

# SEEKING SITES FOR FACTORIES

### Requests for Information Received Daily by Commercial Bodies.

## NEW INDUSTRIES PROMISED

### Close of the Fair, Despite the Gloomy Prophecies of Pessimists, Sees No Slump in Real Estate.

With the rise of property values and the unprecedented activity in real estate and building in Portland come indications of a rapid growth in the local industrial world. Never before in the history of the city have so many letters of inquiry been received from the owners of manufacturing enterprises who are seeking locations upon the Pacific Coast, preferably in Portland. Most of these letters of inquiry are received by the Commercial Club, Chamber of Commerce, Board of Trade and Manufacturers' Association, and these bodies at the present time are in correspondence with as many as a score of such enterprises, a great part of which are sure to locate in this city.

### Manufacturers Are Coming.

Portland has always held her own as a manufacturing center, and with the vast territory tributary to her, excellent transportation and power facilities, has promised to outdistance all the Northwest points in this regard, and just at the present new conditions are helping to draw manufacturing enterprises to this city. In the first place, the Lewis and Clark Fair has been the means of acquainting outsiders with the great opportunities open here. Among the Eastern visitors to this city were many prominent capitalists, who were pleased with what they found in Portland and will not be slow to invest money here. A visit from such men as the lumbermen who were here at the Hoo-Hoo convention meant much to the industrial future of Portland. The announcement that another transcontinental railroad will make this city its terminus has been another factor in increasing Portland's prominence as a manufacturing point. Nothing else is so potent in drawing factories to this city as adequate transportation facilities, and in this Portland will soon outrank all other cities on the Coast. The fact that this city has the only fresh-water harbor on the Pacific Coast is another big drawing-card. Secretaries of the local commercial bodies state that the agitation for a deeper channel to the sea is now practically assured, is doing much towards gaining the attention of Eastern manufacturing firms.

### Some Projected Plants.

Detailed information is obtainable about but few of the new projected manufacturing plants. Men who intend to invest capital this way usually prefer to keep their plans secret until they are ready to build. One of the most important of the new enterprises, however, is the wool-scouring plant which is to be established by Thomas Ross of Las Vegas, N. M., on the site formerly occupied by the Portland Woolen Mills at Sellwood. Mr. Ross purchased this property over a month ago, and will begin construction of the factory buildings immediately. The plant will cost approximately \$50,000, and will have a capacity of 50,000 pounds of grease wool annually. The investment will give employment to 85 men. Although 100,000,000 pounds of wool are produced in the country tributary to Portland there are but two small scouring plants in the state, one at Pendleton and the other at The Dalles. San Francisco handles 20,000,000 pounds of wool annually, and Mr. Ross believes that there is an opening in Portland for a plant of this size. A great saving of freight can be made by shipping Oregon and Washington wool to Portland for scouring before sending it to the Eastern markets instead of shipping it direct as is done to a great extent at present.

### Water Rights Secured.

Mr. Ross had 15 years' experience in the wool-scouring business in Rhode Island before coming to New Mexico, where he spent ten years in connection with the Las Vegas Wool Pulling and Scouring Company and the Ross & Brown Wool Scouring Company. He has purchased the site in addition to the site of the Portland Woolen Mills, making in all 25 acres. The water rights of Johnson Creek have been secured and several acres will be set aside for the establishment of other factories than the wool-scouring plant. A small carding and wool batting plant has just been started upon the site by H. Clark, formerly of Oregon City.

Indications are that Portland's lumber output is to be materially increased within the next year by the addition of several large mills. The two sawmills which burned at St. Johns recently are to be replaced by one large plant to be erected by the St. Johns Lumber Company, which was incorporated this week with a capital stock of \$100,000. Several outside sawmill firms are also looking towards Portland as a desirable location. Secretary Giltner of the Chamber of Commerce, stated yesterday that that body is at present in correspondence with three concerns which, if they come here, will have a total output of more than 200,000 feet of lumber. The Chamber of Commerce and Board of Trade are also corresponding with the owners of two large ladder factories who desire to establish branches here.

