

BUILDING ACTIVITY INCREASING DAILY

Portland Grows With Stupendous Strides During "Dull" Period.

60 NEW PERMITS ISSUED

Improvements of Civic and Public Service Property is Keeping Pace With Development In All Other Lines.

Portland people have become so well accustomed to the changes that take place, almost overnight, in the skyline of the city, and so used to walking under arcaded streets where new structures are rising in the place of old that as a rule they take the vast building activities of the city pretty much as a matter of course.

At this season, the mid-Winter, when building activities supposedly should be at low ebb, there are building and other improvement enterprises on foot, enough to stir the admiration of any other city on the Pacific coast, even in its busiest season.

60 Structures Authorized. Aside from the building in the business section, and the extensive paving and roadway developments, the new structures in the residential districts has no intermission.

With the decision of the commission practically settled, the construction of the municipal auditorium upon the market block will be begun within a very short time and the plans announced indicate one of the finest structures of its kind and size in the United States.

Excavation work was started Saturday for the big Fleischacker building on the Pittcock block. This will be an eight-story structure covering the entire block and housing besides its modern office rooms, one of the finest theaters in the city.

The demolition of the old Marquam building is nearing completion and at the instant the last of the debris from the old structure is taken away, upon new foundations will be erected the new Northwestern National Bank building, 12 stories high and costing approximately \$750,000.

Buildings Nearing Completion. Just across Seventh street, the 13-story office building of the Multnomah Security Company is already well on toward completion and, within half a block, on the corner of Seventh and Yamhill, the new theater building of Sullivan & Condit is still further advanced toward completion.

Other Improvements Numerous. In other sections of the city the new Multnomah County Courthouse, the Central Library building, the new public hall are among buildings already in process of construction and adding their share to the lightning changes of the skyline of Portland.

Add to these building improvements other enterprises, such as the electrification of the Southern Pacific line, the laying of extensive new water mains in South Portland, the rapid advance in construction work on the Broadway bridge, the work of widening Seventh street, the great terminal improvements of the Hill and Harrison lines upon the East Side, the Linton factories, the dozen or more warehouses and other business buildings that are to be commenced within the coming six weeks; and even then the story of the improvement work that is under way or imminent is not all told.

MRS. JULIA ROYAL IS DEAD. Widow of Dr. Osmon Royal Succumbs After Brief Illness.

Mrs. Julia Royal, widow of Dr. Osmon Royal, died at the Portland Convalescent Home yesterday after a brief illness.

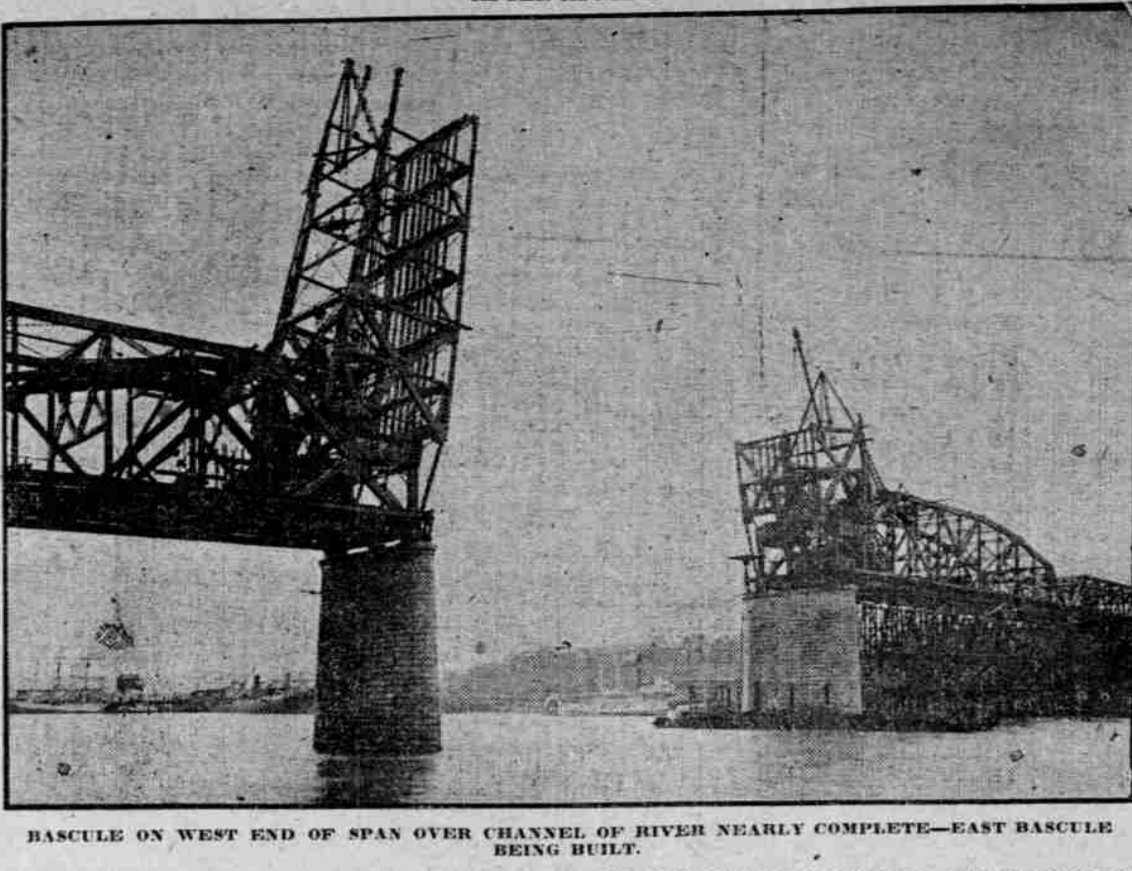
Mrs. Royal had been a resident of Portland for nearly 25 years, and was a prominent member of Grace Methodist Church. She also was a member of the Home Missionary Society.

