

FEW SALES OF INSIDE REALTY

Holder in Business District Are Satisfied With Investments.

STEADY PLAT MOVEMENT

Peninsula-Slough District Continues to Attract Buyers and Plenty of Vacant Property is Yet Available for Townsites.

Some of the leading realty men of Portland are inclined to become depressed in mind if their usual volume of business happens to fall off for a few days.

The transfers of the week, as reported from the court records, show a total quite equal to recent weeks, with an average of something over \$50,000 a day, which means about double that amount if actual values had been given in the records.

Handlers of lots in addition reported during the week that sales are keeping up to a surprising extent. One owner said yesterday that 30 lots had been bought in his tract in two days of the week and that building was going on at a great rate.

Vacant Lands Available.

It was pointed out by a prominent real estate man last week that while there is every probability of a good, healthy demand for lots in the lower Peninsula for many months, it should not be overlooked that enough vacant land lies in that district to furnish promoters of new plat acreage for years to come.

Out Sandy road, in the additions on both sides of that street, an active business is reported in sales of building sites. One of the purchasers of a site in Rose City Park is R. S. Josselyn, president of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company.

Block to be Improved.

The sale of the week that attracted more attention than anything reported was the closing of the deal for the block bounded by Seventeenth, Eighteenth, Couch and Davis.

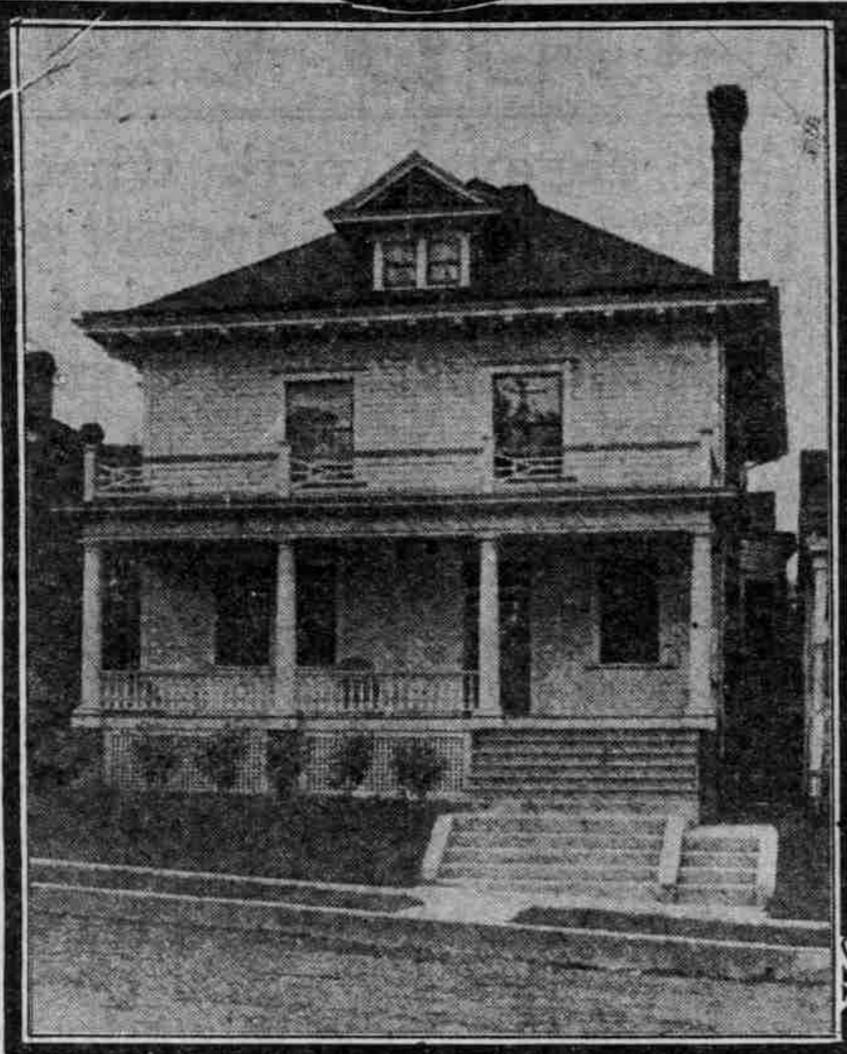
A rumor had currency last week that a syndicate was forming to buy the Felling homestead, between Fifth and Sixth streets, and that a hotel was to be erected on that block.

Many people in Portland have settled in their own minds the choice of a site for a new postoffice, which everybody believes must be provided for this city before many years.

No Halt in Building.

Building operations continue to be attracting attention by reason of the number and value mounting upward without halting. In the eight business days of this month there were 115 permits issued carrying estimates of cost of \$30,418.

In transfers, as referred to before, the daily average was about \$40,000, which



Res of FRANK E. WATKINS 409 ELEVENTH ST



Res of JOHN L. HARTMAN WEST AVENUE NEAR HAWTHORNE MT TABOR.



BUILDING ACTIVITIES IN HOLLADAY'S ADDITION

includes the transfers with nominal values stated.

