

PROVES LIGHT WEEK

San Francisco Disaster Affects Realty Sales.

BUSINESS MERELY NOMINAL

Several Deals Are Under Consideration, and Exchanges Will Begin as Soon as Excitement Subsides in Portland.

Business was practically suspended by the real estate dealers of Portland during the past week. As it was election week, activity would probably have been reduced to a minimum at any event, but news of the San Francisco earthquake and subsequent fire diverted all attention from matters of business that were not of a

deals. Mercantile dealings must be carried on, but it is always possible to postpone investments in real property, even though it may mean a financial loss. Besides this, some of those who have been making the largest purchases of property in Portland have money invested in San Francisco and the other California cities and have been anxiously waiting to ascertain what losses they have met. There is no doubt, however, that the exchange of large property interests in Portland will begin again as soon as the present excitement subsides. Last week transactions involving hundreds of thousands of dollars were under way, and it was only the San Francisco disaster, coupled with the interest in the local primary election, that prevented them from being closed. Some of them are still in embryo, and it is probable they will be completed within the next week or possibly not until the week following. One dealer announces that he has four transactions under way that will be given out within a few days. There is absolutely no business being done at this time," said George Schalk, of the firm of Grindstaff & Schalk, which has completed many of the largest local transactions, the last of which was the sale of the Hotel Eaton. "Nothing could be more noticeable than the contrast between the activity of last week and the weeks previous, with the extreme quiet since Tuesday. It is simply an interruption, though, and there is no doubt that this is to be the banner Summer in the Portland market." Although it has been quiet so far as new deals are concerned, there have been

JOHN P. SHARKEY'S OFFER

His Suggestions for the Assistance of San Francisco.

PORTLAND, Or., April 21.—(To the Editor.)—Never before in the history of the United States has such a calamity befallen any city as that which has overtaken the metropolis of the Pacific Coast, and what was yesterday the pride of California and the admiration of the world as a commercial and social center, stands today a blackened mass of ruins. Words fail me were I to attempt to describe, even in my humble manner, the details of this horrible catastrophe. Nor is this the time to indulge in idle words, but a more propitious time for action. I therefore wish to tender to the stricken city of San Francisco through your paper or through any of the relief committees the returns that I expected from my 20 shares of stock in the Lewis and Clark Exposition, also as a member of the City Council, I will give one month's salary as Councilman, and as a member of the Council I pledge myself in vote for a subscription of at least \$10,000 from the city funds. Further, allow me to suggest that it might be wise, at least it would be charitable, to advocate that Congress subscribe such funds to the stricken city

the world. Nor was this all; the money in golden nuggets taken from her soil not only enriched the United States, but was, to my mind, the greatest factor of any single element that has contributed to place the United States as one of the foremost nations of the world. Every other nation also received its share of the boundless wealth of California. It was the gold from the mines of California that furnished the armaments of war during the rebellion, and made success possible and the Union a certainty. Therefore, when we reflect on the wonderful good that has come to the Nation and to the world by the gold discovery alone, and when we think what California has given to the world from her mines, her fields and her forests, it would not be too much to ask Congress to make such a donation as would place all of San Francisco's public utilities upon a footing equal, if not superior, to the conditions they were in on Tuesday last, and turn them over to the city of San Francisco as a gift from the Nation. This will greatly alleviate the distress and suffering, and it will inspire the noble sons of California with a confidence never before felt by them, and we shall see a bigger, better and greater city rise Phoenix-like out of the ashes of the past, that we may in the future point with pride as we have in the past to the Queen City of the Pacific. PORTLAND should not be behind others in

CANNON TO DECIDE

Fate of Ship Subsidy Depends on Speaker.

HOUSE COMMITTEE TIED

His Influence Alone Can Break Tie and Drive It Through House, but He Feels Effect in the Coming Elections.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, April 21.—The fate of the ship subsidy bill is in the hands of Speaker Cannon. If "Uncle Joe" says the word, the bill will be reported from the committee on merchant marine and fisheries, and a rule will be brought in providing for its consideration. But until the Speaker does give the word, the bill is apt to remain the "unfinished business" before the committee. The committee is now giving hearings, though every one of its members knows just how he wants to vote, and most of them know how they will vote. The hearings are an excuse for not bringing the bill to a vote. The committee, as now constituted, is evenly divided on the subsidy bill, nine members favoring it, nine opposing. The chairman, General Grosvenor, wants to report and pass the bill, but he is not strong enough to get another vote, and so far the Speaker has declined to intervene and help him. It is conceded that, if the Speaker went to work in earnest, he could induce or compel at least one Republican who now opposes the bill to report it, but the Speaker does not seem over-anxious to take any such action—not because he is opposed to interfering with any committee, but because he doubts the expediency of passing the bill.

