

## East Iowa City.

W. F. Main has issued a circular statement to the purchasers of lots in East Iowa City, which shows that of the amounts paid in on the first payment made \$2586.85 has been paid for platting, grading and tree planting, not including money which Mr. Main has paid out for this work. He says: "Work at East Iowa City will begin as soon as the frost is out of the ground and will be pushed energetically until the factory and improvements are completed, as per contract with those who have agreed to purchase lots."

In conversation with Mr. Main he informs THE PRESS that work began yesterday and to-day the work of grading was begun. The amount of grading and outside work is nearly as large as that done last year, and will be pushed to a speedy completion. Mr. Main will put his push and energy behind the work and it will go ahead as fast as men can carry it.

The contract for the great factory building three stories and basement, 160 x 57 with two "ells," each 100 feet deep will be let next week. Several bids are now in and a few others are in process of making up to be made ready within ten days. The contracts will call for the completion of the building by the first of September, after which a short time will be required for the placing of the new machinery, and arranging for the removal of that now running in the New England factory, which is to be brought to East Iowa City.

The division and selection of lots by purchasers can be made within a very short time after the completion of the grading operations. Quite a number of purchasers already look upon East Iowa City as their future home, and are anxious to begin the work of erecting their residences, and it is Mr. Main's intention that they shall have their lots at the earliest moment.

From this it will be seen that East Iowa City will be one of the splendid series of improvements to be made in the city this year, and it will rank as the most important, because it will add largely to the population of the city.

Mr. Main's business is growing—it is larger this year than ever before—and his manufacturing facilities are so crowded that he feels more than ever the necessity for getting this new factory into operation, and bringing the manufacturing department into closer connection with the sales business. It is now difficult for him to keep up with the orders for all lines of his goods, and the earlier he can get the Iowa City plant in operation the earlier he can largely increase his already great trade.