

THE NEW METHODIST CHURCH.

On February the 12th will be held the dedicating services of the new Methodist church, for which we have all so long been waiting. The exterior can not be finished until warmer weather but the interior will be done by the day of dedication. When completed it will be an edifice of which the whole city and community may well be proud. It by far, surpasses every church building in this part of the state, and for a city of this size it is the best in the state.

The stone foundation is of perfect range work. Traveling men say they have seen nothing in the Northwest, made of this kind of stone that will surpass it. As to stability, it will still be there when Hope is several centuries old. In the basement is left ample room for furnace, fuel, dining room and kitchen and—when it can be arranged for—a reading room.

The superstructure is of brick, gabled in the latest fashion with shingles. The brick is the Menomonic, red, sand-mould, and being laid in white mortar, with a beaded pressed brick joint, is a first-class job and of exquisite beauty. The tower, when completed, will be massive enough to be powerful. It contains a 1300 pound bell, placed there by the Sunday school. It is of a rich, full tone, and can be heard a great distance. Listen for its ringing on dedication morning.

The auditorium proper is 30x42 feet. The annex, which is also the Sunday school and Epworth League room, is 20x30 feet. A pastors study and a class room are each 10x10 feet. The tower is 12x12 feet. Choir loft is 10x14 feet. From the vestibule, one stairway will lead down to the basement, another stairway will lead up to the room in the tower, which when completed will make a splendid pastor's study.

The floor is to be waxed finished; aisles to be laid with cocoa matting. The pulpit and choir loft to be carpeted.

The windows are the best opalescent cathedral glass, and for beauty is surpassed but by few if any in the state.

The painting and decorating is a surprise and pleasure to all who see it. "Everything in taste and nothing overdone" is the working motto of the skilled decorator and master workman doing the work.

The small room is to be seated with best grade folding chairs, so that the room may easily be cleared for social functions, or seated easily to convenience if for an Epworth League, Sunday School, Prayer meeting room, or for an annex to the auditorium by raising the partitions.

Auditorium is seated with quarter sawed oak pews finished in wax in the latest style.

Pulpit is to be furnished with new pulpit chairs of the latest fashion.

The organ is a Vocation. The Vocation sells from \$300 to \$3,000 according to the construction. Instead of the pipe-organ effect being brought out by simply the combination of stops, as the cheaper organs do; the Vocation has in addition a construction whereby the tone is made into a resonant cavity, similar to the sounding box of a violin. This gives real pipe organ effect. The boxes being made of wood the heat and cold does not effect it as it does in a real pipe organ. This is the reason for the high price of the Vocation together with it being the only organ made in America which really gives the pipe organ tone.

The church will long stand and remain a monument in our city of the better nature of the citizens which led them unselfishly to erect this beautiful temple to God and for the uplifting of mankind.