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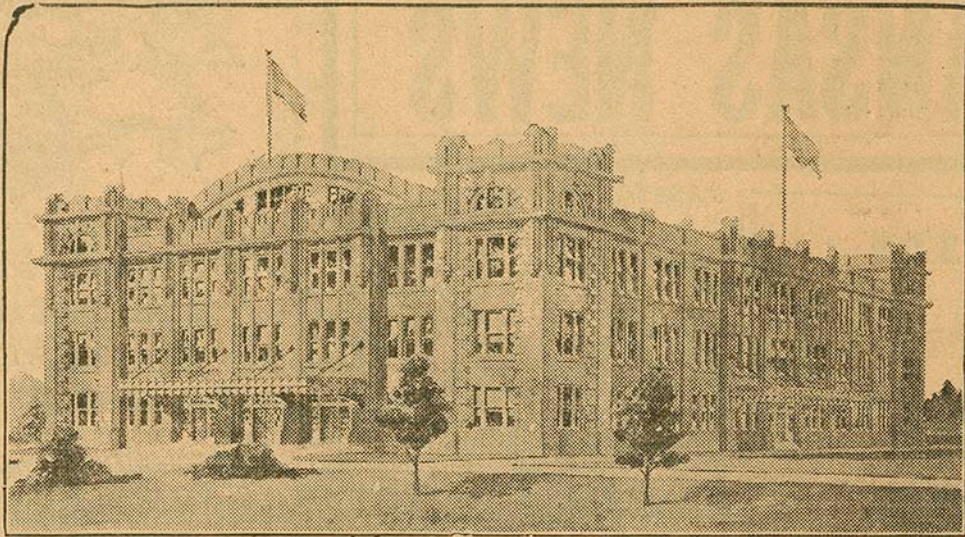
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SHERIDAN COLISEUM AT HAYS



Hays, July 31.—Sheridan Coliseum, the new building for the Fort Hays Kansas Normal School, is looming up.

Sheridan Coliseum will serve the same purpose in Western Kansas that Convention Hall does in Kansas City and the Coliseum in Chicago. It will be used for conventions, stock sales, stock shows, musical festivals, oratorios, teachers' meetings, lodge conclaves—in fact, any big meeting of Western Kansas citizens will be made welcome in the biggest building in all Western Kansas.

President Lewis of the Normal school believes that Sheridan Coliseum will be perhaps one of the most comprehensive school buildings in the entire United States. It will be in fact three buildings in one—a gymnasium, a convention hall of auditorium and a class room building. Built after the general architectural plan

of an old Roman coliseum, it has housed away within it twenty four class rooms in addition to the general administrative offices of the school. Every inch of space throughout all its entire three stories is used. Its general uniqueness consists in the fact that it will be used every hour of the day and the first hours of every night.

It is being built by the Sharp Bros. Construction company of El Dorado, Kan. But as far as Hays is concerned, it is being built by a little peppery individual, Henry Mickel of Abilene, the building superintendent for the Sharp Brothers. His dynamic personality has enthused his entire body of workmen, and the contractors have a series of oyster supper bets with the citizens of Hays that the building will be completed by January 1, 1917. Although Hays had the largest number of harvest hands, hoboes and I. W. W.'s of any town in Western

Kansas during the last season, there was no trouble here due to the fairness with which Mickel handled the situation around the large number of men which he employed.

If you would walk around the outer wall of Sheridan Coliseum you would have gone more than eight hundred feet, or about one sixth of a mile. It is three stories high, and is being built of native limestone with ranges twelve inches wide. The walls are now up to the window ledge of the third story.

This native limestone is quarried on the campus of the normal school itself. The sand is gotten from a creek bed that runs through this campus. The brick is obtained from the state penitentiary at Lansing and to Warden Coddling must go the credit for not causing the contractor to wait an instant because of delayed brick. Warden Coddling is himself very much interested in the building.