

Building Contractors Strong Financially

OTTO P. KROEGER & CO.—CONTRACTORS.

Prominent among the leading contractors of the southwest is the firm of Otto P. Kroeger & Co., whose headquarters are at El Paso, with branch offices at San Antonio, Texas, and Bisbee, Ariz. Otto P. Kroeger & Co. are general contractors and builders, specializing in heavy construction, and have had many years' experience in the business.

In the improvements of recent years they have kept pace with the march of progress, having taken up reinforced concrete construction, of which they make a leading specialty; and have demonstrated their care and skill in this particular line, producing the best results. We might mention here a few of the buildings erected by Otto P. Kroeger & Co., which are as follows: Court houses at San Antonio, Waxahachie, Canton, Sinton and Gonzales, Texas; jails at San Antonio and Sinton, Texas; Southwestern Telephone building, San Antonio; brewery, Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico; Bank of Bisbee, Bisbee, Ariz.; Gadsden hotel, Douglas, Ariz.; oil refineries for Gulf Refining company, Port Arthur, Texas, and Beaumont Refining company; government buildings at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, Fort Bliss and Fort Huachuca, and Fort Wagon, Arizona; Caples office building, El Paso, Texas; Johnson & Heneger building, Bisbee, Ariz.; Powell residence, C. & A. office building, Warren, Ariz.; Coles building, Warren District Country club, El Paso Military institute, college buildings, Mesilla Park, N. M., and numerous other structures of note which have been recently completed, or are under construction.

The members of the firm are C. F. Kroeger and Otto P. Kroeger, both of whom are familiar with every detail of the building trade, and their standing being of the highest in the community they enjoy the esteem of all.

FRANK POWERS—CONTRACTOR.

The contractors and builders in El Paso who have continued in the business in association with Frank Powers for nearly a quarter of a century have literally built the larger portion of the city. Mr. Powers has, perhaps, done a larger share of the work than any other individual contractor, both as a member of and successor to the firm of Buchanan & Powers, which was one of the largest lumber dealers and building contractors in the southwest. The business is continued individually by Mr. Powers on a no less extensive scale.

He has a large establishment and every needful facility for the undertaking and executing contracts of any description and magnitude in the lines of building and general construction. Besides he is a leading dealer in lumber and a manufacturer of sash, doors, stair work and various features of interior finishings. His extensive yards and mill occupy 610 to 618 St. Louis street, where he has excellent trackage facilities and employs a large force of men, as skilled workmen, salesmen and mechanics connected with the various building trades.

The important buildings which have been completed under Mr. Powers's contracts in this city would make a long list, while he has done a large amount of work in the country. Among the larger buildings he was the contractor for the following: The El Paso & Southwestern railroad building, a magnificent steel frame and pressed brick structure of seven stories; the city hall; the chamber of commerce building (property of Frank Powers); the El Paso & Southwestern railroads shops, and the Union depot, a modern railroad station that compares with the new union stations which have been erected in the large eastern cities.

Of his own manufactures and of his general stocks of lumber he ships large orders to western Texas, New Mexico and Arizona.

TURBEVILLE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY.

There have been extraordinary demands upon the contractors and builders of El Paso in recent times and the best talent, materials and skill in workmanship have been the customary requisitions. Of the many engaged in the work, none are better qualified or have a more thorough equipment than the Turbeville Construction company, contractors, builders, sanitary plumbers and planing mill manufacturers, making their own building materials for all finish work. J. K. Turbeville is the manager.

The company not only plan and erect the best class of modern buildings and dwellings, but carry a complete line of plumbing supplies, and employ a force of skilled workmen for the installations of sanitary plumbing in connection with their building work. They build from the foundation up and put in their own finish work. Their office, woodworking plant and planing mill are located at 1002 and 1004 Missouri street, and operated by electric power. The choicest of timber is used for general building purposes, while their finish work is made from the mahoganies, the beautiful hardwoods of the lower Mississippi valley, the maples of the lake regions and the spruce and fir and cedars of the north Pacific coast.

Plenty of Capital Can Be Furnished To Home Builders.

They build and finish houses of all kinds and do a large amount of out-of-town work, as well as their extensive building in the city, having erected many of the buildings which have added so much to the beauty and fame of El Paso in recent times.

J. J. BARR—CONTRACTOR.

One of the most important elements of new population of El Paso in recent years is represented in a very prominent way by J. J. Barr, who by his enterprise and creditable works has developed as one of the leading contractors and builders in the city. Mr. Barr located here 13 years ago, and has participated in much of the modern building of the city.

Mr. Barr started in with proper facilities and ample preparation for his work, and this has been his strongest point of advantage in making and executing contracts. One of the best features of Mr. Barr's preparation for present and future operations was the building, equipping and putting into operation a first class planing mill, in which to manufacture a large part of the materials with which to carry out his contracts.