### May Start New Industry.

It is possible that a new industry has been gained for Portland through the success of the experiments in securing iron from black sand, made by Dr. David T. Day in the Minting building on the Fair grounds. "This experiment proved absolutely the practicability of this process," said Edmund C. Giltner, of the Chamber of Commerce, yesterday, and will be a large factor in influencing the establishment of iron and steel plants in this city. We are at present carrying on negotiations with an Eastern firm that is practically certain to establish a steel factory here soon." Secretary Labor, of the Board of Trade has announced that a steel drop-forging plant will also be located here within a few months. It will employ 100 men and operate ten machines. The parties interested reside in Hartford, Conn., and will incorporate under the laws of Oregon. The Board of Trade is also in correspondence with parties representing a woolen mill, silk mill, powder factory, window glass factory and brewery, all



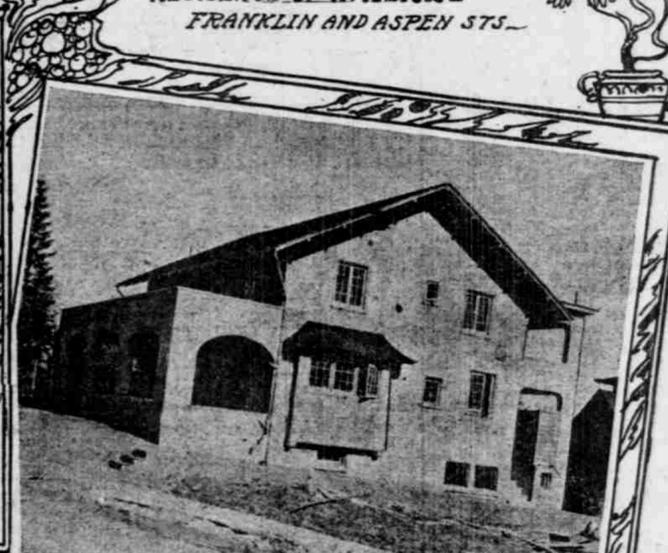
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RESIDENCE OF A. KERR—FRANKLIN AND ASPEN STS.



RES. OF J. A. KERN—29TH AND SAUTER STS.



RESIDENCE OF CLARA M. OGDEN—CORNELL ROAD, NEAR EVERETT ST.

### No Slump in Realty.

The first week after the Exposition has produced nothing in the way of a slump in the realty market. On the other hand dealers say that they have been even more busy than usual and several large sales have been made. A notable feature of the week was the filing on record of the deeds to the property secured by the Northern Pacific for terminal yards. There were 54 deeds involved in the transaction and the total consideration reached a very high figure. The exact amount, however, is not known as nearly all of the deeds were filed at the sum of \$1 each. Because of this the records show the realty transfers for the week much below the real figure.

### Transfers for Week.

October 15	\$1,058
October 16	2,975
October 17	7,221
October 18	7,221
October 19	36,521
October 20	4,294
October 21	4,294
Total	\$60,114

### Permits for Week.

October 15	\$4,100
October 16	3,550
October 17	15,900
October 18	16,845
October 19	1,125
October 20	10,515
October 21	10,515
Total	\$62,550

### Use of Pianos Received at Eilers in Part Payment for Costlier Ones.

Elegant rosewood Stein, splendid case, a trifle out of date, \$500 style, \$225; largest grand largest-sized mahogany Knabe, usual price \$500, now \$285; splendid medium-sized upright Vose, regular price \$350, now \$235; oak case, largest-sized, \$250 Everett, \$155; beautiful Omaha Exposition style, mottled walnut, \$275 Kimball, shows but little use, \$185; splendid little \$200 Emerson, \$145; another Emerson, mahogany, \$200; very showy brand-new walnut Starr, \$215; three Hamilton pianos that were once so popular, every one like new, \$125, \$135 and \$172, respectively; splendid large walnut-cased Hardman, \$225; beautiful little Victor, \$125; largest-sized, nearly new, mahogany Kingsbury, \$117; elegant mahogany Bailey, only slightly used, \$190; good fancy mahogany Jacob Doll upright, \$220; Wing & Son, new, \$145; another Knabe, rosewood case, \$225; great big oak-cased Ludwig, \$152; splendid English mottled walnut-cased Kimball, colonial, equal to new, \$254; splendid mahogany-cased exhibition-sized Lester, case somewhat marred, the \$255 style, for \$125; other uprights, in good shape, of more or less musical value, at prices ranging from \$125 down to \$65. We want all of them out of the way. Will never again be able to make such low prices. Will ship subject to examination and approval anywhere. Pay one-tenth down, balance H. Eilers & Co. HILERS PIANO HOUSE.

