

Miner Building New Home of Many Eugene Firms

MINER BUILDING RISES TO EIGHT STORIES IN YEAR

St. Patrick's day, a year ago meant something more than just the "wearing of the green" to Eugene. On that day a crew of men started clearing the space on Ninth street between Oak and High streets, and in a short time the excavators were busy on the basement of the new W. E. Miner building.

It was the hope and ambition of the owner that the next St. Patrick's day would see tenants in the tall new structure, and his aims were realized. On March 1, 1925, the first of the renters moved in, and a month later, today, the building is well filled with satisfied doctors, lawyers, and professional men.

Progress is Rapid
The work started smoothly, and progress was rapid. Under the direction of W. W. Head, of the Head Construction company, the basement was soon dug and work on the structure was begun. The entire building from the basement to the top of the eighth story, is of concrete, reinforced throughout.

The project is now nearing completion, at a cost of about \$500,000. Only a few minor carpenter jobs remain within, while the building is to be painted a concrete white, or given a coat of stucco to properly finish it off.

The architectural design is simple, since the building was designed more for utility than beauty. But a pleasing appearance and a sense of harmony was achieved in the whole by the architect John Hunzicker.

The building itself is eight stories in height, so constructed that more can be added without disturbing those underneath should the demand arise for more room. The outside dimensions are 60 by 160 feet. It exactly fits the lot it stands on.

Building for Offices
The building is essentially for offices, and this is apparent as soon as one steps inside. Two high speed elevators await to take passengers to the topmost floor, and all entrances are but a few steps from the elevator shaft. The place is well heated and ventilated, and all modern conveniences are provided.

In spite of the fact that the working crew averaged over 100 men a day for a solid year, and that the work was rushed ahead at all times, not a man was hurt or injured during the construction period. "In fact, I haven't even heard of one of them having a narrow escape," says Mr. Miner. This is believed to be a record in building.

The carpenter work on the structure was under the direction of Fred Lindsey, of the Head Construction company. Mr. Lindsey was on the job at all times, and directed the carpenters in all work such as setting windows, and interior woodwork. The entire plumbing contract was handled by Williamson and company. This was one of the biggest jobs of the year, for all modern and complete equipment was installed on every floor.

The electric contract was handled by Walter Ross, electrician. Fixtures included lights for every room, hall, nook and cranny, with an attractive ornamental display on the outside.

The third floor of the structure is occupied by Hargrave and Lindsay, building contractors, who have room 301; W. W. Head Construction company, room 302; W. E. Miner, room 303; and J. W. Shumate, 305-6. On the fourth floor the American Fidelity company has room 441; S. R. Collins, of the firm of Whitcomb, Piepenbrink and company, has room 402; Fred E. Smith, lawyer, is in room 443; Robert W. Earl, insurance representative, has room 401; John Johnson, insurance, has room 404; and J. K. Pratt, veteran insurance man, has room 401.

Dr. L. Hogan has office number 601 on the sixth floor, and Dr. R. M. Graves has 602. John Hunzicker, architect, has room 603; the Oregon Muir Timber company has room 645; while the Sislaw Timber company is in rooms 645 and 646.

On the seventh floor is the Cheney Optical company in room 728; Doctors Dale and Sether, suite 735; Dr. H. E. Fashett, 712; Dr. Irvin R. Fox, room 701; Dr. Charles L. Schwering, dentist, 701-11; Dr. A. J. Sether, 735-40; and Dr. H. Y. Spence, suite 701.

On the top floor Dr. L. L. Baker, dentist, and Dr. G. R. Beardsley have offices at 801; W. H. Blowers, collector, is at 828; Eugene Collection Agency is at 828; Dr. R. H. Fields has an office at 845; Dr. W. H. Sutton has rooms 841-3; Dr. George E. Hurley is at 804; Alta King, lawyer, is in room 828; Dr. J. M. Miller, dentist, has room 801; Dr. J. H. Robinson is in 804. More tenants are moving in from time to time, and the finishing of the interior is completed.

BEARDSLEY, HURLEY HAVE CORNER ROOMS
Corner office suites are popular in the new W. E. Miner building, and one of the choicest is that occupied by Dr. G. R. Beardsley and Dr. G. L. Hurley, who have suite 805 to 815 on the top floor. This is one of the finest locations in the entire building, and one of which the doctors are justly proud.

and the atmosphere is one of rest and quiet. An air of quiet dignity pervades the place, which at once puts confidence into patients.