Mr. Barr is also an architect, and draws designs for competition and for the buildings which he undertakes. At 1703 Wyoming street are located the offices and architectural rooms where the plans are drawn and prepared, and there, also, is located his plant, fully equipped with modern machinery for woodworking of all the various classes required for the completion of work under his contracts. Mr. Barr has been for some months past busily engaged in building the addition to the county jail, and he takes contracts for all classes of public buildings, residences, business blocks, etc.

W. G. JOLLY—CONTRACTOR.

The large amount of building of all descriptions which has been in progress in this city for the past few years, and which still continues, has brought into the field many men of the building trades and redoubled the energies, the talents and the resources of the old-time building contractor. Prominent

among the builders of the past and still active in the work, is W. G. Jolly, who has taken a leading part in the building of the past few years. Mr. Jolly is particularly identified with the growth of Highland Park, and keeps his office and shop at the corner of Cotton avenue and Detroit street.

He does all kinds of building work and has erected many of the important buildings of recent years. He contracts for all classes of buildings and makes a specialty of fine residences. Mr. Jolly is well known as a substantial citizen, while he has the confidence of property owners and the members of the building trades for his promptness, the correctness of his work and his faithful execution of details under all contracts, while he is uniformly fair in his charges.

PONSFORD BROS.—CONTRACTORS.

For many years the Ponsford brothers have been known as practical mechanics and skillful workmen in connection with the building trades of El Paso, and they are among its substantial and highly esteemed citizens. About five years ago they formed a partnership as builders and contractors, and have been active participants in all the building improvements of recent years, with many fine and notable works to their credit. At their shop, 914 Missouri street, they are well equipped with implements, material and men, with ample financial backing and with knowledge and skill in their work that give them superior advantages. Their regular line of work is that of general house building. H. T. Ponsford resides at 810 North Kansas street, and J. C. Ponsford at 712 North Ochoa street.

Within the past few years there has been a notable improvement, along with the increase, in all kinds of building in El Paso, and the new order of things has required men of special practical knowledge and peculiar skill in handling various departments of the work. The practical experience of the Messrs. Ponsford has eminently fitted them for operations in the general field, while their versatile capabilities are well known to property owners and people of the building trades.

They are especially noted for the com-

pleteness of their compliance with all contracts and their fairness in all transactions with the public. They furnish the money and build houses on monthly payments, and they are prepared to erect houses for those owning their own lots, furnishing for same on very liberal terms.

W. C. TAYLOR—BRICK CONTRACTOR.

W. C. Taylor, the well known brick contractor, is one of the men who has been identified in doing his share in the building up and beautifying El Paso. Many of the handsome brick structures throughout the city are the results of his management. He has his office at 2030 Michigan avenue, where he will furnish estimates and guarantee to live up to all plans and specifications on all kinds of brick work, of which he makes a specialty.

He gives all jobs his personal attention, which insures first class work, as he has the reputation of being an expert in his line of work and by the results of his efforts in the past he is known as a man of honor and integrity.

HEWITT & SON—CONTRACTORS.

In the rejuvenation of El Paso by the erection of scores of fine modern structures in the central business section and in the high class residential districts, many of the local contractors and builders have been important factors, but it is doubtful if any one firm has been more active and efficient in work as builders than the firm of Hewitt & Son, contractors and builders, with office at 313 Texas street.

In the improvements of recent years this firm has kept pace with the march of progress in building. They enjoy the confidence of the architects and property owners to the extent that they are given some of the best contracts here. They cheerfully furnish estimates on all classes of buildings and guarantee to live up to the specifications, even to the smallest detail.

Messrs. Hewitt & Son have erected many fine business blocks and residences in the city, among which we might mention the Turney residence, which is one of the finest in the southwest, as well as others too many to enumerate. The individual members of the firm are James I. Hewitt and Fred Hewitt, both progressive citizens. James I. Hewitt is the owner of one of the finest residences in the city. He is a member of the city council, serving his second term.

