



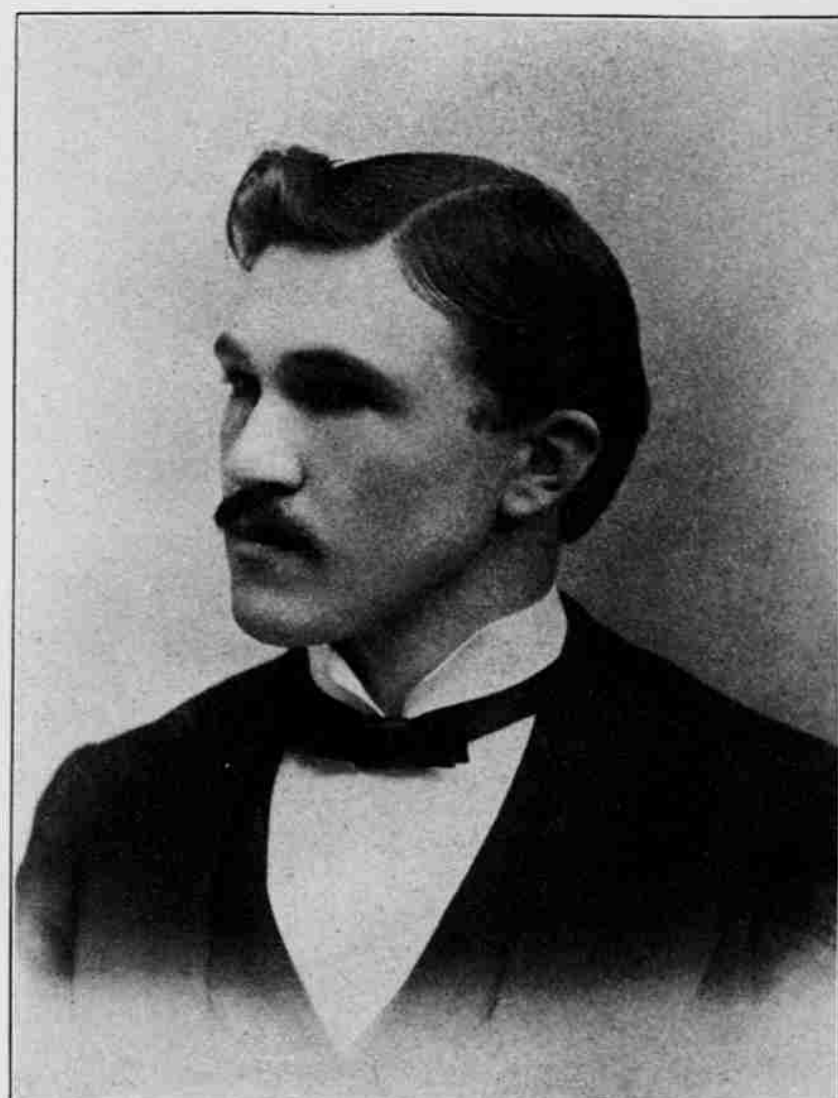
BLAKELEY & HOUGHTON'S RETAIL DEPARTMENT.

BLAKELEY & HOUGHTON.

The largest establishment of the kind in Eastern Oregon, and virtually among the three largest in the state, is the drug house of Blakeley & Houghton. They carry a complete line of everything pertaining to the drug trade, and do both a wholesale and retail business. The interior views we present of their store, will give you, perhaps, an idea of the stock they carry. Being in a position to buy direct from the manufacturer, their aim has been to give the public the benefit, and that their efforts are appreciated is clearly shown by the trade they enjoy.

Geo. C. Blakeley, the senior member of the firm, is a druggist with twenty-two years experience. He is at present a member of the State Board of Pharmacy, and is a past president of the Oregon Pharmaceutical Association, and it is largely due to his efforts that Oregon has its present efficient pharmacy law.

Fred C. Houghton became a partner in 1889, buying out T. C. Clark. He gives the business his close and accurate attention, and has materially aided its growth from a small beginning to its present size.



H. H. RIDZELL.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

This is probably the largest and most influential church organization of Wasco county. Its history has been one of even thrilling interest, though but a bare outline of it can here be given.

In 1838 the Methodist Episcopal Church began its work within what is now Wasco county, by the establishment of a mission for the Christianization of the Indians at this point, then called Wascopum, of which Wasco is a contraction. The mission buildings were located just south of where the M. E. Church edifice is now located. This was considered the most eligible location for missionary work east of the Cascade mountains. Three of the ablest and most efficient missionaries on the coast were appointed to this station, namely, Daniel Lee, H. K. W. Perkins and H. B. Brewn, who, with their wives, labored here for several years. During their residence here the first camp meeting ever held in Oregon was held in the grove of pine and oak trees a little west and south of the missionary station, not far from the present site of The Dalles Academy. About a thousand Indians gathered there, and there was a great religious excitement and revival among them. Rev. A. F. Waller, so long one of the foremost pioneers of Oregon, succeeded Mr. Daniel Lee in charge of the station. As an Indian mission this place was abandoned on the occurrence of the Cayuse war of 1847 and 1848.

