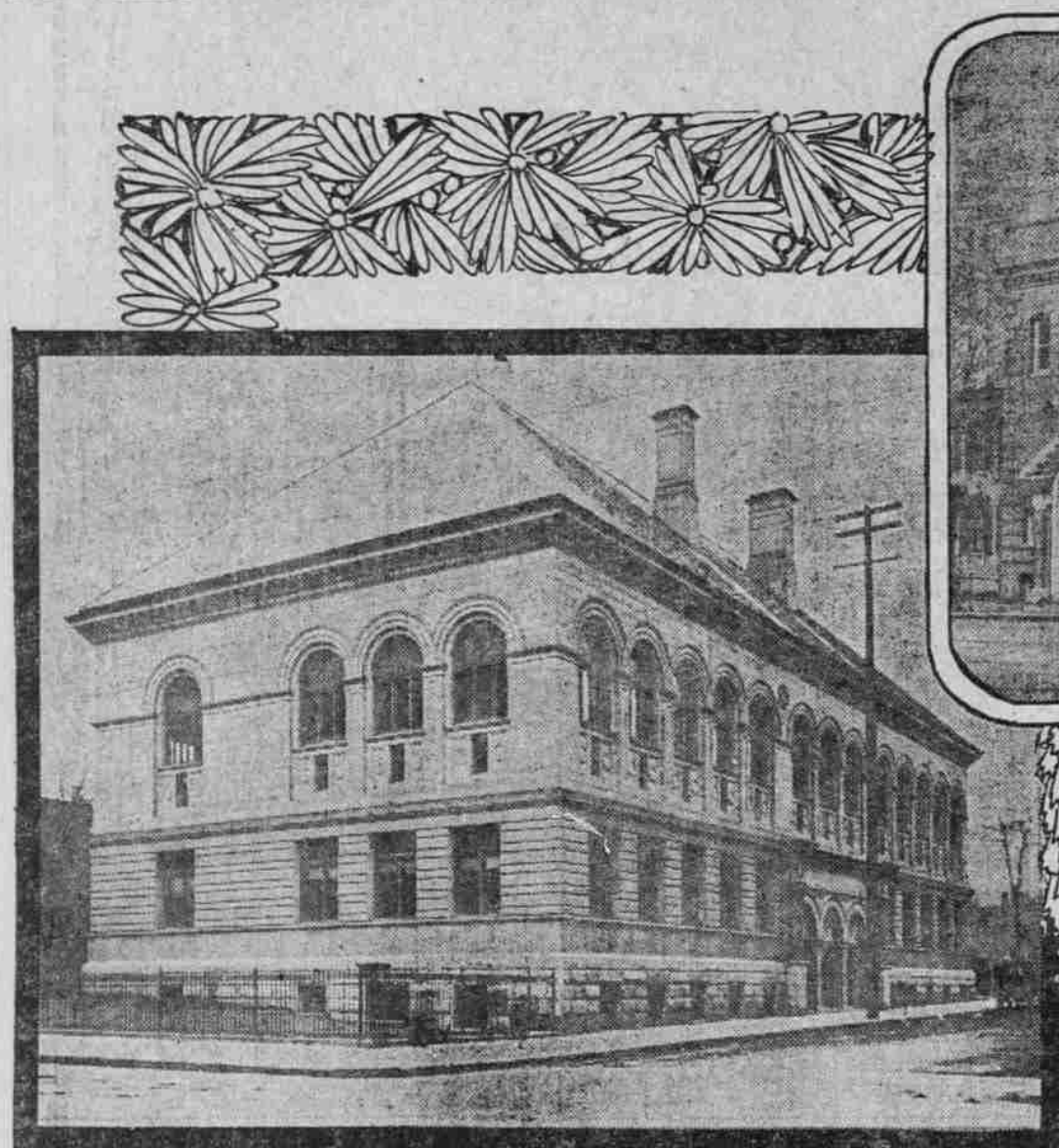