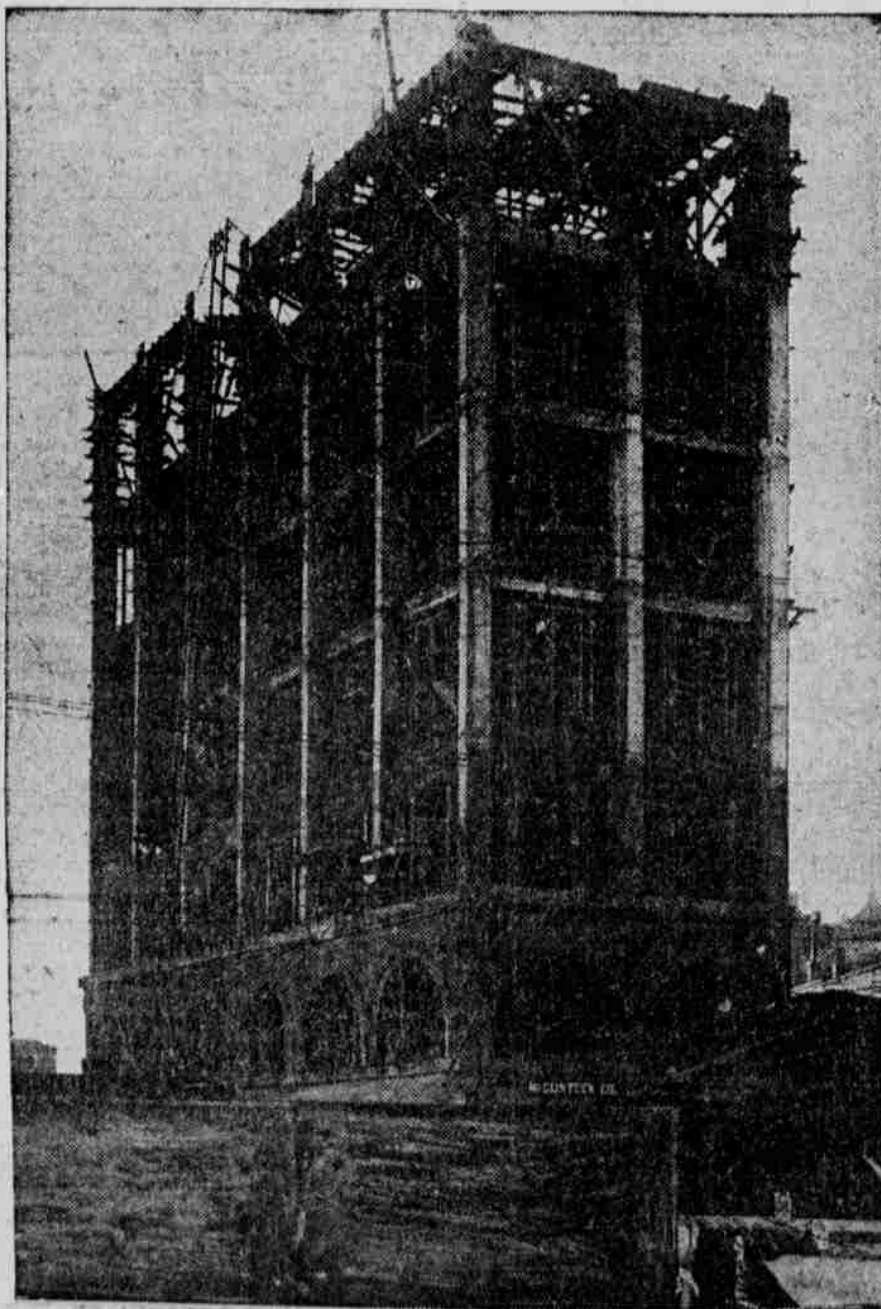
W. L. PRINGLE—CONTRACTOR.

The general contractor, collectively speaking, has had more to do, practically, with the latter day growth of El Paso than any other factor or agency involved in the general advancement. The building contractor who is able to meet the most minute requirement of the modern architectural art is deserving of the plaudits of all people. He is the man whom the world cannot do without. El Paso contains contractors and builders of the highest ability, and among these is W. L. Pringle, who is well known in the city for the numerous handsome residences and buildings which have been erected under his able supervision. Mr. Pringle has just commenced the erection of an apartment house costing \$11,000, for J. H. Harper on Rio Grande street, between Octavia and Noble streets. He has been in the city for a number of years and during that time his business has been continually growing, keeping pace with the rapid and healthy growth of the city. He enjoys the reputation of being a first class workman and a man of the highest standard for fair dealing and integrity. His office is at 2029 Tularosa street, where he will furnish estimates on all classes of work in the building line.

THE W. S. TYLER COMPANY.

The W. S. Tyler company, of Cleveland, Ohio, with an El Paso branch at 518 in Machinery row, was founded in 1872, and from a very small frame building in which the concern had their first introduction to the business world, they have grown to a large industrial plant, covering many acres of ground. As they have grown in size, so have they developed in the manufacture of "Tyler double crimped wire cloth and mining screen," and the famous "Ton-Cap" screen, as well as designing and making ornamental iron and bronze work, including store fronts, stairs, elevator cars and enclosures, bank and office railings, porticoes, marquees, guards and many other lines of brass and iron work. Among the many recent institutions which bear testimony to the handicraft of The Tyler company we might mention the Homer Laughlin building, of Los Angeles; the new Elks' temple, in Detroit; the Bank of New York, New York city; the New York state capitol building, Albany, N. Y.; U. S. treasury, Washington, D. C.; the Waldorf Astoria hotel in New York city. They do not confine their efforts to public buildings, as many private residences have stairs of ornamental design, marquee and fancy grille work, while numerous country estates, in one way or another, evidence The Tyler company's hand.

Milo maize, kaffir corn and other feed crops are being raised in many parts of western Texas without irrigation.



RIO GRANDE VALLEY BANK & TRUST CO. BUILDING

Modern seven story reinforced concrete. Trost & Trost, architects; Sorenson & Morgan, contractors.