

# CONCRETE BUILDINGS POPULAR

SMALL AND LARGE CITIES USE IT EXTENSIVELY

## S. GOVERNMENT USES IT

It will Stand the Test of Time as Well as the Shock of Earthquakes.

The concrete business houses which have been erected in Grants Pass are an object lesson in city construction and will prove that this class of buildings will become even more popular in the immediate future. The Alberta block and the Courier building are fair samples of what can be done in concrete construction, and it has been demonstrated in this city that the price of this work, while it is more than brick, is by no means prohibitive. In small cities of the country this class of building material is finding its way and in the large city the 20-story skyscraper is of reinforced concrete. Experts claim that these structures will last for many centuries, in fact, there is no reason why they should not remain perfect for all time. They are, it is claimed, earthquake proof and for this reason they are the only safe buildings as we know not which city is to be the next victim of this kind of disaster. The general government has for years led the way in concrete structures, as this material is used in all the irrigation plants. Two years ago the government put in some concrete piers along the Missouri river at St. Joseph and it proved that they resisted the floods and ice much better than the wooden piers. Next spring the work of building dykes along the Missouri will be commenced with a view to prevent damage by floods, which have cost the people in that valley so many million dollars within the last few years.

In public work, in both cities and counties and in all the states, cement in concrete form is used in large quantities, not only because it does better work than stone or brick, but because it is simply indestructible. Grants Pass should have the country about it prospected for cement rock for use as a building material. The high freight rates make concrete building expensive, but if we can have our own mills for the manufacture of Portland cement, it will save many thousands of dollars annually in the building of bridges and aqueducts in county improvements.

In connection with this subject we will mention that Thomas A. Edison is quoted as saying that his latest invention, the cement house, is his greatest one. It is difficult to agree with this, when we think of the telephone, but the Edison cement house may be of immense value in the world. Edison says that all his preliminary experiments have been successful, and within a month or two he will cast his first house. He thinks it will solve the problem of housing wage-earning people of small means in cities, and "will take from the city slums everybody who is worth taking." He says he will make it possible to build a house of seven large or ten smaller rooms, with a bath and cellar, for \$1200. He will dig the cellar with a steam shovel and cast it in six hours. Locomotive cranes will lift the 232 cubic yards

of cement necessary for the house and pour it into openings at the top, whence it will pass through 12 sluice boxes, a number of men churning it with iron bars. The cement flows into and fills the spaces between two iron houses, one inside the other—molds. As soon as it hardens these are removed, to be used again, and continuously. Floors, mantels, picture moldings, bathtub, washstands, decorations—all will be of concrete, and can be made as smooth as glass if desired. These houses need not be uniform in design or color. They may be of as many forms as it is found profitable to make molds for, and they may be made in gray, or red, or brown, or yellow; the cement can be tinted any color before it is poured. It may indeed turn out to be a great invention.

Electric clocks that run without winding and keep perfect time. Run two years without change of battery. The only place in Josephine county where they are for sale is at Letcher's.

**University Glee Club.**  
College songs, comic songs and lots of enthusiasm will be the order of the evening when the University of Oregon Glee Club, numbering 30 members, appear at the Grants Pass opera house. The Glee and Mandolin clubs are making a tour of Southern Oregon during the week before Christmas, stopping at Roseburg, Grants Pass, Medford and Ashland, Oregon. Three years ago the club appeared in this city and gave a splendid performance. You will miss a good time if you do not attend Tuesday, December 21.

Clemens sells Xmas Books.  
If we couldn't save you money on that suit this ad would be a foolish investment for us. If you never read advertisements, read this one anyhow. It's on the eighth page.

**Wake up take a look at this then come to HEADQUARTERS and get a BARGAIN**

## New Goods JUST UNPACKED

- Aluminum Pin Trays, 5c and 10c.
- Combined Thermometer and Barometer, 15c.
- Stereoscope Views, set of 25 for 25c.
- Stereoscopes, Gun Metal, 50c.
- Alarm Clocks, good ones, 85c.
- Hand Saws, spring steel, 75c to \$1.
- High Back Dining Chairs, \$1 to \$2.
- O. K. Rockers, \$2.25 up.
- Dressers, with good bevelled Mirrors, \$8.50 up.

**SECOND HAND GOODS**  
come and be convinced that they are **HIG BARGAINS.**

Cheering Horns for football games, 15c.

Extension Hanging Lamps, \$1 up.

Stand Tables, 50c up.

Large Easels, 50c up.

Child's Tricycles, \$1 to \$3.50.

Sewing Machines, in good order, \$2.50 and \$5.

Washing Machines, \$2 up.

Petaluma Icebox, \$15. Good as new.

Petaluma Brooders, \$1.50.

Stoves from \$1 to \$10.

Ranges from \$10 to \$30.

Two Good Organs, \$20 and \$25.