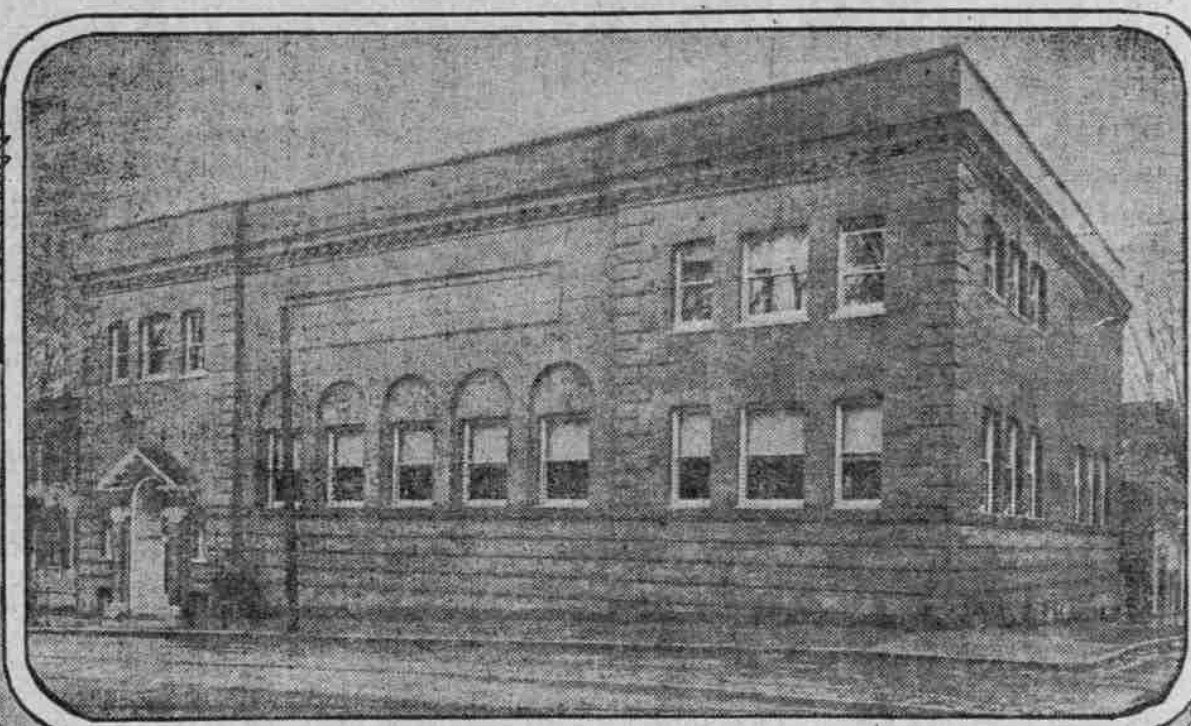


