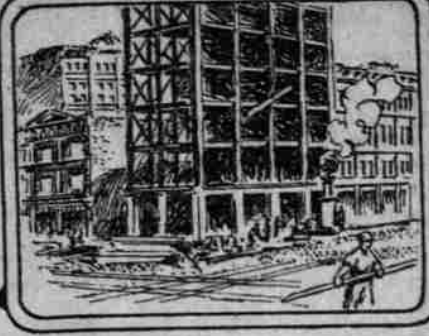
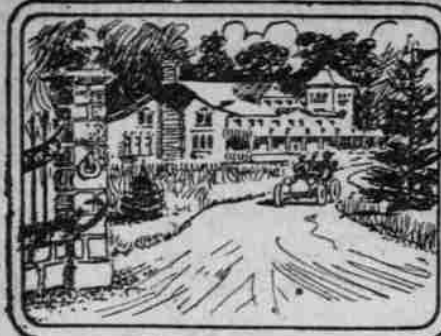


REAL ESTATE AND BUILDING NEWS



BUILDING HOLDS UP

Record of Permits Issued Grows Apace.

FINISH BIG STRUCTURES

Hotel at Kenton That Will Occupy Entire Block Said to Be Under Consideration by Weinhard Estate.

During the first 16 days of May, which included Saturday, 225 building permits were issued. At this rate per-

a suburban car going in any direction to get the evidence. It would appear no district of the outlying city lags behind in building operations.

The Lighthouse Engineer's office in Portland is receiving sealed proposals for the building of a station at Hunchinbrook, Alaska.

Ernst Kroner, architect, has extended the time until today to receive bids for the brick school building at Cornwell, the cost of which is estimated at \$12,000.

Bids have been closed for the \$45,000 apartment-house to be built at Fourteenth and Columbia streets by M. Palmy.

Goodrich & Goodrich have about completed the plans for a four-flat building of concrete construction, to be erected on Benton street for Mrs. Barnes. The building is to be 45x70.

Palmer & Ellison have the contract for the Burkhardt-Cadwell building at Second street, near Alder, adjoining the Gerlinger. Excavation has been finished.

Alterations and enlargement of the plant of the Smith & Watson iron-works at Front, between Harrison and Hill streets, are soon to be undertaken.

NEW STREET PLAN

Seattle Expert to Discuss District Assessment.

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No Offers Appearing to Sell Income Property, Outside Investors Are Making Inquiries Concerning the Residence Districts.

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THE SEVEN-STORY ANNEX OF THE OREGON HOTEL, FACING PARK STREET, BETWEEN OAK AND STARK.

mits for the month will again exceed those of the corresponding month last year in point of number, and this month will probably exceed in estimated cost of buildings the figures of last year. Counting from the first of the year, the record of last year has been exceeded. While new undertakings are largely for dwellings, with the East Side much in the majority, there is little falling off in building operations on the West Side of business structures and office buildings. Several important buildings are in course of construction, for which permits were obtained some time ago.

Among the more expensive buildings that are to be finished within a short time are the Board of Trade, Beck, Oregon hotel annex, Gerlinger, Y. W. C. A. and Wempe garage.

Saturday the Commercial Club moved into its new quarters in the building bearing its name, and this puts that one structure now in the occupied class. One large store on the corner of the First floor remains untenanted, and there are a few offices vacant.

Paul Weissinger, representing the Weinhard estate, says there is under advisement the erection of a brick building at Kenton, the townsite recently platted near and belonging to the Swift company. The undetermined plan is to put up a building to occupy a block which might be used as an apartment-house or hotel.

The new residence of Fred W. Wagner, designed by D. C. Lewis, is to be almost entirely finished inside with different styles of tiling.

Bids are being received by P. Chappell Brown, architect, for the erection of the Milwaukie schoolhouse, which is to contain four classrooms and two halls, and which is to cost \$10,000.

George Maurer of Salem was the only bidder on the Eugene postoffice, which is to cost \$45,000.

Anybody interested in observing the progress being made in building "Greater Portland" has only to board

A spur is also to be run connecting with the Oregon Electric line.

F. S. Fields is to have a residence built at Irvington to cost about \$4200. C. W. Ross has the contract.

Another of the frame buildings on the McGinn property has disappeared and Jennings & Co. are to erect in its place a brick building of a temporary character. The demolished frame adjoined the Merchants' Trust building on the east, owned by O'Shea Bros.

Work on the foundations of the Rosenblatt hotel at Tenth and Alder will start in a few days. Construction on the walls will follow as rapidly as possible.

Three East Side apartment-houses, for which permits have been taken out, are one to cost \$9000 at East Sixth, between Davis and Couch, for J. F. Kerrigan; one to cost \$8000 at East Sixth, between Multnomah and Wasco, for G. N. Smith; and one in McMillan's addition to cost \$4000, for C. B. Broquist.

Improves Rosenthal Road.

