

VAST SUM IN IMPROVEMENTS

NEW YORK BUILDS 12,000 HOUSES IN 1912.

New Residences Would House City of 150,000 Population.

New York, Jan. 13.—By spending on new buildings during the past year a sum of money greater than in any similar preceding period, New York has achieved a new record of having added enough structures to house the whole population of a city as large as Savannah, Peoria or Fort Wayne. These buildings, indeed, according to figures covering this field of expansion, which are now being completed, would be sufficient to make half a dozen sizeable cities. The figures show that close to 12,000 new structures, or about 30 a day, were added to the city last year. Even were they all dwellings of the one-family kind they would easily accommodate a population of 60,000 persons. As a matter of fact a very large number of the new structures were buildings capable of housing from scores to hundreds of persons so that the capacity of all is probably in the neighborhood of 150,000 or about equal to the population of Atlanta. On the accomplishment of this great amount of construction more than \$206,000,000 was expended, being far ahead of the amount similarly applied in 1911 and approximately one-fifth of the annual expenditure of the national government. Remarkable as this record for the five boroughs of the city is regarded, that for the borough of Manhattan, that is, the narrow strip extending only as far north as One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, is looked upon as even more extraordinary, since in this limited area \$116,000,000 of the total of \$206,000,000 was ex-

pendent a record which it is believed has never been approached by any similar area in the world. While it is not easy to estimate the average height of the city's 12,000 new structures, statisticians are already pointing out that if 40 feet, certainly not an extravagant estimate, be accepted the new buildings would if placed one on top of the other form a structure nearly fourteen miles high.

Could Suet for Joy.

"I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart," wrote C. B. Rader of Lewisburg, W. Va., "for the wonderful double benefit I got from Electric Bitters, in curing me of both a severe case of stomach trouble and of rheumatism, from which I had been an almost helpless sufferer for ten years. It suited my case as though made just for me." For dyspepsia, indigestion, jaundice, and to rid the system of kidney poisons that cause rheumatism, Electric Bitters have no superior. Try them. Every bottle is guaranteed. Only 50 cents at all druggists.

EARN SOMETHING DURING YOUR SPARE TIME.

The Observer has an attractive proposition for one person—either lady or man—in every school district in Union and Wallawa counties outside of La Grande, to act as correspondent. Space rate will be paid for all news, provided at least one news letter each week is sent in. This work can be done during spare moments. Checks for services will be mailed each month. Remember, a correspondent is wanted at every postoffice and in every, as well as in each school district. No previous experience is necessary, as all that is required is telling the news of the community as it occurs. Write at once and be the person to represent the Observer in your community, thus making some extra money for yourself. THE OBSERVER, La Grande, Oregon.

Notice of Final Account.

Notice is hereby given that Henrietta Day, executrix of the last will and testament of Edwin Porter Day, deceased, has filed in the county court of Union county, Oregon, her final account in the matter of said estate and the county court has appointed Tuesday the fourth day of February, 1913, at the hour of ten o'clock a. m. at the court house at La Grande, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing of objections to such final account and the settlement thereof.

Dated this 3rd day of January, 1913
HENRIETTA DAY,
Executrix of the last will and testament of Edwin Porter Day, deceased.
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REDUCTION

On Sweaters

We still have a few of the popular ruff-neck sweaters. In order to close them out we have decided to reduce the price from \$8.50 to \$7.00.

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Notice to Stockholders.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the United States National bank will be held at their banking rooms in the city of La Grande, Tuesday, January 14th, 1913, at 2 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of electing a board of directors and for transacting any other business that may come before the meeting.

T. J. SCROGGIN, Cashier.
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Drives Off a Terror.

The chief executioner of death in the winter and spring months is pneumonia. Its advance agents are colds and grip. In any attack by one of these maladies no time should be lost in taking the best medicine obtainable to drive it off. Countless thousands have found this to be Dr King's New Discovery. "My husband believes it has kept him from having pneumonia three or four times," writes Mrs. George W. Place, Rawsonville, Vt., "and for coughs, colds and croup we have never found its equal." Guaranteed for all bronchial affections. Price 50 cents and \$1.00 Trial bottle free at all druggists.