FINE PUBLIC BUILDINGS ARE SOURCE OF PRIDE TO CITY



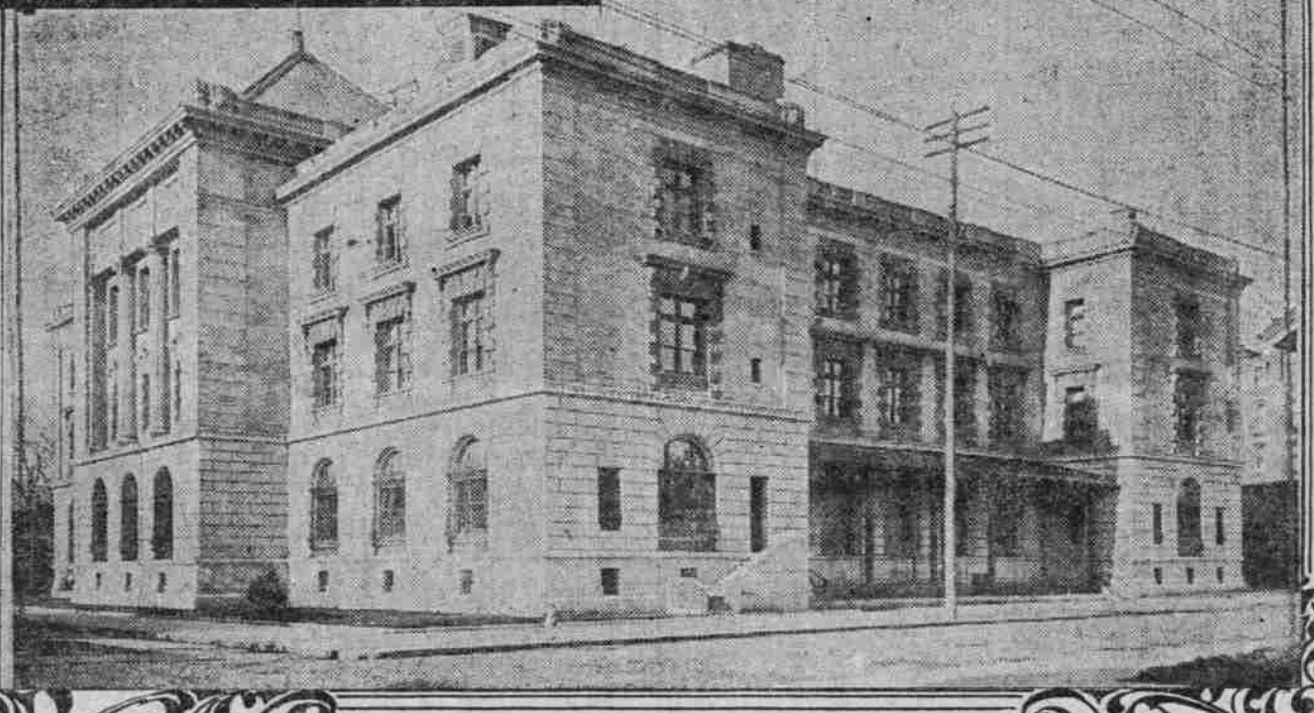
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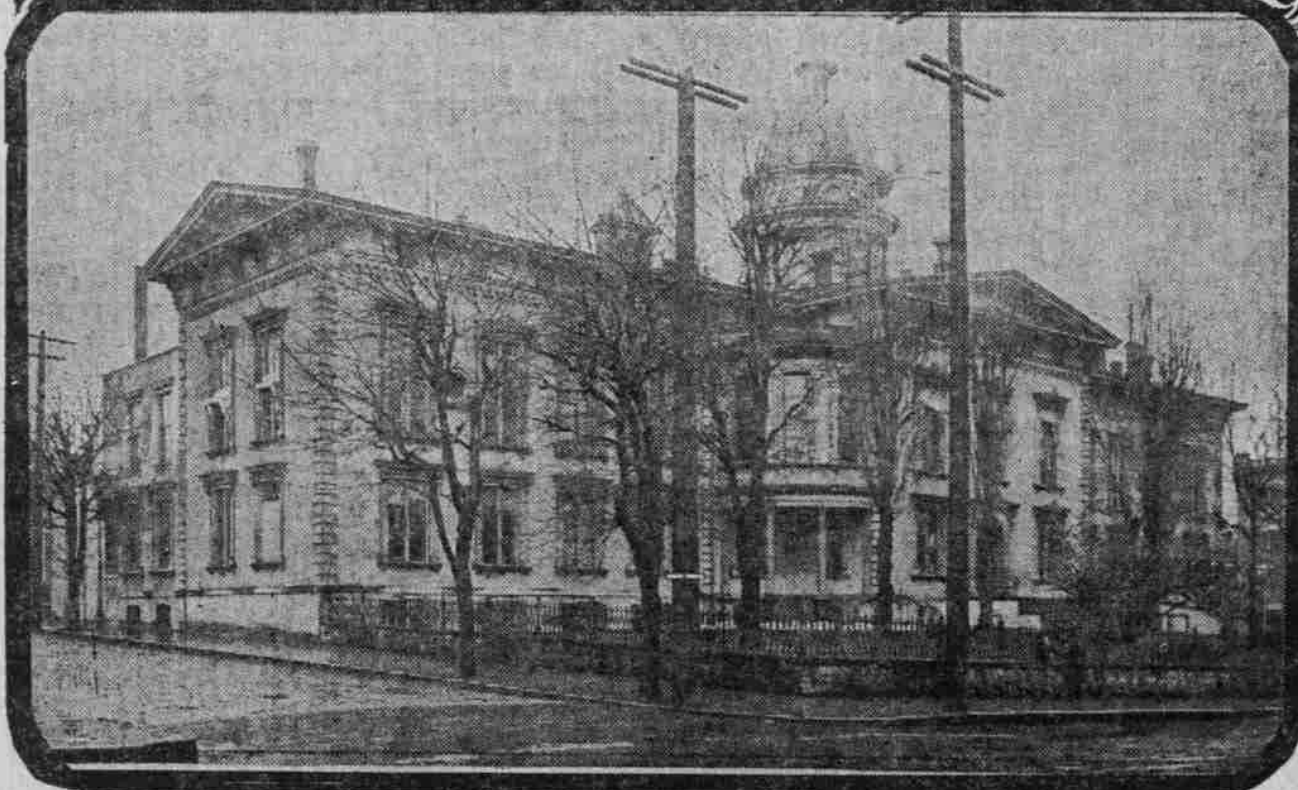
