

PLAN MILLION DOLLAR THEATRE FOR GARY

Will Start Excavation and Concrete Footings Next Week.

The million dollar theatre planned by Vern U. Young and C. J. Wolf, Gary theatrical magnates for several years, is to become a reality.

Contract for the excavation work and concrete footings were let yesterday morning to the General Construction Co. for a consideration of approximately \$45,000. Work, it is understood, will be started the first of next week.

The excavation and concrete footings will be rushed to completion as it is hoped to have the work well underway before freezing weather sets in, in order that the structural work may be erected this winter.

The contract for the excavation and the massive concrete foundations were let by John Eberson, Chicago architect, who specializes in theatre buildings and who drew the plans for the new theatre de luxe. It will be constructed of steel and concrete and will be the latest thing in theatre building.

Plans and specifications for the super-structure are now being completed and will be ready for bids within a short time. As soon as the foundations are in, it is the hope of the owners to start work on the super-structure.

The new theatre will be erected at 8th avenue and Broadway and will cover eight lots 200x125 feet with the entrance on Broadway. It will have a seating capacity of 2,500. Mr. Wolf who is president of the Gary Theatre Co. is a resident of Wheeling W. Va., and Mr. Young is secretary-treasurer. They also own the Gary Theatre, Orpheum and Broadway theatre.