

Miss Bertha Lenon is home from a two weeks' visit in Blue Springs, Neb.

Miss Minnette Loop left Saturday for Toledo, Ohio, where she was called by the death of her mother.

Mrs. M. C. Holman of 116 Evelyn street, returned Saturday from Holton where she was the guest of friends for several days.

Mrs. John Thompson, who lives 15 miles northwest of town, is spending some time in town at the home of Dr. Miriam Swift.

Miss Sadie Withers and Miss Susie DePrize went to Kansas City yesterday morning for a short visit. They will return Tuesday.

Charles Nauman has sold the four acre tract near Soldier creek on the upper end of Lakeview to the estate of Enoch Marple's 10 acres, for \$900.

Mrs. George Clark returned Saturday from Broken Arrow, I. T., where she had been visiting her sons, Messrs. Edward and George Clark and their families.

The McEntire Mattress factory won a game from the First Lincolns by the score of 5 to 0, Batteries—For Lincoln, Clousy and Givens; for McEntire, Stroup and Bradley.

County Attorney J. J. Schenck and family will move this week from 308 West Gordon street, to a new place, Stoker home at 1206 West Sixth street, which they lately purchased.

The fire in the dump on Central avenue near Soldier creek is now out. The rain of yesterday put a stop to it and finished the work of extinction commenced by the street force Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Caskey left today for Wamego where they were called by the death of their sister-in-law who was severely if not fatally injured by being thrown from a wagon Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris Goodrich leave this week for Brenham, Texas, for a stay of two years. Mrs. Goodrich's father, J. B. Betts, has a large railroad contract in this part of the country.

The intermediates of the Baptist church will give a straw ride a week from tomorrow evening. They will be chaperoned by Misses Mabel Fink and Edith Gabriel, Mr. Irl Boyce and Mr. Bert Fraser.

Miss Ethel Grace Schaeffer, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Schaeffer of 316 West Gordon street, and Mr. Charles Coates, were married Sunday, June 9, by Rev. J. Barrett at his residence, 1009 Quincy street.

Dr. and Mrs. H. C. Miner of 361 West Gordon street, will leave this evening for Los Angeles, Cal., to visit Mr. Miner's daughter, Mrs. Edward Tyman. Dr. Miner will be away for 30 days, while Mrs. Miner will stay until the last of August.

Children's day was observed yesterday morning at the Kansas Avenue M. E. church. The church was decorated with daisies and the exercises consisted of songs and recitations by the children with a short talk by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Stafford.

Councilman and Mrs. C. E. Jordan of 122 Jackson street, returned yesterday from Vermillion, South Dakota, where they went to attend the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. Jordan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Jordan, which was celebrated May 28.

Misses Lulu and Minnie Helm of Wamego, who have been visiting their cousin, Miss Clara Ogde of 127 West Gordon street, have gone to Holton to remain until Saturday when they will return to Topeka and leave for their home accompanied by Miss Ogde, who will be their guest for some time.

N. F. Kimball, who lives three miles northwest of Kilmer station, has put in 50 acres in pop corn this season. Heretofore he has never put in more than 25 acres, but he finds pop corn such a paying crop that he has doubled the acreage this season. Mr. Kimball ships the pop corn to the large confectionery houses in Chicago.

Mrs. Jerome Colvin entertained the Monday High Five club and three guests' tables at her home, 915 Van Buren street, this afternoon. The head prizes for the club members and the guests were hand painted plates, which was also the second club prize, while the consolation prizes for both were dainty little catchalls of blue and white chintz trimmed with blue ribbon. The score cards were original in themselves and made neat little souvenirs of a pleasant afternoon.

