

HEALTHY TONE IN REALTY MARKET

Transfers Figure Up Well Over the Totals of Recent Weeks.

BIG GAINS IN BUILDINGS

November Permits Show Advance of Over 300 Per Cent Over Figures for Corresponding Month of 1907.

By JOHN J. HARRISON. Devoid of any particular sensational deals, the past week was nevertheless one that made a good record in the realty business.

East Side realty seems to present the most attractive investments at present, though streets south of Morrison street on the West Side are being regarded with renewed interest by investors.

The difference in values between the north and south streets and the numbered streets is largely chimerical, especially from about Tenth street to the river on the West Side, and from Grand avenue to the river on the East Side.

This is readily accounted for by reason of the established prominence of Washington street as the main business street of the city.

Wider Streets Desirable.

We of this day and generation regret that the original plat of Portland did not provide for wider streets and larger blocks, intersected by alleyways but the thing to do now is to remedy that.

Owing to a considerable movement along East Stark street, talk has again become current that the Mount Hood Railroad people are about to make some definite announcement concerning the plans for starting up operations again.

Rumors have been current for some weeks that the Townsends have intended soon to begin extensive building operations.

Building Gains 300 Per Cent.

November building permits reached \$319,250 yesterday, a high mark for this month. Compared with November, 1907, there is a gain of over 300 per cent, but as is well remembered, there was a month of depression in the building operations of Portland in 1907.

The tone of the market continues to be most satisfactory to the trade, and not a single complaint is made among dealers. The small stuff handled, when totaled up, makes a handsome amount of business.

BANKERS MUST SERVE TIME

Pennsylvania Financiers Are Found Guilty.

PITTSBURG, Nov. 23.—A verdict of guilty as indicted was returned by the jury in the United States Court today in the case of C. E. Muller, cashier, and J. K. Hissen, president of the defunct Farmers & Merchants Bank of Mount Pleasant, Pa., and E. Stehman, former president of the Acme Lumber Company.

The indictment charged Cashier Mullin with misappropriating funds of the bank, and Hissen and Stehman with aiding and abetting him. The shortage is alleged, amounting to \$100,000.

FINE HOUSES NEAR COMPLETION



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GREAT STRIDES IN BUILDING

MUCH CONSTRUCTION WORK IS NOW UNDER WAY.

Review Shows Progress on 24 Structures That Will Add to City's Business Facilities.

Progress on new business buildings under course of construction show the following as the condition to date:

- Meyer & Frank Company—Fourth tier up, or two stories above ground, of steel interior.
Blumauer-Frank Drug Company—Three stories concrete walls in place, awaiting setting of constructive material.
Rosenblatt Hotel—Four stories up; work on fifth started.
Pacific Paper Company—Roof going on; work on interior to start at once.
Lombard—Basement and first story completed.
A. C. Crawford—First story up; work started on next story.
C. K. Henry—Basement walls and pier bases in.
Lewis Estate—Excavation completed.
Ombens Transfer Company—Joists set for first story; basement floor being laid with reinforced concrete.
W. P. Fuller & Co.—Concrete and cement masonry and side basement walls in place.
Irwin-Hodson Company—First story about finished.
Portland Public Market & Cold Storage Company—Excavation under way.
Young Men's Christian Association—Work on fourth story.
Wenness Garage—Interior work being finished.
Stieglar Packing Company—Nearing completion.
Armour Storage Warehouse—Nearing completion.
Crane Building—Nearing completion.
Imperial Annex—Steel forms for first story being placed in position.
Orendoff & Perlin—Nearing completion.
Wallace & Devlin—Concrete work started.
Harr Hotel—Excavation under way on addition.
Young Women's Christian Association—Ready for occupancy.
Oregon Hotel Annex—First three stories occupied.
Studebaker Building—Work progressing on basement story.
This list does not include churches, apartment-houses, lodges, school houses or halls, a large number of which are started or are nearing completion.

Completing Milwaukee Sawmill. The Hawley sawmill at Milwaukee is

being completed and will be soon put into operation. It will be used to cut up logs for use in the paper mills at Oregon City. Logs will be brought to the mill at Milwaukee on trains run over the electric tracks, where they will be cut up into blocks and shipped to the pulp mills. About 15 men will be employed in and about the mill.

