

Anaconda News.

IT'S ON THE CORNER

The Smith Drug Company's New Home is a Model Store.

THE PLACE TO BUY DRUGS

It is the Oldest House in the Trade in Anaconda and it Always Keeps Right Up to the Front.

One of the solid business firms of the city is the Smith Drug company. L. G. Smith, the president, came by his profession honestly, his father having engaged in the business in Monmouth, Ill., about 60 years ago—in 1835. The company first started in business in the old Read building on Main street, near Front, but remained there only one year, when they moved to the building on Main near Park avenue, which at that time was practically the corner, the ground where the new Shields building now stands being vacant. In October last the Shields building was completed and taken possession of by the Smith Drug company. The ground floor was fitted up with new, polished oak shelving, which gives a rich appearance to the place, on account of the excellent light thrown from the front of the building through three large plate glass windows. The west side shelves are backed by mirrors that reflect the different bottles a myriad ways and add to the general brilliancy of the place.

The company carries an extensive stock of drugs, glassware and fancy goods, and the basement presents the appearance of a large wholesale house. All of the stock is stored in perfect order, and it is no trouble for those familiar with the arrangement to lay their hands in an instant on any article needed for the retail department. A specialty is made of window glass, and the delicate commodity is given a section to itself in the wholesale department, and is so arranged that the different sizes can be got at with the least possible handling.

Complete sets of assays, a full line of paints and oil, fancy goods to satisfy the most fastidious tastes, combs, brushes and French plate hand mirrors, are carried in variety and quantity to an extent that would worry an Eastern wholesale dealer.

The prescription department is entirely separated from the store and admits of no possible interruption if the clerk desires to be alone when mixing a physician's order. Mr. Smith made a special point of this arrangement when fitting up the new store, and in explanation says that there cannot be too much care exercised in the handling of prescriptions, and that he or his assistants have never yet been charged with an error, and he proposes to cut the chances for mistakes down to the minimum.

ITS NEW PLANT.

The Electric Company's Splendid Equipment is Nearly Ready for Use.

When the present plant of the Electric Railway, Light & Power company was erected, six years ago, the most enthusiastic of Anaconda's friends did not dream that the city would assume such proportions as it now boasts of, and the power plant was therefore laid out on a much smaller scale than it would otherwise have been. With the growth of the city there has come a steadily increased demand for lights, until now the plant is taxed far beyond its capacity, with the result that the service of late has been quite unsatisfactory.

When the station was built it was designated according to the best ideas then prevailing, but the last six years in the electric light business have witnessed a wonderful advance and the dynamo and turbines of that day bear about as much resemblance to those now manufactured as Robert Fulton's steamboat did to the present "ocean liner." Realizing that something must be done, the company last summer set about remedying matters.

It was quickly found that it would be impossible to remodel the old plant so as to bring it up to date and make it the first-class, reliable station that was wanted, and that no improvement of any consequence could be made without a shut-down of at least a month. This being clearly out of the question, it was finally decided to build an entirely new plant, which should have only the latest and best machinery and be something of which the company could well be proud. New dynamo and water wheels were purchased, and as soon as plans could be drawn, work was commenced.

A site at the foot of the hill, immediately adjoining the old building, was selected, and ground was broken in the last week of August. It was fully expected that the plant would be in operation before the heavy winter load of lights should come on, and every endeavor was made to accomplish this result.

In making the necessary excavation, it was discovered that what appeared to be a solid ledge of granite rock in the hillside and on which it was intended to build the foundations was in reality nothing but a slide and beneath it lay the finest and softest body of quicksand ever uncovered in Montana. This unexpected and serious obstacle was the cause of long delay and great expense, and it was only after a month of continuous pumping day and night, that the layer of quicksand was finally exhausted and actual construction could begin. The solid bedrock on which it was necessary to lay the foundations was found only after going some 12 feet deeper than was expected, and much valuable time was lost.

When at last a firm footing was found the work was pushed day and night and the plant is now nearly ready to start. The foundations are massive and are built entirely of white granite, laid in cement. Some idea of their size can be gained from the statement that they contain 2,500 perch of brick and the building itself is completed. The water wheels and dynamo are now being placed in position, and when the turbines are connected to the water supply pipe the plant will be ready to furnish light.

In its design and method of operating the plant could not well be improved upon. Each dynamo will be directly coupled to a separate water wheel, making a complete unit in itself which can be operated independ-

ently of any other, a method of construction adopted for the famous electric plant at Niagara Falls. There is no belting and no line shaft in the new station and this serious loss of power is entirely done away with. A traveling crane, running the length of the building, renders the moving of any of the heavy machinery the work of only a few minutes.

