

NEW COMPANY TO ERECT 400 HOUSES

Owners of Eighty-Acre Addition Outline Policy for Speedy Improvement.

AWARD DEPOT CONTRACT

Southern Pacific to Furnish Facilities for East Side Passengers and Shippers—Values Advance With Street Improvements.

Big things are in store for the northeastern portion of the city and suburbs. The Gregory Investment Company, of Seattle and Tacoma, which recently acquired 80 acres north of Montavilla and near the Country Club grounds, is having the tract platted preparatory to extensive improvement. The tract is to be improved and the owners announced that they will erect 400 houses in the tract. Agents have been investigating the facilities for getting material by way of the O. R. & N. Company's main line. A vast amount of material will be required for street improvements and for the erection of houses.

It is desired to receive material at the siding in North Montavilla, where the Montavilla Board of Trade is working to secure the establishment of a passenger and freight depot. These agents consulted the local lumber dealers about the delivery of lumber at this station. Another 20-acre tract called Leabo addition is being platted near the east side of Montavilla, and the promoters of this tract announce that they will park and improve the streets, plant thousands of choice roses and gettin' material by way of the O. R. & N. Company's main line. A vast amount of material will be required for street improvements and for the erection of houses.

Secretary William Deveny, of the Montavilla Board of Trade, says there will be no difficulty in showing that the depot is needed and will pay with all these improvements under way. The Board of Trade will hire a man and pay him for taking care of the depot for several months simply to show that it will pay the company. Ground for this depot was donated to the company several years ago with the understanding that a permanent depot would be established whenever it could be shown that it would pay to do so.

With the big improvement project by the Gregory Investment Company, the platting of that section, it is thought that it can be shown that the depot is needed now. This movement had its start by the acquisition of 135 acres of land by Hartman & Thompson two years ago in the northeastern section, of which have been formed Rose City Park, Belle Crest, Hyde Park, the Country Club, Elmhurst and North Belle Crest, in which great improvements have been made. Besides what has already been done the Rose City Park League has ascertained that plans for 50 new homes have been prepared to be built in the Spring.

Contract for Depot is Let. Contractor Robert Wakefield, of this city, secured the contract for the erection of the passenger depot to be erected for the Southern Pacific Railroad Company at Eight First and East Morrison streets, at figures and announced that the contractors submitted bids, but the successful contractor is under the \$18,000 estimate of the cost of the building. The contract calls for the beginning of construction at once, and the work will be started next week. Piles will be driven through the fill for the foundation of this structure, and concrete blocks will be used. It must be completed by April 1, 1907.

Getting this depot is the result of a movement inaugurated by the East Side Improvement Association two years ago. General Manager O'Brien finally notifying W. L. Boise, the president in a personal letter last summer that the structure would be erected. Boise's idea serves much credit for the work he did in securing this depot, and Manager O'Brien declared that Boise kept hammering at him for that depot so that a matter of self-defense the general manager had to promise it. That it will be a great improvement for Central East Portland is admitted, and in particular will help the wholesale district.

Number of Important Sales. Several considerable sales were made on the East Side the past week, and some may be classed as business property. David sold a quarter block, lots 7 and 8 in block 11, Wheeler's Addition, for \$15,000. In East Portland, Fred J. Bailey sold lots 1 and 2 in block 10, for \$12,000. This property is located on East Seventh and Couch streets. In Holladay's Addition, William Reid sold to the Oregon Real Estate Company two lots for \$2,000. Henry Dickinson bought two lots, 7 and 8, block 22, in Irvington for \$200.

In Howe's Addition, on the Section 12th Road, the Merchants' Loan & Transfer Company bought, of Mrs. How Wing property to the amount of \$12,500. Charles W. Boost sold to Antonio Piazzi lots 5, 6 and 7, block 19, in Tibbets Addition, for \$100, with improvements. In Knollworth, John J. Kuntz sold to B. W. Fisher lot 12 and north half of lot 11, in block 5, with improvements, for \$400. Minnie A. Osborne bought of J. E. Whitney lot 4, block 28, Holladay Addition, with house for \$500.