The county is opening the Rosenthal Road, which runs between the Base Line and the Sandy Roads. At present a force of men is engaged in cutting out the underbrush. A larger force will be employed later when grading will be started. This road is important for the reason it is the link in a fine Portland driveway and also because it passes just east of the grounds of the Country Club, which can be reached from the Rosenthal Road by automobiles and other vehicles. The driveway, of which this crossroad is a part, is out the Base Line to Montavilla, then to the Rosenthal, thence to the Sandy Road and the Columbia boulevard, then west on the Columbia boulevard to St. John and back to Portland, either by the Willamette boulevard or by way of the ferry and Linnton Road. The Montavilla Board of Trade started the movement for the improving of this road, and Dr. William DeVeny says he has been assured by the County Court that the work will be pushed forward.

street improvements, visit this city and deliver a lecture on modern street work and discuss the advantages of the district plan of assessment for such work. Seattle has had this plan in operation for some time and is now regarded as considerably in advance of some of the Coast cities in the extent and thoroughness of its street work.

Mr. Thompson has notified the Realty Board committee that he will be able to arrange a date about June 3 to 13. The committee is composed of J. O. Rountree, secretary; C. K. Henry, M. G. Griffin, A. H. Birrell, L. G. Davidson and O. W. Taylor.

Willamette Heights property is again coming into active demand. Recent sales of residence sites reported by Russell & Blyth, who have been engaged for some months past in improvements on new roads and streets in the district, are two adjoining lots corner of Vaughan and Newton streets, 50x100 each. The corner lot sold for \$1400 to M. C. White; the other sold for \$1250 to John B. Moon.

Last week ex-Mayor H. S. Rowe sold his residence at the southeast corner of Holladay avenue and East Seventh street to N. S. Howland for \$18,000. The property consists of a quarter block and the residence was built on the site two years ago at a cost of \$3000.

Record was made last week of the transfer of the lot, 50x150, 150 feet west of the intersection of P street with Twentieth, from H. Jennings to Dan J. Moore, the consideration being \$7500.

J. M. McPhee, a mining engineer who formerly lived in Portland, is reported as having returned with the intention to make this city his future home, and that he expects to buy a residence in the Nob Hill district.

With daily transfers recorded of about \$50,000 average in amount reported, an analysis of the record shows that by far the greater number of sales are for lots of a cost less than \$1500.

A VETERAN VOTER'S PLEA

John Minto Thinks Oregon University Should Get Appropriation.

SALEM, Or., May 16.—(To the Editor.)—Permit me to reply to the rather extraordinary letter of C. H. Walker in a recent issue of The Oregonian, as to getting his referendum introduced among what he calls the common people, and of whom he seems proud of being the liberator.

As an old and early member of the Patrons of Husbandry I regret to see its worthy name shaded by what I deem dishonorable use to justify a revolutionary purpose to rob the higher school of the state of means voted to its support by a strictly legal authority in complete accord with sworn fealty to the constitutions of both Nation and State. The grant of funds was made after full deliberation secured by the Governor's veto, in strict accord with his rights in its use.

The state government is suspended in action by a man born outside the unorganized portion of the United States, and so far as I am informed, never swore fealty to either state or Nation, but has the temerity to proclaim himself the champion of what he calls the "common people," by which, from his own statement of failure to succeed in his first use, thousands, himself included, do not know how to use effectively the weapon he put in their hands. He even confesses to fear failure again because his disciples may not know how to vote the referendum.

Viewing its use, revolutionary and destructive to the basic principle of rule by the majority, which, in 113 years, has built this Nation up to a greater power than any known to history ever before attained, and this state in 65 years to what its citizens are justly proud of, it

Considerable interest is being taken in the territory recently opened to more general settlement on the line of the Oregon Electric road. Several tracts are now platted within short distances of the city.

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may be worth while for Mr. Walker's followers to count the cost of the weapon they use for the murder of a good law.

The state will pay the printer \$3000; paper will cost about \$1000; binding, \$1500; envelopes and mailing, \$750; clerk hire, estimated, \$750; stamps, \$3000; citizens for argument, pro and con, (approximate), \$2000; total, \$11,250.

The writer cast the first vote of his life for the first Governor of Oregon in 1845. It was government provisional to sovereignty of those who made it, holding the country until the Government of the United States extended its power over it. In the 61 years of his voting life, the writer has never had to seek instructions how to vote until this insidious revolutionary agency was brought into use. About 15 years ago its use was discussed in Salem Grange, of which the writer was a member, and the said law will remain for life, or until those who have incubated this old Swiss law

as a means of making anarchical war upon the constitution of the Nation and state, change it.

Since first taking the obligation in November, 1845, in Washington County, Pennsylvania, I have held myself a soldier of the United States. Of weapons of defense, "Word, or pen, or pointed steel," the first two are only possible to 85 years; but with me it is war against users of referendum while I can use either.

The Oregonian has my thanks for the wisdom it is disseminating, but I have no use for Statement No. 1. I shall use one citizen's privilege.

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