Dr. L. G. Hurley, who also occupies rooms in the suite, has earned a reputation as a skilled surgeon. His rooms are equipped to care for his work in an efficient and careful way. The time element is also important in surgery, he says, so everything is arranged so that he can work speedily as well as efficiently. His rooms are replete with all surgical equipment and devices.

"We are very well pleased," declare the doctors, "and it is pleasant to work in such surroundings. The erection of this building has been a great thing for the city, and for us."

NEW SPACE IS LIKED BY DR. H. Y. SPENCE

Comfortably situated in his new office, with a beautiful view out over the city, Dr. H. Y. Spence, eye, ear, nose and throat specialist, is well satisfied with his new quarters, and the city of Eugene in general. Dr. Spence has practiced in Eugene for some time, and in addition to being a recognized eye, ear, nose and throat specialist he is a skilled doctor and surgeon. "A man must be a good all-round doctor before he can become a specialist," he believes, and it is upon this belief that he has founded his practice.

The care of the eyes is a specialty of Dr. Spence, and he considers this one of the most important studies in the profession. "A man must have good eyesight, or efficient aids to eyesight, if he is going to function properly," he says, "and doctors are always ready to provide this. Neglect of the eyes should never be tolerated." Careful attention should also be given the throat, he says, and the ears and nose should be attended to.

"Eugene appealed to me as a clean, beautiful city when I first came here," says Dr. Spence, "and so I settled here. I am happy that I can have a part in maintaining this state."

COLLECTION AGENCY WORK IS DESCRIBED

The Eugene Collection agency, under the management of W. H. Blowers, has now been functioning in Eugene for the past five years, and the business has steadily grown. Collection, declares Mr. Blowers, is a fine science, and it often requires the work of an expert. The handling of accounts is an almost unknown thing to many people, and it is serving in this scope that a collection agency can justify its existence and be of real service to a community, he declares.

The agency has a suite of rooms at room 825 in the new Miner building, and to look inside one is immediately impressed with the science of this work. A careful system of accounting under the direction of an expert is necessary, and the whole suite looks like a most accounting organization.

The growth of the city has brought the necessity for a competent collection agency before clients more than anything else, declares Mr. Blowers. Busy merchants, who are hard at work expanding their business, have little time to figure out the intricacies of collection, and so turn this angle of their business over to expert professional collectors, he points out. Thus one firm, by giving all of its time and attention to this end of the business, can serve efficiently, and actually save money for its clients.

Mr. Blowers is well satisfied with his new quarters, and says that the building as a whole has been awaited eagerly by the entire city. "Eugene is worthy of the new Miner building, and the new building is worthy of the city," he declares.

BUILDING FIRM HAS MUCH WORK ON HAND

Building contractors are finding Eugene a particularly rich field, and Hargrave and Lindsay, builders and contractors, have been more than busy in Eugene. They have lately moved their offices to the W. E. Miner building, which is now their base of operations.

Fred Lindsey, of the firm, was the supervisor of all carpenter work done in the Miner building, as he is perfect at home in his office there. Under his direction, all of the offices were finished up, and the expressions of satisfaction given by the tenants testify to his ability in this line.

The firm now has several important jobs in various parts of the city. Every one personally supervised by either Mr. Hargrave or Mr. Lindsey, and this careful attention is largely responsible for the high quality of their work, they believe. At present their biggest job is the Eugene Hotel, where their men are finishing up the interior.

They are also at work constructing the new Gamma Phi Beta house, which when completed will be one of the best living houses on the Oregon campus. They are also at work on the new Westminster house, which is being constructed by the Presbyterian church on the University of Oregon campus. This will be one of the architectural gems of the city when completed. The firm is also working on a fine new residence for W. L. Swan, and is constructing the new warehouse for M. E. Geiger.

NEW MINER BUILDING OPEN TO PUBLIC

Structure of Eight Stories Constructed at Cost of Half Million Dollars Already Teeming with Tenants



The W. E. Miner building, into which several tenants have already moved, is now receiving the finishing touches in its construction. It has taken just a year to build. A force of 100 men, under the direction of the W. W. Head construction company has worked on it steadily. It is 160 by 60 feet in size, and its eight stories contain 300 rooms. It is Eugene's tallest structure.

R. W. EARL AIMS TO GROW WITH EUGENE

One of Eugene's rising young insurance men, a graduate of the University of Oregon, and a firm believer in the future of this city is Robert W. Earl, district manager for the Equitable Life Assurance Society. He has offices 401, 402, 403 in the new W. E. Miner building.

Mr. Earl graduated some six years ago from the University, and immediately entered the insurance business. While in college he specialized in subjects allied to this business. The Equitable company picked him as being especially fitted to represent their organization in this district.

