

## **GROUND WILL BE BROKEN SEPTEMBER 20**

*For State Normal School*

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Mr. A. R. Baumann, architect, returned to the city yesterday morning, having spent two days in Nashville, where he went to attend the opening of bids on the contracts for buildings for the three state normal schools that are to be erected. The East Tennessee institution was the only one for which a contract was let, as it was the sole one where bids did not exceed the appropriation. The architects of the other plants were given until next Monday to revise their plans.

In addition to the plant at Johnson City, the architects were able to plan it at such a low figure that it was possible to construct the Principal's home out of the East Tennessee appropriation, and this was said to cost \$12,000.

Ground will be broken for the erection of the buildings around September 20. Bids of quantity, however, are being made out in the offices of the successful contractors, S. M. Beaumont and Company, and M. F. Rourke and Company, who will do the plumbing.

Incidentally, it will require more than 3,000,000 common brick and from 400,000 to 500,000 pressed brick to erect the plant.

S. M. Beaumont will supervise the erection of the plant, and he and his family will move there some time during the coming month, to remain during the year that will be required to complete the several buildings.

Mr. Baumann and Mr. Beaumont will go to Johnson City next Tuesday to take levels and locate the exact sites on which the structures are to be located.

It will require 150 men working steadily to finish the plant on contract time.