A Breach of Promise Case

By F. A. MITCHEL

"My daughter," said Judge Leadbetter to Mr. Ralph Fanning, "since sending you to me to ask for her hand has changed her mind. Not as to her feelings toward you, but she has decided to pursue the profession she has been studying under my tutelage. We are a race of lawyers, and my daughter inherits the family inclination. After giving an affirmative answer to your suit she fell to considering that marriage would necessarily prevent her following a legal career."

"It seems to me, judge, that this is a case of breach of promise. I, too, have inherited legal instincts from a long line of jurists. My great grandfather was an associate United States justice, my grandfather was an eminent criminal lawyer."

"Enough. You enter a charge against my daughter of breach of promise. You shall have an opportunity to substantiate it and she to plead."

The judge called a maid and told her to ask Miss Margaret to step into his study. The lady came in, somewhat surprised to see Mr. Fanning there and curious to know why she had been summoned.

"My dear," said her father, "Mr. Fanning charges you with breach of promise. I do not understand that it is for the purpose of claiming damages, but I cannot allow you to treat any one unfairly. What have you to say to the charge of accepting him and then throwing him over?"

"I plead not guilty."

"Very well. Now, Fanning, you may proceed to state your case."

"My attentions to Miss Margaret have been noticeable and noticed by our mutual friends for months. She has accepted various trifles from me, especially gifts of flowers, indicating that my attentions were agreeable to her. Last evening I called upon her. We were sitting in a cozy room in this house before a fire of blazing logs. An aroma of the last lot of cut flowers I sent her, arranged in a Dresden vase by her own shapely hands, pervaded the apartment. The cheery firelight contrasted delightfully with the winter gloom without. We sat side by side on a large—"

"I object!" cried the lady.

"The objection is not sustained," ruled the judge.

"Nevertheless I prefer to respect the defendant's wishes," said the plaintiff. "I will omit the rest of what happened except so far as it pertains to the law of contracts. I then and there asked your daughter to be my wife. Her head sank—"

"I object again!" cried the lady. "The plaintiff states in one breath that he will omit what happened except as to a contract he claims to have been made and in the next breaks his promise."

"I beg the defendant's pardon," continued Mr. Fanning. "What occurred was the delight of my life. I was in a whirl of joy—"

"Yes, yes," interrupted the judge. "The court understands all that. He has been there himself, though many years ago. Please confine yourself to the contract."

"Your daughter, her beautiful face buried against my breast, whispered 'Yes.'"

There were a few moments of silence, when the judge announced to his daughter that he was ready to hear her defense.

"Your honor," she began—"I mean papa—I base my defense upon that law which has protected many a minor in an inheritance, the law against exerting undue influence upon a testator. Mr. Fanning sought to deprive the noble profession of the law of my life's services. He took advantage of our pleasant surroundings, the cheerful firelight, the aroma of flowers, the luxurious sofa—"

"Chafe?" interrupted the plaintiff.

"Will you protect me?" cried the girl, appealing to her father.

"Another such interruption," said the judge sternly to Fanning, "and I will fine you for contempt."

"I claim," the defendant proceeded, "that Mr. Fanning took advantage of these surroundings to unduly influence me to bequeath myself to him instead of my natural heir, the law."

"And I claim," urged the plaintiff, "that in giving herself to the law the defendant disinherits her natural heirs, a husband and children, besides wrecking the life of myself, the plaintiff in this case."

A silence followed these words, which were spoken with great depth of feeling. It was broken by the judge, who asked of Fanning:

"Do you desire to enter any rebuttal of my daughter's statement?"

"No, your honor. I rest my case, which I have summed up in my last words—that if the contract is broken it will result in the wrecking of my life."