In Woodstock, George Pope sold to Helena Osborn lot 4, in block 35, with house, for \$250. C. K. Henry & Son sold two lots on East Twenty-first, near Hancock street, to H. B. Dickson, who will erect a \$600 residence on the property.

Property Grows in Value. J. H. Noita is considering the matter of erecting a 4-story reinforced concrete building on Killingsworth avenue in the Spring, to be built on the ground in front of his home. He thinks that the time is ripe for the erection of that class of buildings in North Albina. Mr. Noita has already put up several buildings on Killingsworth avenue that have proved profitable. So valuable has property on this avenue become that it will not pay to erect a cheap structure. Lots that sold a few years ago for \$500 are being held for \$500 on this street, this increase having been made within the past three years.

NUCLEUS OF PORTLAND'S NEW CHINATOWN.



CHINESE BUILDING, 4TH AND FLANDERS



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Chinese syndicates have leased the new buildings at the corners of Fourth and Fifth and Everett and Flanders streets, together with the proposed building to be erected on the quarter leased by the Bolam Investment Company.

are projected on the East Side. For the flats for William Reid, to be built on East Sixth and Wasco streets, the contracts have been let. The structure will cost about \$15,000. In Albina J. Langham has let the contract for a four-story apartment-house to W. D. Garrett, which will cost \$12,000. A two-story flat is being built on Union avenue and Wellier street for G. M. Brown, to cost \$2000. Mrs. Watt is having a two-story store and flat built on Belmont street, between East Twenty-seventh and Twenty-eighth streets, to cost \$2000.

B. F. Roland is having a two-story flat put up on East Stark street, to cost \$2000. C. Menninger has let the contract for two flats on East Thirteenth street, near Broadway street, to cost \$2000. Stokes & Zeller have their three-story six-flat on East Couch under way. The structure will cost \$15,000. The indications are that a considerable number of apartment-houses will be built in East Portland and Albina in the Spring. There is a good demand for this class of buildings.

Sales in Brooklyn. A considerable portion of Floral Park, on the Sellwood line, at Midway, has been sold off, and the remainder of the tract will be disposed of within a month. Lots range from \$20 to \$50. The buyers contemplate the erection of homes on their lots.

An important sale of Brooklyn property on Ellsworth street and Grand avenue, comprising a block and a half, is announced, for \$16,900. The particulars are not given out as yet, but it is understood that Grand avenue will be extended south several blocks from its present end at Ellsworth street, making fine residence lots of the property sold. A quarter of the property sold has already been disposed of, for \$2000, fronting on Grand avenue and Ellsworth street. This sale is the largest and most important made in the Brooklyn district. Dr. Dav Rafferty, who owns considerable property near there, says: "The sale of this block and a half means that the O. W. P. will not cut further into the bank, and will add very much to the value of all the surrounding property. I am mightily pleased over the transfer."

Filling Stephens Slough. Stephens Slough is being filled with sawdust from Inman-Poulsen & Co.'s saw-mill. West of the Grand-avenue bridge the filling is completed nearly to East Third street and across the slough. The office of the company on Union avenue will be moved south and the place filled up. Sawdust is being used for filling, and on the top of this dirt is being placed to a depth of five and ten feet. Just what all this property will finally be used for is not announced by the millowners, but it is thought it will be used for railway track. Sawdust does not make a solid foundation for heavy buildings, but will carry tracks. At any rate, the slough is being rapidly filled up.

HURRY INDIAN LAND CASES

Owen Asks to Push Settlement of Titles in Oklahoma. WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—Senator Owen, of Oklahoma, who is one of several defendants in suits brought by the government to clear up titles to Indian land in that state, is urging President Roosevelt to have these cases settled at the earliest possible moment and to take them straight to the United States Supreme Court if possible. Governor Haskell and many other prominent men in Oklahoma are defendants. Mr. Owen says that the slow dragging of the cases, of which there are 2,000, is damaging to business and development generally.

BUILDING RECORD GREAT

MONTH TO DATE FIGURES OVER \$850,000.

