

TRANSFERS SHOW A BIG INCREASE

Real Estate Market More Active Than in October of Last Year.

LARGE SALES OF WEEK

Activity in North Portland Continues and First Street Shows Signs of Awakening—Building Never More Brisk.

With really transfers amounting to \$2,852,352, and building permits reaching a total of \$34,165, the month of October clearly demonstrates the present prosperous condition of Portland, and the immense increase in real estate activity over any previous year. If conditions are all that they should be in any city,

building projects are due in large measure to the extension of the streetcar track out Burnside to Washington. The construction of this line will soon be completed.

Wilson Estate Building.

The Wilson estate has work well along on the excavation for the large building which it will erect on Burnside, between Fourth and Fifth. This structure is to be built up four stories, but the foundation will have sufficient strength so that the walls may be carried several stories higher.

Two modern structures are planned for Sixth and Burnside. On the northwest corner, which was purchased last week by Russell & Blyth from L. H. Lewis, a costly fireproof building will be begun next Spring. The quarter block was purchased for \$100,000, and the deed was made over to Percy Blyth, but several other capitalists are interested and will advance the construction of the building which is to be occupied by Russell & Blyth. Dr. Andrew Smith owns the northeast corner, which will also be improved. Dr. Smith has not yet announced definite plans for the building.

At Fifth and Burnside streets the Corbett estate will soon commence the construction of the building which is to be occupied by Neustadter Brothers. It will be seven stories high and of steel construction and in all ways a first-class building, such as the Corbett estate is now erecting at Fifth and Morrison streets. It will be the first strictly first-class building to be erected in this part of the city. Leo Friede has just announced his intention to build on his property at the southeast corner of Fifth and Elm streets. The tenants are now moving from the present buildings, which will be torn down and the foundation be-

has been sold by Knapp & Mackey to the Moore Investment Company. It consists of 94 lots and the price is in the neighborhood of \$11,000. C. Ben Riesland made the deal. The tract will at once be platted and improved as a first-class residence suburb.

A tract containing 100,000,000 feet of timber in Washington County, Wash., has been purchased by the Shevlin-Ducey Lumbering & Logging Company, of Portland. It lies along the Cowlitz River and was owned by the Eastern & Western Lumber Company. The price was \$150,000. A logging track 20 miles long will be constructed to tap the tract.

Permits for Week.

October 29	\$29,350
October 30	5,075
October 31	45,100
November 1	46,520
November 2	23,282
November 3	5,639
Total	\$155,966

Transfers for Week.

October 29	\$44,400
October 30	82,413
October 31	99,769
November 1	223,562
November 2	107,450
November 3	280,058
Total	\$858,052

JURY TO PROBE CHARGES

Moran Given Opportunity to Prove Allegations.

BOSTON, Nov. 3.—The grand jury issued summonses today for four persons mentioned in connection with charges

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RESIDENCE OF FRED JENNINGS, EAST THIRTEENTH AND MULTNOMAH STREETS.

Realty is in demand, sales are numerous and the building of business blocks and homes is continually in progress. It takes but a glance at the October records to show what immense forward strides Portland is making, and comparison adds to the importance of the showing, for the month's building permits show an increase of 123 per cent over the same month last year, and the transfers show a substantial gain.

But the most encouraging phase of the local realty market is that there is no reason to believe that there will be any falling off in business for many months to come. The first week in November shows the same brisk dealing which has been the rule during the past two months and which promises to be in evidence throughout the coming Winter. Prices are still on the upward trend and there is no end of demand, not only from local capitalists but from out-of-town investors as well. In fact, there is much more outside money being offered than is usually the case.

An impetus to First street property has been given by the purchase of the quarter-block at the southeast corner of First and Salmon streets by C. K. Henry for \$50,000. It was bought from Daniel Kunkel and the sale is the largest which has been made on this street for some time. Mr. Kunkel bought the property a few years ago for \$50,000, thus realizing \$20,000 on his investment. There are two buildings on this property, a brick and a frame, each two stories high.

Mr. Henry has decided to take a definite part in bringing about the betterment of First street, and will get the property owners together for general improvement in somewhat the same manner as in the Morrison Street Improvement Association. Together with several other owners he has issued a call for all interested to meet in the Chamber of Commerce next Tuesday evening. At that time a movement will be started to improve the street and all buildings upon it.

Will Urge Use of Paint.

It is proposed to employ a man to superintend the work. Owners will be urged to paint and remodel the fronts of their buildings, pavements will be put in repair, and the street railway company will be asked to remove the planks from between its tracks and replace them with hard pavement.