SALES OF KENILWORTH REALTY

Advance of 25 Per Cent Made in Price of Lots.

T. H. Clampton reports the sale of three lots on Gladstone avenue, in Kenilworth, at the rate of \$600 per lot, including the cost of improvement on the street. The price paid was about 25 per cent in advance of the price of lots in Kenilworth brought before the improvement of Gladstone and Francis avenues. The rates of increase in the price of lots and other property in this suburb have been about the same per cent. When first proposed the improvement of these two streets was opposed and the work held up for a year, but both now have been completed and accepted. Several other streets are to be improved the coming year. A firehouse and engine have been asked for and the request approved by Chief Campbell, and the measure probably will be granted so they can be erected some time next year. It is proposed to erect the engine-house on high ground so the engine can afford protection for a large district. Next year streets will be extended northward across the Powell Valley road so that an engine located on the highest point in Kenilworth can reach the growing district to the north, including Waverfield, Richmond and Waverly tracts.

Building Association Formed.

The Portland Building Association, composed of several well-known building firms, has been organized, and will make a business of erection of buildings. The first structure will be put up on the corner of Alameda and Malloy avenues, and will be a two-story dwelling. The first story will be built of Phoenix and St. Helens stone, and the second story will be of frame construction. A. H. Faber is the architect for the association.

Police to Read Papers.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 28.—The snapper print system of identification has been installed by the local police department to aid in the determination of the identity of suspects. A full record of the palm and finger-ends prints of all prisoners will be kept in future, and the apparatus necessary to a close study of these prints has been secured.

OLD MUST MAKE WAY

Antiquated Buildings Will Be Replaced by New.

TRANSFORMATION NOW ON

Operations Continue to Go on With Unabated Vigor in Portland and Increase Is Looked for When Spring Comes.

Two frame buildings occupying the southeast corner of Washington and Thirtieth streets are offered for sale, according to a placard on the premises. It is reported that the owner of the ground, Martin Winch, has commissioned Architect W. L. Morgan to prepare plans for a two-story brick building for the site. The lower story is to be made into storerooms and the upper for a rooming-house.

One of the most important leases announced last week was that of the Commercial building at Second and Washington, formerly occupied by the Title Guaranty & Trust Company. The Portland Railway, Light & Power Company is negotiating for a lease for a long term of years of the main room and private offices on the upper floors.

Fifteen new houses have been erected in Overlook Addition in the last few months, ranging in price from \$3700 to \$8000.

Plans are being drawn for the Hollam Investment Company for its proposed building at the southwest corner of Fourth and Everett streets. The building is intended for occupancy by Chinese. East Schacht is the architect.

Building Inspector Dobson, backed up by Fire Chief Campbell and the Mayor, won his fight against having brick wall thickness outside fire limits reduced to eight inches. Mr. Dobson strengthened his contention by showing to several lawyers from authorities in a number of cities.

The Veteran Land Company is planning to erect six residence buildings at Goldendale, Wash., as a speculation.

Gus A. Hager, of Vancouver, Wash., announces that a new theater is soon to be erected in the garretion city.

County Commissioners have under consideration the erection of a 300-foot span bridge at Troutdale over Sandy River. The bridge is now estimated to cost \$30,000.

Alterations have been made in the original plans for the Carnegie library at the Dalles to conform with the amount of available funds.

Among building permits issued the past week are the following: For two-story frame dwelling on East Twenty-ninth street, between Broadway and Schuyler, H. H. Hawley, \$3500; two-story frame dwelling, Barr road, between Letke, \$2000; two-story brick veneer apartment-house, Tenth, between Harrison and Hall, I. A. Peters, \$30,000.

Spokane intends to have a separate building of its own at the Alaska-Yukon Pacific Exposition. Plans are being drawn for the proposed structure.

The W. P. Fuller & Co. building, at Twelfth and Davis streets, is to be of five stories on Twelfth street and four on Davis. Foundations are in place for the structure, which is to occupy the entire block. D. C. Lewis is the architect.

Graders are at work to the west of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railroad passenger and freight depots, on Hoyt street. This district is rapidly assuming a first-class appearance and the leveling of the terminal grounds for the new railroad adds much to this improvement.

