

\$300,000 OREGON BUILDING DONE

Growth Of Bank Great in 3 Years

Institution With Three
Employees in 1927 Has
Ten Employees, Many
Friends Now

On September 1, 1927, the Oregon Bank and Trust Company opened its doors at 805 Main street with no deposits and no savings, and no customers.

Monday the bank will open in its new home on the corner of Ninth and Main street with thousands of friends, a host of customers, total resources of \$762,804.70, according to their statement at the close of business December 1, 1929. Deposits total \$670,654.41, according to the same statement.

Formed in 1927

Where the bank opened in a comparatively small room in a one-story building, the bank Monday will be installed in a fireproof, Class A, six-story building with luxurious furnishings and all modern conveniences.

Back in 1927, J. P. Duke, vice president of the Dexter Horton National Bank in Seattle came to Klamath Falls. He looked the snow-covered city over and decided to locate here. Subsequently he resigned in Seattle and came here where he became associated with George R. Lindley, one of the founders in 1904 of the First National Bank.

Together, Mr. Duke and Mr. Lindley and one clerk opened the doors of the Oregon Bank and Trust company in 1927, September 1.

Saw Great Future
"I decided that there was a great future for the Klamath Empire. I believed that there was sufficient diversity of industry to provide for that future and maintain prosperity. In the end I formed the opinion that the Klamath Empire had sufficient farm land suitable for certain classes of stock farming, dairying and other agricultural purposes to increase its income more rapidly than the timber resources would become exhausted."

"I believed then, and do now, that it would be a stabilizing factor in the business of the community. Although for a good many years lumber will be the most important factor in the welfare of the district, I firmly believe that prosperity will be continued and growth will be continuous for some time to come," Mr. Duke stated.

"A Friendly Bank"
Now the bank has 10 employees and active officers. Capital and surplus now total about \$90,000. The bank is affiliated with the Bank of California, Portland; the American Trust Company, San Francisco; The Bank of Italy, Sacramento; and the New York Trust Company, New York.

Since the founding of the bank the savings deposits have increased each month. Each month the list of customers and friends of the institution has been added to, in accordance with the motto "A Friendly Bank."

Prominent Men on Board

J. P. Duke is president of the

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SIX-STORY OREGON BUILDING TO OPEN MONDAY



The "Oregon Building," Klamath's second six-story structure, will be opened Monday to the public. The Oregon Building is the new home of the Oregon Bank and Trust company and was built at a cost of \$300,000.

The ornamental brick and tile, class A, fireproof building is situated on the north side of Main street and extends from Ninth street to Tenth street with the bank occupying the corner at Ninth and Main.

The second story is for general business offices. The third, fourth and fifth floors are occupied by the offices of doctors and dentists and the sixth floor is rented to attorneys. G. C. Fields is the architect.

OREGON BUILDING COMBINES BEAUTY OF GOTHIC STYLE AND AMERICAN STRENGTH

Interior Decorations in Modernistic Scheme. All Details of Heating, Lighting, Ventilating, Plumbing, Color Harmony and Convenience Incorporated in New Six-Story Oregon Bank and Trust Home

THE Oregon building, on the north side of Main street, between Ninth and Tenth street, will be officially opened on Monday. The six-story building, of class A construction, is the second six-story building in the city. It was built at a cost of \$300,000, and is modern throughout.

Constructed of solid, reinforced concrete with face brick and terra cotta ornamentation, it combines to furnish a model Gothic style of architecture with present American building finesse. Lighting, plumbing, heating, ventilating, and interior decoration have been supervised in detail and are the latest in performance and appearance.

Berry and Fields Build
The building itself is six stories in height and has a basement. It has a frontage of 73 feet on Main street; 100 feet on Tenth street; 102 on Ninth street, and is 96 feet wide at the back, towards Pine street. Its height is 85 feet from the sidewalk elevation in front to the top of the roof.

The Oregon building was constructed by the Oregon Building company, N. E. Berry, Seattle financier, formed the company to operate the building. G. C. Fields, Seattle architect, designed, planned and supervised the building.

Interior Modernistic
Taking the different items of construction in detail, the whole can best be realized.

