

Scenic Driveways and Paved Boulevards of City Unsurpassed

Most Alluring Are Long Driveways on West Side Heights

Terwilliger Boulevard Provides Sweeping View of City—New Hillside and Fairmount Drives Are Attractive.

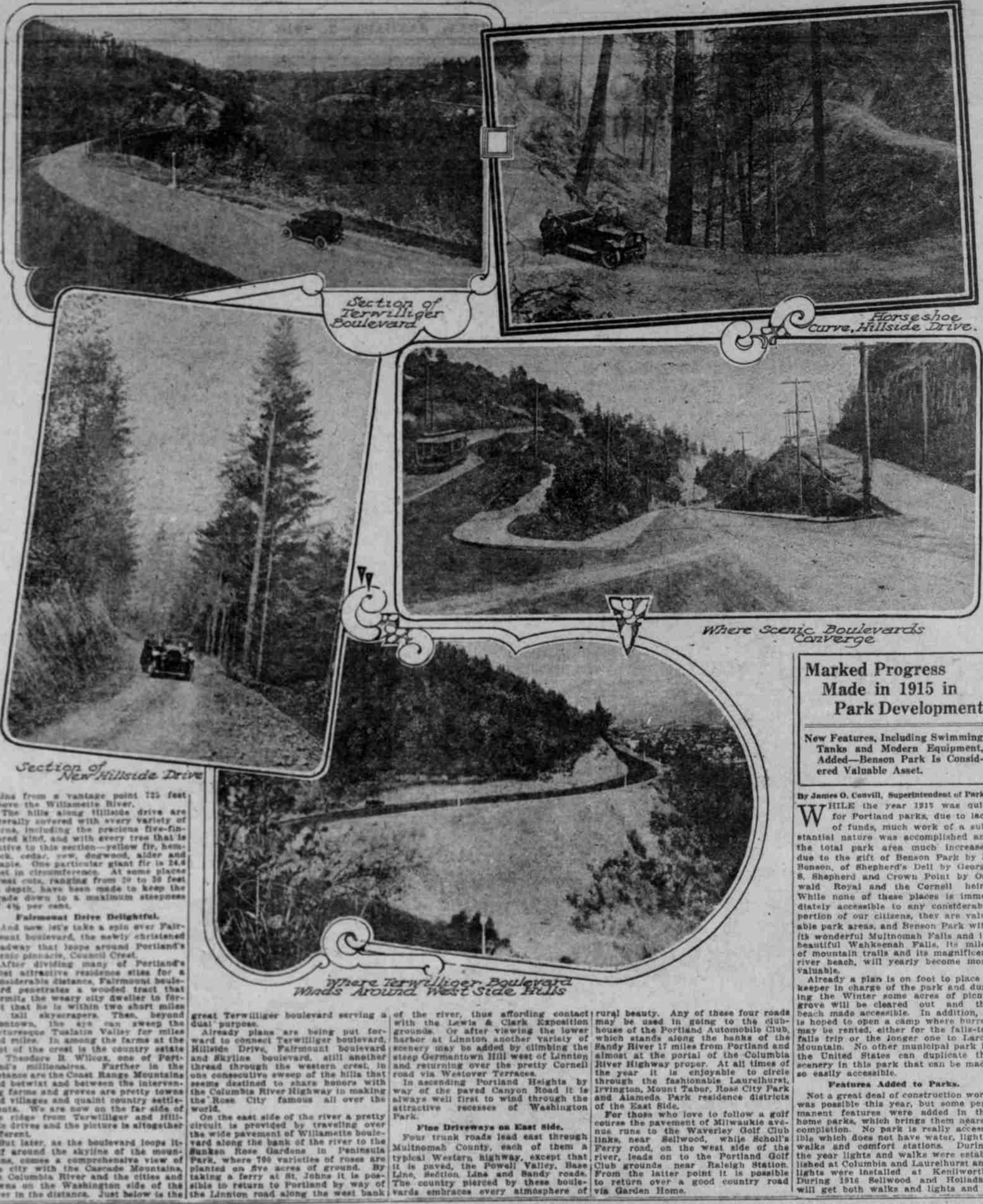
By Chester A. Moore.
THE visitor in Portland may motor over a picturesque boulevard every different day in the week, and yet other wonderful driveways will remain unexplored.

