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Sheridan Coliseum



THE official breaking of the sod which prefaced the beginning of the excavation for Sheridan Coliseum took place March 30, 1916. The ceremonies were in charge of the Student Assembly. Roy E. Frey of Sylvan Grove was marshall of the day. Walter E. Scott of Oakley, president of the senior class, presented Lew Wallace of Lucas, chairman of the Student Assembly, with the spade, and Wallace turned the first spade full of dirt. The Fort Hays Hymn was sung by the student body and a photograph was taken to be preserved among the relics to be placed in the corner stone.

Sheridan Coliseum is the new \$100,000 building which was granted by the last legislature. It is to be fire proof throughout and will have an auditorium with a seating capacity of thirty-six hundred.

In letting the contract it was discovered that it would be necessary to raise \$101,000. The legislature had only provided for \$100,000. C. G. Cochran of Plainville and H. J. Penney of Hays provided out of their own pockets the additional \$1,000. This is only one example which is typical of the interest that Western Kansas people have in the Fort Hays Kansas Normal School.

Altho the official contract gives until July, 1917 to have the building completed, the superintendent, Mr. Henry Mickel wages a Christmas dinner that he will have the entire building completed by December 25, 1916.

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