

A NEW DEPART- MENT STORE

**COURTENAY PEOPLE ORGANIZE
COMPANY.**

A new company was organized recently for the purpose of doing a general mercantile business in this town. The members of the firm are L. L. Pangburn, George W. Johnston, and Miss Anna E. Johnson. They have leased the McDonald building and will conduct a general department store, handling an up-to-date stock of groceries, gents furnishing and a fine line of dry goods. They are having the building thoroughly cleaned and kalsomined and it will soon have an inviting appearance. Carpenters are busy fixing shelves and getting everything ready for the opening day of business in the early days of March next, the exact date to be announced later.

The members of the new firm are well acquainted in this community. Mr. Pangburn has been with the Courtenay Mercantile Company for a number of years in the capacity of head clerk, is well and favorably known throughout this part of the country for his cordiality and strict attention to business and has a host of friends.

Mr. Johnston has been engaged in various lines in this city and is well liked by all who know him. He has also been employed at the Courtenay Mercantile Company's department store and has given good service.

The third and by no means the least member of the firm is so well known here that there is no need of exptaiating at length about her personal character or previous qualifications.

While we have always held that Courtenay was sufficiently well represented in all lines incident to a country town with a surrounding agricultural territory we bespeak for the new firm our good will and predict for them a goodly share of well merited patronage.