

ABERDEEN PUTS UP TOWN BUILDINGS

Thriving Washington City Is Undergoing an Era of General Prosperity.

TOWN GROWING RAPIDLY

In Addition to Large Number of New Residences, Business Structures Are Being Multiplied On All Sides.

ABERDEEN, Wash., April 21.—(Special.)—The wonderful building activity so pronounced in the larger cities of the Pacific Northwest is most liberally shared by Aberdeen. For weeks architects have been busy on plans for both business and residence properties, and now that the weather is becoming more dependable, actual constructive operations are under way on every hand, while the thud of the pile-driver beats an inspiring tattoo to Aberdeen's advancement.

The era of frame buildings in the business section passed with the destructive fire in this city three years ago. At that time the few remaining shacks were merely a blot on the landscape, and in their places now stand substantial blocks of brick, stone and cement, while rigidly-enforced fire limits and up-to-date fire-fighting apparatus have reduced the insurance rates to 50 per cent.

The records at the City Hall show \$300,000 in permits taken out in 1906, but these figures will be greatly exceeded this year for already structures are commenced aggregating \$250,000 in cost.

On Wednesday of last week pile-drivers began work on the foundation of the Dabney-Mack block, on Heron street, which is to be a handsome three-story brick, covering 100 by 130 feet. The preliminary work is of such a character that additional stories may be added later should the property warrant it. A four-story building in the same block will occupy what has heretofore been considered the choicest vacant corner in the city.

Brick Buildings Going Up.

R. T. Dabney is at work on a business corner at Wishkah and H streets. A half block distant a 35-foot brick building is being erected by K. Zelasko. Arthur Jacobson has a two-story brick almost completed on Lower 7 street. The offices of the United States Collector of Customs and Immigration Agent were moved a couple of weeks ago to a building on the waterfront, planned to meet their special needs.

One of the most attractive in the list of recently-finished buildings is the Dabney block, extending 220 feet on Wishkah street and for almost 130 feet on G street. Stores were in such demand that these were occupied while the carpenters were still busily hammering upstairs. The Aberdeen General Hospital is also mentioned. The Methodists are preparing plans for a \$30,000 edifice, while the Presbyterians will expend \$30,000.

The Litchfield Street plant represents an outlay of over \$30,000, will be in operation soon. An extensive cement block addition to the Aberdeen Chamber of Commerce is rapidly being built. Washington, Wash. proprietors built an addition only last year, has been compelled to enlarge and is considering letting the contract.

Will Have Apartment House.

Mrs. Ed Dolan's \$11,000 apartment house will be among the few buildings of this class in the city. It is a fine building, attaining a size when accommodations of this sort are demanded. Our population has increased 100 per cent within the past two and a half years, creating the necessity for hundreds of new homes. They are being built by the dozen in every quarter of the city. A. H. Farnham will spend \$10,000 in putting up his home. Several will cost \$2,000 for this price during 1907. The "city of payrolls" is almost obscuringly prosperous.

APPROVES IRRIGATION WORK

Expert Investigates Operations on Twin Falls Project.

FULLMAN, Wash., April 21.—(Special.)—For the past two weeks Professor O. L. Waller has been investigating and inspecting the Twin Falls, Idaho, canal project. Professor Waller is one of the foremost irrigation engineers of the West, and was named by the settlers to represent their interests in making the final examination of the canal system. On his return yesterday he discussed the work done and the bright prospects of the settlers along the canal as follows:

"Investigation shows that, so far as the dam and canal is completed, the work is strictly first-class. The dam has cost nearly \$500,000 all told, while the whole plant represents an expenditure of approximately \$1,000,000 and covers 36,000 acres of the finest land in Idaho. These lands have practically all been sold, and fully 80,000 acres are under cultivation. It is a source of great surprise to one going over the tract for the first time to see the great developments wrought in two years out of a scrubby plain."

Develop Marble Industry.

ENTERPRISE, Or., April 21.—(Special.)—Recently a company was organized to develop and sell products of lime and marble claims in Wallawa County. The company is organized under the firm name of the Silver Creek Lime & Marble Company, capital \$10,000. A new quarry of the best kind of building stone of a variety of colors has been opened on the Hart place, a mile from town. There will be a number of residences built of this stone this summer.

