

NEW THEATER MAY RISE IN 6 MONTHS

Four Promoters Plan to Complete Local Showshop by End of the Year.

\$55,000 NOW SUBSCRIBED

Bond Sale to Raise \$70,000 Will Begin in Few Days—Lease of Seventh and Taylor Site Is Security.

Unless the plans of four men go awry, or a false estimate of the civic patriotism of Portlanders has been made, Portland will boast a first-class theater in six months. At least Calvin Felling, John M. Gearin, F. O. Downham and E. C. Mears, who comprise the Hellig Amusement Association, are confident the old Hellig Theater will, by January 1, 1910, be superseded by an imposing structure they plan to erect on the northwest corner of Seventh and Taylor streets. In their deliberations promptness plays an important part, for if the theater is not ready to receive its first audience before the knell of the present year sounds, Portland will lose all first-class attractions booked for 1910. The city people will be given the "go by" by the world's stellar thespians, top-notch songsters and song-birds, the cream of the higher-ups in tone and other art.

The building, ready to echo its first outburst of applause, will cost \$125,000, part of which, \$55,000, has already been subscribed. Will Portlanders purchase 6 per cent bonds to provide the remaining \$70,000? This is the important question that confronts the four men who have the enterprise in view, and they believe, in hand. Within three days the subscription list will be opened and a whirlwind canvass will be made. Whitehead fits the man-to-man solicitation to be followed by the promoters, for to build an imposing theater from the ground up in six months is a monster task and not a day can be lost even for dollar gleaning.

The bonds to be floated are protected by a 30-year lease which has been accepted by a security company as sufficient guarantee that the theater paper will not 6 per cent a year for the holders thereof, and said E. C. Mears is confident the purchase, "after the first 12 months the purchasers may sell them for 106."

Whether the theater will be called the New Hellig has not been decided, but that it will be new, modern, down to date, a peer of any first-class showshop in the Union for the money to be expended, is conceded by the promoters of the enterprise. It will be a strictly fireproof building, with wide aisles, and the foreword has been voiced. It will not contain an advertising canvass, as they were before the old Hellig was closed as unsafe, David Warfield in "The Music Master" would be heard here next December. In the summer of 1910, he will "pass up" Portland for Seattle, where three first-class theaters can accommodate him with the pomp and "business" in stage rank. Meanwhile, until the next Baker Stock Company season opens the Bungalow will be at the command of the Northwestern Theatrical Association, who control the place of amusement on the Coast. Thereafter all first-class attractions will have to be turned down for want of a stage. If the new theater is built by January 1, 1910, the high-class amusement famine will then end; if delays are encountered in the construction of the building or if the ambitions of the promoters are placed in the death of high-grade entertainment will be prolonged for another year, for stellar acts are, with few exceptions, booked 12 months ahead.

Aside from the intrinsic value of the bonds to be sold to make the new theater a possibility within six months, the promoters offer substantial security in document. Every bondholder will be entitled to purchase seats for any attraction one day previous to the opening of the general sale.

DEPOT IS NEARLY DONE

East Side Plans Jolification Over Completion of Structure.

At a special meeting of the East Side Improvement Association held in the office of the vice-president, Joseph Buchtel, on East Morrison street yesterday, much enthusiasm was manifested over the near completion of the new East Side depot, on East First between East Morrison and Alder streets. As this project was initiated and carried to a successful consummation by this organization, a committee consisting of W. L. Rose, Joseph Buchtel, H. E. Newhall, C. H. Rafferty and Thomas Hileop was appointed to see General Manager J. P. O'Brien and make arrangements for the proper celebration of the formal opening of this new depot. Arrangements for this celebration contemplate engaging the Peninsula Band and sending invitation to all the East Side civic organizations to participate.

The depot is now nearing completion, and will probably be ready for the formal opening by July 1. It is a handsome structure, fully carrying out General Manager O'Brien's promise that the depot would be one of the most attractive on the lines of the Harriman system. It is all the more important for the reason that within a year all the West Side as well as East Side trains of the Southern Pacific will enter Portland through the East Side, as work is going forward on the railroad bridge at Oswego and on the Willamette-Heavenside branch. When this is done it is estimated double the number of trains will pass through East Portland than at present.

