

OPEN NEW GRACE BUILDING SATURDAY

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OF BUILDING
STEP AHEADFine, Modern Business
Structure Erected on
Fir and AdamsOCCUPIED BY FOUR
BUSINESS FIRMSConstruction and Archi-
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It was constructed by Mrs. Grace Snyder, whose steadfast faith in the business future of La Grande has been already proven, both in the building of the new Grace building and in the building of the new Grace building.

Mrs. Snyder's new store, which was formerly an Adams street store, is now located in the new Grace building, which is the most modern business structure in this part of the state.

Speaking of the building of the new Grace building, Mrs. Snyder remarked on the fine co-operation which she has received throughout from the architect, Charles E. Miller, and the contractor, W. Vedder, as well as from others who have assisted in the building and also to the public in general. "There has been no discord at any time," she said, "everything going ahead as smoothly and rapidly as humanly possible, considering the thoroughness and excellent character of the work. It has been a pleasure to erect the building under such conditions. I also feel gratified that I have received such excellent results."

To Add Second Storey

Speaking of her future plans in reference to the building, she said that she expected to construct another story above her business conditions created a demand for such an addition. "The building was erected with this in mind," she said.

Mr. Miller, the architect, not only drew the plans for the structure but he has been in constant touch with the work of building and has co-operated at all times with Mr. Vedder, who has the entire contract for the erecting of the building.

Mr. Miller's past work as an architect has placed him in a high position in the state. Among the larger buildings he has designed, have been school houses, public buildings, fine residences, business structures and among the latest, has the seven-story Zerkowich hotel in La Grande.

Mr. Vedder also has an excellent reputation as a builder and has erected some of the largest structures in this part of the state, including the Mr. Emily Lumber company's large plant in La Grande, a sawmill at Bates, Ore., which is operated for five years, the building erected at first years ago on Depot street for the Oregon Hardware and Implement company and others. Among the fine residences built by him are those now occupied by August J. Stange, Dr. L. B. Bouey and Lester Stoddard. He also built the residences at Pendora, Eastern Oregon's best town.

Construction Excellent

Mr. Vedder came here from Colfax, Wash., and has been in the contracting business for 25 years, coming to La Grande in 1914. He began excavations for the Grace building on May 3, taking 21 days to prepare this part with 12 workmen operating under his direction. He subdivided the block with Hansen and Peterson but did all of the concrete work himself and regards this as one of his best jobs. "The construction is excellent throughout," Mr. Vedder says, "with nothing sacrificed to make it as strong and attractive as is possible."

Large Floor Space

The Grace building occupies a square of 150 feet on Adams and 25 feet on Fir street, with four business floor rooms. There are also some small rooms for the use of the building.

Moore Brothers will occupy the corner room which is finished in mahogany with the latest pattern of Inland Empire floor covering. The fixtures in this room are also

THE NEW GRACE BUILDING ON FIR AND ADAMS



This is a view of the new Grace building, on the corner of Adams and Fir, taken from in front of the M. J. Goss company location. It shows the corner room which is being occupied by the Moon Drug company and the additional rooms fronting on Adams. Next to the Moon store is the 66-foot front of the new Stevens-Van Engelen department store. The next store is occupied by the Grace Harness shop operated by the owner of the building, Mrs. Grace Snyder. The last store in the new building is the new Thrift Grocers store, which is the second cash store established in La Grande by the La Grande Grocery company. The Thrift store extends all the way back to the alley while the other stores have a depth of 60 feet. W. Vedder was the general contractor and Charles E. Miller the architect.

HARNESS SHOP IN
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During the Week

The Snyder Harness company, formerly located on Adams street between 4th and 5th, this week moved its business to the new Grace building on the corner of Adams and Fir.

The shop is located in an office, the 2254-foot room with green tiled walls, hardwood floors, attractive lighting fixtures, a skylight and a full basement.

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MOON DRUGS IN
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With the return of the Moon Drug company, on the corner of Adams and Adams in the Grace building, this store is back in the place in which it has carried on most of its business activities in La Grande.

After operating in the corner room in the old Grace building, the Moon Drug company moved their store to a temporary location on Adams street between 4th and 5th streets where they have conducted their business while the old building was being raised and the new one erected.

The new location, the company regards as one of the finest in the city and the brothers are delighted with the new store room in which they are now located. The work of moving has already been started and within a short time they will be operating entirely in the Grace building.

Attractive Store

The corner room in the structure is very attractive and the entrance is so arranged that one enters it directly from Adams street or Fir. Above the entrance, the brothers have just completed erecting a new sign, large and handsomely constructed and very attractive.

The store room has the latest pattern of Inland Empire floor covering and the woodwork is finished in mahogany. The fixtures are also of mahogany, wood of an attractive pattern.

As in the other store rooms in the building the floors are all plate glass set in copper molding with the show window floors of oak.

The Moon Drug company is owned and operated by four brothers, who were born and raised in La Grande. They are all graduates of the La Grande High school and received their training in pharmacy at Oregon State college, at Corvallis, Ore.

Started in 1923

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Plumbing Work
In New Building
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The long-established La Grande Melville plumbing shop in the Melville building on Adams street is the contractor for the plumbing, heating and sheet metal work in the new Grace building.

The Melville shop was established in 1893, when it was founded by J. Melville. Since that time, it has been in the hands of J. Melville's sons, V. L. Melville and H. V. Melville, who have had charge of the shop for the last 35 years.