Large Structures Yet to Be Included in This Year's Operations.

Permits for new buildings for four days of last week show a total of 25 in number and \$65,780 in estimated cost. These additions bring the total for the month to date up to \$850,715. There are two or three large buildings yet to figure in the month's operations, which are expected to be passed on by Inspector Johnson before January 1. In case these are included in this year's record the total estimated cost of operations will approximate \$1,000,000. The record of the four days is as follows:

- December 21—Total number permits, 19; total valuation, \$45,000. East Main street between East Thirtieth and East Thirty-sixth, Clausen & Clausen, builder, 7, C. Helch; erect one-story and a-half-story frame dwelling, \$1000. Belmont street between Seventeenth and Eighteenth, John Durbis, builder, McClaren & Clark; erect two-story frame flats, \$4000. Yamhill street between Fourth and Fifth, Portland Gas Co., builder, M. Jacobsen; erect one-story brick store, \$500. Wasco street between Grand avenue and East Sixth, William Reid, builder, J. W. Burnett; erect two-story frame flats, \$8000. Wasco street between Grand avenue and East Sixth, William Reid, builder, J. W. Burnett; erect two-story frame flats, \$8000. Rodney avenue between Grand and Emerson, E. R. Conitt; erect two-story frame dwelling, \$5000. Mason street between Grand and Union avenues, M. M. Roth, builder, same; erect one-story frame dwelling, \$1000. 34 Corbett street between Curry and Punnoyer, Luigi da Cicco, builder, P. K. Harris; repair one-story frame dwelling, \$100. Powell street between East Thirtieth and East Thirty-third, G. B. Puchs; build; same; repair one-story frame dwelling, \$200. Morris street between Mississippi and Albina, Farrell & Hume; same; erect one-story frame dwelling, \$800. Fremont street between Montana and Reeves, Finnish Workers' Association; build; same; erect two-story frame hall, \$5000. Morris street between Grand and Central avenues, F. W. Torgler; builders, Smith & Schable; erect two-story frame dwelling, \$1800. East Main street between Thirteenth and Fourteenth, Lots H. Sherman; addition to two-story frame flat, \$1000. Fifty-ninth street between Kenton and Washam, W. J. Dunlap; builder, C. Krause; erect two-story frame dwelling, \$1800. Tenth street between Alberta and Webster, Frank, builder, E. D. Zimlager; repair one-story frame dwelling, \$100. San Rafael street between Williams and Rodney avenues, S. J. G. Woo; builder, Mullinham Mill & Construction Co.; erect two-story frame dwelling, \$2000. Flanders street between Fourth and Fifth, Frank Watkins; builder, C. J. Cook; excavate basement, \$200. December 22—Total number permits, 18; total valuation, \$14,500. East Seventeenth street South between Tilgner and Ellis, H. Brinkley; builders, Smith & Dodge; repair one-story and a-half-story frame dwelling, \$1900. Magic street between Grand and Central avenues, F. W. Torgler; builders, Smith & Schable; erect two-story frame dwelling, \$1800. Sandy Road between Handolph and Twenty-eighth, Jacob Leiger; builder, same; repair one-story frame dwelling, \$500. East Forty-fourth street between Harrison and Mill, Mrs. R. Currier; same; erect two-story frame dwelling, \$2000. East Thirtieth street between Grand and Sumner, Eric Lindquist; builder, same; erect one-story frame dwelling, \$100. Braces street between Union avenue and Seventh street, Rose City Planning Mill; builder, same; repair one-story frame mill, \$100. Sumner street between Albina and Mississippi avenues, Fred Loy, builder, J. W. Roberts; erect one-story frame dwelling, \$1200. East Morrison street, corner Seventy-sixth; J. E. Hill, builder, N. Souvignier; erect one-story frame dwelling, \$1600. East Stark street, between Twenty-eighth and Seventy-ninth; F. K. Birdsey, builder, J. N. Souvignier; repair one-story frame store, \$100. Duke street, between Fourteenth and Fifteenth; Frank Kierkar, builder, same; erect one-story frame dwelling, \$1400. C. Third street, between Gillan and Hoy; D. C. Peltou, builder, F. Feldman; erect iron roof, \$200. East Twentieth street, corner Prescott; C. H. Aungie, builder, same; erect one-story frame dwelling, \$1000. December 23—Total number permits, 6; total valuation, \$1410. Davis street, between East Twenty-second and East Twenty-third streets; H. Gordon, builder, Preston & Jordan; erect two-story frame dwelling, \$2000. 445 Seventh street, head of Sheridan; James Barrett, builder, same; repair two-story frame dwelling, \$250. East Fourteenth street, between Alberta and Webster streets; David Hood, builder, W. M. Crawford; erect one-story frame dwelling, \$1800. 2 North Fourth street, between Ankeny and Burnside streets; S. Kubota, builder, same; repair two-story frame store, \$50. East Nineteenth street, between Clatsop and Marion streets; W. H. Johnson, builder, same; erect one-story frame office, \$40. December 24—250 LaRabee street, corner McMillan; Seld Beck, builder, Evans & Schable; repair one-story frame dwelling, \$250. East Salmon street, corner Thirty-sixth street; John Scruton, builder, same; erect one-story frame dwelling, \$1200.

