



COMMERCIAL CLUB TO EXTEND WORK

Business Men Asked to Con-
tribute Funds to Great
Publicity Campaign

OPEN LETTER IS WRITTEN

T. B. Wilcox Reviews Growth of
Organization and Requests Mer-
chants to Provide for Greater
Service to Portland.

A greater campaign than ever before
for the development of the Pacific
Northwest is to be carried on during
the coming year by the Portland Com-
mercial Club. Not only have the mem-
bers of the organization developed
more enthusiasm because of the success
of their publicity campaigns in the past,
but they are determined to work along
the same line with renewed vigor and
determination.

It has been found that some who
would have willingly contributed to
the support of the work in the past
have felt slighted because they have
not been asked to aid in the work.
At a recent meeting of the executive
committee of the club, in charge of
the publicity work, it was decided to
reach all these people if possible in a
general way. To that end T. B. Wil-
cox, chairman of the executive com-
mittee, has issued the following state-
ment:

Letter of Mr. Wilcox.

PORTLAND, Or., Jan. 2.—To the Busi-
ness Men and Property-Holders of Port-
land: In May, 1908, the Portland Com-
mercial Club introduced a Publicity De-
partment, and the supervision of this work
was assumed by an executive committee
of nine members, of which I was made
chairman. My associates on that commit-
tee are: William M. Ladd, T. D. Hous-
man, Walter F. Burrell, A. L. Mills, J. C.
Alsworth, I. N. Fleischner, Robert Ly-
ngstone, J. Frank Watson.

The committee at a recent meeting de-
cided to continue their work during 1909,
and several of them announced that they
would double the amount of their sub-
scriptions. For instance, the Portland
Railway, Light & Power Company volun-
tarily increased their subscription from
\$500 to \$1000 per month last year, for 1909,
the First National Bank, which had been
contributing \$100 a month, made their
\$200 monthly contribution for 1909, in-
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campaign, and would especially appreciate
all that are received immediately. They
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OVER A MILLION ON HAND

Annual Statistical Report Comple-
ted by City Treasurer Werlein.

The annual statistical report of City
Treasurer Werlein was completed yester-
day afternoon by Chief Deputy Miller
and shows the condition of all the funds
to December 31, 1908. There is a total on
hand of \$1,376,596.20. This is distributed
among the various city departments and
the general fund, which has \$308,838.80.
Following is the report:

Balance in treasury	\$1,276,596.20
Balance Land & Water Imp.	96,705.05
Balance in New York	14,359
Total	\$1,387,650.25
Credits as follows:	
General fund	\$208,838.80
Fire Department fund	50,851.18
Police Department fund	18,093.12
Street repair fund	14,421.08
Bonded indebtedness int. fund	23,516.04
Chase Nat. Bank, New York	1,500.00
Chemical Nat. Bank, New York	1,500.00
N. W. Harris & Co., N. Y.	200.00
Lighting fund	72,625.00
Water bond interest fund	72,625.00
Street improvement fund	72,625.00
Street extension fund	15,803.80
Street and sewer interest fund	1,008.72
Improvement fund	2,133.82
Ladd & Tilton, Imp. fund acct.	96,705.05
Improvement bond interest fund	15,803.80
Imp. bond sinking fund	8,439.45
Water fund	124.90
Water bond sinking fund	33,042.80
Special bridge fund	22,449.99
Park fund	22,449.99
General fund redemption of war-	2,889.35
rents	51.93
Regal streets and bridges	510,945.00
Park and boulevard fund	1,000.00
Portland Railway, Light & Power Co. deposit fund	64.90
Bill posting badge fund	147.38
Total	\$1,387,650.25

ANNUAL MEETING JAN. 13

Portland Chamber of Commerce to
Hold Election of Officers.

Preparations are going forward for
the annual meeting and election of offi-
cers of the Portland Chamber of Com-
merce, which will be held January 13.
This is always a big event with the local
organization and the gathering this year
promises to be fully up to the standard
of former years. Last year's meeting
was a notable one. The affair was ac-
companied by a banquet at the Hotel
Portland and Homer Davenport, the
noted cartoonist, made the principal ad-
dress. He was at his best and the talk
he made is still remembered.

