

REAL ESTATE DEPRESSED

Activity in real estate and building has been much depressed by politics and the strike. After the strike was declared off, activity picked up, but when the boycott was found to be as bad if not worse than the strike, both the real estate market and building became quite again. The effect of the strike and of politics has been reflected in the daily report of the City Engineer's and County Recorder's offices. Last week building permits were issued as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Day, Value. Monday: \$12,000; Tuesday: \$1,500; Wednesday: \$1,000; Thursday: \$3,500; Saturday: \$6,000. Total: \$41,440.

Real estate transfers were recorded as follows: Monday: \$9,520; Tuesday: \$2,794; Wednesday: \$1,217; Thursday: \$3,071; Saturday: \$1,602. Total: \$28,114.

The total sales of realty recorded last month were: Number: 422; Value: \$628,825. Building permits issued last month were: Number: 120; Value: \$196,375.

In April the corresponding figures were: No. Value. Deeds filed: 204; \$1,678,061. Building permits: 130; \$37,579.

Owing to the limited supply of so-called "fair" planning mill supplies, contractors have been holding back from new projects in the past 10 days. Some contractors have gone ahead in the hope that the boycott will be dissolved in a short time. It is estimated that present planning mill supplies will last about two weeks longer. After they are gone, unless the boycott is declared off, builders will be unable to get good and hard. And, inasmuch as all the parties in the strike are determined to win out, the fear is expressed that the unions will not grow tired of the boycott.

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For residences \$1500 to \$2500 is the popular price on the East Side, and for the same size front to \$2000 on the West Side. In this property has been very quiet in the past few days. "We look for things to improve in our line in the next week," said N. W. Watkins, of Watkins & Diamond. "People are waiting for the strike to be settled," said J. W. Blain, of Grindstaff & Blain. "If it were settled now we should have more business than we could attend to." F. E. Watkins, of Parrish, Watkins & Co., reported that sales of farm land did not show the falling off of other realty. "A good many strangers are seeking farms," he said. "The usual price of such land is between \$20 and \$30 per acre."

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After July 1. Patrons Will Pay for Just What They Buy.

The butchers of Portland have decided to adopt the "penny system" of doing business—that is, to make change down to a cent. This system has been in vogue in department stores of this city and some other places for some time, and, of course, has been in use in all Eastern cities always. In the good old days, when meats were cheap and money was plenty, no one was particular about a cent or two or a few cents more of meat, and a piece of steak or roast always weighed even pounds or enough to make every change.

Now that meats are dear and money is not so plentiful, or so evenly distributed as it used to be, people eye the scales more carefully than they used to do, and object to paying for a pound if the scales show that there is only 14 or 15 ounces.

The new computing scale now used by many butchers, which figures up just what a piece of meat weighs and places anything from 2 to 30 cents per pound, enables the customer to see just what he ought to pay for his steak or roast, and change must be made accordingly. The butchers say they will receive the new scale under this system that they now do not get; and customers say that they will have to pay for no more than they get.

Both "will" be the result of the new arrangement. To old-timers it will seem strange to have to pay 41 or 53 cents for a steak, which always used to cost an even 50 cents. But they will soon get used to this, and will begin to realize the truthfulness of the old saying: "Take care of the pennies, and the pounds will take care of themselves."

It is intended that the new system shall come into use July 1. If it does, all butchers will take to using the computing scale, and will take no notice of the

FURNISH AS A REPUBLICAN

For several years W. J. Furnish held office in pursuance of election on Democratic tickets. Had there been any fault in his official conduct, his vigilant Republican opponents would have found it. He never ran as a Republican candidate for Presidential Elector, and no word was spoken except in his praise. Not until the Republicans nominated him as their candidate for Governor did the Democrats find anything to say against him. Every charge they have made has been disproved, but they persist in repeating their slanders in the hopes of carrying Oregon for the Democracy.

TO WELCOME T. P. A. GUESTS

Visitors and Delegates Will Begin Arriving Today.

Special trains will arrive today, bringing visitors and delegates to the National convention of the Travelers' Protective Association. Some members of the association are busy making arrangements for receiving the visitors, and others are preparing to extend them. Nearly all will be in by this evening, and the first meeting of the convention will be tonight at 8:30, when an informal reception will be tendered the delegates at Elko Hall, Marquam building. The program follows: Address of welcome, Hon. F. W. Mulkey, Acting Mayor; address, General Charles F. Beebe; response, Colonel Sam. P. Jones of Kentucky; address, Rev. A. A. Morrison, National chaplain; response, Hon. Jerry Porter.

