

HEAVY SALES OF REALTY RECORDED

Average of \$100,000 Daily in Considerations Reported to County Clerk.

PORTLAND PERMITS LEAD

Business District of City Extends Boundaries in Three Directions and Invades Former Fashionable Residence Quarter.

Real estate transfers for the past week averaged approximately \$100,000 a day, with about the usual number of deeds recorded showing nominal amounts.

In the records of building permits there were over the usual number issued, and several were for large amounts.

Amazed Over July Figures.

The July figures for Portland still attract comment throughout the country. Bradstreet's compilation last week of comparisons of the Pacific Coast cities indicates that Portland and Los Angeles alone made gains over 1907.

Table with 3 columns: City, July 1908, Inc. Dec. June 1908. Rows include Portland, Los Angeles, Spokane, Seattle, Tacoma.

Inquiry for inside income property continues, but sales are not numerous. The reason for this has been referred to frequently and holds good—little inside realty can be found when the owners wish to sell.

Several realty firms report having commissions for central sites, suitable for business houses of various descriptions, and also report that long leases are to be effected for buildings to be erected or now under way.

Grows to Westward.

Considerable interest is taken in Upper Alder and Upper Yamhill streets by investors. Alder street being but one block removed from Washington, and free of car tracks is rapidly extending its business blocks westward.

Meantime preparations are going forward for the extension of the wholesale and retail district northward. Quite a number of new buildings are started north on Fourth, Fifth and Sixth, and in the depot district at least half a dozen buildings will start in the next few weeks.

There is one class of buildings that would appear to have reached the limit of present requirements, reference being made to flats and apartments of a cheaper character. Renting agencies report less inquiry for this class of homes during the past few weeks, and while demand will again become brisk in the next month or so, it is believed the number of flats is sufficient to house those unable to get separate houses for some time to come.

Busy Downtown Scenes.

Satisfactory progress is made on the larger buildings under course of erection, and there appears to be no lack of workmen in the different building trades. The Oregon Hotel annex is receiving an outside coat of cement, and work has started on interior finishing; the roof is about finished on the Fenwick building, Seventh and Ankeny; walls of the Roseblatt Hotel at Tenth and Alder have reached the second story; concrete work on the Y. M. C. A. is going in, and the ground floor assumes shape, while interior work on the Y. W. C. A., adjoining, is rapidly being completed; excavation for the Lombard building at Fifth and Stark, the Pacific Paper Company at Fourth and Ankeny, the Henry building at Fourth and Oak, and the Meier & Frank Company at Sixth and Alder, all progress, presenting busy scenes in the downtown sections of the city.

Portland's Fine Residence Streets Are Now Being Substantially Improved



A GLIMPSE OF A TYPICAL STREET IN LADD ADDITION.



SCENE SHOWING CHARACTER OF IMPROVEMENT IN WAVERLEIGH

PLAN THREE-MILE STREET

SOUTH PORTLANDERS WANT HARD SURFACE PAVEMENT.

Will Open Model Thoroughfare Between Center of City and District Beyond Gulch.

A great paved street, three miles long—the desire of wideawake residents of South Portland, and from the contracts already let their wishes apparently will be fulfilled.

This thoroughfare will be an artery to and from the business center of the city, and the addition named Southern Portland, lying some distance beyond the Marquam Gulch. It will also be of incalculable benefit to Fulton.

According to the property-owners most active in obtaining this permanent improvement, its route will be south along Third to Grant, then down Grant to First, thence across the Marquam Gulch bridge, a substantial steel structure, to Foster street and along Foster to Front, along Front street to Gibbs, and turning toward the river again until Corbett street is reached.

For some weeks past there has been a considerable drag in renting flats and apartments, though the firm expects more activity in that line in the coming month, when people will be returning to the city from outings. In many instances recently inquiry was made from callers for houses to buy, and this happens to a greater extent this year than ever before.

An increase in renting always comes at this season of the year, and one way to account for it is that families come to the city to spend the winter so that children may get the benefit of city schools. There appears to be, according to the agents, little difference in choice of location; the main thing is to find suitable houses. The East Side shares equally with the West Side with newcomers, many in fact having no objection to crossing the river. Old residents on the West Side are taking houses on the East Side in order to get away from the encroachment of business in former residence localities.

ACTIVE INQUIRY FOR HOUSES

Some Dropping Off in Renting of Flats for Time Being.

Renting of dwellings in Portland keeps up to records, both in the number taken and in revenue received by owners. Farish, Watkins & Co., a firm that engages extensively in the renting business, reported yesterday that new dwellings are taken as rapidly as completed, and that a significant feature observed in their



RESIDENCE OF MRS. E.H. VIRGIL, 13TH & HALSEY STS., IRVINGTON.

PIPELINE IMPROVES VALUES

Farmers Along Right of Way Expect Rich Returns.

Construction of the second Bull Run pipeline between the Willamette River and Bull Run is looked forward to all along the route with satisfaction by farmers. It is expected the new pipeline will follow mainly the route of the present pipe line for which the city has rights

NEW BRIDGE IN SAME PLACE

United Clubs Indorse Present Location at Madison Street.

One of the most important transactions of the week affecting the East Side was the decision of the United East Side Push Clubs to insist that the new Madison bridge be rebuilt on the present location without asking for more money. Change of location, it was declared, would disrupt business and property conditions, besides that it would necessitate calling for another \$20,000 in bonds to build at another point.

Builders' Information

M. J. WALSH CO.

Electric and Gas Work in All Its Branches Promptly Attended to. Ring on Either Phone. 311 STARK, BET. FIFTH AND SIXTH.

Road Costs \$190,000 Mile.

WALLACE, Idaho, Aug. 22.—According to a statement issued today by G. F. O'Neal, right-of-way agent for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad, the cost of construction of that line between the villages of Taft and St. Joe in this neighborhood, a distance of about 60 miles, will not be less than \$1,400,000, or at the rate of \$190,000 a mile. This is regarded as the highest price ever paid by any railroad company in the world for construction of a similar section of line. Between the two villages there will be no less than 25 tunnels ranging in length from 800 feet downward. Stations on the line have been located at distances of six miles apart.

Murhard Estate Worth \$9551.

An inventory and appraisal of the estate of the late G. T. Murhard was filed with the County Court yesterday afternoon. A total valuation is shown of \$9551, of which \$3596 is represented by real estate. The appraisal was made by Ernest C. Bailey, S. Harkins, and J. B. Levy.

See Rosenthal's window, shoe bargains.

Advertisement for M. J. Walsh Co. featuring a drawing of a lighting fixture and text describing their services in electric and gas work.

Advertisement for Pacific Iron Works, featuring text about castings, steel buildings, and bridges, and a large logo for Davis & Drennen.