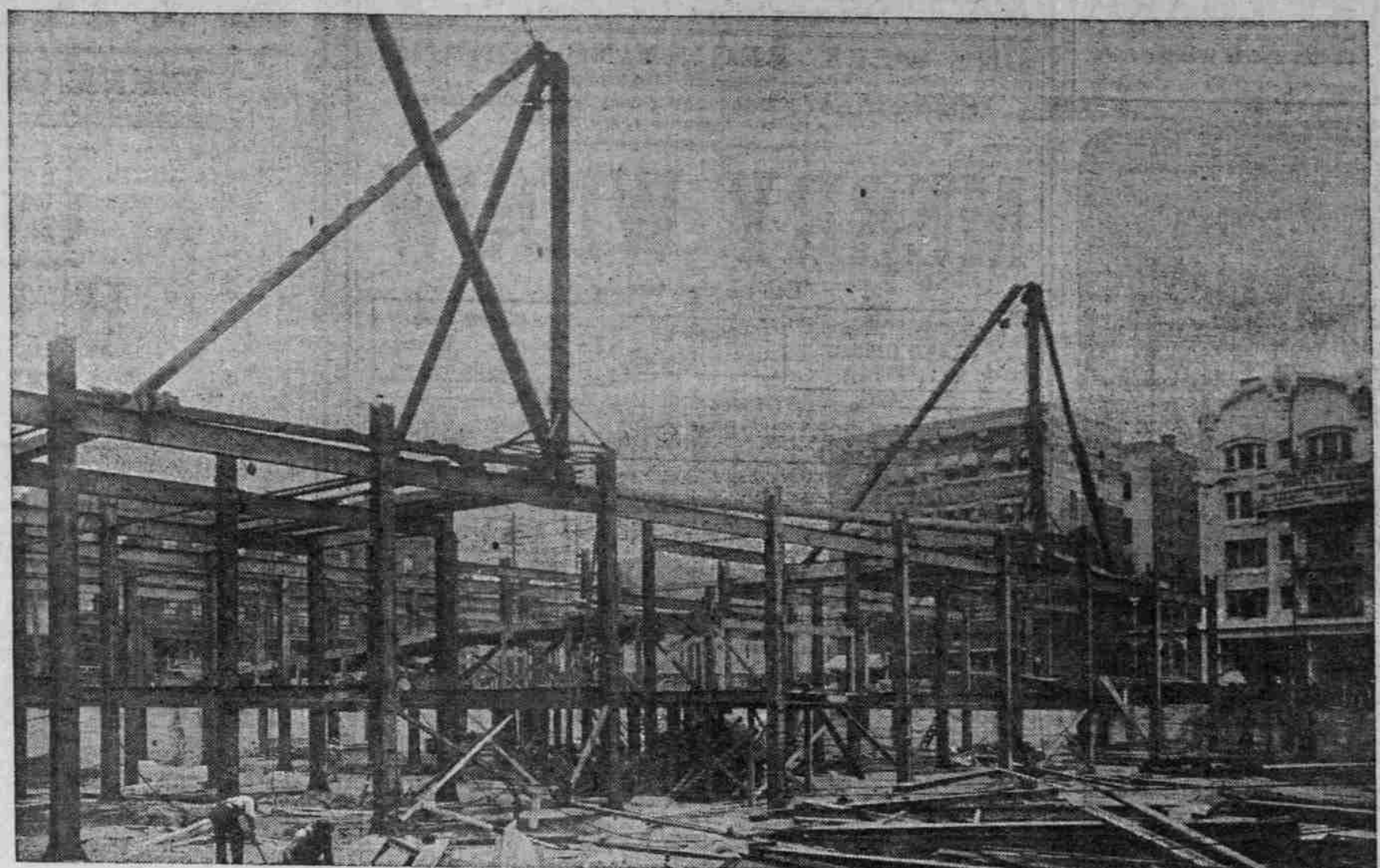
Building Is Dismantled.

Thirteen steel pillars, a vault, two brick walls, portion of a partition and the flooring is all that is left of the old Canterbury building, at Second and Washington streets, which is being razed rapidly. Only two more working days will suffice to clear the site when excavation will be begun for the 12-story building to be erected there.

Bishop Will Not Serve.

WASHINGTON, June 19.—Bishop Warren A. Chandler, of Atlanta, Ga., today declined to serve as arbitrator between the Georgia Railway and its firemen, and the arbitrators agreed upon David C. Barrow, chancellor of the University of Georgia, as the third arbitrator.

BIG STRUCTURE RISES RAPIDLY.