At present the street railway of the city receives its power from the same line shaft and same turbines as do the lights, and the constant fluctuation in the railway service is seen in every incandescent light in the city, which one minute will burn brightly and the next will be dark red. This trouble will be entirely overcome in the new plant, by each dynamo and its accompanying water wheel being entirely independent of every other unit in the building.

The company is also installing a large electric storage battery, which will enable the saving of the power which now goes to waste all day and allow it to be used at night when needed. No expense is being spared to give Anaconda the best lighting system known, and by the middle of January everything will be in full operation.

ABOUT THE CITY.

Tom and Jerry at the Mint.

Milwaukee beer at Daly & Marrow's.

Suits from \$5.00 up Aschheim's.

Baths—Montana Hotel, barber shop, etc.

Dr. Chrisman extracts teeth without pain.

Full line of New Year's presents at Keppler's.

For rent—Six-room house, 607 Cedar street. J. M. Pickle.

Holiday goods less than cost for next three days at L. A. King's.

Mrs. Kate Dougherty of 508 and 510 Ash street, is seriously ill.

For a good fry go to Crowley's Oyster house, 321 E. Park avenue.

Twenty-five per cent. discount on all holiday goods at Hammerslough's.

Miss Robinson returned to her home at Deer Lodge yesterday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Peterson are the parents of a fine boy born yesterday.

For good home cooking go to Crowley's Oyster house, 321 E. Park avenue.

Miss Clara Blen and mother, Mrs. M. Blen of Deer Lodge, were guests in Anaconda yesterday.

Misses Janie and Florence Broughton of Walkerville, visited friends in Anaconda during the week.

Leave orders at King's book store for Rock Springs, Diamondville and Pennsylvania coals. H. J. Allen, agent.

Jonas Heuser had his hand smashed under a grate at the works yesterday. Dr. St. Jean amputated the index finger.

H. E. Dixey and company, who recently captured an Anaconda audience, will return for a New Year's eve performance.

The skating rink on West Third street, corner of Hickory, will be open Sunday afternoon. The ice is in excellent condition.

Gray & Gervais have moved their coal oil office from Neal's news stand to room 1 Shields block, Main street, entrance on Park avenue.

Sights and Scenes of the World is the premium we are giving away Free with a year's subscription.

Mrs. Hensley arrived last evening from Portland, and will remain in Anaconda the guest of her daughter, Mrs. William Thornton, for the winter.

Services at St. Mark's—Morning prayer and sermon at 11 o'clock. Subject of sermon, "Slaughter of the Innocents." Evening prayer and sermon at 7:30 o'clock. Sunday school at noon. Christmas music will be repeated.

Mr. Brown will speak to men only at 3 o'clock at the Auditorium this afternoon. Boys under 15 years of age will not be admitted. A farewell mass meeting will be held at the same place at 7:30 o'clock, to which all are invited.

L. J. Pierce, who has been engaged in compiling the new Anaconda city directory, has finished his labors. He finds in Anaconda and Carroll 6,000 names. According to the lowest multiple used in estimating population, 24, this gives Anaconda's citizenship 15,500 people. The directory is published by Evans & McMurray.

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Anaconda Commission.

Among the reliable business houses of Anaconda none stand better than the Anaconda Commission company, who do a strictly wholesale business in fruits and produce. They enjoy an exceptionally liberal patronage among the retail dealers of this part of Montana, and fruit growers would do well to keep in correspondence with this house with a view to having them handle their products. Anaconda is one of the best markets in the Northwest, and these people are well known for fair dealing and reliability. Keep them in mind, and when you have anything to sell in their line correspond with them.

Wanted—Second hand goods, 215 Cedar.

O'Neill's, Park avenue, Mammoth snow shovels, 25c. Cheapest store in town.

Violin Lessons.

Prof. Olson, studio 415 Cedar street.

Attention.

Call and examine new stock of goods just received at J. A. Hasley, 215 Oak.

When in Butte lunch at Sherman's.

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When she was a child, she cried for Castoria.

When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria.

When she had children, she gave them Castoria.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYBODY.

Christmas is over. We are glad to know that we did what we could to make it a holiday worth remembering. It is not for us to say aught of our success. Let the thousands who thronged our place and carried thence the myriad bundles that gladdened so many hearts; let the people to whom every dollar means a hundred hard-earned cents; let all to whom we were a Santa Claus indeed and truth, let these say whether or not we succeeded.

NOW FOR NEXT YEAR. ODDS AND ENDS.

We are getting out all the remnants and broken lots and will make a price on them that will and must sell them. If you are a close buyer you cannot afford to pass our store. Every day there will be something new; small lots that will not last long, and at prices that will surprise you. Space will not permit us to tell you all the good things. Come and look for yourselves. It is no trouble for us to show goods.

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