ABERDEEN SHOWS REMARKABLE BUILDING PROGRESS



ABERDEEN GENERAL HOSPITAL



MARKET STREET SCHOOL, ABERDEEN



NEW DABNEY BLDG., 230 FT. LONG, CORNER G. AND WISHKAH ST., ABERDEEN

DEMAND FOR ASPARAGUS

NORTH YAKIMA CANNERS TO ENCOURAGE GROWTH.

Firm Will Bring Farmers From California to Cultivate This Highly-Prized Vegetable.

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The work of the Neighborhood Club, composed of women who wish to see La Grande take her proper place as one of the beautiful cities of Eastern Oregon, is already bearing fruit, although their plan for holding an aster show this fall was given publicity only a few days ago. Sunday morning the suggestion was made to the Sunday school of the Methodist Episcopal Church that each scholar plant a bed of asters and compete for the prizes to be given during the show. Much interest was shown by the young people, and it is probable that all of them will try to grow prize asters. The school will furnish seed to each one desirous of competing and will give prizes in addition to those offered by the management of the flower show. The other Sunday schools, and possibly the public schools, will probably follow suit.

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NOW OUT OF DEBT

Baker County Is On Solid Financial Footing.

HAS MONEY IN TREASURY

Economical Administration of Its Affairs Wipes Out Liabilities and Leaves Funds for Roads and Schools.

BAKER CITY, Or., April 21.—(Special.)

The burden that has been borne by the patient taxpayers of Baker County for so many years past has at last been dropped and Baker County is free from debt.

When J. B. Messick was elected County Judge it was with the understanding that strict economy was to be the rule, and the county freed from debt as soon as possible. The tax levy was reduced 2 mills, and with this reduction in the county's income the debt of \$100,000, which encumbered the county when the new officers went into office, has been cleared away, and sufficient money is on hand to pay all expenses that the county may incur during the coming year. Beside the expense money, there is now the sum of \$20,000 in the road fund and \$10,000 in the school fund.

The present County Court, consisting of County Judge J. B. Messick, Commissioners W. F. Cropp and H. K. Fisher, was elected on the platform of strict economy and close attention to business, and so well and faithfully have they performed their duties that the county can now boast of being entirely free from debt. The Court has issued a call for all warrants registered up to and including the first of April, and sufficient funds remain in the treasury to run the county for another year.

Strike Gold Near Cathlamet.

CATHLAMET, Wash., April 21.—(Special.)

Great interest in mining has been revived here by the discovery of valuable gold and copper deposits about the head waters of Elgin Creek. The hills prospecting a ledge on as high as \$200 per ton in gold and copper. Three separate gangs of men organized in this county are now in the hills prospecting. Two Portland parties, Messrs. Carmichael and Stanley, practical and experienced mining men, besides mining men from the Wallawa River, are here preparing to investigate.

For a year past Alfred Davis, of this place, a man with considerable experience in holding an aster show this fall was given publicity only a few days ago. Sunday morning the suggestion was made to the Sunday school of the Methodist Episcopal Church that each scholar plant a bed of asters and compete for the prizes to be given during the show. Much interest was shown by the young people, and it is probable that all of them will try to grow prize asters. The school will furnish seed to each one desirous of competing and will give prizes in addition to those offered by the management of the flower show. The other Sunday schools, and possibly the public schools, will probably follow suit.

Elgin Is Going Ahead.

ELGIN, Or., April 21.—(Special.)

Elgin is among the many Oregon towns that are growing with rapid strides. Several thousand dollars are to be expended the present season for public improvements, chief among which will be the construction of a new and modern school building, which will cost when completed \$30,000. The structure will be constructed of native stone and brick and will have ten rooms. The building will be heated by steam and will have every modern convenience. School Clerk Wells is now receiving bids for the structure, and it will be completed this season.

Another important improvement to be made in Elgin will be the construction of a new water system, costing approximately \$15,000. The system will convey water to the city from a pure mountain stream, a distance of five miles.

Union County's Finances.

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