From the business heart of the city paved streets issuing to the outskirts of the compass lure the motorist through streets shaded by pretentious mansions and by terraced slopes aglow with rose hedges to the open country, where the goodness of the roadway beckons him on, seemingly to the limits of the horizon.

This boulevard traces the graceful banks of the majestic Willamette River; that one skirts the rim of the western hills and carries the traveler in a few minutes to the open country. All lead to shaded nooks, natural gardens, to rural quietude and to vantage points on forested hills that command sweeping panoramas of woods, river, city, country and, yea, of snow-topped mountain peaks that stand guard on the far-distant hills. There is hypnotic charm and romance in the very air about Portland. From the highest crests the great city appears in the role of a mammoth park, with boulevards threading their way as gracefully as if Nature had planned it all.

Perhaps the most alluring of all the Portland boulevards are those that penetrate the western hills. Terwilliger boulevard, Hillside drive and Fairmount boulevard.

Commencing at the head of Sixth street, Terwilliger boulevard winds



Section of Terwilliger Boulevard

Horseshoe Curve, Hillside Drive

Where Scenic Boulevards Converge

Section of New Hillside Drive

Where Terwilliger Boulevard Winds Around West Side Hills

PORTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOL STATISTICS FOR 1915.	
Enrollment—day schools	31,478
Enrollment—night schools	4,102
School buildings	175
High schools	12
Trade schools	1
Technical schools	1
Detention schools	1
Deaf and blind schools	1
Cost of school buildings (school maintenance and instruction)	\$11,802
Trade school	17,602
High school	17,602
Technical school	17,602
Night school	17,602
Special schools (detention, deaf and blind, handicapped)	17,602
Bonded indebtedness	\$15,500

around the hills that tower above the southern part of Portland and disappear in the open country road that leads on into Washington County and later merges with the Capital Highway that pierces the woods of the Willamette Valley. The woods along Terwilliger drive are attractive enough to satisfy even the most fastidious student of nature. From the top of the hillside the view that it affords

above the city reveals the entire city, and is seen in the distance Oregon's sacred mountain, Mount Hood, on the crest of a mighty range that proudly stands above other peaks nearby, Jefferson, Adams and St. Helens.

At night cluster lights make Terwilliger boulevard an illuminated chain of color and below is the brilliantly lighted metropolis.

From a vantage point 75 feet above the Willamette river the hills along Hillside drive are literally covered with every variety of fern, including the precious five-fingered kind, and with every tree that is native to this section—yellow fir, hemlock, cedar, yew, dogwood, alder and maple. One particular giant fir is 24.6 feet in circumference. At some places great oaks, ranging from 20 to 30 feet in depth, have been made to keep the grade down to a maximum steepness of 4%.

Fairmount Drive Delightful. And now let's take a spin over Fairmount boulevard, the newly christened roadway that loops around Portland's scenic pinnacle, Council Crest.

After driving many of Portland's most attractive residence sites for a considerable distance, Fairmount boulevard penetrates a wooded tract that permits the weary city dweller to breathe the fresh air of the hills and to see that he is within two short miles of tall skyscrapers. Then, beyond Elzmann, the eye can sweep the picturesque Tualatin Valley for miles and miles. In among the farms at the foot of the crest is the country estate of Theodore B. Wilson, one of Portland's millionaires.

On the east side of the river a pretty circuit is provided by traveling over the wide pavement of Willamette boulevard along the bank of the river to the Sunken Rose Gardens in Peninsula Park, where 150 varieties of roses are planted on five acres of ground. By taking a ferry at St. Johns it is possible to return to Portland by way of the Linnton road along the west bank

of the river, thus affording contact with the Lewis & Clark Exposition grounds. Or after viewing the lower harbor at Linnton another variety of scenery may be added by climbing the steep Germantown Hill west of Linnton and returning over the pretty Cornell road via Westover Terrace.

In ascending Portland Heights by way of the paved Canyon Road it is always well first to wind through the attractive recesses of Washington Park.

