

NO BULL IN THE REALTY TRANSFERS

Approach of Winter Sees Rather an Increase in Activity.

IMPORTANT RECENT SALES

Upper Morrison Street Is Coming Into Great Favor, as Shown by the Many Purchases and Building Plans.

Dealers, architects, contractors and others connected with the local realty and building world usually expect something of a lull in business during the winter months, but such has not been the case this year. Instead, demand for property seems to be on the increase, if anything, while the number of new residences and stores that are going up and soon to be started is in excess of the showing made by any other season in the history of the city, as is verified by the records of building permits issued by the city.

Activity in Transfers.

This activity, resulting in the unfavorable month when it is unexpected, is a very good omen for the future. If transfers of property and construction of buildings increase as much next spring as has been customary during that season in former years, an era of improvement and general briskness in property will be started such as the city has not known before. In fact, it seems that such an era has already begun. The year 1906 has eclipsed all other years, not because of the Exposition or any temporary stimulus, but because Portland is coming into its own as a great metropolitan center, where property is to be held at high valuation and buildings are to be constructed of great size to handle the vast volume of business which will be transacted here.

Realty Men Are Busy.

The past week has been a busy one in realty, and although there are no exceptionally large deals to record, there have been several of importance and an unusually large number of sales of lots, residences and other moderate-priced property. Most of the sales of the week have been outside of the main business district, and there have been no more of the large transactions along the waterfront which characterized the market during the month previous.

May Build Big Hotel.

There are also rumors that Charles Eweeney will construct a big hotel upon the Dekum homestead in the Spring or Summer. At various times it has been reported that Mr. Eweeney had abandoned the plan, but it is known, also, that Mr. Eweeney has refused to lease the property, advising his agent in this city that he would accept no proposition which would be delivered until the Council had directed him to do so.

The captain of detectives held a long, secret consultation with Mayor Lane previous to making a demand for his salary, and it is thought was acting under the advice of attorneys by his course, in order to preserve whatever legal rights attached to the procedure.

Important Deal on Morrison Street.

An important deal has been made on Morrison street, between Park and West Park, during the week. H. M. Calk, president of the Portland Commercial Club, purchased from S. R. Houston, of Hillsboro, the 50x130 foot property, adjoining the Easton Hotel through the agency of Rountree & Diamond. It is occupied by a one-story brick. The consideration was \$50,000. It is understood that Mr. Calk will begin the erection of a handsome business building upon this site within the next few months. The building will be either five or six stories in height. The lower floor will be used for stores and the remainder for offices, after the usual arrangement.

Many Sales South of Morrison.

Considerable activity is also being shown south of Morrison street. Gus Rosenblatt has been one of the heaviest recent purchasers in this section. Among Mr. Rosenblatt's purchases are the following: 10x100 at the southwest corner of Fifth and Montgomery streets, from the Dr. Isaac Davenport estate; 50x100 at the southwest corner of Fourth and Morrison streets, from J. E. Hedrick; 50x100 at the southwest corner of First and Mill streets,

NO INSANITY EXPERT

John H. Hitchings Witness in Lawsuit.

SPEAKS FOR MRS. SIMMONS

She Is Seeking to Recover Property Sold to Frank Kierman Because, as She Claims, Her Husband Made Her Sell.

R. L. EBERMAN GOES BACK

RESTORED TO HIS POSITION ON POLICE FORCE.

Civil Service Commission Finds That He Is Entitled to His Place as Patrolman.

At a special meeting of the Municipal Civil Service Commission yesterday, R. L. Eberman was reinstated as a patrolman, and will at once resume his place on the force. An agreement to this effect was reached in short order by Commissioners Willie and Browster. Eberman has experienced a tempestuous career ever since the ambition seized him to become a guardian of the peace. He has been retired and hired so repeatedly that the operation has become second nature to him, but each time that he has been put out he has come up smiling, and now it would seem that he has finally won, although there is never any telling what new form of eviction may be in store for him.

On top of the Civil Service Commission's ruling with reference to the Eberman case, comes the decision of the Executive Board not to try any more complaints emanating from the police department. Hereafter, when a policeman is dismissed or suspended, his appeal will be direct to the Civil Service Commission, it having been concluded yesterday that the functions of the Police Commissioners in this respect were of the action of the Civil Service Commission.



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CONTEST OVER CHILD.

Judge Fraser Will Hold Back Decision Ten Days.

The contest between Guy Reynolds and his wife, Anna Reynolds, for the custody of their little 3-year-old daughter, was concluded in Judge Fraser's court yesterday.

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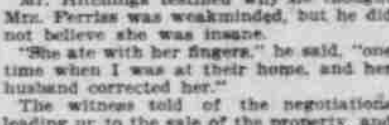
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GRESHAM WILL HOLD SESSION.

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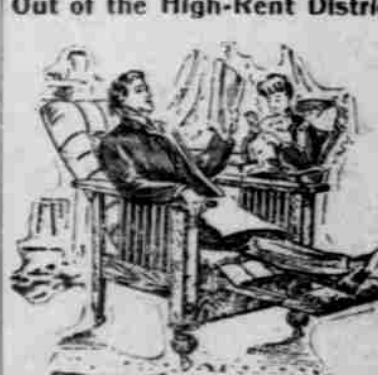
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Fine Programme Will Be Given at Baker Theater.

The Anna Loubet benefit at the Baker Theater on Saturday evening, December 3, promises to be one of the most successful affairs of the kind ever held in Portland.

Among the special features of the programme will be the playlet "A Dramatic Episode," presented by Miss Ethel Jones, Portland's most promising amateur actress, supported by Messrs. Herman Gross, Borstel, Harper Skuse, J. Alfred McHolland and Fred Jones. These young people are students of the Rose Byttinge School of Acting and have already demonstrated their ability. This number will be one of the most interesting events of an evening which will become memorable among the many excellent benefit entertainments given in this city.

"Bob" McCracken and Roy Irvin will appear in one of their inimitable "long-and-short" turns, which never fail to score a hit. The rest, to date, of those who will participate in the programme follows: Mrs. Walter Reed, Mrs. Rose Hoch

Elks' Building, 7th and Stark



HANDSOME APARTMENT HOUSE ERRECTED BY MRS. H. W. CARDWELL.

Among the handsome apartment-houses now under construction in Portland, is one that is being erected for Mrs. H. W. Cardwell, at the northeast corner of Fifth and Harrison streets. The building is modern in style, and is fitted with all the conveniences that characterize modern buildings of this kind. The structure contains 20 rooms, besides 12 bathrooms. The rooms are divided into 20 apartments. This building is now nearing completion, and will be finished during the first week in January. The cost is in the neighborhood of \$200,000. E. W. Hendricks drew the plans.