



MASONIC TEMPLE.

The Masonic Temple now under construction by Blanco lodge No. 48, A. F. & A. M., will be the finest building of the kind in this part of Oregon. It is a two story wooden building 80X100 feet in size. The lower story will contain a modern opera house capable of seating 1200 people, equipped with opera chairs throughout. The stage will be 23 feet in depth and the proscenium arch 30 feet in width. There will be ample wings on each side and room above the stage for shifting scenery, as well as spacious dressing

rooms. There will be two boxes on each side of the stage. Four exits insure safety of the audience. The lodge room on the upper floor is 50X55 feet in size and a banquet hall 30X60 is also provided. The building will be hard finished throughout, heated by furnaces, well ventilated and lighted with electricity. It will cost over \$20,000. The contracting builder is Peter Clausen, of this city, and the construction of the building is under the supervision of Peter Loggie, of North Bend, representing the Lodge.



J. W. BENNETT'S NEW RESIDENCE.

### Telephones in Coos

The telephone service throughout Coos county is as good as the best. The towns of Marshfield, Bangon, Myrtle Point and Coquille, each have an exchange; connecting in all over 500 subscribers. The prosperous farmers for some 20 miles from these exchanges are on the free switching lists, and within the coming year it is expected that nearly every farm in the county will be in telephone connection with the system. The farmers of the Coquille, and the Coos river valleys are fast taking advantage of low rates when they construct their own lines; and during the past year they have put up over 74 miles of wire to connect their homes with this rapid method of communication.

### The Coos River Hatchery

Four years ago, the state of Oregon established the South Coos River Hatchery on the McKnight place, in Coos County, and the first year, under the supervision of F. C. Brown, the hatchery turned out 540,000 Chinook fry; the second year under the supervision of G. A. Brown, it turned out 2,360,000; the third year, under the supervision of F. W. Smith, it turned out 3,560,000, and the fourth year under the same able supervision, it turned out 6,115,000.

Too much credit cannot be bestowed upon the superintendents, and particularly Mr. Smith, for by his skill in changing the racks and careful management he has increased the output over the first year 5,575,000.

The South Coos river hatchery now ranks

second in place of the State hatcheries, and Mr. Smith believes by increasing the size of the present building the output can be increased 4,000,000, thus making the output for the coming year 10,150,000.