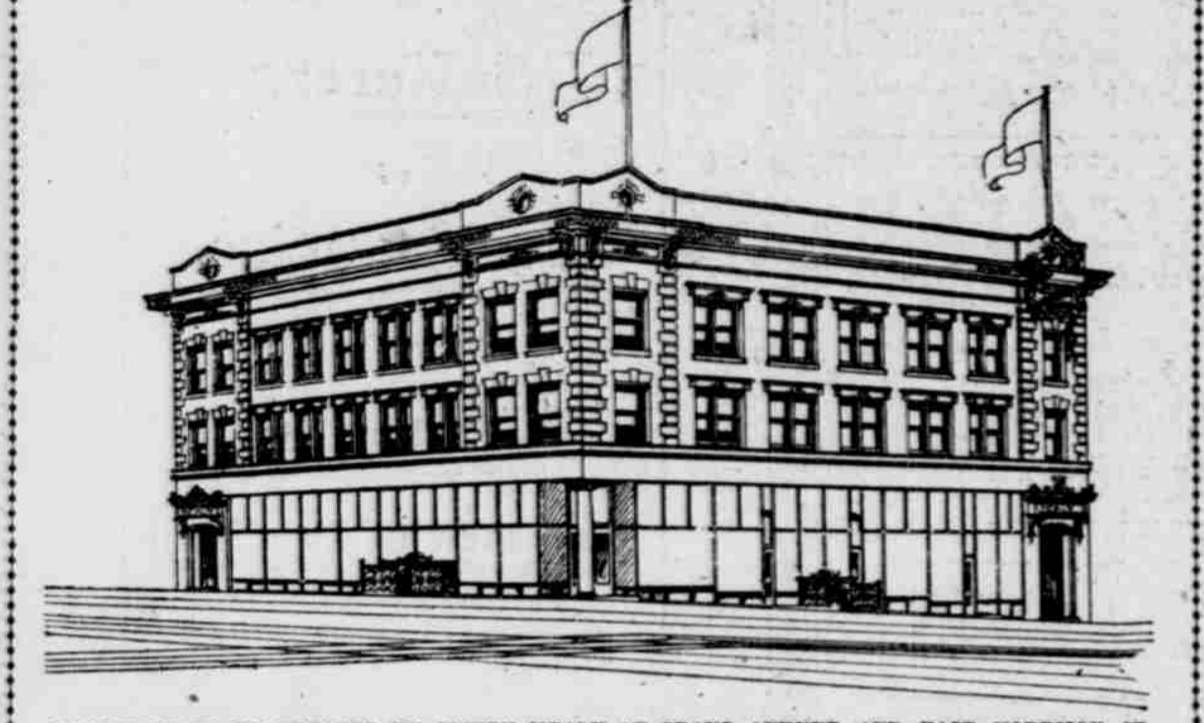
WHAT BALTIMORE IS DOING

A Fire-Stricken City Arising From Her Ashes.

Kansas City Star. At 10:20 o'clock of the morning of February 7, 1904, a fire broke out in the city of Baltimore, Md., which in a very short while destroyed business blocks and buildings to the extent of \$125,000,000. The calamity may have been a blessing in disguise, for immediately renewed energy took hold of the stricken city and two years after the great conflagration the following table of Baltimore's activities was printed in one of its leading newspapers: Spending \$10,000,000 in the construction of a modern and complete sewerage system. Spending \$2,000,000 to develop the annex, the rapidly growing residence section of the city. Private toll roads within the city limits are soon to be things of the past. Spending over \$1,200,000 in inaugurating

trial subways in the congested districts of the city. One-half million dollars being spent on the new building and equipment of the Maryland Institute. About \$3,000,000 being spent for the extension and improvement of the street railway system and its power plants. Gas and electric lighting, power and heating companies spending over \$8,000,000 in enlarging plants to accommodate rapidly increasing business. Great power generating plant, to be operated by water, being constructed on the Susquehanna River from where current will be brought to Baltimore. Baltimore & Ohio Railroad completing improvements in freight terminals at a cost of \$1,500,000 and creating a \$2,000,000 general office building. Spending several millions more on its approaches to the city. Western Maryland Railroad spending several million dollars for terminals, double tracking and improved roadbed. Interurban electric lines connecting Baltimore with Washington, Annapolis, Frederick, Belair and other cities, planned or under construction, total cost to be \$3,000,000. Building new homes, business houses and factories outside the burned district. Over \$5,000,000 spent last year, principally constructing residences and apartment houses to take care of the very rapid in-

BUSINESS BLOCK COSTING \$50,000 WILL BE ERECTED, ON EAST SIDE



BUILDING WILL BE ERECTED BY JOSEPH HEALY AT GRAND AVENUE AND EAST MORRISON ST. Joseph Jacobberger has prepared specifications for a building to be constructed by Joseph Healy at the southeast corner of Grand avenue and East Morrison street. It also will be sufficiently strong to carry three extra stories, but they will not be built at this time. The building will be one of the finest business blocks upon the East side, and will cost about \$50,000. There will be stores on the ground floor, offices on the second floor, and lodgerooms above. A large basement will be provided with a raths keller, and a lease for that purpose will soon be signed. The present tenants of the property hold a lease extending to May 1. At that time the work of tearing down the old and erecting the new will commence.