The general interior decorating scheme is modernistic in pattern. The interior of the first floor is

finished in a travertine, walls and ceiling. The bank has a ceiling 24 feet high, and woodwork is in walnut. Philippine mahogany is used throughout the other floors. In windows, doors and other wooden work. Poured marble floors with no square corners, were laid in the halls, the bank and the lobby.

Lighting fixtures throughout the building were selected with care, and all harmonize. Special lighting fixtures have been placed in the high-ceilinged bank that are in keeping with the stenciled trimmings.

Dual Control Elevator

An Otis dual-control elevator has been installed. After regular hours, when the elevator girls are gone, the elevator works automatically from buttons on any floor. The elevator runs from the basement to the sixth story. A space is provided for a second elevator when use makes it advisable to install it. An Otis hydraulic elevator from the basement to the sidewalk on Tenth street will be used for the transportation of freight.

A Buffalo Silex Condair suction fan insures complete ventilation throughout every room, no matter how small, in the building and maintains an even temperature. The fan changes the air completely three times each hour. Thermostats automatically regulate the heat.

Use Hog Fuel Burner

In the basement a Riley blue flame hog fuel burner automatically fed by a conveyor from a

sawdust storage space under the sidewalk, heats hot water for the building and furnishes the heat. The hog fuel storage bin is filled from Tenth street, and holds ten loads.

The building will also be connected with the steam lines of the Klamath Heating company, so that the company's heat may be used if necessary.

An air compressor, to furnish compressed air for doctors' and dentists' offices, and a Dunham vacuum pump are in the basement. A garbage incinerator will provide immediate disposal of all refuse without it leaving the building.

Fireproof Throughout
A transformer room and electric control room have been provided in the basement for the California Oregon Power company, whose lines furnish electricity used throughout the offices.

A tunnel in the basement will lead to the hotel, garage and store and apartment buildings, enabling one to go to any of the four buildings without going onto the street.

The building is strictly fireproof throughout. Stairways are of concrete with rusted iron railings. Fire doors separate the stairs from each floor. Exit lights and fire hose stations are on each floor.

Each Office Planned

All plumbing in the building is hidden from view. The plumbing was ordered through the Lorenz company here, and special elbow valves have been installed on the faucets in the medical offices.

Adequate lavatories for men and for women are on each floor, and each has a mirror.

Harmony Prevails

Throughout the building the offices were specially designed according to the convenience of each tenant. The second floor is devoted to general business offices; the third, fourth and fifth to doctors and dentists, and the sixth to attorneys.

The suites are carpeted, or linoleum is laid, according to the wishes of the tenant. Some of the doctors' offices have waiting rooms for both men and women. In each case the office is arranged to suit the renter.

Even the locks on the doors match throughout the building, although each takes a different key.

Walnut Finish in Bank

The quarters of the Oregon Bank & Trust company are probably the most elaborate in the building. A marble floor; walnut counter and desks with walnut partitions between teller cages and offices, harmonize with the imported French marble baseboards and counter tops. Two tellers occupy each office. A customer's room is provided in the lobby of the bank for the convenience of patrons.

An inter-communicating telephone system has been installed. Bookkeepers, tellers, the safety deposit department and offices of the bank's officers occupy the first floor. Two booths are provided for the use of safety deposit from Main street. The visitor enters

the vault by a set of stairs leading to the vault from Main street. The vault is specially made.

The vault of the bank is constructed of 13-inch, double reinforced by steel cement walls. The vault door weighs five tons, and is wired with burglar alarms. Two time locks are provided to unlock the vault door at the proper time.

In the vault are 648 safety deposit boxes set in solid concrete, and 150 more will be moved from the present bank to the new quarters. The vault door was manufactured by the Herring Hall Marvin Safe company. It is made of eight inches of solid, unburnable, undrillable steel.

Directors Have Room

A mezzanine floor in the bank will allow for the keeping of books and a vault is provided for records with a 5200-pound vault door. A small dumb-waiter carries checks and papers from the first floor to the mezzanine. A glass front in the water prevents anything being left in it.

Off the mezzanine floor, which can be reached by a carpeted stair from the bank, is the directors' room. A walnut table and chairs are provided and the room is decorated in a general scheme of brown.