One of the largest sales of the week was made yesterday on the East Side, when E. J. Daly, Dan J. Malarkey and Roger B. Slinnot transferred a portion of their holding at Union avenue and East Morrison street to W. H. Markell & Co. The property sold is a quarter block at the southeast corner, and the price was close to \$40,000. Daly, Malarkey and Slinnot bought three-quarters of a block here less than a year ago for \$65,000. They had made two quarter-block sales, aggregating more than \$75,000, and have a quarter block valued at about \$35,000 left.

W. H. Markell & Co. plan to erect upon the 100x100 feet which they have purchased a business building covering the entire tract. The height has not yet been decided upon, but in any event it will be one of the largest on the East Side, and will be occupied by the owners.

Another improvement is planned for the same block at the northeast corner of Belmont street and Grand avenue, which is owned by the syndicate which sold the Markell lot. The plans call for a modern three-story brick and Sixth streets, in North Portland, activity continues unabated. The latest deal to be reported in this section was closed yesterday by Brooke & Kierman. A quarter block at the northwest corner of Sixth and Irving streets, owned by an outside syndicate, was bought by local investors, whose names will be withheld for a few days. The consideration was \$35,000. The property is at present without improvements.

The movement of property in the vicinity of Burnside street is especially notable. Sales on this street have been very frequent during the past two weeks, and prices have all been top-notch. Many of the present owners are planning to build, and the thoroughfare is certain to assume quite a different appearance soon. The demand for property and the new

gun as soon as possible. The new building will be five stories high, and will take a single lot.

J. H. McNicholas, who last week sold the Golden West Hotel, is negotiating the purchase of the Ottenhelms property at Fifth and Burnside streets. This is a three-story brick, which is paying a good revenue. The price has not been announced, as the sale is not yet closed.

Big Sale on Flanders.

At the southwest corner of Sixth and Flanders streets J. D. Hart and Rowell Lamson have sold a building occupying a quarter block. The name of the purchaser has been withheld, but the consideration is given out as \$20,000. A block farther north, on Gilsen between Sixth and Seventh, Herman Wittenberg and Walter White have sold to H. J. Morrison a single lot for \$12,000. The lot is unimproved and it is understood that the new owner contemplates building.

The official transfers yesterday recorded the sale of a quarter block at the northeast corner of Thirteenth and Washington streets from S. Morton Cohn to George P. Rogers for \$100,000. Mr. Rogers is a Salem man and proposes to erect a building on this property in the Spring.

The records yesterday also show the sale of a quarter block at the southwest corner of Fourth and Oak streets by Zipporah White to Dr. E. H. Parker for \$100,000. This is the purchase made by Dr. Parker at the same time he sold a quarter block on the opposite corner to the Board of Trade Building Association, which will soon commence the erection of the new home for the Board of Trade.

The P. A. Preston estate has just sold L. A. Patterson, of Pasadena, the residence property at Chapman and Jackson streets, consisting of three lots and a fine dwelling. The sale was made by C. K. Henry. The consideration is not announced.

The Lorinton Addition to Woodstock



RESIDENCE OF CHARLES JENNINGS, EAST TWELFTH AND MULTNOMAH STREETS.

made by John B. Moran, candidate for Governor, in his political speeches to the effect that Wilson K. Fairbank, of Portland, had been guilty of illegal acts as state commissioner of the Lewis and Clark Exposition. The persons summoned are Miss Ethel Rich, a stenographer, who, Mr. Moran alleged, improperly signed a voucher; James M. Perkins, former secretary of the commission, who made a complaint against Mr. Fairbank; State Treasurer Chapin and State Auditor Turner.

Consumers' League to Meet.

The Consumers' League will meet at 4 o'clock the afternoon of November 7, in the parlors of the Portland Hotel. Bishop Charles Scadding will be present and speak on the purpose of the organization and Dr. C. H. Chapman will also address the League on local conditions. This will be the annual meeting and officers will be elected after the speaking. It is hoped to have a display of the goods by the firms carrying them in Portland.

New Ferry Boat for St. Johns.

It is announced that a new ferry boat, ample in size and power, will be built by the St. Johns Marine Iron works. The St. Johns Ferry Company was recently reorganized, and with the new capital a commodious craft will be built, that will insure speedy transportation for vehicles and pedestrians between that place and Linnton.

New Plat Filed.