Marked Progress Made in 1915 in Park Development

New Features, Including Swimming Tanks and Modern Equipment, Added—Benson Park Is Considered Valuable Asset.

By James O. Conville, Superintendent of Parks.
WHILE the year 1915 was quiet for Portland parks, due to lack of funds, much work of a substantial nature was accomplished and the total park area much increased due to the gift of Benson Park by S. Benson, of Shepherd's Dell by George S. Shepherd and Crown Point by Oswald Royal and the Cornell heirs. While none of these places is immediately accessible to any considerable portion of our citizens, they are valuable park areas, and Benson Park with its wonderful Multnomah Falls and its beautiful Wenkenah Falls, its miles of mountain trails and its magnificent river beach, will yearly become more valuable.

Visitors, as Well as Citizens, Find Many Attractions

With beautiful Driveways and Improved Parks, Varied Means Are Provided for Relaxation and Entertainment.

system will be begun at Mount Tabor so that by the end of 1917 all the present parks should have lights, water, walks, comfort stations and other minor improvements. The present revenue does not provide for major buildings or for the addition of any new areas so surely needed.

Swimming Tanks Popular. The swimming tanks ran to capacity, showing a total of about 75,000 for the season, 10,000 more than the year before. This was due in part to the kindness of the Multnomah Club, which generously turned over the old club tank at Chapman and Morrison streets to the city. This tank is very small, but many hundreds of children spent the hot days there. It will be possible to increase the use of the Sellwood and Peninsula tanks during 1916 by additions contemplated for the locker houses, but more tanks are urgently needed in other parks.

One new feature was added during the year—the municipal ball field. During the season it was well maintained and the permits ran as high as 25 to 30 a day. It is believed that all these diamonds will be accessible during 1916, and with a very small amount of work they can be put into splendid condition.

Tennis is yearly becoming more popular, but its growth has been retarded due to lack of suitable courts. Clay courts will not do in Oregon more than four months each year, so it is planned to hard-surface several next year to prolong the season.

A municipal golf course was talked of during the year, and will continue to be until one is finally established. Seattle during the summer became so enthusiastic over the game that a second course was established, and all that holds Portland back is the fact that none of the present parks are suitable.

Many Improvements Planned. Even less money is available for 1916 than for 1915, but as many improvements as possible will be made along the general plan. These will include some new features in nearly all the parks. Extensive improvements in Mount Tabor Park especially, are planned. This park has some wonderful drives, with some near views of the mountains, and gives a particularly good view of Portland by night. It is expected to have all of these drives in winter. In addition, a first-class playground is in the process of construction at the northeast corner, and will also probably be built on the west side.

Land is now being sought in the Vernonia, Astoria and Clatsop districts, where first-class playgrounds may be maintained until such time as parks may be acquired in these neighborhoods. There seems to be little doubt that these districts should be taken care of, and plans are now being formulated with these districts in mind. The addition of St. Johns also introduces another district which soon will demand representation.

Each year the river claims a large number of victims, and an exhaustive study was made of waterfront conditions during August and September. During these months thousands of people die every year. The final control of the principal control of beach bathing seems desirable.

Modern Zoo Needed. One other extensive park improvement will be begun during the year, and that is to establish a modern zoo. For two years past an agitation has been going on to acquire the zoo entirely, as the old buildings are in wretched condition and the animals have not been taken in many instances. The final action is to acquire the zoo in one of the most popular park attractions, and the great majority of visitors are first of all for the zoo.

Portland has every reason to be the leading city of the Northwest. She has the location, the foundation, the money and the important factors—the men who will realize what must be done to make Portland the city she is entitled to be.

We are of the "brink" of a period of great prosperity—an opportunity for Portland. Will we agree on what is needed? Will we agree on the best and quickest way of getting the required results? Make a list of 25 or 30 of the leading men of Portland and ask if you do not think they can accomplish anything they agree to undertake. Some thought and unity of action will be necessary.

Standard of Portland's Public School System High

Enrollment is 26,000—System Comprises 60 Elementary Schools, Five High Schools, Two Technical Schools and 12 Night Schools—Commerce School to Be Opened.