**HEADQUARTERS**  
City Hall, 207 Sixth Street.

## Christmas Shoppers

Can be supplied from our complete line of Musical Instruments with anything from a **TIN WHISTLE TO A PIANO**

Violins.....	\$5.00 to \$500.00
Guitars.....	\$5.00 to \$175.00
Banjoes.....	\$9.00 to \$75.00
Mandolins.....	\$4.00 to \$60.00
Violin Cases.....	\$1.50 to \$35.00
Violin Bows.....	\$1.00 to \$10.00
Music Stands.....	75c to \$2.00
Music Rolls and Satchels.....	50c to \$5.00

Pianos on the easiest of payments.

Besides musical instruments, you can find Holiday Stationery, Trimmings, Cards, Booklets, etc., in great variety and at most attractive prices.

### Rowell's Music Store

509 G Street Phone 151-R

## PERSONAL AND LOCAL

Prof. J. S. McMurray will leave for San Francisco on Monday on a business trip, returning to this city the following Saturday.

For Xmas—Sabin has smoking sets.

Sixth street is in a terrible condition; mud and slush is on every side and teams get through the street with great difficulty.

The age of the doll? You guess with each 50c purchase and if correct you get the doll. The New Racket Store. 12-10-2t

Senator Albert Abrahams, of Roseburg, was in the city first of the week, acting as attorney for the homesteader in the Big Four Mining Co. contest case.

**Bishop's Ready Tailored Clothing.**  
There is one special feature about our Clothing, it will fit you and again its wearing qualities are unsurpassed. Get one of our winter suits. C. P. Bishop & Co.

The members of the high school are planning to give a reception to the University Glee and Mandolin clubs on Tuesday, the 21st, after the entertainment to be given by the club.

Is it safe to buy jewelry of irresponsible people or those who are not permanent residents? Buy from Letcher, who guarantees everything as represented.

Go to the Electric Theatre and enjoy the show, you may get the beautiful doll on Christmas Eve also. It is given away free. The doll is on exhibition at the ticket office.

Elias Ruid has just completed the survey and cutting up of a piece of orchard land above the Ament dam on the north side of the river to W. F. Hill, who will plant it to apples next spring.

Meet me at Coe's Saturday, December 18, 1909. Toyland now open. Have a nice, useful present for every child in the county. SANTA CLAUS.

A. L. Loomis, who is a wholesale fruit dealer in Fargo, N. D., and E. J. Manning, chief of the fire department of the same city, both friends of George C. Sabin, the druggist, arrived here last Wednesday and laid over one day to visit their friend and look over the town. They went on south, but will stop off when they return.

That \$1.00 Work Glove for 50c looks awful good. You can get them at Bishop & Co.'s.

Earle Young, mine expert for the United States forest service came through Grants Pass on his way to California, on the 27th stopped off to visit his mother, Mrs. A. L. Fisher, and eat a belated Thanksgiving dinner at his home. Mr. Young is the youngest mine expert in the service of the United States. His duties call him to California, Oregon, Washington and Alaska. He called on the forest service here and renewed old acquaintances going to the Blue Lodge and California.

Christmas Trade at Bishop's. Already Christmas trade has begun at Bishop's. The many and numerous things they carry for men; go and ask to see them. You always get good service there.

**The Carlquist Auction Sale.**  
Carlquist brothers have opened a new jewelry store at 501 Front street, corner of Fifth. The stock is a very large one and consists of watches, clocks, jewelry, silverware, cut glass, hand painted china and many other articles usually kept in such an establishment. To make the new place known far and wide, the firm has decided to make an auction sale and thus give people an opportunity to purchase what they need at their own prices.

**School Closes 23rd.**  
Superintendent Turner has announced that the city schools will close on the afternoon of Thursday, December 23, for the Christmas vacations and will reopen again on Monday, January 3.

Clemens sells Choice Calendars.  
Exceptional prices on Oil Heaters at Cramer Bros.

Just received a new carload of Drain Tile in 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8-inch sizes. Rogue River Hdwe. Co.

Meet me at Coe's Saturday, December 18, 1909. Toyland now open. child in the county. SANTA CLAUS. 12-10-2t

Look over our large stock of high grade jewelry. You will find very expensive up-to-date goods, complete in all lines. We invite you to see these goods for yourself, you want the best and have chances now at your own price. Good presents for little money. Auction sale Friday, 501 Front street.  
Clemens sell Children's Books.

