

# NATION WILL BUY BLOCK 8 AS SITE

### Secretary of Treasury Issues Orders for Land to Be Bought for \$340,000.

## LONG DICKERING OVER

### \$1,000,000 Postoffice May Rise, Federal Architect Now Authorized to Prepare Plans Which May Be Competitive.

After weeks of delay, consumed principally in efforts to have the owners accept prices below those set by the condemnation jury, the United States Government has decided to accept block 8, owned by the Espey Estate Company and Dr. Andrew C. Smith, as a site for the new Portland Postoffice.

### \$340,000 Price of Block.

The Government will then forward to the clerk of the United States Circuit Court, G. H. Marsh, \$340,000, of which \$170,000 is for the purchase of the block, owned by Dr. Andrew C. Smith, and \$170,000 for the west half, owned by the Espey Estate Company. Judge Egan will then enter judgment declaring block 8 the property of the United States Government and will instruct Clerk Marsh to turn over the money to the present owners.

### Abstracts Showing Title to the Property to Rest in the Present Owners have already been furnished the Government. All title to the property has been taken care of by A. King Wilson, representing the Espey Estate Company, and John M. Geary, attorney for Dr. Andrew C. Smith, in the clear of the property of all encumbrances of whatever nature, if any exist.

### \$1,000,000 Building in View.

Block 8, where it is now assured the new Postoffice is to be, is bounded by Seventh, Hoyt, Park and Glisan streets. It is certain that the new building will cost at least \$1,000,000 and also that it will be in line with a policy which has been adopted by the Postoffice Department, to be devoted entirely to postal business. The present Postoffice will be demolished for other Government offices. The removal of the Postoffice from the building will allow space for the forestry and other departments to be housed in the city outside Government buildings at an annual rental cost of more than \$15,000.

The last session of Congress Senator Bourne introduced a measure in the Senate appropriating \$1,000,000 for a new Postoffice in Portland. This measure is still in the hands of the committee on buildings and grounds, action on it having been delayed because a site had not been obtained. Representative LaFerty has introduced a measure which provides for an appropriation of \$2,000,000. It is not expected, however, that Congress will act on this measure at the present session as it is an extraordinary session called by President Taft primarily for the purpose of considering Canadian reciprocity.

### Plans May Be Competitive.

J. Knox Taylor, supervising architect for the Government, can, however, proceed at once to prepare plans. It is presumed that advantage will be taken of the Farney act, which provides that architects outside the Government service who are members of the American Institute of Architects may enter competitive plans for Federal buildings. The local Architectural Club has urged this course on the Government.

### First Site Rejected.

J. W. Hill, a Harvard classmate of President Taft, was originally deputed by the President to select a Postoffice site. He chose a block bounded by Fourth, Burnside, Eleventh and Twelfth streets. But this proved unacceptable, principally for the reason that the Postoffice Department has the policy of obtaining sites as close as possible to terminal grounds and refuses to veer from it. The appropriation of \$300,000, which was made as might be necessary to obtain an adequate site, was made June 25, 1910.

Bids were then called and block 8 was offered at \$160,000 or \$16,000 less than the next lowest bid. Subsequently the price was reduced to \$225,000 when the Secretary of the Treasury showed hesitancy about acting. Condemnation suits were instituted which resulted in verdicts being returned, April 22 and May 4 of the present year, fixing the value of block 8 at \$340,000 and of the east half at \$200,000.

## SCHOLARS ARE INVITED

Manager Cordray, of the Oaks, Has Latchstring Out Today.

Manager Cordray, of the Oaks, is known far and wide as a lover of children, so it was no surprise when this week he announced his intention to throw the Oaks open every Saturday free to school children of Portland under 12 years of age, so long as they are accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Today is the first "children's" day of the season and special preparations have been made by the genial manager for his young guests. To begin with, Philip Field intends to have a special musical programme. Then there is the big playground for the youngsters, the laws to romp on and everything the healthy child will want to see from the famous attractions to the happy romping "Teddy bears."