The programme tomorrow will be: 8:00 A. M.—Parade, starting at Portland Hotel and ending at convention hall. 10:30 A. M.—Convention convenes. 11:45 P. M.—Visit to sawmill; boat leaves Elko street dock. 1:30 P. M.—Luncheon served to visiting ladies at Portland Hotel. 2:30 P. M.—Carriage ride for visiting ladies, starting from Portland Hotel. 8:30 P. M.—Band concert at Portland Hotel.

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Makes white bread. White bread makes proud housewives.

IF BABY IS CUTTING TEETH

Be sure and use that old and well-tried remedy, Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup, for children teething. It will soothe and bring out the teeth, cure wind colic and diarrhea, and always all pain, cures wind colic and diarrhea.

EFFECT OF BORAX ON HUMAN SYSTEM

BERLIN, June 1.—Experts attached to the Imperial Health Office have published a bulky pamphlet giving the results of their protracted experiments to determine the effect of borax upon the human system. The tests were made upon four men and were carried on for two years. Ac-

COL. "PAT" DONAN DEAD

NEWSPAPER WRITER, SOLDIER AND RAILWAY BOOMER GONE. He Succumbed to Pneumonia After 10 Days' Illness—Was a Brave Fighter for Confederate Cause.

Colonel Peter Donan, better known as "Pat" Donan, newspaper writer, Southern soldier, railroad boomer, who made three fortunes and lost them again, and who recently had a position with the O. R. & N. as advertising agent, died at 4:30 o'clock yesterday morning at his

home, 468 West Park street, from pneumonia, after 10 days' illness. He left a widow and one boy, Everett St. John Donan, who is 1 year old. Colonel Donan was a Southern irremovable, and a brave fighter in the Confederate Army, who argued about the lost cause by voice and pen long after the armed conflict had ceased. He was born at Natchez, Miss., April 9, 1838, and his father was a Presbyterian clergyman and a graduate of Princeton College.

When the war broke out between the North and South, Donan received his commission as an officer in the Confederate Army from the hands of Jeff Davis himself. He was present at most of the important battles, and was severely wounded several times. The family to which he belonged was a wealthy one in ante-bellum days, but at the commencement of the reconstruction period it had suffered financial reverses and the old Southern home was dismantled. After a period of foreign travel Colonel Donan engaged in newspaper and literary work, and in the course of his career he wrote for the New York Washington, Philadelphia, Fargo, N. D., and on the Pacific Coast. About 1887 he first came to Oregon to boom land values in the Astoria district, and made a reputation as a good stump-speaker in this region. Then he returned East to further engage in newspaper work, and returned to Oregon permanently in 1897. In November of that year he married his wife, Miss Eleanor S. Brown, of Pocatello, Idaho, and resumed his railroad work. Once located in Portland, he made a great number of friends who were warmly attached to him for his many en-

dearing qualities of kindness of heart and good-fellowship. A friend who knew Colonel Donan well said last night to the Oregonian: "Colonel Donan was a charming specimen of the genuine Southern gentleman. He was generous to a fault; perhaps too generous with his means. He went through three fortunes largely through helping friends who lost their all in the Civil War, and was in a fair way to make a fourth fortune in a new railroad deal when death claimed him. Colonel Donan would have been called by many an eccentric man. He was not satisfied with and did not approve of

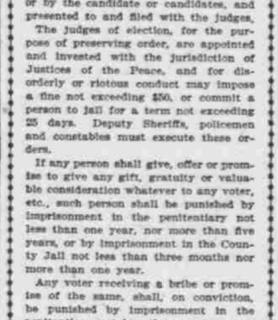
the terms of settlement extended by the North toward the South after the Civil War was over. That war changed his life, and after Lee surrendered there were few South American revolutions in which Donan did not have a share. His newspaper style was attractive, and very few men could summon the torrent of words that he always had at his command. He worked hard to attract population to the Pacific Coast, and especially to Oregon. He shone as a railroad advertiser. One had to know him intimately to appreciate his true worth. He was so much of a genuine Southerner that for some years after the war was over he placed postage stamps upside down on his envelopes, so that the President's head would not show clearly. He did this to get a 'dig' at the North. This gratified

his intelligence in training—and all for what? To spend their after years on a sofa or sickroom, and to be a burden instead of a help to those who are dearer to them.

It is a tremendous saying, from one speaking from authority, that as much domestic unhappiness is caused in America by nervousness among women as by drink-drinking among men. Yet such is Dr. Mitchell's verdict. He holds that every girl ought to be examined as to her nervous temperament when about to go to school, and at frequent intervals afterward; that leisure, exercise and wholesome meals ought to be insisted upon, and that studies ought to be compulsorily diminished, or discontinued altogether the moment the well-known signs of overstrain appear.

If girls are maintained in a normal nervous condition until they are 17, they may study as hard as they please afterward without imperiling the woman's life. But let there be no mistake about it. Overwork and unnatural worry from 8 or 10 to 12 years of age and wretchedness from 17 until early death.

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