

## PLANS FOR THE NEW LIBRARY

Can Be Seen at the Public Library Monday Until Wednesday.

Drawings of Peabody's new library building are now complete and before being sent to the Carnegie corporation for approval are to be on exhibition for a week, according to resolution adopted by the citizens' meeting. The plans are now posted in the rooms of the Commercial Club and will remain there until Saturday night. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday they may be seen at the present Library building, in charge of Miss Emma Christ. Until that time any citizen who has criticism or suggestions designed to improve the plans may submit same in writing, duly signed, and they will have consideration by the committee, composed of F. E. Pettit, D. L. Moffett, Alfred Kent, C.M. Clark, and Willis Westbrook.

The architect is A. A. Crowell, of Wichita. He has furnished designs for other libraries. In plan the Peabody Library will resemble that at Galena, Illinois. It is along plain and simple lines, in order to come within the appropriation, but is handsome and will have ample capacity. It is to be 56 x 40, one story and basement, the latter mainly above ground. The entrance to the main floor will be on the west as before, and the basement entrance on the north, toward the rear. On each side of the main entrance will be cloak rooms, and in the center of the building is the delivery room, while at the left and in the northeast corner of the building is the librarian's desk and quarters. The reference room, for books not to be taken away from the building is in the southeast corner, and the stack room is also on the east, between the reference room and the librarian's desk. Two rooms, each 20 x 23, occupy the northwest and southwest corners, on the sides of the main entrance. The former is the reading room and the latter is called the children's room, the main difference being in the class of periodicals and occupants. The windows of the main room will be six feet or more above the floor.

In the basement, the south portion (nearly on half) will be an audience room, seating about one hundred and fifty. The northwest room will be for books and magazines not in constant use, while corridor, toilet room, boiler room and fuel bins will use the balance. The equipment will be modern in every particular,

The material which it is expected to use will be gray brick with stone trimmings, and a tile roof. The plans appear to be all that is needed, but everybody is invited to furnish suggestions as to their improvement. Put them in writing, if you have any, and give them to some member of the committee.

Next week the plans will go east for approval, and it is hoped to have work begin within a month.

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