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## OUR NEW OPERA HOUSE

WORK STARTED ON FOUNDATION OF DIRCKSEN BLOCK TODAY.

The Second Story Will be Fitted for an Opera House and Will be one of the Most Complete in Central Washington.

Work was started today on the Dircksen Block on West Second street. The building will be 170 feet long by twenty five feet wide, two stories high. The lower story will be used by Mr. Dircksen as a meat market and residence, and the second story will be made into an opera house. The front of the lower story will be used as a sales-room for the meat market. Immediately behind this will be a series of rooms devoted to the manufacture of the many by-products of a meat market, and will be furnished with all the up-to-date machinery for this purpose, run by a twelve horse power gasoline engine. Behind these rooms will be a dwelling to be occupied by Mr. Dircksen with his family.

The second story is to be fitted as a first class opera house, with a roomy stage and dressing rooms. The auditorium will be furnished with movable seats so that it can be easily and quickly cleared for a ball room.

The contract for the stone work has been let to Michael Sentel who put his crew of men to work on the foundation this morning. The contract for the carpenter work will be let this evening and the building will be rushed to completion as fast as possible.

When completed Kennewick will have a first class opera house and ball room and Mr. Dircksen will have the finest meat market in Central Washington.

## LOOK AFTER YOUR INTERESTS.

See That the Votes are Made Right—Interest is Growing.

Just because you do not see the number of votes increase in the list do not think for a moment that the interest is lagging. Such is not the case. Votes are being solicited just as hard and being secured too, as if the list was changed each day. If you want to take that trip to Portland as the most popular lady in this district you must not be idle. Get out and see that your friends give you the benefit of their business with this office. Several of our customers have said they wanted to have votes cast for their money, and told us to give them to any one we wanted to. Now we will not cast a vote on those conditions. We have no favorites in the race and will let the prize go to the lady that wins it by her own or her friends efforts.

### In New Quarters.

The Cascade Lumber Co is now settled down in the new buildings recently erected in the yards at this place. The office force is established in a large suite of offices in the north end of the main building. These offices are models of the architect's art, being finished throughout in natural wood in imitation of the primitive architecture of the west. The buildings throughout the yards are designed to hold the various styles of the finer qualities of lumber and manufactured goods usually kept in first class lumber yards. Since this company purchased the business from Mr. Emigh some three months ago, large additions have been made to the stock and the business has in every way been put on a broader basis. Mr. S. G. Ward, the local manager, is a thorough lumberman and a very enterprising and gentlemanly business man, who has made a large circle of friends since his arrival here and is largely responsible for the good business now enjoyed by the company at this place.

## THE GEROME HAS ARRIVED

THE BIG RIVER STEAMER IN DOCK AT KENNEWICK.

Manager Cover Brings Down the Steamer that Opens a new Era for Kennewick—Met at Landing by a big Crowd.

The long looked for arrival of the steamer Gerome took place last night at about 7:45. Shortly before that time a telephone message was received from Benton announcing the fact that the big boat had passed that place on its way down the river. The news quickly spread over the city, and short as the time was between the receipt of the news and the arrival of the boat, a large percentage of our citizens were on the bank to give it a hearty welcome. An effort was made to get the band out but only a few of the members could be communicated with in the limited time, consequently that part of the program had to be dispensed with.

The steamer is eighty-two feet long with a sixteen foot beam, capable of carrying 109 tons and about a hundred passengers it has recently been fitted with new machinery throughout and is in first class condition, with the exception of the need of its annual new coat of paint.

The boat left Wenatchee yesterday morning at 5 o'clock and made the trip down the river to this point in a little over twelve hours, arriving at 7:45 p. m. The journey was uneventful with the exception of the trip past Rock Island, the worst piece of rapids on the upper river. In this stretch of water the boat became unmanageable and turned completely around, and jammed up against a rock tearing away part of the woodwork on one side, but inflicting no serious damage.

It is the intention of the owners

to tie up here for the purpose of repairing, repainting and fully equipping the boat for its work on the river, which will take about ten days.

During this season it is proposed to confine the boat to the upper river traffic, and she will make daily trips between this point and the foot of Priest Rapids, calling at Benton and the other landings that will be established on the way.

H. E. Cover, the manager and Capt. M. S. Danaber, inform us that the river between here and the foot of Priest Rapids is the finest stretch of water in the northwest and admirably adapted to river steamboating.

It has not been decided just where the permanent landing will be yet but in the meantime it is likely the old railroad ferry landing will be used. That is where the boat is at present tied up.

### Big Strawberry Shipments Begin.

Yesterday was the starter for the real shipments of strawberries from this place. When the trains pulled in to the depot going both ways the platform presented the appearance of a wholesale fruit warehouse.

Trucks loaded with berries occupied the full length of the platform.

When the evening train for the east arrived it was held here over thirty minutes in order that the berries might be loaded. Five hundred and odd crates represented the shipments for the day, the big bulk going to points in Montana where the price still ranges above five dollars a crate. From now on it is expected the shipments each day will run from five hundred up till about the latter part of next week, when the big end of the crop will have been disposed of. The Kennewick berries have the market practically monopolized as the shipments from other points are very small. Hood River expects to start shipments about the 20th and by that time our berries will be practically off the market.

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