



LOOKING NORTHWEST FROM CORBETT BUILDING.



TWO PANORAMIC VIEWS OF THE PORTLAND BUSINESS DISTRICT

CITY'S APPEARANCE IS TRANSFORMED

Portland's Downtown District Compared With Other Big Cities.

GOOD TONE TO MARKET

Building Operations Indicate Continued Growth of City, Especially of Dwellings in East Side Additions and Outskirts.

Residents of Portland do not realize what remarkable changes in the downtown districts have been made in the past year or two, and how the skyline has taken on the appearance presented in the older cities of the country. The building of skyscrapers is a slow process, so that before they are completed residents of the city have become familiar with the changed aspect. The two views from The Oregonian and Corbett buildings, reproduced in this issue, doubtless will surprise many people in Portland who have now, for the first time, had an opportunity to see how the "old" city looks from an elevation since the more recently constructed buildings were finished. These pictures will be an object lesson to nonresidents who have heard of the advance made in the past few years in modern construction in Portland, but who could have but a limited idea of what the city looks like with the additions made in its business centers. Much advertising matter has been sent out regarding the growth and increasing importance of the city, and these illustrations will prove to those at a distance that claims made are based on absolute facts. The scenes now being covered in views of the size reproduced is necessarily prescribed, but fairly representative sections of the older districts of the city are presented in the two views. Residents of Oregon are justly proud of their metropolis and an examination of the views here given will indicate to nonresidents that they have good reason to be.

Building at Remarkable Rate.

In another place the building statistics for the past month and for the four months of the year are given. Two business days have elapsed since that table was compiled and the record started for this month gives the picture being built with that of the month just closed. For the full week, including the two days in May, there were 125 permits issued with a stated value of \$26,540. On Friday and the half day the Building Inspector's office was opened for business yesterday, there were 17 permits issued, calling for a total cost of \$2,780. The permits being for small houses and repairs. This month several important buildings will figure, the Y. M. C. A. and Rosenblatt hotel as instances.

Excavation work has started for the Rosenblatt building at Tenth and Alder streets and is to be rushed to completion.

Quite a lot of interest was attracted at the site through the operation of a new style excavator, or rather steam shovel, that is at least new to this part of the country. This machine is a three steam automatic shovel and differs in several particulars from the steam excavators previously in use here. It is of the type being used in digging the Panama canal. Another piece of excavating was started last week for the Burkhart-Cadwell building, at Second street, near Alder, and was rushed through to completion.

Extending Residence Zone.

In the building of residences there never was anything like the present movement that directed in the city of Portland. The big districts of the East Side have been building up at a rate that has caused astonishment in all quarters, and more residences are being built on the West Side than at any previous period. Among real estate agencies the demand for houses is reported as urgent as ever, and despite the large number completed since the first of the year there seems to be no immediate prospect of building operations catching up with the influx of new population, which largely accounts for the constant demand for dwellings.

As to the tone of the realty market nothing has recently occurred to affect valuations, but, on the contrary, sales of inside property made now and again have been at prices in advance of those of last

WILL GREET REALTY MEN

HOOD RIVER READY TO SHOW OFF APPLE BLOOMS.

River Excursion Next Saturday to Productive Valley Promises Instruction and Pleasure.

That the contemplated excursion of the Portland Realty Board to Hood River is awakening enthusiasm at both ends of the line is evidenced by an article which appeared in the Hood River news letter of last Wednesday.

This paper gives the plans of the committee appointed by the Commercial Club of Hood River to make arrangements for the proper reception of the realty men.

The committee consists of J. L. Henderson, chairman; W. J. Baker, J. H. Hellbroner, F. W. Angus, J. M. Culbertson, and A. W. Onthank, who are all well-known citizens and real estate dealers and operators of Hood River, and are considered to be experts in boosting their locality.

Spring plowing is now on, and the apple blossoms are commencing to cover the trees so that a rare treat will greet the excursionists when they reach the valley next Saturday.

The reception will take place in Pine Grove Grange Hall in the middle of the East Side of the Valley and here the speeches of welcome will be given and each woman of the party will be presented with a bunch of apple blossoms, while the men will be regaled with apples and cider.

During the trip around the Valley a short stop will be made at the orchard of Oscar Vanderbilt, called Bonduh Land. This is one of the celebrated orchards in the United States. Orchards belonging to Portlanders will be pointed out to the excursionists.

Already many reservations outside of the members of the Realty Board have been made and the capacity of 150 is about reached. The committee having the excursion in charge consists of James O. Rountree, chairman; George D. Schalk, C. S. Fields and A. F. Swenson, from any of whom tickets are to be secured. Full information concerning

COMES HERE FOR CONFERENCE

A. L. Hawley Discusses Plans of Local Trustee Company.

A. L. Hawley, president of the Trustee Securities Company of New York, who also is interested in the Trustee Company of Portland, arrived in this city yesterday for the purpose of conferring with J. E. Meikle, president of the local company. Mr. Hawley spent the winter in Los Angeles and will remain in the Northwest about 60 days. He says that his visit to Portland has no reference to further operations of the local company at this time, and that nothing is planned for the immediate future with regard to building on the Pittock block. The officers of the company, he said, are awaiting completion of plans for the building for the Penoyer block. When the plans are finished operations are to begin at once.

Mr. Hawley says the Trustee Company at Los Angeles and the one at Seattle report most satisfactory results from their investments so far made, and in Seattle the new building being constructed by the company in that city is rapidly nearing completion. He agreed with the statement made by Mr. Meikle some weeks ago, that in all probability no work would be started on the building on the Pittock block until the Penoyer building is well under way.