Mrs. Royal was born in Utica, N. Y., in 1848, and was graduated from Utica Academy, after which she studied for several terms at the New York Art School in the city of New York.

Dr. Royal was a graduate of Williams College, at Delaware, O. At the time of his death he was president of the Oregon State Board of Medical Examiners. He was a charter member of Grace Methodist Church, and president of the Men's Social Union, of that congregation.

Best deal; lowest price. Edleson.

LATE PHOTOGRAPH OF NEW BROADWAY BRIDGE, WHICH WILL BE COMPLETED SOON AFTER APRIL 1.



BASCULE ON WEST END OF SPAN OVER CHANNEL OF RIVER NEARLY COMPLETE—EAST BASCULE BEING BUILT.

BRIDGE WORK SLOW

Time for Opening Broadway Viaduct Indefinite.

STEEL WORK NEARLY DONE

Multiplicity of Details and Award of Separate Contracts Sure to Delay, but Street Approaches Will Be in Readiness.

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ACTING CONSUL HERE

Lewis E. Bernays Arrives to Succeed Late Mr. Laidlaw.

PLACE IS BUT TEMPORARY

Probability Is That British Foreign Office Will Appoint Man Permanently Before Long to Act for This Section.

Lewis E. Bernays, the young British diplomat who has been appointed to succeed, temporarily, the late James Laidlaw as consul for the British government in Portland, arrived in the city yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Bernays will rank as acting consul and may be retained here in that capacity indefinitely. It is probable, however, that a consul will be appointed as soon as the British foreign office at London gives due consideration to the subject.

Mr. Bernays has been in the consular service for two years and during all that time has been located at New Orleans in the capacity of vice-consul. He received preliminary training in the foreign office and passed a year in India and in various European countries studying foreign languages.

Late Consul Praised.

"It is distressing to come here under these circumstances," said Mr. Bernays at the Portland Hotel yesterday. "Although I never met Mr. Laidlaw, I heard much of him. He ranked high in the estimation of the foreign office and was known by reputation to nearly every one in the service."

Mr. Bernays' late New Orleans a week ago Friday, intending to come to Portland to relieve Mr. Laidlaw, who had been granted a sick leave. While traveling through Arizona last Monday he learned of his death. He was delayed in reaching Portland on account of train accidents.

The territory under his jurisdiction will be the same as that of which Mr. Laidlaw had charge—Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and Alaska. It is one of the most important posts in the British consular service.

Portland is one of the four cities in the United States having British consulates. The others are Savannah, Galveston and St. Louis. The offices at New York, Boston, New Orleans, San Francisco and Chicago are in charge of consuls-general.

Seniority Rule Governs.

The consular service is organized the same as the army or the navy. Seniority gains preference in appointments and promotions. The office of consul ranks just higher than that of vice-consul. It is for this reason that Mr. Bernays does not expect to be appointed permanently to fill the local office. An older man is almost certain to receive the appointment.