"I reserve my decision," said the judge. "The court will take a recess for half an hour, at the end of which time the decision will be handed down." He retired from the room, leaving the plaintiff and defendant together. In exactly half an hour he returned and,

seating himself, appeared to be framing what he was about to say when his daughter spoke:

"You needn't trouble yourself, papa. The case has been settled out of court."

"Indeed!" The judge looked pleased.

"On what terms?"

"We're to be married in the spring and go to Europe on our wedding trip."

SUCCESS IN LIFE.

When thou dost clearly see the path thou canst not wander from it. Out of the lightnings of the mind come forth the thunder shocks of action. See thy act in thy mind's clear vision and 'tis already done. In hours of weakness and thou shalt never fail. Foretell the thing thou dreadest. Fight thy battle in the high arena of thy mind, and when thou comest to the arena's bloody sands thy victory is already won. In silence prepare thy battle about. Steadfastly sitting in thy lone retreat, act thou thy coming part. In silence let thy speech be framed. In the still chamber of the mind let all thy acts conceive and none shall fail of sturdy life. If thou dost fear temptation's power, alone in silence meet thy foe and slay him with thy thought. With sword thrusts of brave words let out his life, and when thou meetest him upon the sands naught but a shadow faceth thee. Trust not thy soul to conflict unprepared. Go armed with predetermined thoughts, with will strained, like the bowstring, ere the strife begins. Sharpen thy arrows in the forge of thought. Let each be pointed with a willful word and they shall reach the tempter's throbbing heart.—Solon Lauer.

A SAFE RULE.

It is a good and safe rule to sojourn in every place as if you meant to spend your life there, never omitting an opportunity of doing a kindness or speaking a true word or making a friend.—Ruskin.

THE SAYINGS OF A ROMAN SAGE.

Never a man hath won him a nobler prize than woman, if she be good; but, again, there is naught else worse than a bad one.

Evil he worketh himself who worketh ill to another.

Work is no disgrace, but the shame is not to be working.

If you but work, then he who works not will envy you quickly, seeing your wealth increase. With wealth come honor and glory.

Pass by the seat at the forge and the well warmed tavern in winter. That is the time when the man not slothful increases his substance.

Praise, then, a little vessel. Bestow thy freight in a large one.—Hesiod.

MAN'S ARTERIES.

And Some of the Causes That Tend to Make Them Harden.

"A man is as old as his arteries" is a common saying among physicians, which has come to be taken up by their patients. Dr. Herbert C. Clapp of Boston in the New York Medical Record comes forward with an article declaring that worry is a common cause of arteriosclerosis, the hardening of the arteries is not infrequently considered as one of the customary and proper accompaniments of a ripe old age—sometimes even of middle life—it is not universally so, and that even at fourscore years, as proved by autopsies, the arteries have been found to be perfectly sound. He cites the case of the champion old man, Thomas Parr of England, who died at the advanced age of 152 and whose arteries were found by Harvey—who discovered the circulation of the blood—on examination after death to be perfectly sound.

Dr. Clapp says that within certain limits the arteries do not harden because they are old, but are old because they are diseased. Among causes for arteriosclerosis he gives overeating, excessive muscular strain and excessive brain work. Worry produces functional disturbances and undue blood pressure. This brings with it arteriosclerosis. He holds that most worries are indulged in without an adequate reason, therefore, and cites the following quotation: "I am an old man and have had many troubles, but most of them never happened."

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Annual Stockholders' Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the La Grande National bank will be held at their banking house in La Grande, Oregon, on Tuesday, January 14th, 1913 at 2 o'clock p. m.

At this meeting a board of seven directors, to serve for the ensuing year, will be elected, and such other business will be considered, as may properly be offered at said meeting.

F. L. MEYERS,
Cashier.

Now Is the Time to Buy or Sell City Property

During the winter months when the earth is covered with snow and all vegetation upon the farms has become fertilizer for the next season's crop, the real estate dealer must turn his attention in some other direction. City property is the natural field in which for him to expend his energies. For the next few months we perforce must place much emphasis upon this class of real estate. Therefore if you wish to buy or sell city property, you will be assured our best efforts in your behalf.

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