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THE COOK HOUSE.

Partially Descriptive of a Structure
About Completed in McMinnville.

The Cook House, the new hotel nearing completion in this city, and of which all McMinnville and surrounding country feel proud, was thrown open for inspection on New Year day, and a large number of people availed themselves of the opportunity so afforded to get a first look at the interior. Entering at the Third street hall door the first thing to greet the visitor is the large and well appointed hallway, leading southward, a magnificent staircase inviting a way to the flights above where the second and third floors are conveniently arranged for rooms in suite or single to be elaborately finished and furnished, in a manner corresponding with the dining room, to the left of the main entrance. This is the only room at present in anything approaching to a finished condition, but if it may be taken as an index of what other apartments in the building are to be, then indeed has our faith in the enterprising builder, L. H. Cook, been well founded. The ceiling and walls are most handsomely decorated with rich paper which is almost a duplicate of the finest fresco work. The artist of this room, Vin. Snelling, had just taken himself off before our coming else we should have lifted the glasses from the bridge of our nose as a point in admiration of his excellent services. We next turn to the right, lead by Mr. C., passing through the roomy office which has a large entrance also, at the corner, junction of Third and E streets, and are ushered into the sample room, a place for traveling salesmen to display the samples of their stock to intending purchasers. This is an attachment to all modern hotels, made necessary by the present methods of doing business. In this room the wholesale dealer or manufacturer from any portion of the commercial world, will meet the retail dealer of this city, as conveniently as the purchaser now meet the seller at home. In these sample rooms it frequently

happens that purchases are made from samples displayed aggregating half a million dollars or over daily. The commercial traveler who faithfully represents his firm in transactions such as these is of necessity a gentleman of high moral worth and financial standing and must in no wise be confounded with a similar class of salesmen sometimes met upon the road and commonly dubbed "drummers," amongst whom, it must be admitted are some tough nuts, but all alike are granted use of the sample room in first class modern hotels, because its essential to business, effecting a great saving to the community of consumers by lessening the cost of the goods, and placing all grades of local dealers upon an equal footing according to the basis of credit. Mr. Cook has added to this apartment all conveniences which his years of hotel experience could suggest. There is an entrance from the street and two side entrances, all of which may be placed under complete control of the occupant, leaving his assortment of goods as completely and securely housed and shelved as if placed upon actual sale anywhere upon the business streets of a populous city. We next take in the billiard hall, passing on to the wash room, thence to the kitchen, store rooms, etc., all of which are marvels of perfection, so far as arrangement is concerned, and which are to be finished as we understand, upon the same method of neatness displayed in the dining room. But here we meet a crowd; and Custer Post brass band. What's up? Why, the boys want to serenade the city from the observatory, and that takes us up to the roof of the building where is to be seen far and near, spread out before us, a picture which no country can surpass, no artist excel in portrayal, and upon such a day as this! beautiful, genial, mild and sunny beginning of fitful 1887. Let us look to heaven and thank the author of our being that our lot has been cast in such a paradise as Old Yamhill, the garden spot of America, ugly in name, but the starting point for a very large percentage of all that is noble, pure and generous, in Oregon at least. But we have some calls to make, and reluctantly leave the band to "toot its own horn;" and perhaps you have observed, kind reader, with what remarkable proficiency the boys can do that sort o' thing; if not, then you are

certainly very obtuse. We can tell you in very few words just how we feel about it, and that is this: that the man, woman or child within hearing of that music on this God given New Year day, must be void of all patriotic sense if they can disclaim a feeling of liberality which, from the impulse of the moment would loosen the purse strings and say to the boys: "Here, we as proud citizens of McMinnville, proud of your presence amongst us, your proficiency in music, as well as your integrity as citizens, present you with this purse as a New Year token of our appreciation of your valuable services to this community; take it as freely as it is offered to you; go and fit out each one of you with a new uniform, renew your instruments and music, and with the balance when the day comes, purchase your tickets for Pendleton, and return here with the best prizes, with which to reimburse your treasury, and be ready for the next tournament." Such a thing is possible, from first to last. But we return to the hotel to say that that observatory was a happy thought upon the part of Mr. C. It afforded inexpressible delight to the entire community on last Saturday, but hundreds whose veins were filled with pleasurable emotion enabling them better to render thanks for every other joyful and harmonious surrounding, knew not from whence the sound proceeded, and that was the mission of this article, render unto Caesar the things that are Caesars—and none the less unto L. H. Cook and The Band Boys.

The next county temperance alliance will be held at Sheridan Tuesday, January 18th.

The Salem Statesman 14-page edition for New Year with the Bridge picture as a supplement, is a most excellent number.

Way down where old ocean rolls, the Yaquina Mail comes to us with a superb holiday edition, filled full of matters interesting to all readers, and particularly to those interested about the bay.

Congress will reassemble today. The session will come to an end March 4th. A vast amount of business, some of vast importance to the county, too, will die with the session. The late vacation was an absolute neglect of public affairs utterly inexcusable.

MISCELLANEOUS.

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