British residents of Portland, however, expect that a vice-consul will be named for the local office in addition to the consul. A. W. Lawrence, Representative from Multnomah County, last night.

LAWRENCE SUPPORTS BILL

Workman's Compensation Act to Be Introduced in Legislature.

"The workman's compensation act, which has been drafted by the commission appointed by Governor West, will be introduced by me at the earliest opportunity afforded in the session of the Oregon Legislature, which opens tomorrow," said A. W. Lawrence, Representative from Multnomah County, last night.

"I have known the three men of organized labor, who aided in drafting this measure, for a number of years, and know them to be men of high ideals, sound judgment and humane nature. I have followed the growth of the idea of compensation in other states and know it to be advocated by those who have at heart the best interests of the working people, organized or unorganized."

"I am impelled to introduce this measure and to assist in its passage because it is right in fundamental principle, because it is a measure which will have been worked out to the most practical solution possible with the experience of 15 other states in this country to draw from, in addition to the experience of several foreign countries."

"The conservative element in organized labor, who object chiefly and unreasonably to the advance payment of humanity and strives for peace, harmony and prosperity for themselves and all the wage-earners—is strongly in favor of this bill, for it awakens a responsive chord in them."

"The bill aims to supplement the liability law, not to supplant it. In the struggle of the toilers for immunity from accidents rather than indemnity for them; to give the injured workman and those dependent upon him compensation sufficient to prevent suffering and the destruction of home and family ties; to supplant the gambler's chance of a wind-fall from lengthy, expensive litigation, with the sure thing of prevention, through education and pauperism; to prevent costly civil actions for damages, the results of which are usually unsatisfactory from a monetary standpoint, of such long duration that it entails in untold suffering the people most vitally interested, and finally results in a vicious frenzy of class-hatred that amounts almost to civil war."

"This, and much more, the law seeks to correct. And the more study given its provisions, the more deeply rooted is the conviction that it will make good in every one of its aims and objects. Therefore it should be enacted and given a fair trial."

SEATTLE AFTER 1915 MEET

Elks Invited to Hold National Convention in City by the Sound.

Seattle Elks are conducting an active campaign for the 1915 National convention.

Nearly all the members of the Seattle Ad. Club, who attended the inaugural ceremonies at the Portland Club on Saturday night, also are members of the Seattle Lodge of Elks. They lost no time while in the city to make known the fact that Seattle wants the grand lodge meeting of the year of the big fair at San Francisco. They have badges, pennants and literature announcing their intention of entertaining the Elks of the Nation on their way to and from the exposition.

Seattle formally launched its campaign at the grand lodge meeting in Portland last night, and has been busy ever since. A large delegation of Seattle residents will go to the grand lodge meeting in Rochester next July to press their claims further.

PROFITS LIMITATION AIMS

Bill Provides That Corporations Pay Excess Gains Into State.

A bill for an act limiting the profits of express and telegraph companies will be introduced at the coming session of the Legislature by Representative Parson of Lane County.

The bill is framed on the theory that, after deducting legitimate expenses, a reasonable allowance for depreciation and a reasonable profit from the gross earnings of public utility corporations, the companies should be compelled to pay the balance of their earnings to the state as their annual license fee. This would cause these companies to lower their rates to such an extent that only a reasonable profit will be earned, according to the author.

The bill also provides that telephone companies shall be compelled to furnish physical connections with all farmers and independent lines.

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Standard Table Peaches and Apricots, 2 cans, 25c. Eastern Corn, 6 cans at 45c. Maine Corn, 6 cans for 70c. Asparagus Tips, 2 cans, 35c. Supreme Pork and Beans, two cans, 25c. Carnation Solid Pack Tomatoes, 2 cans, 25c. Blue Label Catsup, 25c bottles for 18c. Walter Baker's 25c Cocoa, can for 19c.

morning at 11 o'clock in the ballroom of the Multnomah Hotel, the event being under the auspices of the Monday Musical Club. The piano accompanist is R. J. Hutchinson. The vocal programme: "Where Corsia Lie" and "Sea Pictures" (Elgar); "Irish Love Song" (Lang); "Less Than the Cloud" (Harold Vincent Milligan, lately of this city); "A Perfect Day" (Carrie Jacobs Bond); "Tonight" (Zardo); "Ah, Not a Drop That from Our Cups We Throw" and "The Worldly Hopes Men Set Their Hopes Upon" ("A Persian Garden") and "Sappho Ode" (Brahms).

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