Yesterday a plat of Ross Addition was filed. It is part of the Portland Woolen Mills tract at Sellwood, purchased by the Ross Scouring and Woolen Company, comprising in all about 24 acres. Of this the five acres occupied by the new woolen mill plant is reserved in the dedication of the plat.

TAKE HIS MEDICINE

Rumor That Williamson Will Begin Serving Sentence.

CONVICTED ONE YEAR AGO

Arrangements Said to Be Under Way for Him to Begin Ten-Month Term in Jail—His Counsel Denies Story.

A report was received from The Dalles last night indicating that ex-Congressman John N. Williamson, who was convicted by a jury in the Federal Court on September 27, 1905, of conspiracy to defraud the Government of its public lands, and sentenced to ten months' imprisonment in the Multnomah County jail, has decided to commence serving his sentence and that arrangements with that object in view are now under way.

Industry among Federal officials in Portland and those close to Williamson failed to verify the truth of the rumor, although there is every reason to believe that some move of this character is being contemplated, as the report comes from authentic sources. United States District Attorney Bristol, in discussing the situation last night, said: "I have heard nothing of any such step, and am therefore in no position to say whether there is any truth about it or not. If such a move was being contemplated, I should think it was some kind of a ruse to lay the foundation for habeas corpus proceedings in order to expedite the Williamson case before the United States Supreme Court. I am unable to account for it upon any other hypothesis, as his case is now before the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, and that body has had no time as yet to pass upon his appeal from the judgment of conviction."

Judge Bennett, counsel for Ex-Congressman Williamson during the three trials that culminated in his conviction, was interviewed upon the subject at The Dalles, but declared that he was not aware of any such contemplated move on the part of his client. A great deal of mystery seems to surround the whole proceeding, and it is evident that if the ex-Congressman has any such plan he is keeping it secret. Naturally, his friends would deny the report.

Williamson was sentenced to pay a fine of \$200 in addition to his term of imprisonment, and Marion R. Biggs, the United States Commissioner who was convicted jointly with Williamson and Dr. Van Geener, the latter's partner, received a like sentence. Dr. Van Geener was sentenced to five months' imprisonment in the Multnomah County jail, and to pay a fine of \$1000, the lesser term being imposed on account of his advanced age.

Three trials were necessary to convict the defendants in the Williamson case, the jury disagreeing in the first two instances. Francis J. Heney, at that time Special Assistant to the United States Attorney-General, and now identified with the prosecution of the San Francisco municipal grafters, worked overtime in his efforts to secure the conviction of Williamson and his associates.

Indicate who this person is, but a member of the law firm of Cole & Cole, attorneys for Miss Erickson, gave out a statement yesterday to the effect that she had told them Hannah C. Larsen was the niece of Erickson, with whom he had been living for several years past as his wife without the solemnity of a marriage ceremony, and that three children had resulted from the union, the eldest of whom is now 13. It was claimed that the couple came here from North Dakota after the death of Erickson's rightful wife, and that the children were born here; also, that A. Myers, a banker of Gresham, drew up a will for Erickson shortly before his death, and that the document is now in his possession. It was for the purpose of preventing its probate, declared the lawyer, that the present proceedings were commenced by his client.

The petition recites further that C. P. Erickson was not of sound mind at the time it is alleged he was persuaded to execute what purports to be his will. He was taken down with a fatal illness last May, and Miss Erickson, the petitioner in the case, claims that she left her employment in the city to nurse her father, and was at his bedside when he died about a month ago.

Eva R. Dunham, another daughter, is designated in the petition as the only other lawful heir besides the petitioner. This daughter was adopted, after the death of her mother, so it is claimed, by a family residing in Minneapolis, Minn., whose name she bears.

It was while in attendance on her father, the petitioner tells her attorney, that she became cognizant of the contents of the will which is alleged to have been made, disinheriting his two legitimate children and leaving all his property to the Larsen woman, who is regarded by the neighborhood as the illegitimate widow of Erickson, and who is now in possession of the property he owned at the time of his death.

WANTS WILL SET ASIDE

Miss E. B. Erickson Reveals Family Skeleton.

The key that unlocks a closet that has held a family skeleton for years past made its appearance in the County Clerk's office yesterday in the form of a petition filed by Miss E. B. Erickson, daughter of C. P. Erickson, a Gresham rancher, who died in this county September 28 of this year, asking for letters of administration of the estate of her dead father.

East Side Pioneer Returns.

Mrs. Adah L. MacFarland, a pioneer resident of East Side, has returned to her old home, after an absence of over 15 years in San Francisco. She was one among those who lost all their property in the fire.

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