More Than 30 Big Buildings Projected for 1908.

### BUSY TIMES NOW CERTAIN

Office Buildings, Hotels and Business Blocks That Will Soon Be Under Way - Ample Proof of Continued Growth.

Already there are in prospect enough new buildings to be erected this year to start a record that will equal, if not exceed, the remarkable one made in

Among the more important are: The Swift & Company packing plant, work on which is now in hand and which will be completed during the

New Falling block, on the site now occupied by the Portland Gas Company on Yambill street.

McGinn block, at Seventh and Wash-

McGinn block, at Seventh and Washington, office building.
Addition to Meler & Frank Company, corner Sixth and Alder.
Addition to Oregon' Hotel.
Enlargement of Perkins Hotel.
New hotels at Alder and Fourth;
Park and Madison; Front and Harri-

son.

Five-story brick, Burkhardt, Second street, next Gerlinger building now under construction. Marshall-Wells, Johnson, Lovejoy,

Fourteenth and Fifteenth.

Dameirer Company, Fourth street.

## REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS FOR 1906 AND 1907.

Portland real estate was very active throughout 1907, and prices ruled firm. The early months of the year showed a considerable excess in the volume of transfers over the same months of 1906, but the total for 1907 shows a small decrease. This was entirely due to the National financial stringency near the close of the year. It should be taken into consideration, too, that sales were much more numerous during 1906 than ever before. Values were never more stable than at present, and indications are that heavy trading will be resumed within the next few menths. Following is a comparative table of transfers by months for 1906 and 1907:

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between Everett and Flanders, for Chinese occupants.
City and county building, site of old

H. J. Morrison's six-story business building, west side of Fourth, between Taylor and Salmon. Mallory-Henry, walting-room and de-

Mailory-Henry, waiting-room and depot terminal Oregon Electric Company.
W. D. Fenton, brick business structure, Seventh and Ankeny.
Mrs. Church, 50x50, Fourth street next Morrison building.
Warchouse for agricultural implements concern, East Side.
Star Brewery, northwest corner First

Nurses' Home, St. Vincent's Hos-

Three church edifices on East Side. Two parish schools, East Side, Christian Brothers' College, East

These with the Y. M. C. A .- Y. W. C. A. buildings, and probability of some-thing going on the Pennoyer and Pit-tock blocks, will foot up a total well into the millions as a starter for the

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 31.—The courtmartial of Lieutenant-General Stoessel for the surrender of Fort Arthur to the Japanese entered on its final stage today. The court had evi-dence upon the Council of War of December 29, when the members of the Council refused to entertain the suggestion of surrender. The prosecution introduced the estimate of General Smirnoff that the resistance could have been prolonged for six weeks more.

Several witnesses testified to the indication with which the proposal to

dignation with which the proposal to capitulate was received by the Council of War, but certain officers from the firing line gave contradictory evidence and intimated that the boldest counsels against surrender were given by those who were stationed furthest from the enemy. The troops were dispirited and sick, almost to a man, with scurvy, it was declared, and if the capitulation had been delayed the fortress would have fallen before the first vigorous at-

## TROUTDALE CRIME

Suspects Arrested for Blowing Postoffice Safe.

Jack Caster, alias Williams, alias Dillard, alias Edwards, was arrested yesterday and charged with robbing the Postoffice and store of Harlow Brothers at Troutdale last Sunday night. He is charged with stealing \$750 to \$1000 by blowing up the safe. With night. He is charged with stealing \$750 to \$1000 by blowing up the safe. With him was arrested Charles Wilson. Since Monday Sheriff Stevens and his deputies, Beatty, Leonard and Bulger, Manager Kulper of the local Pinkerton office, and Special Agent Fitspatrick of the C. R. & N., have been locking for the criminals, and believe that in the two men located on North Sixth street yesterday moraing they have secured at least part of the gang.

Caster was seen about Troutdale Sundsy, according to those who have seen his photograph, and Wilson was arrested on suspicion. Caster has served

two terms at Deer Lodge, Mont., and one two-year term at Walla Walla for highway robbery at Everett.

The Troutdale thieves pried the padlock off the old safe and blew the cash box out with dynamite. The robber guard in front of the store fired four shots at the night telegraph operator who had spoken to him, but the operator thought the man only a drunk.

#### Three Ask for Divorce.

Two divorce suits were filed yester-day in the Circuit Court, and a third, after having been filed three years ago, can now be tried, as the husband has been located, and the papers served on him. The latter case is that of Minnie Engling against August Engling. They were married in June, 1904. Mrs. Engling alleges her husband deserted one month later. nth later.

one month later.

Ida Faris seeks divorce from Charles B. Farris. They married at Nashville, Tepn., November 25, 1902. Mrs. Faris asks to keep the children, and that an order be issued from the court restraining Faris from harming her or them. James J. Hooper is suing Liza Hooper for a divorce, charging desertion in 1892.

#### MRS. HELEN GATES DEAD

Was Active in Church and Society Life at Hillsboro.

HILLSBORO, Or Dec. 3L-(Special.)-Mrs. Helen Melvina Gates, who died at the family home, in this city, Sunday night, was born in Woodville, New York, September 28, 1851. Her maiden name was Batcheller, and she was a member of one of New York's oldest families.