J. K. PRATT VETERAN INSURANCE AGENT

A true veteran of the insurance business is J. K. Pratt, who has lately moved his offices to the new W. E. Miner building, in suite 401-02-03. Mr. Pratt first began to sell insurance in 1911, and since that time has engaged in no other business.

"I believed that selling insurance was work enough for any man, and I've stuck to that belief," he said. Mr. Pratt's business has grown until now, in addition to the two old line companies he started out with, he has 15 other companies that he deals for, and insurance issued by them covers everything from chickens to airplanes.

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EUGENE MAN IS SENT HERE AS ACCOUNTANT

Eugene is always glad to welcome back a young man who has grown up here, been educated in Eugene schools, and then proven his worth. Spencer R. Collins, C. P. A., of the firm of Whitcomb, Piepenbrink and company of Portland is a Eugene man, and spent his early years here.

The young man went through the Eugene high school here, and then entered the University of Oregon school of business administration. Here he made an exceptionally good record, and was elected to several honorary commerce and accounting societies.

At his graduation he was engaged by Whitcomb, Piepenbrink and company, and put to work in the Portland office. He was given a thorough training in the work of the firm, and then sent down to Eugene to represent the organization here. He has been highly successful here, and the move to the Miner building was made partly to gain more room for his work.

Expert accounting in Mr. Spencer's specialty, but he also is trained to straighten out tax returns, and is a skilled income tax analyst.

Mr. Collins occupies room 400 in the new W. E. Miner building.

TIMBER DEALER IN MINER BUILDING

A man who thoroughly knows Lane county and Eugene, and is thereby qualified to speak authoritatively on the probable prosperity of both is J. W. Shumate, who deals in timber and investments. Mr. Shumate has lately moved into the new Miner building. The building itself is one sure sign of the city's prosperity, he declares, and the city's rapid growth he attributes to the support of the surrounding country.

"I believe firmly in the country about here, and all indications point to a period of prosperity far exceeding anything ever seen in the Willamette Valley," says Mr. Shumate. He bases his on the abundant resources, of which timber is one of the most important. The timber in Lane county is one of the greatest

stands in the United States, he points out, and this alone would be a basis for prosperity for the next fifty years.

"In addition to the abundant timber the country has a host of agricultural resources," he says. "The climate and soil are perfect for a variety of crops, and Lane county fruit is already known around the world. I cannot think of a region that is more favored than the valley which Eugene has the good fortune to be the center."

Mr. Shumate has his office at room 345 in the new Miner building, and he is well pleased with his quarters.

CHEERFUL ROOM IS AID SAYS DR. FOX

Surroundings play a large part in ministering to the ills of human beings, declares Dr. Irvin Fox, and so he has set about to make the suite of offices which he uses in the Miner building as attractive as possible. The suite is on the seventh floor, on the northeast corner, and is as pleasantly situated as an office could be.

The cheery aspect of the place is at once apparent, and this is a decided asset, declares the doctor. Dr. Fox is a practicing physician, well known to Eugene through his many years

JOHN HUNZICKER IS DESIGNER OF MANY EUGENE BUILDINGS

John Hunzicker, architect, is known all over the state for his share in the building up of Eugene. He has drawn the plans for most of the larger buildings, and for hundreds of homes. "The city is just getting started," he says, "and we expect every year to

show a big increase in building of all kinds."

Mr. Hunzicker came here in 1900, decided that he could find plenty of work to do, and settled down. One of his first big jobs was the L. O. O. F. building, at the corner of Ninth avenue and Oak streets, and for a long time this stood proudly out as Eugene's skyscraper. His latest achievement, the W. E. Miner building, now rears up for eight stories and towers above everything in the city.

Mr. Hunzicker can look from his office window and see several monuments to his skill. He designed the Eugene armory, the Oregon apartment hotel, and the new Eugene hotel, which is now nearing completion. The latter structure is seven stories high, and is one of the most beautiful buildings architecturally in the city.

Associated with Mr. Hunzicker is Graham B. Smith, an architect who is a graduate of the school of architecture of the University of Oregon. Mr. Smith intends to stay with the firm permanently, and is a firm believer in the future of Eugene.

Drawing plans and specifications keeps both Mr. Hunzicker and Mr. Smith busy at all times, and when there is a temporary lull in commercial building, they have plenty of small buildings and homes that demand their time and attention. Many of the most attractive homes in the city have been designed by these architects, and the beauty and taste of Eugene homes is largely attributed to their skill.

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