Back of the bank offices is an office which will be occupied by Barnhisel & Robertson, formerly the Tri-State Realty company. The office fronts on Ninth street.

Lobby on Main
The office building is entered

by a spacious lobby. On the right is a cigar counter connecting through an open window with the Star Drug store No. 2.

The elevator is on the left. Beyond the elevator is a barber shop, decorated and fitted in light blue, to be operated by Albert Redlarn. It will have three chairs and a shine stand.

Between the bank entrance and the lobby entrance on Main is a room to be occupied by the F. W. Bertram Jewelry company. The jewelry quarters are decorated in rose color. A window display in the jewelry store can be seen in the lobby.

Star Drug Opens Store

The Star Drug Store No. 2, on the corner of Tenth and Main, is finished in a modernistic design with woodwork in quarter-sawn oak. A cigar counter, fountain with lunch service, and prescription and general drug service will be given.

The building is the first in a series of buildings which are planned to be erected on the former site of the Central grade school. The school was torn down and Ninth street put through and paved.

Plan Other Buildings

Between the rear of the office building and Pine street a five-story hotel will be erected. Across the street from the hotel and back of the Weyman building a four-story store and apartment building will be built, and west of the store building a one-story garage will be constructed.

Variety To Mark Opening Monday

Battery To Parade In
Ceremony; Bowring
Band To Play. Building
on "Dress Parade"

Monday from 10 a. m. to 10 p. m. is the time set for the opening of the \$300,000 Oregon Bank Building, between Ninth and Tenth streets on the north side of Main street. The building and offices will be open for inspection at that time and a number of entertaining events are planned.

The local national guard company, Battery D, 249th C. A. C., will drill in front of the building and will be presented with the Oregonian trophy for the best attendance during the year 1929. Bruce Dennis, publisher of the Klamath News and Herald will make the presentation at the request of R. C. Calvert, managing editor of the Oregonian who will be unable to be present.

Band Will Play

Colonel Thomas E. Riley of the commanding general's staff will be present at the presentation of the Oregonian trophy. It is possible that the United States War Department citation will be presented at the ceremonies Monday night as the Klamath Battery has received the highest marksmanship citation of any battery in the state.

During the opening of the building Jack Bowring and his band will play on each floor of the building.

Floodlights to Be Used

Floodlights will be played on the building from the stars across the street during the opening by the California-Oregon Power company that all may see the beautiful Gothic type exterior. The interior of the building will be of the Modernistic pattern of architecture.

J. P. Duke, president, and George R. Lindley, vice president of the Oregon Bank and Trust company will meet the visitors throughout the opening hours. N. E. Berry and C. G. Field, financial head and supervising architect, respectively, of the building will also be among those present at the opening.

A Step in Progress

From the first floor, to the sixth and even in the basement the building will be on "dress parade" during Monday that all who visit may appreciate the workmanship and beauty of the second six-story building in this city.

For those who have been actively engaged in the planning and construction of the building it will be the culmination of a dream. For the city it will mark one more step in progress and will add one more change to the generally rising skyline of the business section.

Serviceable, Beautiful

For several months workmen and superintendents have been struggling and working long shifts that the building might be finished by March 1. For them it is success in accomplishment.

The building, complete in every detail, stands as a mark of accomplishment for future builders to aim at in completeness of detail and general serviceableness and beauty in construction.

Lorenz Company Able to Furnish Needed Supplies

Since the entry of the Lorenz Company into the plumbing and heating jobbing field the Oregon Bank job was the first real test in meeting the competition of other jobbers from centers outside of Klamath Falls.

The Routman Plumbing and Heating company of Seattle, one of the largest contractors of that city, was able to purchase the necessary supplies here in Klamath Falls from the Lorenz company.

This definitely establishes Klamath Falls as a jobbing center for this class of material in Southern Oregon and Northern California.

Bank Building Balances Main Street Section

Construction of the Oregon Bank and Trust company's six-story office building and the buildings surrounding it have brought much talk of the "business center of the city" shifting to the East.

Others contemplating the Weyerhaeuser plant, the Kesterson lumber company plant, the Cascade Box company plans for a factory. All to be West of Link river state that the business section of the city has not shifted but that because of the rapid growth for the city it became necessary for business to move Eastward to keep the town balanced.