STEEL GIRDERS FOR THE FIRST TWO FLOORS OF THE OLDS, WORTMAN & KING BUILDING ON PENNOYER BLOCK ARE IN PLACE.

SIGLER TALKS TAXES

COUNTY ASSESSOR DESCRIBES THE LOCAL SITUATION.

Five Per Cent of Statements False, He Declares—Official Re-counts Hardships.

County Assessor B. D. Sigler, in an address before the Men's Club of the First Congregational Church last Tuesday evening, reviewed the personal property situation in Portland, interspersing his remarks with examples of hard experiences thrust upon an official who delves into values. He blamed the County Court, the City Council, the Port of Portland and other bodies for taxation which he deems excessive. He said in part:

When I say to you that last year my office had to take care of about 30,000 personal property statements, 25 per cent of which were arbitrary, and five per cent of those were false, and which I was in justice to other taxpayers, compelled to re-assess, you can at least partially realize a small part of the labor involved. I assure you it is not pleasant to walk into the office of a large or small wholesale or retail dealer and practically say to the owner or manager, "I did not believe you when under oath, you stated your personal property was worth so many dollars on the first day of March, and like the man from Missouri, you must show me." Otherwise the valuation I have made will probably stand on the roll as it is, since I can assure you that under the law, the Assessor does not have to prove his valuation is correct, but you have to prove it incorrect, the burden of proof resting as it does on you.

To illustrate: I had a statement sent in by a prominent business house in this city that was about as follows:

Merchandise on hand.....\$40,000
Money, notes and accounts.....\$25,000
Raising his value for merchandise to \$75,000, money, notes and accounts, \$50,000. When the time for investigation came, he was very willing to show me that \$40,000 was ample for merchandise, but when I asked him to show me that \$40,000 was the amount of the accounts, etc., he demurred, and at least intimated that I was too inquisitive. I told him that he must be mistaken, since, if that were the case, he would not appear on the roll and suggested to him that possibly some employee had either made a statement, or had destroyed the blank. He ran his office on business principles, insinuating, of course, that I did not run mine along these lines. I investigated the matter and found that his company owed two years' taxes to which of course penalty and interest had been added, which seemed to add to his anger, and that there was no file in the

office a statement for both years, one signed by himself and the other by his cashier, and there had been no change made in the returned values.

They, who make the levy, and they alone are responsible for the amount of your taxes, and these officials are to be commended if your taxes are low, and censured if too high. They should know the amount of money it will take to run their department in an economical manner, and only make such a levy as will produce that sum.

The amount of money required by the state is, of course, due to the action of the Legislature and the County Court must make a levy large enough to cover the country's share. The same is true of the state school fund, which is fixed by law at so much per inhabitant of school age. Therefore, your County Court is not responsible for these two items, but it is responsible for the amount levied for and expended in the general fund, which last year amounted to \$708,553, in which is included \$377,000 for a new Courthouse. It is also responsible for the amount levied for roads, which last year amounted to \$220,000. The Port of Portland Commission is responsible for \$278,917 of the amount you paid this year. The County Library Board for \$30,700, although the County Court makes this levy, it does so at the Board's request.

The City Council is responsible for the city levy, which it makes after His Honor, the Mayor, and his Executive Board have carefully and prayerfully gone over the estimates furnished them by the heads of the different departments, and have recommended the amount each department should receive. This cost you this year \$1,424,500, an increase over the amount received the previous year of \$207,000. In addition to this income received from direct taxation, the city also receives from licenses and kindred charges about \$380,000, which makes your city government cost you directly and indirectly a little over \$2,000,000 this year, and with a few more bond issues, it will grow beautifully more.

Your, my dear taxpayer, are now going to shoulder some of this responsibility, since I suppose you attended the annual farce held at the High School where you voted, and you always do, whatever levy the School Board recommends, which this year cost you \$1,094,750, an increase over last year of \$371,740, or a trifle over 37 per cent.

This, I think, finishes up the list, and while I suppose you probably all knew this was the state of affairs, it is well, I believe, to call to our minds, "lest we forget, lest we forget," who really is responsible for the \$4,507,627 for direct taxes, which the property of Multnomah County is paying this year, and which I might remark is an increase over last year of \$1,337,618, or 41.2 per cent.

