

HOME IMPROVEMENTS

GROUNDS ABOUT SOLDIERS' HOME BEING BEAUTIFIED.

Rock From the Old Winner Bridge Piers at Kansas City Being Worked Into Buildings.

Just now there is a good deal of improvement going on around the Soldiers' Home that will add very much to the already very beautiful grounds. Recently the old bridge on the Mount Muncie road has been remodeled and thoroughly repaired. It is now in excellent condition.

Concrete walks are being laid from the electric road depot to connect with the pavement at the west gate. That gate is closed while the repairs are being made.

But the greatest improvement and the one that will add most to the appearance of the west entrance is the building of a watch house and a rest house, one on each side of the gate. These are very artistic, one story buildings. They are built of rock and the walls are what is known among masons as rubble-faced Flemish bond. The rock for these buildings was taken from the piers of the Winner bridge at Kansas City. These piers were built years ago, when Winner was promoting things about Kansas City. They were built very high, then the project went to pieces and the piers stood for years, fine monuments to a failure. But recently the project of building the bridge was revived by the Burlington railroad, the Winner right were secured and the piers, being too high for the purposes of the Burlington, they were lowered and the immense blocks of rock were sold, some, if not all to the Soldiers' Home authorities.

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