It is the custom of the organization to
elect the vice-president each year to fill
the position of president and it is ex-
pected that William MacMasters, the
vice-president, will be chosen president
at the annual meeting. The nominating
committee has not yet reported, but it
is likely this action will be taken. This
committee will make its report nine
days before the annual meeting.

The last meeting of the present board
of trustees will be held next Tuesday
at 11:30 A. M. The remaining business
of the old year will be cleared up.
The entertainment committee, of which
General Beebe is chairman, will make its
report to the trustees at that time. Ar-
rangements for the annual banquet will
be completed then and the arrangements
made for the coming meeting.

LAND BRINGS \$1000 ACRE

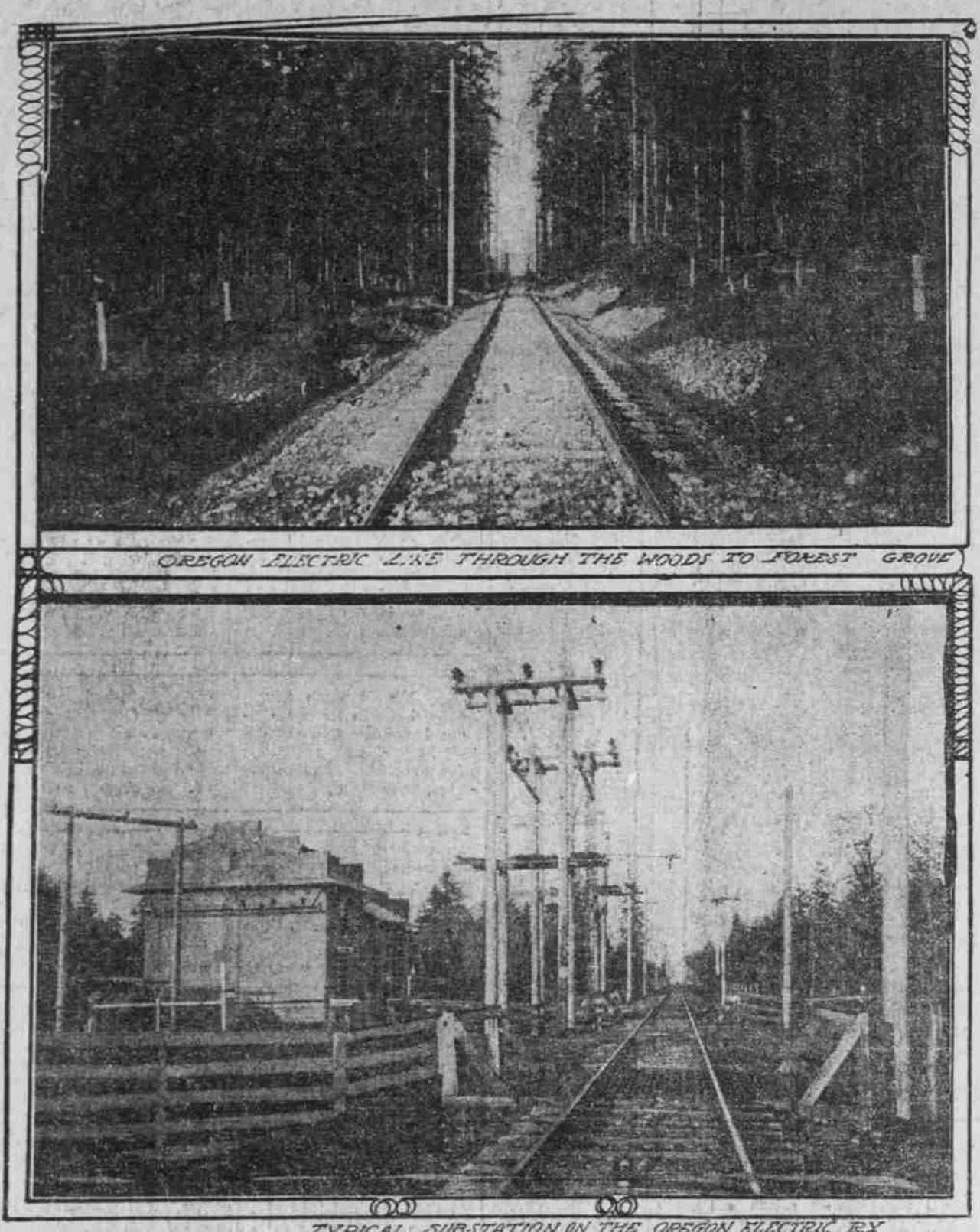
Suburban Tract Taken Over by Lo-
cal Land Firm.