Awards contracts for construction of the building for S. Natuscher to be erected on Couch street, between First and Second. The building is to be used for store and rooming-house. It will occupy ground 50x150 feet.

J. M. Toomey, who intends to reconstruct and enlarge the East Hotel, announces that work on the new building has been stopped until Spring, as he prefers to have the building put up in good weather. Excavation has been partly finished on the lot to the south of the old hotel. Plans for the new building have been prepared and accepted by Mr. Toomey.

Portland is aptly called the Philadelphia of the Pacific. Each of these cities is about 100 miles from the sea, each is noted as a city of homes, each is the second city in point of value on the respective coast, each is important in manufacturing, both are making rapid progress in building operations.

BUILD NEW HALL AT BROOKLYN

Building to Be Erected to Provide Public Meeting Place.

The Brooklyn Hall Association, an adjunct of the Brooklyn Improvement Club, has decided to go on with the erection of a two-story frame building on Powell and East Thirtieth streets. A year ago the association purchased a lot at this place

for \$700, but the lot is now valued at \$1200. At a recent meeting of the association the directors were authorized to proceed with the erection of the building. Over \$2000 was subscribed in stock which, according to the report of Treasurer A. L. Keenan, makes a total of \$3000 of the stock taken. Several members of the Hall Association subscribed for \$500 additional to what they had already taken and other members doubled their subscriptions.

PLANS NEW HOUSE ON CREST

C. L. Linde Designs Appropriate Building for Hillside Site.

The sunny slopes of Council Crest afford opportunities for home-building of which many are taking advantage. It has a large area of improved land, with a view of Willamette Valley and Tualatin Plains, and upon which fine dwellings may be erected without being incongruous to the surroundings.

Among the homes to be built and to be occupied by the owner, will be the residence of Mrs. Carl L. Linde. It will be a frame building with a rough-cast plaster exterior finish; a cement concrete foundation, mission tiles for the roof; costing in the neighborhood of \$500 and will have much individual architectural beauty.

The surroundings are thoroughly in keeping with the style of architecture and with its excellent location will stand as a desirable residence for many years. Its general dimensions are 36x28. The building was designed by C. L. Linde, who intends to put the drawing on exhibition at the next architect's show.

WILL TESTIFY FOR 30 DAYS

Standard Oil Magnates to Go on Witness Stand.

NEW YORK, Nov. 28.—While there has been considerable gossip recently concerning the probability of John D. Rockefeller and John D. Archbold seeking immunity from any possible future criminal prosecution on the plea that their testimony given in the Government's dissolution suit entitles them to such, such for the company lay absolutely no stress on such a move. They said yesterday that no importance whatsoever was attached to the immunity question, inasmuch as in their opinion the possibility of criminal action against Mr. Rockefeller and Mr. Archbold was too remote to be taken seriously. The Standard, it is said, will occupy almost every day in December in the presentation of testimony. This would seem to indicate that after Mr. Archbold concludes his testimony, and William Rockefeller and James Moffat have been called, experts will be put on the stand by the defendant company in an attempt to offset the Government's contention that pipe lines are in effect common carriers. Witnesses from California will also be summoned to tell of the company's operations in that state. The hearing goes on again Monday after Wednesday's adjournment.

Frank B. Kellogg, special prosecutor for the Government, is still raking the country for the court records which disappeared so strangely at Cleveland, O. Copies of records used by Ida Tarbell in the preparation of her article on the Standard Oil are in Mr. Kellogg's possession, but this data, it is said, is incomplete.

WILL NOT HANG MURDERER

Chicago Judge Inflicts Long Prison Sentence.

CHICAGO, Nov. 28.—While not mentioning the so-called "unwritten law," Justice McSurley drew a distinction between what he terms "domestic crime" and an "anti-social crime" yesterday in sentencing Scuto Porcero to 25 years in the penitentiary. The defendant shot and killed his wife and severely wounded Frank Di Trento, who boarded at their home, July 22.

Porcero accused Di Trento of alienating his wife's affections. In deciding the case, Judge McSurley said: "This defendant has pleaded guilty to having murdered his wife, as charged in the indictment. It rests with the court to determine his punishment. The case more properly comes under the classification of a domestic crime as distinguished from a crime distinctly anti-social."