## PORTLAND BOYS' DISPLAY OF PRODUCTS OF THEIR OWN GARDENS IN COMPETITION AT Y. M. C. A. AUDITORIUM.



## CAR LOOPS LIKELY

### Traction Company's New Plan Favored by Committee.

## WASHINGTON LESS JAMMED

### Oregon Electric and United Railways to Use Double Tracks on Stark, Tenth and Salmon.

### Oil Tank Opposed.

### Double Tracks Its Plan.

It was asserted by C. H. Carey, legal representative of the Oregon Electric and United Railways Companies, that the Oregon Electric trains will not be run one way, around a loop, but will be operated over double tracks on Stark and Tenth streets.

### Oil Tank Must Go.

On motion of Councilman Kubli, Balfour, Guthrie & Company was refused a permit to install a fuel oil tank in the street at Tenth and Front streets. The tank has already been put in, but the members of the committee contend that the firm should be forced to remove it because of the fact that the company's officials did not obtain legal permission to place it.

### PERSONAL MENTION.

George H. George, of Astoria, is at the Portland.

Dr. F. A. Bird, of Kelso, Wash., is at the Perkins.

Thomas E. Hiddle, of Spokane, was at the Portland yesterday.

C. A. Wester, a merchant of Roseburg, was at the Perkins yesterday.

V. Halter, a merchant at Gresham, was registered at the Perkins yesterday.

Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Fell, of John Day, are registered at the Bowers.

James D. Turner, a prominent business man of Seattle, is at the Bowers.

J. W. Condon, of The Dalles, was registered yesterday at the Bowers.

J. H. Shield, a business man of Bandon, is registered at the Oregon.

H. D. Burroughs, of Hermiston, was among the arrivals at the Portland yesterday.

Dr. Edward Rea, of Silverton, is at the Imperial.

Dr. Alfred Kinney, of Astoria, was registered at the Portland yesterday.

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## DAZED BRIDE'S TIE SEVERED BY COURT

### Gladys Arkansas Brickley, Not Yet 19, Swears She Was Drugged Before Ceremony.

## MINISTER NOTES STUPOR

### Judge Gantenbein Annuls Marriage of Domestic Who Awakens From Lethargy to Find She Wedded Stranger.

Annulment of a marriage she testified was obtained through force and fraud while she was under the influence of drugs administered to her for that purpose, was granted Gladys Arkansas Brickley yesterday morning by Judge Gantenbein.

### Girl Employed as Domestic.

Mrs. Brickley was an Oregon City girl, and answered an advertisement for a domestic to work for Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Anhorn, of 444 Broadway street, Portland, beginning her service with them November 8, 1910.

### Wine Taken, Mind Then Blank.

After continued urging, the girl took a taste of the wine, and on further entreaty took more of the liquor. What happened after that, she said, she has no recollection, until 8 o'clock, when she was on her way to her room.

### Minister Sees Bride Dazed.

A search for the people for whom she was working at the time of the marriage, resulted in Mrs. Brickley being told that they had moved to Seattle, and as Brickley had told her the second day after her arrival at the house that he was going to British Columbia, she believes he is there, although she has been unable to find him.

### Other Ties Severed.

Carrie C. from Charles Gardner, for desertion. They were married in Portland, April 24, 1907.

Albert from Lena Nobel, for desertion. They were married October 18, 1905, and have one child.

Oliver from J. C. Harlan, for desertion. They were married in Portland, August 27, 1908.

Anna from Mike McCall, for desertion. They were married at Los Angeles, October 20, 1904, and have one child.

Marie E. from Paul F. Schaefer, for cruelty. They were married at Turner, Or., September 18, 1905, and have one child.

Elmer F. from Anna G. Stevens, for desertion. They were married at Knappton, Mont., October 23, 1897.

### Realty Men to Take Trip.

Members of the Portland Realty Board will take an outing this afternoon on an excursion over the United Railways to Banks, in Washington County. The special train of two cars will leave the corner of Second and Stark streets at 1:30 o'clock.

At the beginning of the present year there were 25,655 luncheon in the county of London, an increase of 408 over the previous year.

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