The Late Mrs. Helen Melvina Gates.

She received her education at Pierpont Manor, N. Y., April 18, 1870, and was married to Harry V. Gates, at DeWitt, Ia. They came to the Pacific Coast in 1880, and settled in Oregon, after resid-ing at DeWitt and Leclaire, Ia.; Colby, Kan.; Cheyenne, Wyo.; and at San Fran-

The family first settled in Corvallis, where Mr. Gates had charge of the chief engineer's office of the Oregon Pacific. The family moved to Hillsboro in 1891. Mrs. Gates was prominent in church and society circles, and was department president of the Oregon Woman's Relief Corps in 1990. She was a member of the Eastern Star, Tualatin Chapter, of Hillsboro, and was worthy matron of the lodge in 1905. She was a member of the Congregational Church all her life. Her husband, H. V. Gates, is widely known over the Pacific Northwest as a promoter and owner of electric and water promoter and owner or electric and water plants; two sons, Oliver B. Gates, aged 33. Klamath Falls, and Samuel E. Gates, Schenectady, N. Y., and one daughter, Miss Helen, of Hillsboro, survive her. A brother, W. E. Pruyn, resides at Hepp-

#### CLUE IN PHLEGLEY CASE Horse Owned by Missing Man Re-

Advice has been received from Canby, Or., throwing some light on the disappearance of James Phiegley, one disappearance of James Phiegley, one of Canby's prominent citizens, who was thought to have been murdered for robbery on December 18, on the road between Champoeg and Canby. Yesterday the horse which Mr. Phiegley had been driving at the time of his disappearance, walked into Canby minus his harness and the buggy. Information was obtained to the effect that a strange man had met Mr. Phiegley on the road and saked him.

Phiegley on the road and asked him for a ride. From what has been learned of the STOESSEL NEARING END.

Evidence Introduced That Port Arthur Would Have Failen at Virst
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The Court-Martial of General trip taken by Mr. Phlegley just prior to his disappearance, it is known that he had collected several accounts from customers in Champoeg and Russell-ville, and it is believed that he had fully \$530 with him. This indicates that he was killed and robbed by the stranger, his body hidden in the brush near the road, the buggy likewise hidden and the horse turned loose, Additional search has been instituted by Sheriff Beattle and deputies, in the

by Sheriff Beattie and deputies, in the hope of clearing up the case. Mr. Grant Phiegley, of this city, manager of the Portland Woolen Mills, is a son of the missing man.

#### DAILY CITY STATISTICS Births.

RAWLEY-At Peninsula Station, Decem-er 27, to the wife of William S. Rawley, a daughter.

MORRIS—At 40% Sellwood street, December 7, to the wife of R. H. Morris, a son.

HOLMES—At 827 Quimby street, December 28, to the wife of H. P. Holmes, a son.

FRIESE—At 1146 Holgate street, Decem-

### TALK MACHINES AT HALF PRICE

The Most Astounding Cut in Modern Disc Machines Ever Offered-A Sensational Sale for Today and Tomorrow Mornings Only.

We shall close our books for the year next Thursday at noon. Meanwhile we wish to reduce to some extent a late shipment of very choice highest-class diec talking machines, latest models, equipped with strictly modern tapering arms and excellent sound boxes.

The usual celling price of such an instrument is \$30.

Between the hours of 9 and 11 today, also tomorrow morning between 9 and 11, we shall take \$15 for these beautiful machines. Cash, or \$5 cash and \$3 a month.

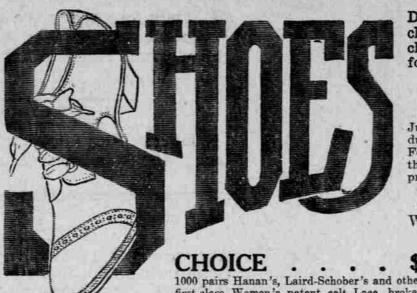
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We must have room for our new Spring stock, on the way. Today we are closed, Sale begins at 9 tomorrow morning. Be early. CHOICE . . \$100

1000 pairs Hanan's, Laird-Schober's and other first-class Women's patent colt Lace, broken CHOICE . . . \$ 95
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#### CHILDREN'S SHOE SALE

Rare values in misses' and children's Shoes and Oxfords, for dress or play; patent colt or vici kid; Blucher or lace; foot-form lasts; misses' sizes 11½ to 2; regular \$2.00 and \$2.25 values at \$1.45; \$1.25 sizes 6 to 11, regular \$1.75 values, now.....

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Misses' and Children's Oxfords, High Shoes and Strap Slippers; broken lines; all sizes; \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2 values; sale price...

#### **BOYS' STEEL SHOD SHOES**

The famous Brennan & White "Anvil" Brand; regular \$3.00 grade; sizes 1 to 51/2, at \$1.75; regular \$2.50 values, sizes 8 to \$1.60

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ber 12. to the wife of Ludwig Priese, a son.
GRAGG—At 221 Morris street, December 28. to the wife of W. B. Gragg, a daughter.
HAROLD—At 125 Wilson street, December 28. to the wife of W. B. Gragg, a daughter.
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HARNEY VALLEY LAND COMPANY—Incorporators, B. Linthicum, Horatic H. Parker and Albert E. Gebhart; capital, \$300,000.

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