

THE CASINO.

A Continuous High-Class Vaudeville Performance.

Will Open Saturday August 13--An Unprecedented Galaxy of Stars--Tony Pastor's Show Outclassed.

Aberdeen is going to have a permanent variety theater which will afford pleasant evening entertainment at the popular admission rates of 10 and 25 cents. The proprietors, Messrs. Thompson, Yeager and Deekhan, have had many years experience in their business and thoroughly understand the secret of conducting a house of this character in a successful manner, having eliminated all the objectionable features so prevalent in variety houses. It is their intention to give a strictly high class, refined and up-to-date vaudeville performance, which will be conducted on exactly the same principle as the far-famed Tony Pastor Theater. The theater has been placed in the regular circuit by the Theatrical Booking companies and will therefore be furnished with the most talented artists in the country, as is evidenced by those engaged for the opening performance Saturday evening August 13th, among whom are Miss Sadie Fairfield in her specialty with all the latest songs and fascinating dances; Miss Gertie Harrington who never fails to elicit repeated encores; and the mirthful Raye Hampton, who needs no introduction on the coast, her serio-comic songs keeping the audience in uproarious laughter or transfixed admiration; Miss Frankie Bell, noted for her dulcet voice, and Vivian, America's nightingale. Among the teams engaged for character sketches are Mr. Harry Bernard and Miss Harris, acknowledged to be without peers in their forte, introducing successful comedy. Miss Fannie Hoyt is another of the charming songsters who will please the audience; and Bolzart, "the only Bolzart," half man, half woman, double voiced and a real wonder. He is the only person in the world engaged in his specialty and seeing him is worth the price of admission alone. It may be interesting to those unacquainted with the salaries paid this class of performers to state



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that they receive from \$40 to \$60 per week and usually have engagements far in advance.

Manager Thompson intend changing a quota of the program each week, thus favoring the audience something new continually. The performance will be continuous, thus the tedious intermissions of dramatic plays will be avoided. An excellent orchestra, under the leadership of Alex Castrino, has been engaged which will give the music loving population a decided treat.

The company have leased, for three years, the spacious McDonald buildings on F street between Heron and Hume and have spared no expense in remodeling the interiors which are now most attractive and comfortable. The theater will be formally opened with a grand free ball Friday evening, August 12th, to which every one is cordially invited.

The management guarantees that all shall receive courteous treatment, and everything possible done to facilitate their comfort as well as entertainment. Joe Cramer, the well-known manager, has charge of the stage.

Richard T. Dabney.

Enterprising and energetic business men never fail to succeed where there is a worthy object and firm foundation upon which to base their operations; this has been substantiated by the success of Richard T. Dabney, who with his brother, J. B. Dabney, were among the first to engage in the real estate business in Aberdeen. For some years previous to locating here they were engaged in the same business in Montana, enjoying the confidence of all who knew them. When the advantages of Grays Harbor were first made known to the world, Mr. Dabney was among the first to recognize and appreciate them. He backed his judgment by investing extensively in unimproved property and building on it at once. Many of the largest buildings of the city were erected by him, among others being the block shown in the illustration. Shortly after engaging in business he organized the Aberdeen Land and Improvement Company to which the city is indebted largely for the vast amount of eastern capital invested here. There is probably no one who did more toward

advertising the Harbor and furthering the interests of Aberdeen than Mr. Dabney. His possessions here are still very extensive though at one time it amounted to several thousand acres of land in and around Grays Harbor. He also owns large tracts in other states. He is now conducting a prosperous real estate business in Seattle but expects to return here as soon as his business there will permit. J. B. Dabney is now engaged in mining in Rossland, B. C.



Samuel Benn.

The pioneer, to whom our thriving city is indebted for its birth, and to whom so many of her wealthy citizens owe, directly and indirectly, the foundations of their fortunes, is a man of keen business instinct, possessed of that prescience which enables one to discern advantages of location foretelling the inevitable growth of a great city. Mr. Benn is a native of New York City and a carpenter by trade. In 1856 he left the great metropolis to seek his fortune among the gold mines of California but was attracted north by the early accounts of the dormant wealth of Washington and in 1857 located at Milburn where he resided until 1867 when he purchased 160 acres from the government and 4.2 acres from

purposes, among which are the lots for every church in the city and the site of St. Joseph's Hospital. Since the founding of the city he has always been willing to assist any worthy enterprise to become established. He was the first to recognize the peculiar richness of the soil and sent some east to be analyzed, developing the fact that it was teeming with vegetable matter and composed of phosphoric acid, lime and nitre. He has erected many of the largest buildings in the city

Balfew & Birmingham.

The new grocery firm which began business this morning on Heron street between G and H in the building formerly occupied by Chime & See, are holding out inducements for a portion of the city and country trade which will assure them of success. They are both thorough business men and their genial and accommodating manner wins friends and customers by the score. Their stock is of course new and fresh and consists of the very

and owns much of the most valuable inside and addition property. Mr. Benn was the first sheriff of Chehalis county and has been assessor, county commissioner and a member of the school board.