One of the largest deals consummated
in Portland real estate acreage prop-
erty during the past year was the pur-
chase of the southeast corner of sec-
tion 20 by Fred A. Jacobs, of the Ja-
cobs-Stine Company, from ex-Senator
Joseph Simon, M. Stiebel and others at a
price in the neighborhood of \$1000 per
acre. This property adjoins Hyde Park
and Belle Crest, both of which are
owned by the Jacobs-Stine Company.

Mr. Jacobs says he had not definitely
decided upon plans regarding this new
property, but that he believed Portland
would show a greatly increased growth
during the next few years, and that it
is the intention of the company to pur-
chase a number of large pieces of un-
developed acreage around the city.

In addition to this purchase, Mr. Ja-
cobs announced that the Jacobs-Stine
Company has purchased two large
tracts consisting of about 4000 acres in
the Goodnow Hills district, 125 miles
east of Portland, on the North Bank
and some time in the future prob-
ably will subdivide these into smaller
fruit and nut farms.

Scenes on Oregon Electric's Forest Grove Line



NEW ROAD IS WELL BUILT

HIGH SPEED TO BE MADE ON
FOREST GROVE LINE.

Methods Employed in Building
Would Do Credit to Any Road In-
tended for Steam Traffic.

The opening of the electric line to
Forest Grove, which was celebrated at
the old college town last Monday even-
ing, is not only an epoch-making event
in the history of Forest Grove, but it
also marks an event in rapid railway
construction. Indeed, it was only last
May when the Willamette Construction
Company began the work of location
and construction of what is now known
as the Forest Grove division of the Ore-
gon Electric Railway Company's lines in
Western Oregon.

In addition to the difficulties of trans-
portation of supplies and materials of
construction, it also had to contend with
right-of-way troubles and lawsuits. And
in the face of all these difficulties
the company located, constructed and

equipped a modern electric railway be-
tween Portland and Forest Grove in
something less than six months.

By the completion of the Oregon
Electric Railway branch to Forest Grove
and the formal opening last week a splen-
did section of productive farming coun-
try is brought into close touch with Port-
land. The new line is a splendid one, of
standard construction, and would do
credit to any steam railroad in point of
heavy, permanent structures, grading and
rail. Now that operation has been start-
ed to Forest Grove, the long-cherished
wish of the people of that section for an
electric line to this city has been real-
ized.

At the opening of the road during the
past week, mutual felicitations were ex-
changed by the people of Forest Grove
and officials of the new electric line. The
road is the first interurban trolley line to
invade the western slopes of the Willa-
mette Valley. The construction so far ac-
complished is also but the nucleus of
what is projected. When finished it will
be a widespread system that will bring
Portland markets closer to the farmers,
fruitmen and stockraisers of the Willa-
mette Valley and give them quick trans-
portation to this city.

A lateral of the Oregon Electric will be
pushed westward from the Forest Grove
branch to Tillamook and another road
will be built south from a junction with
the main line to the Upper Valley, where
it will connect with a road to be built
south from Salem to Eugene.

HERE'S A RED HOT ROAST

HOME PAPER CRITICISES SAN
FRANCISCO BALL TEAM.

Call Calls Seals of 1908 "Mollusks
of Diamond." Baseball Mechan-
ics, "Bone Broved Boys."