"The man, having no criminal instincts at all, may be driven to the commission of a crime where the sanctity of his home is invaded. This seems to be a primary instinct and is confined to no one class in society. Taking all these facts into consideration, the court will not impose the death penalty in this case, but will sentence the defendant to the penitentiary for 25 years."

Electrocuted for Wife Murderer.

AUBURN, N. Y., Nov. 28.—William Robert Brasch, the Rochester wife murderer, in whose case Governor Hughes decided to introduce the electric chair at Auburn prison today. The crime for which Brasch was executed was the murder of his wife, Roxanna, whom he pushed into the Erie Canal at Rochester the night of June 15, 1896. He killed her that he might marry May Gilmore, of Defiance, O.

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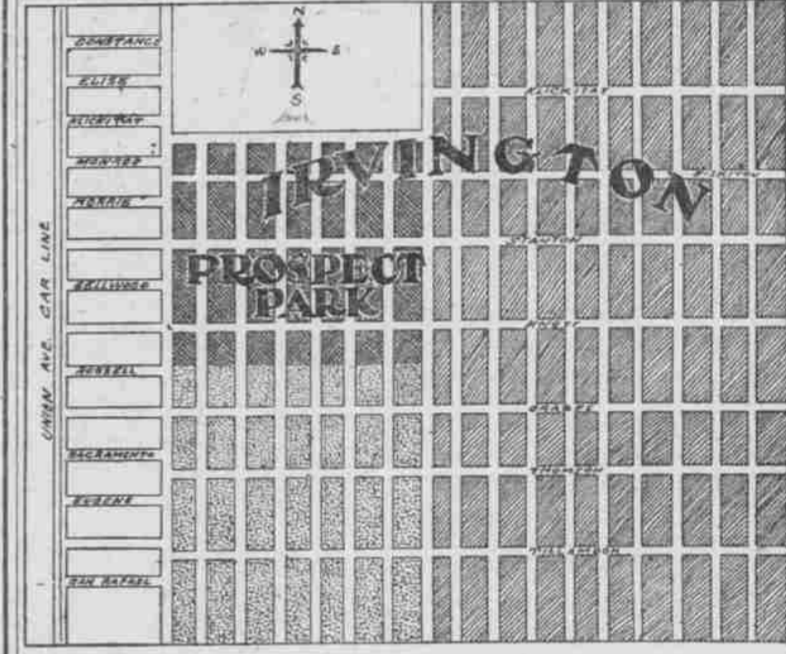
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"That, whereas the said parties are now the owners of that part of the Wm. Irving Donation Land Claim lying East of the town of Albina, and not heretofore laid off into lots and blocks, and it is deemed for the joint benefit of all parties that the same should be laid off uniformly... that the said first party (owing what is now called PROSPECT PARK) not being desirous at this time of laying off or dedicating that part, desires to secure the laying of the part of the same owned by the other parties on such a plan as may be in conformity with the plan on which the owner of the first part



Note on the above plat that the diagonally ruled portion is IRVINGTON, the cross ruled part being that part of Irvington called PROSPECT PARK. Observe that PROSPECT PARK is just one block east of the Union-avenue curline.

desires when the same shall be laid off and dedicated as a Townsite. I, said Elizabeth Irving, have and do hereby covenant and agree with (parties of the second part) that when the tract of land now owned by me (which is the tract now designated as PROSPECT PARK) shall be laid off into lots and blocks, that it shall be laid off in accordance with the plat herewith filed, and not otherwise, as a part and parcel of said general plat of 'IRVINGTON,' and with numbering of Blocks and names of Streets as shown in the accompanying plat."

This agreement between the owners of the entire tract of IRVINGTON, definitely determines that the portion of IRVINGTON that was later platted and is now named PROSPECT PARK was included in the original platting of IRVINGTON.

The name PROSPECT PARK was given to this part of IRVINGTON by its owners for the express purpose of distinguishing it from the rest of IRVINGTON—in advertising their property for sale, the owners wished to throw all of their energy upon this particular part of IRVINGTON, hence the name PROSPECT PARK.

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