There was no stated religious work done by any church at The Dalles for nearly ten years after this event. In 1856 the Methodist Episcopal Conference in Oregon sent Rev. H. K. Hines, then a young man of 27, to this place. He organized the few Methodists of the vicinity into a class. Of this class but one member remains, Mrs. Eliza McFarland, always beloved, and now venerated for her unsullied Christian life all through these years, as well as her advanced age. Mr. now Dr. Hines, purchased a beautiful quarter block of land on the opposite side of the street, on which the church now stands, and one block nearer the river, paying for it \$175, and donated it to the church. This was afterwards exchanged for the lot on which the church now stands, and some cash. Upon the lot donated by Dr. Hines a little chapel, costing about \$200, was built two years later by Rev. A. Kelly, who was then in charge of the church here.

In 1861 and 1862 Rev. J. F. De Vore was pastor, and under his administration a good church for the time was erected on the lot where the present edifice stands. This remained unchanged until 1879-80, when H. K. Hines was again pastor, when the church was thoroughly remodeled and a fine parsonage was erected at a cost of about \$3,500. In the great fire of September, 1891, when a large portion of The Dalles was destroyed, both church and parsonage were consumed. With great recuperative vigor, the members and friends of the church resolved to build a new and much larger and better church on the same ground, and during the years 1892 and 1893 the present beautiful and commanding structure was completed.

The position this church has held among the churches of this coast is evidenced by the list of pastors who have been called to serve it since its organization, forty-one years ago. They are as follows: H. K. Hines, J. W. Miller, A. Kelly, John Flinn, J. F. De Vore, B. C. Lippincott, I. D. Driver, J. T. Wole, G. Hines, N. Doane, S. Van Dersol, J. C. Kirkman, E. J. Hawn, L. J. Whitcomb, J. D. Flenner, W. C. Gray, W. G. Simpson, John Whistler and J. H. Wood. No church of the state has had an abler or more devoted body of pastors than this. In this list are men who have done as much for religion and educational interests on this coast, as any men who have ever been on it, and whose names are household words everywhere on the coast, and even far beyond it. What a changed story the history of these causes in Oregon, Washington and Idaho would be if the work of H. K. Hines, J. F. De Vore, I. D. Driver, G. Hines and N. Doane were taken out of it. Others junior to them have been their worthy successors and associates.

The Methodist Episcopal Church at The Dalles at the present time has a strong membership, and an influential constituency, taking in many of the most substantial and influential citizens of the place. Its present pastor, Rev. J. H. Wood, grew up in and near the city from childhood, and is now serving his fourth year of successful ministry in this largest congregation of the place.



BLAKELEY & HOUGHTON'S WHOLESALE DEPARTMENT.

T. A. VAN NORDEN.

T. A. Van Norden, who owns the largest jewelry store in the city, was born in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, in 1834. He came to New York in 1845, and after receiving his education, was apprenticed to Arrowsmith & Salsbury, located on the corner of Nassau and Fulton streets, who were well known to the jewelry trade. In 1852 he went to California, and in 1860 opened an establishment of his own in Quincy, Plumas county, and remained there until 1883. He then moved to Susanville and stayed there until he came here in 1892. He at first opened at 106 Second street, but being

forced to seek larger quarters, moved to his present location at 153 Second street. He carries a full and complete line of watches, clocks, jewelry and diamonds, and also in addition has a complete line of spectacles. His store is as neat as a pin, with immaculate walls, and polished show cases, the contents of which attract the admiration of all visitors. He is a licensed watchmaker for the O. R. & N. R. R., and being practically raised in a jewelry store, is thoroughly versed in both manufacturing and repairing. He is ably assisted by F. H. Van Norden, his son, who also has established a reputation as a mechanic.



INTERIOR OF T. A. VAN NORDEN'S STORE.

HAYWARD H. RIDZELL.

Among the young men of this state who have within the past few years entered the ranks of the legal profession, none have brighter indications of success than does he whose name heads this article. He is energetic, industrious and ambitious. These qualities, combined with the advantages derived from an excellent education, unusual natural capacities, and a high sense of honor, place him at once among the foremost ranks of his profession. He was born in Salem, April 6, 1868, and came to The Dalles with his parents in 1881. He was educated in the Wasco Independent Academy, and began reading law in July, 1890, in the

office of Mays, Huntington & Wilson. After studying there a year he went to Portland, and entered the office of Dolph, Bellinger, Mallory & Simon, and remained there until he was admitted, in June, 1892. Returning then to The Dalles, he opened an office and is rapidly building up a lucrative practise. He is a member of the Oregon Bar Association, being on the committee of judicial administration and remedial procedure. He takes an active interest in the success of the Republican party, giving both time and talent in the cause. Fraternally he is an Elk and Knight, being at present C. C. of Friendship lodge No. 9, K. of P., of this city.