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FORT BENT BUILDING NEARS COMPLETION *Forts. Bent's fort.*

The blacksmith shop at Bent's Old Fort is nearly complete and will soon be open for public inspection. This is part of the continuing project at the National Park site located north of La Junta, to reconstruct the fort as it was in the days of early settlers in this area. For the past several months, boys from Colorado Boys Ranch Boy Scout Troop No. 235 and Explorer Post 2235, have been working to help with the rebuilding. They have spent many hours learning how to make adobe brick, and have undertaken the rebuilding of the blacksmith shop as their special project. According to Alexandra A. Aldred, acting park manager, the boys are working on the roof and soon will be finished. This interesting view of the project was taken by the National Park Service.