Chicago—More than 2000 bags of Christmas mail are stacked in one passenger station and will not be delivered for a week. Most of the packages are for delivery outside of Chicago. The delay of so much of the Christmas mail this year is said to have resulted from inability to procure a sufficient number of extra clerks and wagons.

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BIG DEALS JUST CLOSED E. J. DALY REPORTS TRANSFERS AND CONTRACTS. New Ellis Apartment House at King and Washington Changes Ownership. E. J. Daly reports the sale of the new Ellis apartment-house, now nearing completion on the northeast corner of Twenty-second and Johnson streets, on which the lot is 6x100 feet. The consideration is \$65,000. The property was owned by A. S. Ellis. The building, which is a three-story brick, has light on three sides, in addition to the Washington and King frontages, there is a 12-foot alley on the east end of the lot. The building contains six five-room and 22 three-room apartments. The building will be completed in about six weeks, but most of the apartments are already rented. The name of the purchaser will be announced later. S. Morton Cohn has sold the quarter block on the northwest corner of Twenty-second and Johnson streets, on which are two new modern residences, for \$25,000. The sale was made to a local man by E. J. Daly. Mr. Cohn also sold 20 acres at Garden Home on the Salem electric line for \$7000 to the same party who bought the quarter block above mentioned. Mr. Daly has purchased from C. R. Winslow the east half of the block bounded by Fifteenth, Sixteenth, Quimby and Raleigh at a consideration in the neighborhood of \$4000. This half block faces 200 feet on Fifteenth street, on which the terminal company has track-ages. Marshall-Weiss & Company, a short time ago, bought two blocks facing on Fifteenth street, and intend to erect thereon a large wholesale house and warehouse. It was announced a few days ago that the General Electric Company had arranged to have a warehouse erected on the southeast corner of Fifteenth and Marshall streets. you are shooting one of a herd, too, you may not notice another among the trees, which may make a sudden dash. Webfoot Oy! Blacking keeps feet dry. Makes shoes last. All dealers. BEATS BUSTING TRUSTS Roosevelt Given Warning of Danger of New Job. LONDON, Dec. 26.—S. E. Lous, the lion-killer, explains that while he has collected camp and other equipment for Roosevelt's hunting expedition, and will go with him to Mombassa, they will not shoot together in East Africa and Uganda. Mr. Lous points out some of the dangers the President will face in hunting. Says he: "After you go out on horseback early in the morning on a high plateau in the hope of catching a lion which has delayed too long feeding and cannot get back to cover, and when you overtake the beast, he generally comes to a halt growling. "At the first moment you slip off your horse and shoot him. "Sometimes the lion will charge at you. If he does you gallop out of the way and wait for another opportunity. If he charges while you are off your horse and you fall to hit him it may be awkward. "When you wound an elephant it often will make a savage rush at you. While

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