## Fruit Meeting Postponed.

The meeting advertised to be held at the Commercial Club rooms on Saturday, December 10, to hear G. A. Hoover on the consolidation of the entire Rogue River valley and thus secure for all fruit growers a better market, has been postponed until December 17. Mr. Hoover is one of the most prominent fruit growers of this valley and he is deeply interested in the subject of uniting all parts of Josephine and Jackson counties to the end that we may have a representative in the big cities of the east and thus secure better prices for our fruit as well as avoiding the delays which are now encountered in reaching the great cities of the middle west and extreme east. This is an important matter and a movement in the right direction, for it means many thousands of dollars added to the returns of our fruit crop each year. The time has certainly come when Josephine and Jackson county fruit growers should unite in the interest of better markets. It is to be hoped that every fruit grower in this section will attend the meeting on Saturday of next week.

The auction sale Friday is the chance of a lifetime to buy beautiful presents, anything you want in jewelry, silverware, cut glass, china, clocks, novelties and diamonds at your own prices. Tickets free for the diamond ring and other valuable presents given away each sale. Carlquist & Co., 501 Front street.

For Xmas—Sabin has wood to burn.  
Buy a Presbyterian Cook Book for a Christmas present for your wife.

A Parker Fountain Pen makes a nice present for him or her, and get it at Demaray's.

Largest stock of gold and gold filled jewelry in the city is at Letcher's, at prices that are right.

You can make good money writing life insurance. Columbia Life & Trust, 203 Conklyn Building. 12-10-2t  
A housekeeper always appreciates reliability in a cook book. That is found in the Presbyterian Cook Book on sale December 18.

## The Heavy Storms of Early Winter.

The rain which has fallen nearly every day for three weeks or more has become somewhat monotonous to the average citizen. Were it not for the fact that the weather is fairly warm and rather pleasant, it would interfere with business. The country roads are quite muddy, consequently farmers and miners only come to town when they are obliged to do so. These rains are bad enough and yet we should not complain for in every place beyond the Rogue River valley conditions are worse. Just think of it, 600 men in Portland last Tuesday were fighting the storm to keep the electric cars going and the telephone and telegraph system in order. Terrible storms prevailed in the states of Washington, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming and Colorado. These storm conditions also prevailed in other states. We had a little snow Saturday night but it soon disappeared, being melted by the rains. We are likely to have floods but nothing serious is apprehended. Old timers claim that the present winter will more than likely be as bad as the severe winter of 1891, which abounded in floods that carried away many bridges in Josephine and Jackson counties.

"FLASH" is a household necessity and is most popular with the housewife—cleans woodwork, sinks, bath tubs, floors, paint, kitchen utensils and everything about the house.

## Fire Near Merlin.

The residence of G. W. Woodworth, three miles up the Southern Pacific road from Merlin, near Three Pines station, was burned to the ground last Saturday forenoon. It is supposed that mice had gathered paper and cloth about the stove pipe running through the ceiling and the fire started from this rubbish. Mr. Woodworth discovered the blaze but was unable to extinguish it and when he finally turned his attention to the household goods the house was so far gone that he was only able to save a small amount of bedding. The loss will be something over \$600. Mr. Woodworth in saving the bedding was considerably scorched and his head blistered.

## Myrtle Wood Novelties at Clemens.

Chafing Dishes, Carving Sets and Nut Sets at Cramer Bros.

Glassware, Chinaware, Toys, Penny Christmas Cards and Beautiful Dolls at the New Racket Store. 12-10-2t

Wire Rope, Clips, Blocks and other tools used in pulling stumps and brush, at Rogue River Hdwe. Co. Isn't it "the old man's" turn now to get a suit of clothes? Send him to Calhoun's.

Meet me at Coe's Saturday, Dec. Have a nice, useful present for every child in the county. SANTA CLAUS. 12-10-2t

# Christmas Christmas

Now is the time to come in and select your Christmas presents. Select them while the stock is complete and they will be laid away for you until you are ready for them. Packages to be sent away will be packed for you. Before buying look our line over.

**Store Open Saturday Evenings**

## Hall's Art Store

Store Telephone, 105  
Residence Telephone, 88

# Southern Oregon Supply Co.

204 SOUTH SIXTH STREET, GRANTS PASS, OREGON

Something for a Christmas present is the question now. We are prepared to help you out by having a large assortment. **SOFA PILLOW TOPS, LAUNDRY BAGS, CENTER PIECES, JAPANESE DRAWN WORK LINEN—Genuine Hand work, SHAWLS, SCARFS, FANCY BELTS, LADIES, AND CHILDREN'S HAND BAGS, LADIES' PURSES, FANCY BACK COMBS AND BARRETTES.** These are only a few of the things we have that will make a suitable present.

### Clothing

Men's Youths' and Boys'

Quality Style and Price

We are at the top on quality and style —at the bottom in prices.

### Overcoats and Cravenettes

Top Coats Ulster Overcoats Cravenettes and Mackintoshes

are in great demand these days. It will pay you to give us a call if you need anything in this line.



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## GROCERIES

This is the season of **CANNED GOODS** and **DRIED FRUIT**. We handle nothing but the best. Our constantly increasing grocery trade is proof positive that our goods are all that we claim for them.

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