### Arrested for Forgery.

Arthur A. Le Garde, alias C. Wilson, was arrested last night by Policeman Skalen and Detective Hartman, charged with forgery, and when searched a pocket full of gold and silver was found on his person. Le Garde succeeded in cashing a check on a First street firm, and many other firms who have evidently not yet found that they have been duped. Le Garde had been positively identified by the First-street firm. He procured several rubber stamps imitating those of the Oregon Brass Works and of the Portland Wire & Iron Works. It is charged, and used these in stamping his checks of the Oregon Trust Company of Portland. He also used a punch for impressing the paper with the amounts of his forgeries. Three of the checks found on his person called for \$750 each, and one for \$17. The checks found on Le Garde were signed in the name of A. J. Prier Bros., of the Oregon Brass Works. When the detectives searched his room last night, a check stamp was found, with a revolver, a dark lantern, rubber stamps, several cameras and a large quantity of silverware.

### Work on Refuge Home.

Work will begin tomorrow upon the excavation for a new building to be erected for the Florence Crittenton Refuge Home at East Thirty-first and East Sauter streets. The building will be upon the corner property adjoining the present home, which is an old structure, and will be torn down upon the completion of the new. The cost will be in the neighborhood of \$20,000. There will be three stories and a basement, giving ample room for the needs of the institution, and providing much more pleasant quarters than the present. The managers of the home have been working upon a building fund for several years, but additional contributions will have to be solicited to cover the heavy expense that will be incurred. Richard Martin, Jr., has prepared the plans for the structure. E. L. Goldschmidt yesterday sold to Charles Herrall the two-story building

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W. L. Brewster, as chairman of the building committee, read his report of the action of the committee in selecting the Pfundner building as an adjunct of the proposed new clubhouse, and of the club's intention to add somewhat to the building, and a basement will also be constructed, so that everything in connection with the structure which is completed will be modern in every particular, and accommodations will be furnished for the purpose of housing visiting members, as well as local members who desire to remain in the club over night. Particular attention is to be paid to the construction of the club's dining-rooms, which are to be its pride, for the members are belligerent in the old age that the best way to reach a man's heart is through his stomach, and their efforts will be centered in an endeavor to gratify the most fastidious.

### Washington-Street Sale.

The triangular corner bounded by Washington street, Twenty-third street and the Cornell road, 8 feet on Washington, 110 feet on Twenty-third and 115 feet on the Cornell road, was sold yesterday by E. J. Daly. This is the second time Mr. Daly has sold this property in 90 days, which shows the great activity manifested in upper Washington street during the last few months. The name of the new owner and the price are withheld at present. The charge against Charles M. Chamberlain of wrecking the Chamberlain Bank of Tecumseh, Neb., has been dismissed.

### Additional Pay Promised Not Forthcoming.

#### THEY WANT TO KNOW WHY

#### Voted by Taxpayers, but the Expected Remuneration Falls Them When They Call for Their Salaries.

Last Spring the taxpayers voted an increase in the salaries of teachers who had served the city five years and had a life certificate, the amount of \$30,000 being set aside for the purpose of reimbursing them to the amount of approximately \$5 a month, under the so-called "merit system." When the first payday of the new school term rolled around, the teachers presented themselves at the office of the School Clerk with expectant faces and spirits. But, alas—there was nothing doing. The same old salary was handed out, and, merit or no merit, the question of increase was not to be taken up in the minds of the instructors of youthful minds in Portland is "Why?"

### Get No Increase in Pay.

At the time the question was at fever heat a merit system committee was appointed, consisting of City Superintendent Higler, Principal T. T. Davis, of the High School, and Ward Principals J. Burnham and J. Grege. It seems the merit system was adopted merely by the School Board, and until the named committee reports the list of teachers entitled to the increase the Board cannot take decisive action. The committee has never reported—so it is said. But the taxpayers voted their money, expecting it to go into the pockets of the deserving instructors throughout the city and now both the teachers and the taxpayers want to know why this money is not used as intended.

### Has but One Meeting.

This committee has had but one meeting, and did nothing definite, as Professor Burnham was not present. The reason for the delay of the committee is said to be the unsettled state of mind of the members of the Board regarding putting the merit system into effect. When the system was adopted, the vote, according to reports, was 2 to 1 in its favor, and since that time the views of the members regarding the plan have changed until H. Wittenberg is said to be the only member who still favors it. J. F. Beach, Richard Williams and Mrs. L. W. Sitton have openly expressed themselves opposed to the system.

### Under the Proposed System, a Teacher Who Remained in the School Department a Stated Time and Passed a Creditable Examination Before the Merit-System Committee Would Receive \$5 a Month Advance in Salary.

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