Each card contained a picture of the hostess and of the various prizes she had won at the different meetings of the club. The rooms were decorated

with sweet smelling garden flowers, including roses, pinks and bouncing Betties. The members of the club were Mrs. Frey Gatchell, Mrs. Z. Hopkins, Mrs. Floyd Baker, Mrs. O. C. Neiswender, Mrs. Frank Petro, Mrs. C. W. Myers, Mrs. A. Jeffrey, Mrs. George Lytle, Mrs. Frank Hayden, Mrs. C. E. Jordan. The invited guests were Mrs. J. S. Dewey, Mrs. John Anderson, Mrs. Charles Armstrong, Mrs. Oran Layton, Mrs. E. D. Small, Mrs. O. D. Wood, Mrs. Mark Putnam, Mrs. Chappell Foote, Mrs. E. S. Gresser, Mrs. L. A. Ryder, Mrs. Charles Allen Mills, Mrs. W. S. Berglund, Mrs. E. J. Hildaway, Mrs. Earl Seymour, Mrs. M. A. Hutchison of Kiro and Miss Dollie Curtiss.

MRS. BLEDSOE TO LEAVE

Will Become Pastor of Spiritualist Church in Kansas City.

Word was given out this morning by A. Scott Bledsoe that Mrs. Bledsoe will enter upon her duties as pastor of the First Spiritualist church in Kansas City on September next. For this summer, however, both Mr. and Mrs. Bledsoe will go to Colorado for the next three months. The first place that they will visit is Colorado Springs. Later they will go to the state of Colorado, and visit the prominent Spiritualists of that section.

Mrs. Bledsoe said this morning that: "The convention just closed has been one of the most successful meetings that I have ever attended in this section of the country." He reports the pleasantest of relations among the delegates at the meeting and says that Spiritualism is gaining more of a foothold in the state of Kansas than it ever has had before.

The officials were the officers elected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. Bessie Bellman of Winfield; vice president, L. J. Jose of Montoya of Wichita; secretary, J. A. Bruer of Sterling; treasurer, Jacob Hill of Overbrook. Aside from the officers that were elected a board of trustees was appointed. It consists of the following: Mrs. E. S. Gresser, Mrs. H. W. Sterling and H. W. Henderson of Lawrence.

There were two hundred and ten delegates present besides many more visitors. The meetings Sunday afternoon and yesterday were especially interesting by an ordination service which took place at four in the afternoon, and the public installation of the new officers in the evening. Mrs. Bledsoe delivered the evening address. The meetings both Saturday and yesterday were especially well attended.

At the parlors of Security hall after the afternoon meeting Saturday a number of seances were held.

TIRE HOLE, DIDN'T GO THROUGH

Prisoners in City Prison Go Through Door, Locking It Behind Them.

The summer clearance of prisoners was pulled off Saturday night. Three of the worst prisoners in the city jail wandered away, after poking a large hole in the stone wall. They did not go through the wall, however, but unlocked the iron door, locked it behind them, climbed the jail yard fence and went their several ways.

Leonard Chapman, a negro machinist, who was held on a complaint from Rock Island, Ill., James Arterbridge, a bad man and seller of whiskey, and Ed McDonald, held for the same offense, comprised the outfit of escapers. McDonald and Arterbridge, who are also negroes, were serving 200 days each on the rock pile, but Chapman, the imported negro is suspected of being the leader of the gang. They started to drill through the wall with a broom stick and a short section of gas pipe.

After removing a wheelbarrow load of rock from beneath one of the windows, and almost penetrating the wall, they decided that it was tedious work, and walked out of the door. How they managed to unlock the door without breaking the padlock is a mystery, but the door was securely locked when found in the morning.

EELLS HOTEL SOLD.

First to Clinton Eells and Then to E. A. Palmer.

Fred Eells sold his hotel business on Saturday to a relative, Clinton S. Eells, and today a bill of sale for the business and fixtures in the hotel was filed with the register of deeds showing that Clinton Eells had disposed of his most recently acquired property to Edgar A. Palmer, the consideration being \$1,000.

A suit was filed with the city court today against Fred Eells by Frank P. Lindsay to recover \$76.98 for laundry done during January and had been there until February 15 when the pasture was eaten out and they were driven back to another ranch in Wabaunsee county. Mr. Stone also stated that the entire herd of 321 head had been assessed for taxation in Wabaunsee county and if the assessment against 200 of them stood in Shawnee county it would mean the double taxing of them.