The baseball dopest of the San Fran-
cisco Call, in its recent issue, has
granted, although a 25-cent
increase was granted the few yardmen
who replaced the striking teamsters.

Today, however, the yard and dropmen
struck for \$2 an advance of 25 cents.
Their demands were refused, and the
plant closed down, but expects to re-
sume work Monday. The Northwestern
employs approximately 500 men.

When the sports are reviewing their New
Year's resolutions it would be a good, almost
a grand, idea for the local baseball man-
agers to get together and solemnly agree to
put a high-class ball team in San Francisco. This
would be a brilliant idea, but from what the
writer has seen of the Coast magnates, he is
led to believe that several of them are not
their long tuxedo.

When Ewing goes East he should try and
pick up a few ball players who can play ball.
This is no simple task, yet it should not be
beyond the powers of ordinary intelligence,
and a fair bank roll to land a ball team in
San Francisco that would at least be more
creditable than the recent one of the San Fran-
cisco owners have been painting off on the
San Francisco fans.

Truly it was a lovely bunch of duck wal-
lopers that carried San Francisco's baseball
team largely after the manner of Rip-
lin's gun bullocks. They could play the
sort of game that was in front of them, but
they could never create a situation which re-
quired more thinking than a canine yavling
right could do.

Baseball appeals to every class, and when
the rubber article is put before the public
they will patronize it liberally. But the duck-
waller article of ball served up to the fans
here last season was not the kind calculated
to entice those who attended the sport.

This may explain San Francisco's anx-
iety to part with several players who have
been offered to Portland.

PASSENGER AGENTS MEET

Representatives of Harriman Lines
Hold Family Meeting Here.

Harriman passenger agents throughout
the Pacific Northwest met yesterday in
the offices of William McMurray, general
passenger agent, for a "family" meeting,
to discuss matters in that department.
This policy is an innovation in this ter-
ritory and was adopted by Mr. Mc-
Murray. All sections of the territory
were represented and conditions generally
reviewed. Plans were made that will
be followed out during the new year by
the Harriman lines.

The representatives of the Harriman
roads in the various cities who were in
attendance at yesterday's conference
were: E. E. Ellis, general agent, Seat-
tle; R. Lee, agent, Tacoma; R. Burns,

district passenger agent, Walla Walla;
H. C. Munson, city ticket agent, Spo-
kane; C. W. Mount, general agent, Lewi-
ston; T. R. Nagle, traveling passenger
agent, Seattle; W. R. Skees, traveling pas-
senger agent, Spokane; C. F. Vandewater,
traveling passenger agent, Walla Walla;
William McMurray, general passenger
agent, Portland; John M. Scott, assist-
ant general passenger agent, Portland;
J. H. O'Neill, traveling passenger agent,
Portland; V. H. Jenkins, traveling pas-
senger agent, Portland; A. C. Jackson,
advertising agent, Portland; W. B. Wells,
manager Northwest department, Tuncel,
Portland; C. W. Stinger, city passenger
agent, Portland; and A. C. Martin, chief
clerk in Mr. McMurray's office, Portland.
The visiting agents were guests of Mr.
McMurray's luncheon yesterday at the
Commercial Club and they left for their
homes last night.

CONCRETE BRIDGE OPENED

Persons Afoot Allowed to Cross
East 28th-Street Structure.

A good many people took advantage
of the opening of the East Twenty-
eighth-street bridge across Sullivan's
Gulch yesterday to persons afoot, and
were glad of the opportunity afforded
thereby. The work has not been ac-
cepted by the city as yet, as there is a
question as to whether it is up to the
standard called for in the contract. In
order to allow the condition of the
structure, the Northwest Bridge Works,
the contracting company, caused it to
be thrown open to foot traffic yester-
day and also invited inspection of every
part of it by any who might desire to
learn more about it. Employees of the
company were on hand to explain the
various features of the bridge, which
is of reinforced concrete.

Mayor Lane and the members of the
bridge committee of the Executive
Board have held up acceptance of the
bridge because of suspicion that there
are defects in the workmanship. It
has caused an exhaustive investiga-
tion by a committee of three experts,
employed by the City Council for the
purpose. The experts reported ad-
versely to the bridge, but experts for
the contracting company have chal-
lenged the correctness of the state-
ments contained in the report of the
city's experts.