The shop is known as a plumbing, heating and sheet metal concern.

Summer Business

Summer is the busiest season for the Melville shop, as it is for most of the building industry. The work of the Melville shop is going on the largest demand of the building industry.

Many people think that a plumber's busiest season is during the winter when water pipes break during cold weather. That is not so, says J. Melville. "The winter is a busy time for us, but the summer is our busiest season."

Many changes have taken place in the plumbing business in the last few years, Mr. Melville finds. The standards of living of the general public are continually rising and with that rise comes the demand for finer, more modern houses and with more modern houses come the demand for the best in plumbing fixtures. A higher class of work is demanded. More sanitary equipment is now asked for by the public. Modern fixtures are needed for the convenience of the home.

The Melville firm hires men to assist in the plumbing work. Last year they did all the work for the Grace building.

ROSEBURG MAN HURT
PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 5 (AP)—A 40-year-old man, Roseburg, was in a serious condition in a hospital here today, suffering from a fractured skull received into two weeks when he was struck on the head by a bridge hammer when it toppled from a box car at the Roseburg railroad yards.

At the hospital, today, it was said that Roseburg's condition was "only fair."

A concrete slab 10 feet wide may be used in front of bridge houses. The advantage of this concrete slab is that the bridge is kept off the ground the first few weeks of their lives and are not likely to acquire the disease of which young chickens are so susceptible.

By getting a force of six men, the concrete slab was put in place in front of the bridge. The chicken may be released outside and then, by itself, find the situation, which makes them less subject to disease.

A British newspaper is conducting a debate on the question of whether or not a man has a right to own his wife's affections. Some say he has a right to them, others say he has a right to them, others say he has a right to them.

It is the best of the people who talk about the humidity.

S. V. E. STORE
OPENING SET
FOR SEPT. 8Occupies Largest Room in
the New Grace Building—
Just CompletedONE OF CHAIN OF
SEVERAL STORESBusiness in La Grande Is
First to Open in Oregon—
Large Stock of Cloth-
ing and Dry Goods.

Employers and workmen at the Stevens-Van Engelen department store in the new Grace building are all hard at work this week making final preparations for the opening of the store next Saturday.

The store, which for the first time is coming to La Grande as one branch of a chain of stores, occupies a spacious 66x66-foot room with full basement and 66-foot display front in the Grace building.

The lighting fixtures have been installed and new work is under way on the placing of the counters and other fixtures. All of the 14 side fixtures are of oak. The color of the walls is a light buff.

Local Employees

Three La Grande women have been employed by the store and others are to be added soon.

So far the staff lineup consists of six, including J. L. Hedden, the manager. Also on the staff are J. L. Hedden, the manager. Also on the staff are J. L. Hedden, the manager. Also on the staff are J. L. Hedden, the manager.

While the store is new in La Grande, the owners of the chain of stores are experienced merchandisers. Mr. Hedden, a heavy stockholder and local manager of the La Grande store, was for 14 years connected with the Golden Rule Mercantile company of Ogden, Utah, at Thermopolis, Wyo.

Mr. Van Engelen was for 29 years with the Hood-Van Engelen company of Twin Falls, Ida., and Mr. Stevens for 15 years with the Golden Rule Mercantile company of Ogden, Utah.

"No effort has been spared by this organization to give the people of La Grande the best merchandise obtainable at the lowest possible prices," says the management. "The fixtures, which are now being installed, are of the best quality and are so arranged to obtain the maximum efficiency in handling trade."

"This company also operates stores in Butte and American Falls, Idaho, and Orange and Anaheim, Cal. The lines carried are complete assortments of dry goods, notions, ready-to-wear, shoes and men's furnishings."

First in Oregon

"This is the first Stevens-Van Engelen store in Oregon, and we expect to open more in Eastern Oregon within a short time."

The company is to occupy the room adjoining the Moon Brothers store on the corner and next to the Grace Harness and Luggage shop.

The room to be occupied by the store is an attractive one and is well ventilated and lighted. Skylights in the ceiling furnish the source of light along with the large plate glass windows which are located the entire length of the street frontage. The show windows are set in copper with all angles stark with glass cement to eliminate the diffusion of copper division bars and places the show windows in proper view at any angle.

The floors of the shop are of hardwood, made of white oak, with the window breaks full paneled with figured birch panels set in white maple wood stile and plaster.

The walls are of light buff color and tinted plaster.

The full basement, which is entered by a stairway leading down at the back of the main room, is to be used for the storing of goods waiting to be placed upstairs.

Unwrapping Goods

Today the important part of the store is the unwrapping of goods. The goods are being unwrapped and marked and sorted separately to the removal of the store.

"If you don't remember the name of the store, it is the 'S. V. E.' store," the managers urge, to make it more convenient from the standpoint of public service, visits and other ready-to-wear articles are to be located in the left-hand section as you enter the store, with the piece goods and the left in front.

Directly in the center of the store, as one enters the store, are research, handbags and jewelry will be placed in the show room. At the very front of the store the high-heeled and bedding will be located. The shoe department is to be in the back of the store in a central location. On the right-hand side the men's wearing apparel will be placed.

ANOTHER VIEW OF NEW BUILDING



Another view of the new Grace building looking up Adams from in front of The Observer office. The first store is that of the Thrift Grocers, then the Grace Harness shop, the Stevens-Van Engelen company and the Moon Drug store at their old location on the corner. The picture was taken Tuesday afternoon and shows the stores practically completed for the formal opening on Saturday.