On account of this, to say the least, seeming extravagance, I had a bill prepared and introduced in the Legislature, which provided taking 30 per cent of the true cash value for assessment purposes and calling it the "Assessable Value." We would then have shown on our assessment and tax rolls both the true and assessable value. Had it passed, I believe it would have had a deterring effect on the tax-levying bodies; and in some cases, where the levy is limited to a certain number of mills for all purposes, as is the case in this city, it would have saved the taxpayers money. If we had had such a law last December, the city tax could not have been more than \$1,075,000, a saving of about \$350,000.

However, the bill failed to pass. The old law is in effect. I have sworn to obey it. The members of the Board of Equalization have done likewise, and as long as the law remains as it is, and I am Assessor, just so long will I continue to assess property as I have done in the past.

Tomorrow (Monday) is positively the last day for discount on East Side Gas Bills. Read Gas Tips.

BIG PROJECT IS URGED

HOME FOR OREGON HISTORICAL SOCIETY MAY MATERIALIZE.

United East Side Push Clubs to Assemble Soon to Launch Enterprise.

East Side Push Clubs have started a movement to further the erection of a home for the Oregon Historical Society and also an auditorium at some point on the other side of the river. It has been decided to call a convention of the clubs, to be held under the auspices of the United East Side Push Clubs, to consider ways and means for such a building. The subject was broached at Sellwood by J. W. Campbell, who referred it to the Sellwood Board of Trade. Frank J. Motter, of the East Twenty-fourth-Street Improvement Association, spoke strongly for the movement, saying:

"I do not think anything of greater importance to the city and the entire state could have been started than a movement to provide a home for the Oregon Historical Society, where there will be an auditorium for public conventions. But the important feature is to build a fitting place for the specimens and historical documents of Oregon. Already at the City Hall is a collection of great value. I am sure a large building could be filled with valuable specimens and of products and documents, representative of this state."

SPIRITISM FINDS DEFENDER

Adventist Preacher Shows Faith in the Supernatural.

Asa Oscar Tait, editor of the Signs of the Times Monthly, spoke from the pulpit of the East Portland Seventh Day Adventist Church, East Eleventh and East Everett streets, yesterday morning. He referred to the time, more than a half century ago, when spirit rappings were first reported heard by three sisters at Hydesville, N. Y., and remarked that at that time the Adventists predicted the spread of spiritism, although it was looked upon by scientific men as a fraud. While referring to the practices of the cult as the sophistries of the devil, the speaker said the day will come when it will be considered blasphemy to speak against them.

"Within the last year," continued the speaker, "there is scarcely a magazine of note which has not printed articles written by scientific men, commending spiritism. Mr. Stead, the great Journalist, has become so enthusiastic over spiritism that he has opened a clearing house in London, where those

wishing to communicate with the spirit world may do so."

Mr. Tait also spoke of the \$32,000,000 drawn into the trusts in the last four years, and, quoting from James V. said that the kings of finance are "heaping together treasure for the last days."

Fourth of the property value of the United States is now in the hands of the trusts, said the speaker.

"On the board of directors of the corporations managing this great amount there are only about 100 men," he continued, "and when the matter is considered down, about a dozen are manipulating affairs. Of these, three stand out as the great moneyed kings, who can create a panic over night at will. This is one of the great signs of these times, spoken of in the Bible."

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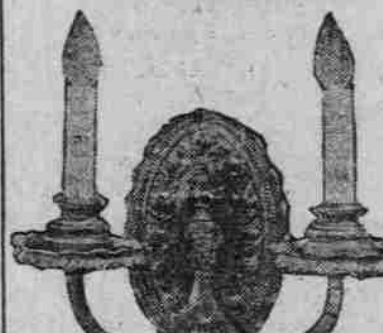
After Walking Most of Night, Take Train and Carriage.

DAVID CITY, Neb., June 19.—Father Kline, who with Bishop Bonacum and Father O'Brien was forced by a mob to leave Ulysses last night, arrived here early today and drove from David City to Brainerd. He reported that the three walked last night to Garrison, where Bishop Bonacum and Father O'Brien were reported to have taken a train for Lincoln.

Saddle Mountain Trail Completed.

ASTORIA, Or., June 19.—(Special).—Building of the trail from the main Nehalem Valley road to the summit of Saddle Mountain, has been completed. The trail has already been used by a number of tourists, as well as by surveyors of the Coast Geodetic Survey, who have re-established the heliograph station at a height of 3190 feet. This station was first established about 35 years ago, but was later destroyed by people who visited the summit of the mountain.

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