DUCK-HUNTER SHOT DEAD

Gun Discharged as He Sits in Boat
at South Bend.

SOUTH BEND, Wash., Jan. 2.—(Spe-
cial).—Sam Geer, a prominent logger
of this city, was accidentally shot dead
at 11 o'clock this morning while hunt-
ing ducks in Malheur Slough, near this
city, in company with Floyd Brown,
who is about 15 years old.

Geer's body lies at the morgue with
the top of the head blown away. Ac-
cording to young Brown's story Geer
was in the bow of the boat watching
for ducks, and his gun was lying across
one of the thwart seats behind him when
the accident happened. Geer leaves a
widow and four children.

The coroner is now conducting an
investigation to find whether an in-
quest will be held.

MEN STRIKE; MILL CLOSES

Northwestern Refuses Advance of
25 Cents a Day in Wages.

HOQUIAM, Wash., Jan. 2.—(Speci-
al).—A dozen or more teamsters at the
Northwestern Lumber Company's mill
struck yesterday for increased pay,
which was refused, although a 25-cent
increase was granted the few yardmen
who replaced the striking teamsters.

Today, however, the yard and dropmen
struck for \$2 an advance of 25 cents.
Their demands were refused, and the
plant closed down, but expects to re-
sume work Monday. The Northwestern
employs approximately 500 men.

REVIVAL WILL OPEN TODAY

Special Meetings to Be Held at Sun-
nyside Methodist Church.

Special meetings at the Sunnyside Meth-
odist Church, East Thirty-fifth and East
Yamhill streets, will open today, to con-
tinue for about three weeks. The mem-
bers of the Sunnyside Congregation
and Friends Churches have accepted in-
vitations to join in these meetings. Rev.
W. T. Euster, pastor of the Methodist
Church, will do the preaching. He has
large and successful experience in special

EXPLAINS HIS BID

President Josselyn Reviews
Lighting Situation.

PROPOSED RATE IS LOW

If Offer of Power Company Is Ac-
cepted, Buffalo Will Be Only
City in Country With Cheaper
Lights, It Is Declared.

President Benage S. Josselyn, of the
Portland Railway, Light & Power Com-
pany, believes in trying the merits of the
present lighting controversy with the
city fully before the people that they
may know the conditions. He
says in case the lights are turned off
by the company on the night of Jan-
uary 11, as they will be unless an ar-
rangement is reached with the Mayor,
he wants the people to know just why
such action was taken.

In going further into detail regard-
ing the lighting question yesterday,
President Josselyn said:

The Portland Railway, Light & Power
Company desires the public to be fully
informed in regard to the city lighting
question, so that in case the lights are
turned off on the night of January 11,
they will be fully advised of the reasons
therefor.

The first bid that was submitted to the
city early in September, and rejected by
the Executive Board, was on a basis of
\$25 per annum per lamp, which bid
would be reduced to \$20 per annum pro-
vided the city paid the lighting company's
cost under controversy. It will be re-
membered that the controversy over the
lighting bills grew out of the position
taken by the Mayor, whereby he believed
that the present are lamps, which took
the place of the old, were not up to the
track. On this point the City Attorney
has rendered an opinion against the po-
sition taken by the Mayor and Executive
Board.

The second bid for city lighting made
by the company, and opposed by the Ex-
ecutive Board November 23, was on exactly
the same basis as the first bid, except
that the rate of incandescent lighting
was changed from a flat rate of 80 much
per lamp per month to 25 cents per kilo-
watt hour meter measurement. If the
company was forced to contest its lighting
bills with the city, or at the rate of 25
cents per kilowatt hour meter measure-
ment, if the lighting bills in controversy
were paid, this change in order that the
city would only be required to pay the
actual current consumed.