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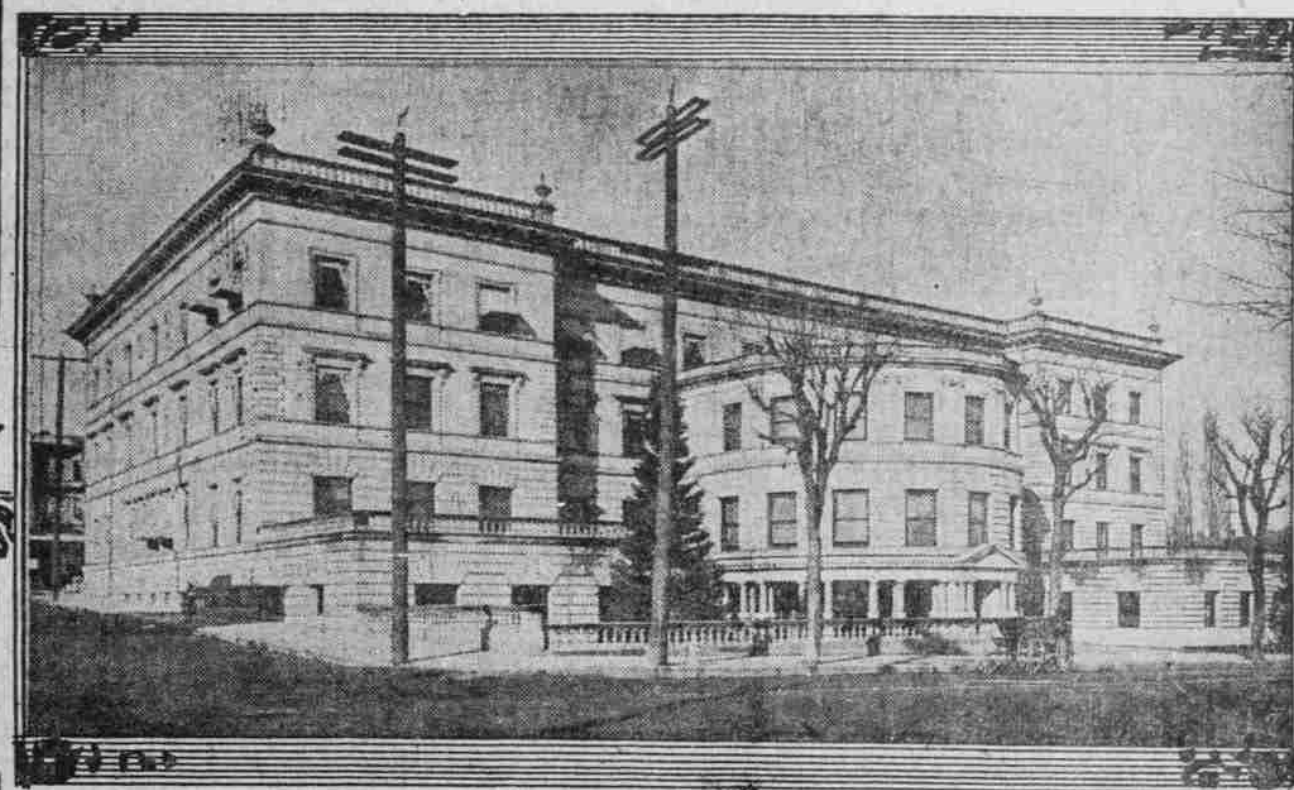
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FORESTRY BUILDING