By K. B. Alderman, City Superintendent.
IF all the children of one generation could be given the best education that the times afforded, the most serious problem of the state would be solved for all time. It is inconceivable that the influence of an entire generation of educated parents could die out in innumerable generations to follow. With this thought in mind, the present administration of the Portland public school system is doing its utmost to give the best possible educational opportunities to all the young people of Portland. The aim is no less than to make the Portland school system the greatest asset of a great city—to make Portland the best city in the world in which to rear a family.

we have upgraded rooms where children who are either retarded or exceptionally quick are given an opportunity to go as slow or as fast as their mentality permits.

The plan of the present school administration in regard to high schools is to have them all different. In this way more thorough work can be done. There are now five high schools and two technical schools. Special attention is given at Jefferson High School to the manual arts. Courses in manual training and printing are given at Jefferson High School in addition to the academic subjects. The Franklin High School, now in course of construction, will afford opportunity for demonstration work in agriculture and gardening. The site for the new school contains 18 acres. The pupils are now housed in the Creston and other elementary school buildings. The first unit will be ready for occupancy in September, 1916. A second unit will be built the following year.

800 more, making 300,000 which is to cover the cost of the first two units of construction. The boys' division of the Benson Polytechnic School now uses the old Atkinson School building at Eleventh and Couch streets. The girls' division uses the old Linnton High School building at Fourteenth and Morrison streets. In the boys' department the following subjects are taught: Mathematics, English, electricity, plumbing, physics, who are shop, woodworking, chemistry and drawing.

Spirit of Co-operation Keynote to City's Progress

Endowed With Great Natural Advantages and Tremendous Resources, Portland Has Opportunity to Become One of Leading Shipping and Industrial Centers of America.

By George E. Hardy, Executive Secretary Portland Chamber of Commerce.
DURING the past two or three years business in the Northwest has been much depressed, due very much, in our case, to the lack of demand for lumber.

the location of a plant in the Northwest and wished to get your products to the Orient, to Australia, to South America and elsewhere?

ping to carry the products of the factories to the world's markets. And we need factory workers to consume more of Oregon's products of the soil. The market problems for the small farmer and gardener near Portland would be solved if we had a better market.

In the light of present-day educational thought the best educated person is the person best equipped for the exigencies of life. In the administration of the Portland public school system the aim is to give the best possible equipment for life to every child in the city.

The elementary schools of Portland now number 60. The enrollment on December 1 was 26,000. In planning the course of study for so many children it must be remembered that all will not go on even through high school, while many will finish high school and go on to college. All must be given the best possible preparation for life during the time they can be kept in school. It is the problem of teachers, principals and supervisors to lure as many as possible into the preparation of themselves as possible. In our schools about 70 per cent of those who enter the elementary schools remain at the end of the course. About five per cent of those who finish the elementary schools enter the high school. We have yet to find a city that can equal this record.

Provision is made in the elementary school system for children who are deaf or mentally retarded to have special attention. The old Allen Preparatory School building is now used for these children who are somewhat defective mentally and whose presence would be a handicap to regular classes. The instruction is adapted to the peculiar needs of these children, such attention being given to hand work.

The new Benson Polytechnic School, construction of which is about to begin, will occupy a site of seven and one-half acres on the East side. Two units are to be built at once. The building of this school, which is to be the most complete of its kind in the country, has been made possible at this time through the generosity of S. Benson, who gave \$100,000 toward it. The school board appropriated \$100,000

During a period of depression all get critical and fault-finding is a common habit. We have had time and the inclination to look the situation over and endeavor to determine what is wrong and what is needed. Certainly a very proper procedure. Prosperity has returned in the East; in fact, our advice indicate that prosperity is general in all parts of the country, except in the Pacific Northwest. Indications point to the fact that a turn upward in Portland was noticeable in November.

More Industries Necessary. Would we not be better, by far, had we more industries—a greater diversity of manufacturing? Of course, you will reply in the affirmative. No one factor does us much to build a city as an industrial payroll of great proportions.

Portland people should think and talk shipping. They should do more—they should invest money in shipping properly managed.

Let us all pull together for shipping and industries, so vital to Portland and the state.

PORTLAND'S AREA.	
Land area, including water	66.36
Water area, square miles	1.52
Harbor frontage, miles	25.82