

PAVING BRICK

Manufactured By Company at
Medora.

The proprietors of the brick yards at Medora have just burned their first kiln of paving brick and samples were sent here Tuesday, one of which may be seen in the show window at the REPUBLICAN office. The Medora Company has been turning out some good building brick and the west wing of the new Ahlbrand Carriage factory will be built of the same. The specimen of paving brick at the REPUBLICAN office has the appearance of being first class and will certainly find a ready market as kilns furnishing this kind of brick have been crowded frequently in recent years and have some times been months behind with their orders. A good paving brick sells for about twice as much as the ordinary building brick.

Cheap fuel and cheap transportation are essentials to make the production of brick profitable. If Medora can get fuel cheap enough and the B. & O. S. W. will give them a live and let live rate of transportation there is no reason why they may not build up a thriving industry at that place.

State Geologist W. S. Blatchley in his report of 1904, after commenting at length on the clays of Jackson county and describing at length the shales and clays at different localities in the county adds the paragraph:

"At Seymour several million brick have been brought from Ohio and laid down in the streets. These cost from \$10 to \$14 per thousand. The raw material for making them was to be found in abundance by the side of the railway within five miles of the spot where they were used. The extra amount paid for transportation of these brick would have paid for a good plant for manufacturing them, which, in the future, would have furnished labor for many hands. No paving brick factory exists at present in Southern Indiana except the one at Evansville. All the towns of a thousand or more inhabitants in that region will, within a few years, use brick for paving their leading streets. No cheaper or more durable pavement can be put down. All things considered, no better point exists for locating the factory to supply the brick for these future pavements than at one of the various points above mentioned along the S. I. and B. & O. S. W. railways in Jackson county."

Neal V. Trautman and Howard Smith, both of Medora, were in the city Tuesday and they are enthusiastic concerning the kiln of 65,000 brick which has just been burned and the outlook for their product in the future. They are confident that they have a brick that will compete successfully on the market with any in the country.

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