When this matter was taken up by the
Lighting Committee of the City Council,
we agreed to still further moderate our
charges in order to insure that the city
would not be required to pay for incandescent
lighting in consideration of the company not
being required to install arc lamps at its
expense, at a greater distance than 600
feet from any existing arc lamp. The con-
tract which was made with the company
to install arc lamps at its ex-
pense a distance of 1200 feet from any
arc lamp then in use, and arc lamps in-
stalled, another 1200-foot extension could
be added thereto, which made the cost so
excessive that the city was practically
nothing for the care of the new
lamps and the electricity furnished.

On the 11th of December the city now
installed, the acceptance by the city of
our proposal to furnish the lamps at
\$28 each annum, and means a reduction
in the former rate of \$5.00 each, or a sav-
ing of \$28.00 per annum per lamp. It
would be still further increased proportion-
ately with the additional lamps that
may be installed above the 1200 foot in-
crease.

Statistics show that for all cities of the
size of Portland in the United States,
the average rate paid by them per
arc lamp is \$68.18 per year, or as high
as \$134.36 per year in Boston to \$35
per annum in Buffalo, which is fur-
nished by power from Niagara. The
cost to Portland under municipal man-
agement is \$62.50 per annum per lamp,
under the most favorable terms of the
contract, \$58.00 each per year.

The next lowest price is that of Clin-
ch, which is \$50.00 per annum per lamp.
If the bid of \$28 per annum made
by the company is accepted, it means that
Portland will be the only city in the
United States, with the one exception
mentioned, that will have a lower rate
than that of the city of Portland.

In order to meet the tremendous growth
of the city, in the furnishing of the
local street lighting, the company has more
than doubled its investment for the street
lighting, upon which additional interest
must be added.

In addition to the foregoing, it is per-
tinent to the subject of the Portland
Railway, Light & Power Com-
pany pays 4.56 per cent of all the city
taxes, computed on the basis of the net
results obtained from city lighting.

BEGINS SIXTEEN HOUSES

Rain Falls to Stop Gregory From
Carrying Out Plans.

Interest in real estate for the past
week seems to have been centered on the
East Side, and particularly at Gregory
Heights. As announced in The Oregonian
last week, material has already been de-
livered to this tract, ready to commence
construction of 160 houses. Sites have al-
ready been selected for 15 of them, and
excavation work will be begun at once.
The entire 80 acres is being cleared with
rapidity, and the property begins to look
like all of its highly improved neighbors.
This week the graders will begin sur-
facing the streets, so that by the end of the
week Gregory Heights will actually rank
with the many other Portland additions
recently platted.

There has been no let-up in the work of
the Gregory Investment Company.
Neither rain, holidays nor the east wind
has served to stop the vast amount of
improvement that was contemplated in
the original plans. Tomorrow after team-
load of lumber has been arriving every
day. As fast as it is delivered, the lum-
ber is distributed at the sites upon which
houses are about to be built.

"We mean business," said Mr. Gregory
yesterday. "It is our purpose to make
Gregory Heights one of the most pleasant
and excellently improved districts of
Portland, and we have planned it, al-
most exclusively, for those who have
been paying rent for years. We have
arranged our plans in such a way that
any wage-earner in the city can buy a
lot, and we will build him a home, on his
own plans or ours, payable in monthly
installments about equal to his present rent."

Gregory Heights is at the end of the
Rose City Park carline, where it is not
far from the city center. It is well
located for the comfort of purchasers and the carrying on
of the company's business. It has no other
office, and Mr. Gregory himself is always
to be found there.

LOUIS A. HEINSHEIMER, BANKER.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Louis A. Heins-
heimer, a member of the banking firm of
Kuhn, Loeb & Co., of this city, died to-
day after an operation for appendicitis.

Look on Pages 6 and 7 of the Society Section
For The Big Double Page Announcement of

Olds, Wortman & King's CLEARANCE SALE

This page—our usual location—too small for this "ad."

The sensational bargains that brought us yesterday by far the largest first day of any sale in the history of this store are still in force. Every one repeated, and Monday is sure to be busier than Saturday. Make your plans so that you will be able to attend early and take advantage of the cream of the bargains.