RESIDENCE OF S. O. HERSEY, PATTON ROAD AND RIVER VIEW DRIVE, W. C. KNIGHTON, ARCHITECT.

most pressing nature. There has not been so quiet a period in local real estate for months. Several small transactions have been completed, but the large investors have dropped their negotiations for property for the present. The San Francisco disaster has come closer home to the people of Portland than to most other cities, because the majority of residents have relatives or friends in the Bay City. They have given their complete attention to learning the latest reports of the destruction of the city and for tidings of their friends. It is impossible to transact real estate business under such conditions. All Transactions Postponed. There is, perhaps, no other line of business from which it is so easy to take the attention of the men who are making the

Table with columns for dates (April 15-19) and amounts for Transfers for Week and Permits for Week.

of San Francisco as will buy all of the public utilities in their present shape and put them in first-class condition for the accommodation of the public and turn them over to the city as a gift from the Nation. The Congress of the United States can well afford to make a donation of this kind, when one reflects that before the discovery of gold in California what little gold there was in existence came from Siberia and Russia. A dollar prior to the discovery of gold in California was as hard to obtain and just as scarce as a \$20 gold piece today. The vast amount of wealth lying close under the grass roots of her soil, easily extracted by a little toil, and amounting to upward of \$50,000,000 per annum for a number of years, was sufficient not only to attract the eyes of the United States upon the fair land, but also the eyes of

its contributions, and not less than \$20,000 should be raised to alleviate the suffering and distress of the people, whose generosity and hospitality has become a household word throughout the entire world. Your very respectfully, JOHN P. SHARKEY. A widow, accused in a London police court of drunkenness, said that, not having eaten anything in 14 days, a glass of beer she had taken had gone to her head. "I have also," she added, "apologized to the police."

Fears Effect in Campaign. The Speaker knows that there is a congressional campaign ahead; the uncertainty of the pending rate legislation makes it necessary for the Republicans to move with caution and do nothing that will add to their burden, for notwithstanding their enormous majority in the present House, there is a distinct fear among many prominent Republicans that the next House may be Democratic until the right kind of a rate bill is passed. The subsidy bill, though popular in some sections, is decidedly unpopular in others, and the completion of a Republican Congress would be to reduce Republican chances in many districts in the interior where the farmer vote is overwhelming, and the opposition to subsidy legislation is very pronounced. Nobody realizes this better than the Speaker.

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crease in population, and double this amount spent this year. Some Children's Sayings. The Schoolmaster. "What is a widow?" asks the teacher. Answer from a small girl: "Please, ma'am, a woman what marries the lodger." "What is a mother?" Answer from boy of 7: "A mother is a woman what buys a baby and grows it up." Women, please note the following: "Why is a motor car called 'she'?" Answer: "Because it is driven by a man." "The teacher of the infants was admitting a new scholar, and asked his father's name." "What is your name?" asked the teacher. "Tommy Jones," answered the 3-year-old. "Yes," said the teacher, "and what is father's name?" "Mr. Jones." "Ah, but what is his other name?" asked the patient teacher. "What does mother call him?" "Oh Fatherhead," was the startling answer. During a Scripture lesson, which was being taken by a clergyman, some boys were asked each to give a text from the Bible. One lad said: "And Judas went and hanged himself." "Well," said the reverend gentleman, "that is hardly a good text," and pointing to another lad asked him to give a text, and the lad said: "Go thou and do likewise."



SALEM ELKS WILL BUILD A COMMODIOUS STRUCTURE FOR LODGE. Lodge No. 226, B. P. O. E., of Salem, is now erecting a building to be used as clubroom and meeting place, which, when completed, will be one of the most attractive fraternal headquarters in the state. The estimated cost of the structure is \$128,000. It will be located on Liberty street, north of Court, on one of the most desirable building sites in Salem. The ground floor will be used for clubroom. There will be a large reception room, ladies' parlor, cardroom, buffet and lunchroom. A commodious vestibule will open upon a veranda 12-feet wide. Two double bowling alleys will be located in the basement. The main lodgeroom on the top floor will be 40x54 feet. The ceiling will be 20 feet high and will be the barred style of architecture. A banquet-room will be located in the front part of the building, and will connect with a spacious kitchen. There will also be a dressing-room and stoinroom on this floor. Plans for the building were prepared by W. C. Knighton, of Portland, under direction of a committee from the Salem lodge consisting of H. E. Albert, F. W. Durbin, H. W. Meyers, George E. Walters and B. Frank Meredith.

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Will Not Prosecute Tyree. SALT LAKE, April 21.—The prosecuting authorities here have decided to drop the criminal prosecution instituted against Hiram Tyree, former president of the Continental Life, Insurance & Investment Company, who was charged with certifying a false report of the company to the Secretary of State. The charge against

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