

PORTLAND STREET IMPROVEMENTS  
DURING 1886.

Perhaps in no other department of progress has Portland shown more activity during the past year than in the matter of street improvements, and the fact is demonstrated that the highest estimates of the season's work considered probable twelve months ago, have been considerably more than verified, and it is demonstrated that nearly a quarter of one million dollars have been expended by the citizens of Portland within the past year in improving the condition of the public thoroughfares of the city. In addition to the work of making passable and acceptable the streets, an unusual number of streets have been laid out or extended, as the increased wants of the metropolis demands more conveniences for its growing traffic and commerce. Within the past twelve months the Common Council have caused to be made twenty-six surveys for street extensions, against six such surveys in 1879 and three in 1878. The area of the land covered by such surveys in 1880 aggregated 1,227,759 square feet, or more than twenty-eight acres. A great proportion of this area has already been condemned by the long course of necessary proceedings, and much of the balance is pursuing the even tenor of its way towards appropriation to public uses.

OLD WORK COMPLETED.

During the past year the following street improvements estimated and begun in 1879, have been brought to completion:

North Second, filling lake between G and North Front.

North Thirteenth, macadam, sidewalk and crosswalks, between G and S streets.

North Ninth, macadam, sidewalks and crosswalks, between B and G streets.

North West Park, sidewalks and crosswalks, between B and G streets.

North East Park, same as above.

Main, sidewalks and crosswalks, between Fourth and Twelfth streets.

North Seventeenth, grading, between B and G streets.

E, macadam, sidewalks and crosswalks, between North Front and North Tenth streets.

North Sixth, sidewalks and crosswalks, between B and G streets.

Jefferson, box drains and grading, between Front street and River.

B, sidewalks, crosswalks and plank road, between North Tenth and North Thirteenth streets.

F, sidewalks, crosswalks and bridge, between North Front and North Thirteenth streets.

Water street, heavy grading, between Columbia and Hall streets.

WORK BEGUN AND COMPLETED.

Within the last year estimates have been made for, and the following described street improvements begun and completed:

North Nineteenth, grading, sidewalks and crosswalks, between B and L streets.

First and North First, replenishing macadam, between Vine and F streets.

First, replenishing macadam, between Salmon and Madison streets.

North Ninth, bridge and sidewalks, between H and I streets.

Front, stone block pavement, between Ash and Madison streets.

First and South First, grading, sidewalks, crosswalks, macadam, and box gutters, between Madison and Woods streets.

Fifth and North Fifth, grading, sidewalks, crosswalks and macadam, between Morrison and A streets.

Front, sidewalks, crosswalks and aprons, between Ash and Madison streets.

North Fifteenth, grading, sidewalks, crosswalks and bridge, between H and S streets.

North Eleventh, grading, sidewalks and crosswalks, between N and O streets.

Columbia, grading and sidewalks, between Front and Water streets.

North Fourteenth, grading, sidewalks and crosswalks, between C and E streets.

Sixth and South Sixth, grading, sidewalks and crosswalks, between College and Caruthers streets.

G, grading, crosswalks and macadam, between North Thirteenth and North Nineteenth streets.

Fourth and South Fourth, grading and sidewalks, between Taylor and Sheridan streets.

D, grading and macadam, between North East Park and North Eighth streets.

Washington, grading and replenishing macadam, between Front and North Fifteenth streets.

Jefferson, grading, sidewalks, crosswalks and macadam, between Seventh and Twelfth streets.

Third, grading, sidewalks, crosswalks and Oakland macadam, between Taylor and Madison streets.

Water, grading, sidewalks, crosswalks, plank road and box gutters, between Columbia and Hall streets.

L, grading, sidewalks and crosswalks, between North Thirteenth and North Nineteenth streets.

Eleventh, same as above, between Clay and Montgomery streets.

Sherman, grading and sidewalks, between South Fourth and South Fifth streets.

Lincoln, same as above.

Grant, same as above.

Caruthers, same as above.

Oak, grading and block stone pavement, between Front and First.

Second, grading, sidewalks, crosswalks and Oakland macadam, between Clay and Mill streets.

Washington and B, macadamizing the intersection of the same.

Seventh and South Seventh, grading sidewalks, crosswalks and box gutter, between College and Grant streets.

North East Park, grading, sidewalk, crosswalk and macadam, between B and G streets.

First, grading, sidewalks and stone block pavement, between Vine and Alder streets.

Third, grading, sidewalks, crosswalks, box gutter and Oakland macadam, between Madison and Market streets.

Clay, grading and sidewalks, between Front and Second streets.

Taylor, grading, sidewalks and crosswalks, between Twelfth and Pacific streets.

Columbia, grading, sidewalks and crosswalks, between Front and Eighth streets.

Q street, bridge, between North Front and North Thirteenth streets.

Market, grading, sidewalks, crosswalks, box gutters and Oakland macadam, between Front and Fourth streets.

WORK IN PROGRESS.

Improvements on the following named streets have been begun within the last year, and are now approaching completion:

B street, grading and replenishing macadam, between North Fifteenth street and city boundary—work half completed.