Lewis Bros. Mill.

One of the largest and most important shingle mills on the Harbor is that of Lewis Bros. The firm is composed of C. L. and J. A. Lewis who built their mill in 1892 at the mouth of Johns River. It has a capacity of one hundred thousand per day and is run at its full capacity the year around. Most of their business which is conducted principally by correspondence, is in the New England states, Ohio and Indiana, dealing direct with the retail trade and in some cases with jobbers. Very soon after the opening of the mill the superior quality of their shingles became known and the orders came rapidly necessitating an enlargement of their plant, and it is only recently that they have been able to keep up with the orders. Their shipments are mostly by rail though at certain times of the year their New England shipments are made by ship cargo from Duluth across the lakes. The machinery of the mill is operated by a 60 horse power engine which is furnished with steam from a 100 horse power boiler. Sixteen men are employed in manufacturing their product. In view of the large quantities in which the shingles are manufactured and the comparative light expense attendant, they are able to sell at lower rates than others operating on a smaller scale, and as stated above, the quality of their shingles, which are made of red cedar, cannot be excelled.

Their main office is in the Kaufman block, this city, and those who are interested in this line will do well to address them before making contracts with others.

N. W. Bush.

Attorney and Counsellor at Law, with offices in the Kaufman block, began practice here in 1889 and has the distinction of having opened the first law office in the city of Aberdeen. He was elected to the office of city attorney in the year of 1880 and re-elected '91, being also the first city attorney. In '93 and '94 he was in the legislature from this county and was prominent in the memorable session of '93 during the debates on Privileges and Elections, having been chairman of that committee, submitting the minority report which he supported through the entire issue. He is one of the best known lawyers in the state.

best in the market which they are selling at prices that compare favorably with the lowest. Mr. Balfew says they intend to carry the best stock possible and if a customer should wish anything not in stock they will take pleasure in procuring it without delay or extra expense. They also guarantee every thing sold from their store and customers can be assured of courteous treatment. In addition to the regular line of fancy and staple groceries they carry a line of flour and feed.



B. J. GARMAN, CHIEF OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

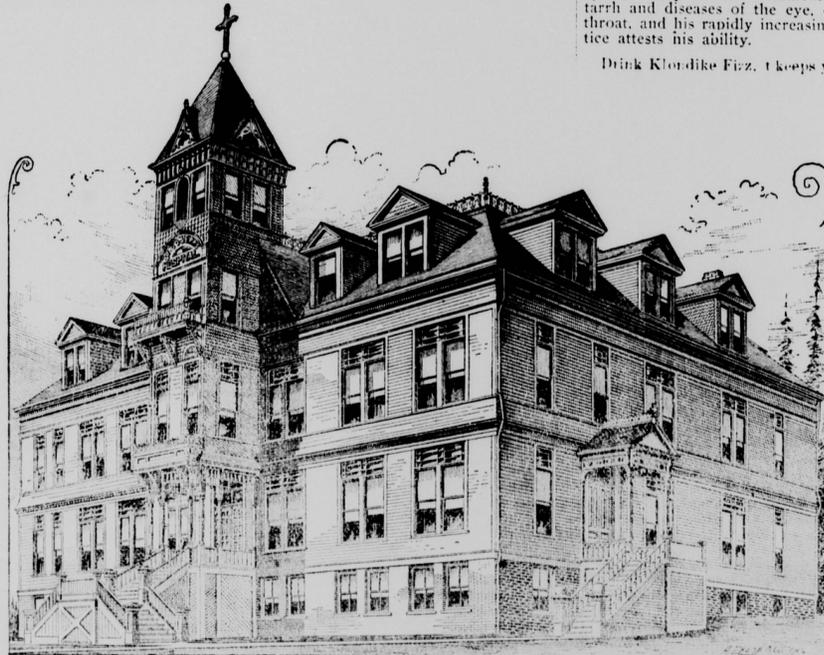
I. W. MASON.

Lawyer, inventor and contractor and builder, was admitted to the bar in 1882 in Wisconsin and practiced there for nearly eight years. In 1892 he came to Aberdeen and began practice here. For some years past, however, he has made a specialty of contracting and building and has built many of the finest residences in the city, and other structures, among which is the draw-bridge on Heron street across the Wishkah river. He is now engaged in building the N. P. R. R. depot at this point. He has been successful in this line and his services are in demand. The offices are located in the Anderson building.

DR. PAUL SMITS.

With offices in the Anderson building, is one of the rising young physicians of the city. He is a graduate of Ann Arbor, Michigan, and has had the advantage of a thorough practical course in medicine and surgery. The doctor was formerly located temporarily in Seattle, but after visiting Aberdeen became convinced that it offered better advantages for practice and would one day rival that city, decided to locate here permanently. He has made a special study of the treatment of catarrh and diseases of the eye, ear and throat, and his rapidly increasing practice attests his ability.

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