The general tone of the market continues to be excellent, and all dealers and agents handling anything save big deals are making good money.

MILWAUKIE FEELS IMPETUS

Southeastern Suburb Is Growing at Quite Satisfactory Rate.

Milwaukie, a pioneer town, is making substantial progress. J. W. Granley is erecting a handsome home on Milwaukie Heights that would be credit to any suburb.

MOVEMENT IN FAIRVIEW LOTS

Recent Purchase of Over 30 by Prospective Builders.

A. L. Stone recently sold 19 lots in Fairview to J. Martindale, for \$2500. Mr. Whiteford, of Portland, also purchased 13 lots in Fairview, for which he paid \$2000.

Will Build New Grange Hall.

Russellville Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, has purchased four lots on the Base Line road at Russellville and will proceed to collect material for a hall.

BUYS LAND AT LONG BEACH

Miss Shogren to Build Summer Home at the Coast.

Miss Ann Shogren, of Portland, has purchased of L. A. Loomis, of Long



Res of A. FELDENHEIMER 702 MAIN ST. CUR KING.

Beach, two acres of land adjoining the United States life-saving station.

The price paid was \$500 per acre. It is the intention of Miss Shogren to erect a Summer home at a cost of \$5000. Work of clearing the land has been started.

AMUSEMENT PARK BURNED.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., May 9.—Fairlyland Park, a Summer amusement place, situated near Poplar and McLean avenues, together with several small adjoining buildings, was destroyed by fire early today.

JOHNSON A VOTE-BETTER

SIDELIGHTS ON THE GOVERNOR'S PUBLIC CAREER.

Friend of Boyhood Days Tells of His Early Struggles Against Poverty and Later Successes.

LYLE, Wash., May 9.—(Special)—I. O. Holdman comes from Minnesota, the home of Governor Johnson, and has been recently looking over various chances for investment.

Johnson's Swedish parents were so poor that the boy had to leave school at the age of 13 to earn a living for himself and his family.

When he was 24 years old, young Johnson became an editor, taking charge of the St. Peter Herald. The glamor of politics attracted the young editor, and in 1888 he was elected to the State Senate.

LAUNCH SWEEP OVER DAM

Gasoline Supply Fails and Four Girls Are Drowned.

EMPORIA, Kas., May 9.—Four young women, ranging in years from 16 to 20, were drowned last night in the Neosho River at Hartford, near here.

The boat in which the party was riding capsized. The dead: Edith Webster, 16; Grace Lytle, 18; Beulah Lawrence, 20.

In company with Kate Griffith, Mary

Griffith, Carol Lytle, Emil Steinhouse and Howard Lyon, they were cruising in a gasoline launch. When the party was a short distance above the dam at the Hartford mill, the supply of gasoline gave out and the engine went dead.

Lyon rescued Mary Griffith and Carol Lytle, while Kate Griffith floated down the river some distance and was rescued by a passerby attracted by her screams.

Treaty Made With Yaquis. NEW YORK, May 9.—Private advices received here today state that terms of peace have been arranged between the government of the State of Sonora, Mexico, and the rebel Yaqui Indians.

Plans for Puget Sound Drydock. WASHINGTON, May 9.—Revised plans and specifications for the new drydock to be built by contract for the Navy at the Puget Sound yard have been completed by the Bureau of Yards and Docks.

Metzger fits glasses for \$1.00. Swell tan shoes at Rosenthal's.

DELAY IN TRIALS

Land Cases Are Postponed to June 2.

WAIT ON TRACY C. BECKER

Proceeding Against R. A. and James H. Booth and T. A. Singleton for Conspiracy Will Be First Taken Up.

Another postponement in the date of the pending Oregon land-fraud trials was announced yesterday in the United States Court. The date now fixed is June 2.

Yesterday the cases were again put off for two weeks longer, the reason assigned being the inability of Tracy C. Becker, Special Assistant to the Attorney-General, to reach Portland before late this month.

It is now reported that Mr. Becker, who has been in Los Angeles for several weeks conducting other land-fraud cases, will have concluded his work in California as early as he can get time to take up the cases next month.

It is also expected that T. B. Neuhansen, Special Inspector of the Interior Department, will also be returned to Portland by that time. Mr. Neuhansen compiled much of the important evidence that will be offered by the Government against the defendants.

COMMIT FRAUD ON POETS

Athletic Club Officers Accused of Abuse of Mails.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., May 9.—Baron H. Long, secretary of the Jeffries Athletic Club, and Gordon E. Rigbins, press agent of the club, were arrested by Federal authorities today on an indictment returned in the Southern District of New York, charging them, jointly with Edward Madden, of New York, with fraudulent use of the United States mails in the conduct of the business of the Madden Music Company.

It is charged that they solicited poems from various persons under advertisements and representations that they would write music to the poems and place them profitably with music publishers.

Long and Rigbins gave bonds of \$2500, and will appear May 19 in the Federal Court to show cause why they should not be removed to New York for trial.

The names mentioned in the indictment as those of persons having sent poems are Verda Swartz, Cedar Springs, Mich., and W. W. Jenks, Toga, Pa.

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