Mr. Hawley remarked that in many ways the Trustee Securities Company of New York was doing some first-class advertising for Portland. Several times a year a mass of circulars, pamphlets and other literature connected with the conduct of the company's business is sent all over the country to a selected list of investors, and in all of these full reference is made to opportunities in this city for good investments.

He said that recently he had made trips to San Francisco to look over the field and examine into conditions there, and it is probable a trustee company will be organized in that city, which, like the other companies formed in Portland, Seattle, Los Angeles and Spokane, will be an independent institution. Last week the local company established offices in the Corbett building.

Argentina is said to be the only country in the world whose Congress appropriates \$12,000 a year to aid the work of the National Council of Women.

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VOLUNTEERS SHOW METTLE

SAVE PROPERTY FROM THE FLAMES AT KERN PARK.

Fire Destroys Armitage Drugstore, Damages Restaurant Adjoining. Scorches Dry Goods Store.

Fire in the Armitage drugstore at Kern Park aroused the residents of that suburb as well as Mount Scott, Arleta and surrounding districts at 4 o'clock yesterday morning. The flames had their own way for an hour, defying the efforts of the Mount Scott volunteer fire department. The drugstore was destroyed with a loss of about \$5000 and damage aggregating \$1000 more was done to adjoining buildings.

But for the efforts of the volunteer firemen equipped with garden hose, buckets, pitchforks and crude means of attacking a big fire, many buildings might have been destroyed. These volunteers, 40 strong, responded the minute the big fire broke at the end of the carline began clanging, and worked with great energy and courage, carrying hundreds of buckets of water to the burning building.

Shortly before 5 o'clock someone discovered two sprinkling carts in the vicinity and with these as a basis of supply the city station at Sunnyside was able to send a hose-cart to the place, although not required to send apparatus outside the city.

The fire was started by a defective stovepipe in the drugstore. The stove became filled with combustible rubbish and was touched off at 11 o'clock Friday night. A partition caught fire at that time, but supposedly was extinguished. A coal of fire must have been overlooked for at 4 A. M. the drugstore burst into flames.

The fire was discovered by a watchman, who sounded an alarm. The bucket brigade was on hand in a very short time, but could not save the drugstore or a storeroom in the rear. The fire spread to a restaurant next door owned by Mrs. A. L. Ordway. The contents were saved and the fire put out after burning away one side and part of the roof.

Flying sparks caught the front of H. R. Block's drygoods store, across the street. The front was burned out and damage amounting to \$500 done. The loss of the drugstore falls on J. W. Armitage, who carries insurance covering two-thirds of the loss. Block's loss is fully covered.

C. J. Clapp, one of the volunteer fire fighters, was painfully burned about the wrists while carrying buckets of water too near the fire. His burns were not severe, however.

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Most people supposed that Mr. Killingsworth was a dreamer, or perhaps were unkind enough to intimate that there were wheels under his hat when that well-known dealer in real estate several years ago first published his well-known picture, "Portland, the New York of the Pacific." This product of Mr. Killingsworth's imagination or farsightedness is being rapidly verified in a practical way. Portland between the rivers is growing with leaps and bounds. Large buildings are being erected on every hand, while immense plants which will give employment to thousands of workmen have already secured sites in this favored location. Mr. Killingsworth is receiving his share of this boom in values, as Walnut Park, one of the most desirable residence sections in Portland, is located on the high ground between the rivers.

OFFERED \$750 FOR BARGAIN

Upper Washington-Street Lots in Active Demand.

Interesting proof of steady values being maintained in upper Washington-street realty is furnished by E. J. Daly, who sold a lot at the northeast corner of Washington and Twenty-fourth streets a few weeks ago. The lot was purchased by James T. Burtchett for \$1600. Yesterday Mr. Daly offered a bonus over the purchase price of \$750 for its reconveyance and the offer was declined. The lot is 10x100 and has on it a small house of little value.

Mr. Daly sold last week a lot 50x100 on the east side of East Sixth street, between Couch and Davis, for \$2000. The purchaser was E. E. Haradon and the former owners the estate of W. F. Woodward and H. C. Holmes.

60,000 MEN IN PARADE

Catholic Centennial Celebration Comes to an End.

NEW YORK, May 2.—Sixty thousand Roman Catholic laymen marching in procession today brought to a climax and formally ended the week-long celebration of the centenary of the founding of the Roman Catholic diocese of New York.

Along Fifth avenue and through Fifty-seventh street, where the line of march led to the disbanding point, hundreds of thousands of persons were massed. The reviewing stand had been built to accommodate 3500 persons, and its whole capacity was placed at the disposal of women and children and the distinguished prelates who have been participating in the observance of the centenary. The prelates in their gorgeous robes occupied a space in the center stands and banked around them on every side were thousands of women and children.

Of all the 60,000 who took part in the parade, every man save one was on foot. The mounted man was Brigadier-General Thomas Barry, the grand marshal. Behind him trudged thousands, millionaires and laborer. In the van was a delegation from the Catholic Club, among them Thomas F. Ryan, Thomas A. Emmert, Justice John W. Gofor, Justice Davis and Justice O'Gorman, of the Supreme Court. Bourke Cockran, John D. Crimmins, David McClure and many other men prominent in the city's life participated.

Many of the large stores and other business places conducted by Catholics had declared a half holiday for today. The parade formed at Washington Square well down town. The line of march covered a distance of approximately three miles.

Planist's Wife Takes Prize.

LAUSANNE, April 25.—Mme. Paderewski has won the champion prize at the poultry show here with crystal white Paderewski Orpingtons. They are bred from fowls the great pianist's wife bought at a New York poultry show, paying the record price, \$7000.

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