



ASSEMBLY ROOM, PORTLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

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A few months ago the Portland board of trade reorganized as a chamber of commerce and made arrangements for the erection of a magnificent structure to cost \$500,000.00. An entire half block, situated on the north side of Stark street, between Third and Fourth streets, was purchased, and several architects were invited to submit plans. As a result of the competition, the plans of Mr. I. Hodgson, Jr., were adopted. The ground has been cleared and preparations are being made for beginning the actual work of construction.

The accompanying engravings of the exterior and the interior of the chamber

of commerce room give a good idea of the general character of the building. The structure is of the Italian renaissance style of architecture and is very impressive in appearance as well as solid in substance. It will be 100x200 feet in size and 112 feet high to the cornice, the tower rising forty-five feet higher. It will be built of sandstone, with cornices and window caps of heavy carved stone, and interior walls of brick. Two "light wells" will give the interior portion ample light, so that every room will have a window opening upon the street or one of these courts. Four elevators and numerous stairways will give ample facilities for reaching any portion of the building. From the main entrances in the center of each of the three sides, one passes into a public assembly hall 24x89 feet in size. On the second floor will be the large assembly room to be used by the chamber of commerce, the remainder of the six stories being divided into offices, giving an entire office area of 103,800 square feet. It will take about one year to complete the structure.

Mr. T. F. Osborn, whose portrait is given, is president of the chamber, and is the most energetic and progressive man who has ever held that position. He is the business manager of one of Portland's largest wholesale houses, and was



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chosen for this position because of his known ability as a leader and executive. To his energetic and intelligent action is due the fact that Portland will be given an opportunity to correct the grossly inaccurate census that was taken and show herself to be a live and growing city that has need for such a building as the chamber of commerce is erecting.

Work has been begun on a three-story Catholic hospital at Aberdeen, Washington. This, however, is only intended for temporary use for that purpose, as the Catholics own a beautiful site for a permanent hospital, which will be utilized as soon as cleared, and the building erected thereon. The one now under construction will then be sold or utilized for other purposes.

A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION.

CITIZENS OF OREGON—We demand a new census. The work is grossly inaccurate and the supervisors were utterly incompetent.

SUPERINTENDENT PORTER—It can not be that anything I have been superintendent of is not done properly. However, I will investigate it thoroughly. (To Oregon's supervisors)—Gentlemen, you are accused of being incompetent and of having done a poor job. How is it?

OREGON'S SUPERVISORS—It is absurd. We are perfectly competent. We doubt if there live any men more competent than we. Our count is correct. It could not help being correct when we did it.

SUPERINTENDENT PORTER (to citizens of Oregon)—You see, gentlemen, that I have made a most thorough investigation and find that the work was well done and the supervisors were exceptionally competent men.



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