CITY HALL

AN attractive group of public buildings is one of the valuable assets of the Rose City. Of these the finest is the United States Customhouse, which was erected about six years ago at a cost of approximately \$1,250,000. It covers an entire block at Park and Davis streets in North Portland. When the structure was first erected there was some complaint with regard to the location outside of the central district, but with the present trend of business northward this beautiful building is in a district of increased activity, and it is an ornament in which any city might well take pride.

The City Hall and the Multnomah County Courthouse are located on Fourth street, but a block apart. The former is the most handsome building owned by the municipality. Constructed of granite, with massive pillars, and with interior finishing of the finest oak and mahogany, the home of the city offices meets every requirement of metropolitan Portland. The cost was more than \$600,000. An excellent museum and a valuable collection of relics owned by the Oregon Historical Society draw a continuous stream of visitors to the City Hall. The Courthouse is a large stone building which is equal to the demands of the county's business.

The Postoffice occupies the block bounded by Fourth, Fifth, Morrison and Yamhill streets. It was doubled in size two years ago by an addition

MILEAGE OF PORTLAND WATER MAINS.

Size Mains, Inches—	Laid 1906, Miles.	In Use, Miles.
24.....	8.201	12.331
30.....	1.504	7.472
18.....	1.372	1.372
16.....	.761	6.428
12.....		8.935
10.....	.502	6.957
8.....	.094	12.191
6.....	3.121	18.266
4.....	4.087	85.489
2.....	.013	45.972
Small Run conduit.....		31.058
Total mileage.....	17.004	247.316

which cost \$230,000. The unprecedented growth of the local postal business, however, is already taxing the capacity of the building. Through Senator Fulton application is to be made immediately to Congress for an appropriation of from \$2,500,000 to \$3,000,000 for a new Postoffice, such as the growing importance of Portland justifies. If the appropriation is granted the new structure will be erected upon a block to be purchased for that purpose. The present Postoffice will be remodeled for use by other Federal offices, such as the Reclamation Service, the State Land Office and the Federal Courts.

The Forestry Building is one of the unique structures possessed by the municipality. It is located on the Lewis and Clark Exposition grounds, where it probably attracted more attention than any other one feature during the fair. The building was presented to the city, and the site of two acres, was purchased for \$15,000. Built of gigantic logs, the building will stand as a monument of Oregon's forest wealth, while the interior contains a permanent exhibit of the various woods of the state. The expense of placing this building on a permanent foundation was met by a donation from James J. Hill.

