

BIG GAINS SHOWN

Building Permits for 1909 Are 22 Per Cent in Lead.

INCREASE IS \$290,829

Site Sales for Week Treble Construction Total—All Months of Present Year but Two Exceed 1908 Issue.

Comparison of the building permits issued during the first seven months of 1908 with the construction record of a similar period this year shows Portland's activity has increased nearly 22 per cent. The actual gain is \$290,829. Further exemplifying the big strides forward made by the city every month of this year thus far with the exception of January and July has exceeded the corresponding month of last year.

Table with columns for month, number of permits, and value. Totals for 1908 and 1909 are shown at the bottom.

The number of permits issued during the first seven months of 1908 exceeded the permits issued thus far this year by 406, but this is not regarded as a decline, alterations and repairs last year outnumbering that type of progress in evidence in 1908.

Building permits for the half year totaling an encouraging figure, real estate transfers also come to the front, site sales recorded last week trebling the amount of building permits. The reverse is usually the rule, and the sudden transposition of figures is a satisfaction to realty dealers who predicted a record extraordinary for July.

Building permits issued last week amounted to \$107,160, as follows: Monday, \$17,850; Tuesday, \$17,125; Wednesday, \$17,850; Thursday, \$17,125; Friday, \$23,825; Saturday, \$18,560.

The issue in detail by days was as follows: Monday, July 26. East Twenty-first street, between Tillamook and Hancock, E. J. Ehlens, builder, erect two-story frame dwelling, \$5500.

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ONE HOME GAINS ANOTHER

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Working steadily for more than a year and a half with their own inexperienced hands on a tiny house and after success crowned their efforts selling the abode for a sum almost sufficient for the construction of a magnificent home was the experience of Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Marshall of Archer Place on the Mount Scott line.

When Marshall began his homebuilding, Archer Place had only hourly car service and Mount Scott car service and boasts of two schoolhouses, one at Archer and one at Creston, the 24 rooms of which are taxed to accommodate the pupils of the district.

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MANHATTAN BEACH advertisement featuring a map of the area and text describing the real estate opportunities. Includes 'WASHINGTON COLUMBIA RIVER', 'ASTORIA', 'GEARHART', 'SEASIDE', 'TILLAMOOK HEAD', 'BLK CREEK', 'CANNON ARCH CAPE', 'NEHALEM MANHATTAN LAKE LYTLE', 'BAYOCEAN PARK', 'PULLMAN BAY'.

MANHATTAN REALTY CO.

264 Stark Street, Portland, Or. Phone us for information—Main 392.

BANDON NOW LIVELY TOWN

Survey of Railroad to Port Orford Arouses Activity in All Lines. BANDON, Or., July 31.—(Special)—Building and improvement are active in Bandon and the surveying of the proposed railroad between Bandon and Port Orford has added a new impetus to business. The engineers have gone far enough with the survey to insure an easy grade, and construction of the road will be several hundred dollars a mile cheaper than had been estimated.

NEGRO SLEEPS IN BERTH

Colored Interloper Almost Causes Race War in Pullman Car. A singular and interesting incident occurred yesterday on the Southern Pacific train No. 16, an incident that may eventually come to establish the rights or rather tolerance of negro passengers on the Pullman service.

E. M. BROWN IS SECRETARY

Iowa Man to Manage Y. M. C. A. Affairs at University of Oregon. UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Or., July 31.—(Special)—Edwin M. Brown, a graduate of Morningside College, Iowa, has been elected general secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association of the University of Oregon.

ONE-STORY COTTAGE BUILT IN 18 MONTHS BY MAN AND WIFE BRINGS SUM SUFFICIENT FOR FINE RESIDENCE.



HOME BUILT BY MR. AND MRS. F. I. MARSHALL AT ARCHER PLACE.

TWELVE HOUSES BURNED

W. E. Cooke, of Portland, Heavy Loser in Klamath Fire. ASHLAND, Or., July 31.—Twelve houses, which cost from \$1500 to \$5000 each, were burned in a disastrous fire at the abandoned lumbering town of Klamath, on the Klamath River, over the state line south of Ashland, yesterday noon. The fire is supposed to have been started by children playing in the dry grass, communicating to the buildings, and as there was no means to fight the flames and few people to do it, all the buildings directly in their path were burned.

NELSON IS NOT SIMPKINS

Prisoner Released After Word is Received From Idaho. THE DALLES, Or., July 31.—(Special)—Nels Nelson, arrested here several days ago at the instance of a contractor for Porter Brock, on suspicion of being Jack Simpkins, alleged to have been implicated in the killing of Governor Steunenberg, of Idaho, was released from custody this morning.

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MOSELEY ADDITION

56 Large Slightly Lots in the Heart of Sellwood. Fronting on Milwaukie street, ranging in price from \$250 up, are now offered for sale on terms of 10 per cent cash and 2 per cent per month. Nearly All of These Splendid Lots Have a Frontage of Over 62 Feet. Bull Run water—20 minutes' trolley ride to business section, 5-cent fare. For home sites or investment these lots are matchless at the price. Remember, there are but 56 of these splendid lots in this tract. They won't last long; Let us show you.

J. O. ELROD, (Owner)

519-520-521 Corbett Building. Phones Main 6173, A 3624.

THE SHAW-FEAR COMPANY

Capital Stock \$50,000.00 Surplus Fund \$50,000.00 NOW OFFER BEAVERTON-REEDVILLE ACREAGE

the most extensive, the most fertile and the most highly improved, as to roads and street, of any acreage in the vicinity of Portland. Why go 40 to 60 minutes out and buy a town lot, when we offer an acre of the finest land in Oregon, and only 40 minutes' ride from Fourth and Stark streets, at the same price? Why go 40 to 60 miles out to engage in intensive farming and be compelled to ship your produce and depend wholly upon commission men, when we can sell, at the same price, land that lies beautifully, wonderfully fertile soil and within the 10-mile circle of the City of Portland? Investigate BEAVERTON-REEDVILLE ACREAGE, 3600 acres of beautiful land, platted into tracts of 1/2 to 20 acres each, with a completed road along each tract, and located 40 minutes out on the Fourth-Street Railway, 5 trains each way per day. Now selling in such sized tracts as you desire at from \$100 to \$300 per acre, 10 per cent cash, balance to suit purchaser. Call at our office, 245 1/2 STARK STREET and arrange to go with one of our representatives and examine this property.