These 200 head were assessed in Shawnee county at \$4,000 and under the rule taxes would be paid on them on the sum of \$2,000, or on half their assessed valuation.

After hearing the facts in the case the county commissioners decided to wipe out this assessment against Mr. Hosack on the Shawnee county books. Mr. Hosack has some other personal property in the county that is subject to taxation.

CALLS IT A FARCE.

Mayor Green Complains That Dog Muzzling Ordinance Is Evaded.

"It's a farce." That is the way Mayor William Green characterized the observance of the dog muzzling ordinance.

"They are not muzzles, they are simply head stalls," put in Councilman Van Ness.

"I saw five dogs running loose on the street the other day as I came down town in the morning," continued the mayor, "and those that didn't have muzzles on had their muzzles pulled off from about their heads and hanging loose on one side. It's a farce."

A buzz of the telephone bell at this point interrupted the conversation and the mayor picked up the receiver. "No, I am very sorry but I can't do it," replied the city's executive to the party at the other end of the telephone. A fair owner of a pet dog wanted the mayor to give her permission to let the dog run at large for an airing without

JUNE IS HERE! The Month of Weddings

We have a large assortment of all new goods in Cut Glass, Chinaware, etc., from which you can make your selection, any one of which will be appreciated as a wedding gift to the June Bride.

After you are married, we would ask you to try our Teas, Coffees, and Spices, and let us fit you out with Kitchen Utensils from our Small Hardware Department.

CHAS. McCLINTOCK 707 Kansas Avenue

DESIGN FOR COSTUME OF CHECKED SILK, MOHAIR OR LINEN.



The bodice shown in the sketch is a smart model for street wear, the design being practical for various materials. White and brown checked silk in soft finish taffeta was used for the model, combined with plain brown liberty satin, which was used about the rever and girde, and also formed the tie in front. Small buttons, covered with the liberty satin, were also used as trimming. The skirt was plaited and trimmed about the lower part with three deep bias folds, the loose lower edge of each fold having a half inch hem of the satin.

CATTLE WRONGLY TAXED.

County Commissioners Wipe Out Assessment on Mr. Hosack's Stock.

F. L. Stone, an agent for Charles M. Hosack a farmer living near the Shawnee county line, and who has property in both Shawnee and Wabaunsee counties, appeared before the board of county commissioners Saturday and asked that Mr. Hosack be relieved from the assessment on 200 head of cattle which were returned by the assessor of Dever township as being subject to taxation in this county.

Mr. Stone stated that these cattle were a part of a herd of 321 head belonging to Mr. Hosack and that the 200 had been put on to pasture on the Alexander ranch in Shawnee county during January and had been there until February 15 when the pasture was eaten out and they were driven back to another ranch in Wabaunsee county. Mr. Stone also stated that the entire herd of 321 head had been assessed for taxation in Wabaunsee county and if the assessment against 200 of them stood in Shawnee county it would mean the double taxing of them.

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HER HUSBAND UNFAITHFUL.

So Mrs. Emma G. Green Sues for a Divorce.

Emma G. Green has brought a suit for an absolute divorce from her husband, John H. Green, a laborer, her petitioning papers in the suit having been filed with the clerk of the district court on Saturday afternoon. The couple were married on December 24, 1902, and have one child, Wallace Vernon Green, 3 years old.

Mrs. Green alleges that her husband has been guilty of extreme cruelty toward her; that he has been unfaithful and that he abandoned her on August 1, 1904. She asks for the custody of their son as well as for the divorce.

Vacation Trip That's Worth While.

New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington and Jamestown Exposition at Norfolk may be visited on excursion tickets via Pennsylvania Lines. Stop-overs at New York and Philadelphia and other cities for side trips to resorts on Long Island and in New England, to Atlantic City, Cape May and famous seashore resorts, Atlantic Ocean steamer ride between New York and Norfolk, if desired, now coarser ride on Potomac River and Chesapeake Bay. Also all rail via Columbus. Go one way, return another. For further information write D. B. Steeg, T. P. Agent, 2 E. 11th St., Kansas City, Mo.

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