Besides these structures, Portland has a public library of nearly 63,000 volumes, a magnificent Union Depot and an art museum.

REVIEW OF BUILDING ON EAST SIDE

Substantial Improvements Made in Business Section During Past Year

AFTER several years of comparative inactivity, the business section of the East Side has awakened. Although primarily the residence portion of the city, the territory east of the Willamette includes an extensive business district, and merchants on that side of the river have prospered during the year as never before. The added business and the confidence which the merchants have in that part of the city has justified a large outlay in building, and a number of substantial brick buildings are now under way, with others planned to be commenced next Spring.

The most important structure now under way on the East Side is the large warehouse of Mitchell, Lewis & Staver, on East Morrison street, between East Second and East Third. It covers a full half-block, 100x200, and will be four stories high. The cost will be a little in excess of \$125,000. The site for this build-

ing was filled to the basement level by dredging from the river bed, after which concrete piles, 18 inches in diameter, were driven to solid foundation around the four sides of the site. Work on the superstructure of this building is to start at once. Whidden & Lewis are the architects.

At Grand avenue and East Morrison street a three-story brick is just being completed for Joseph M. Healy. This building is 90x100, and will cost about \$60,000. It is the highest-class building yet erected on the East Side, being of steel frame construction. The ground floor of this structure will be occupied by stores, and the remainder will be the quarters of a new athletic club to be organized on the completion of the building.

A three-story building is being completed at East Washington street and Grand avenue, which will be the home of the East Side Bank. It is being erected by H. H. Newhall. The cost will be in the neighborhood of \$25,000. The Portland General Electric Com-

pany is erecting a four-story brick on Knott street, in Upper Albina. It will cost about \$50,000, and will be a distributing station for the surrounding district. In the same vicinity, at Knott street and Rodney avenue, George W. Bates is building a two-story brick which will cost about \$25,000.

In Lower Albina, the Acme Mill Company is making a costly addition to its plant. The annex to the mill is a four-story brick, in connection with which a two-story frame warehouse is being constructed. Both buildings are now nearing completion.

Among the buildings just started is a three-story brick at Union avenue and East Morrison street, which is being constructed by W. H. Markell. It will have a concrete foundation and will cost about \$50,000. When completed, this building will be occupied as a department store by W. H. Markell & Co.

Another important building project is that of the Western Electric Company, which has recently acquired a half-block at East Yamhill and East Third streets. The company is now planning a warehouse to cover one-half of this property, and to be four or more stories in height. The company has a large house in San

Francisco, and will establish its head supply station for the Pacific Northwest here.

Great interest centers in the plan to erect a modern theater on Grand avenue. Inaugurated by the East Side Improvement Association. Six weeks ago this organization appointed a committee to canvass the situation and ascertain the sentiment towards the project. So strong is the sentiment in favor of building a theater to cost about \$60,000 that the matter is now assuming more definite form. It is probable that the necessary funds will soon be raised and work started upon the building, which will be located upon a half-block offered by Whit-

ney L. Bolise, rent free, for ten years.

There has long been a sentiment that the east side of the river should have a playhouse of its own. While the residents are in no way attempting to aim a blow at the West Side Theaters, they take the position that the city is large enough for a theater on the East Side which would in no way interfere with the playhouses now running. There will be a guarantee of 6 per cent dividends on the investment, and in addition to this it is believed that the enterprise will increase the value of other East Side property.

Several new club propositions have recently been launched on the East Side.

Ground has been broken on Morris street, near Williams avenue, for the erection of a home for the Catholic Young Men's Club of St. Mary's Parish. The project is being financed by subscription.

In addition to the activity in the business district there is a phenomenal movement under way in all the residence sections of the East Side. In the small suburban business centers there is also evidence of improvement. In Sellwood, for example, work has lately commenced upon a two-story brick bank which will cost about \$15,000. It will be located at Spokane avenue and East Thirteenth streets. The owner is William Strahlman.