

# SKYSCRAPERS WILL SOON ADORN CITY

T. B. Wilcox Announces 12-Story Structure for Sixth and Washington.

## BIG BUILDINGS GROUPED

Report of New Lipman-Wolfe Store Comes in Conjunction With Other Plans for Giant Edifices.

Great developments are assured for Portland in the way of the erection of giant buildings all over the city, but especially in the heart of the business district bounded by Third, Seventh, Washington and Morrison streets. Following directly the announcement that Lipman, Wolfe & Co. will erect an eight or twelve-story structure on Fifth street, between Washington and Alder streets, comes another definite statement from T. B. Wilcox, president of the Portland Flouring Mills Company, of another great structure.

Mr. Wilcox stated definitely yesterday that on March 1, 1911, he will start erecting a handsome 12-story office building on the 50x100 feet owned by him at the southeast corner of Sixth and Washington streets. Mr. Wilcox says that he would commence building even earlier than this date if the leases permitted, but leases on a part of the property extend to March 1, 1911, and so work cannot be started until that time.

"The cost is of no real consideration," said Mr. Wilcox. "I am going to start on that date and build the finest office building in Portland on that corner, and it will cost what it costs and I will let that take care of itself. I wish I could start building right away, but until the leases expire I am not able to do so."

Most Valuable Corner Lot.

This corner is regarded as one of the most valuable in the city and when Mr. Wilcox purchased it the price paid was the record price for Portland, \$250,000 being paid for the 50x100 feet or \$50 a square foot. This price still stands as the record for Portland realty, but Mr. Wilcox himself, it is said, made an offer of even more than this amount for the Brown property, \$310,000, adjoining on the south. He recently offered \$275,000, but this was rejected. The inside lot is at present occupied by the Olds, Wortman & King annex.

The announcement of the Lipman, Wolfe & Co. building adds much to the value of properties on Fifth street. The firm has been contemplating a move for some time. Two weeks ago, Doyle & Patterson, architects, were commissioned to prepare the plans and until then nothing had been definitely settled concerning the move. Now work is going ahead on the plans and the building will be eight and possibly 12 stories in height.

The plans call for a building of steel and concrete, two floors of ornate fixtures and a clean cut, well lined, concrete building. The exterior will be of warm gray brick, with cream white terra cotta trimmings and terra cotta finish on the two lower floors and the top floor. Absolutely fireproof in construction, the structure will be doubly protected by a sprinkler system. Six passenger elevators will be installed, along with a freight and sidewalk elevators, parcel chutes, and all the requirements for a first-class office building.

The lease given is for 20 years by O'Shea brothers, William O'Donnell and the Corbett estate. The building is estimated to cost \$200,000 with from \$150,000 to \$200,000 for the store fixtures to be installed. The work cannot be started until the Olds, Wortman & King structure on Tenth and Alder is completed, which will be in the course of a few months.

The building will have a floor space of 150,000 feet, even if it is but eight stories high. The frontage of 200 feet on the west side of Fifth street and 100 feet on both Washington and Alder streets gives a space of 20,000 feet to the floor and the basement is also to be used for retail purposes.

## HOMES DOT SLOPE

Willamette Heights Site for Many Fine Dwellings.

## BEST LOCATIONS TAKEN

Fifty Residences Built in High-Class District in Year—Blytheswood Active Section—Double House Complete.

Many handsome residences have been built in the last several months on Willamette Heights. Now that residence additions is so crowded with handsome homes that there are but few desirable locations for dwellings left, save in the western part of the addition. This section was recently placed on the market and is becoming the scene of active building operations.

It is estimated that between 40 and 50 residences, varying in cost from \$5000 to \$20,000, have been built on Willamette Heights within the last year. In Blytheswood, to the west of Willamette Heights proper, there is a large tract which was opened recently. Now this section is the scene of the most active home building in the city.

A fine residence costing between \$20,000 and \$25,000 is being erected there for P. Sorenson. Another fine home is the Huntington residence, about completed, near the end of the Willamette Heights carline. There are many others for which the foundations have been laid.

Among the finer homes is the \$12,000 residence of Charles E. Rumelin, located on the southwest corner of Thirty-second and Thurman streets in Willamette Heights. It was designed by Knighiton & Root and is a beautiful example of a modern English half-timber dwelling.

The exterior, colored light chocolate, is covered with siding, while the porches and gables are all half-timbered with plastered panels. All the exterior wood-work is stained a dark chocolate. The massive red brick chimneys, with stone trimmings, capped with the old-fashioned English chimney pots, lend a charm to the house and the entire exterior effect is harmonious.

Double Home Complete.

Among the features of the residences in this addition is an artistic double \$5000 home, built for the joint occupancy of George H. Fairbrother and his son-in-law, Harry T. Humphrey, on Vaughn street, just east of Thirty-first street. It contains two separate apartments, arranged for the use of two families.

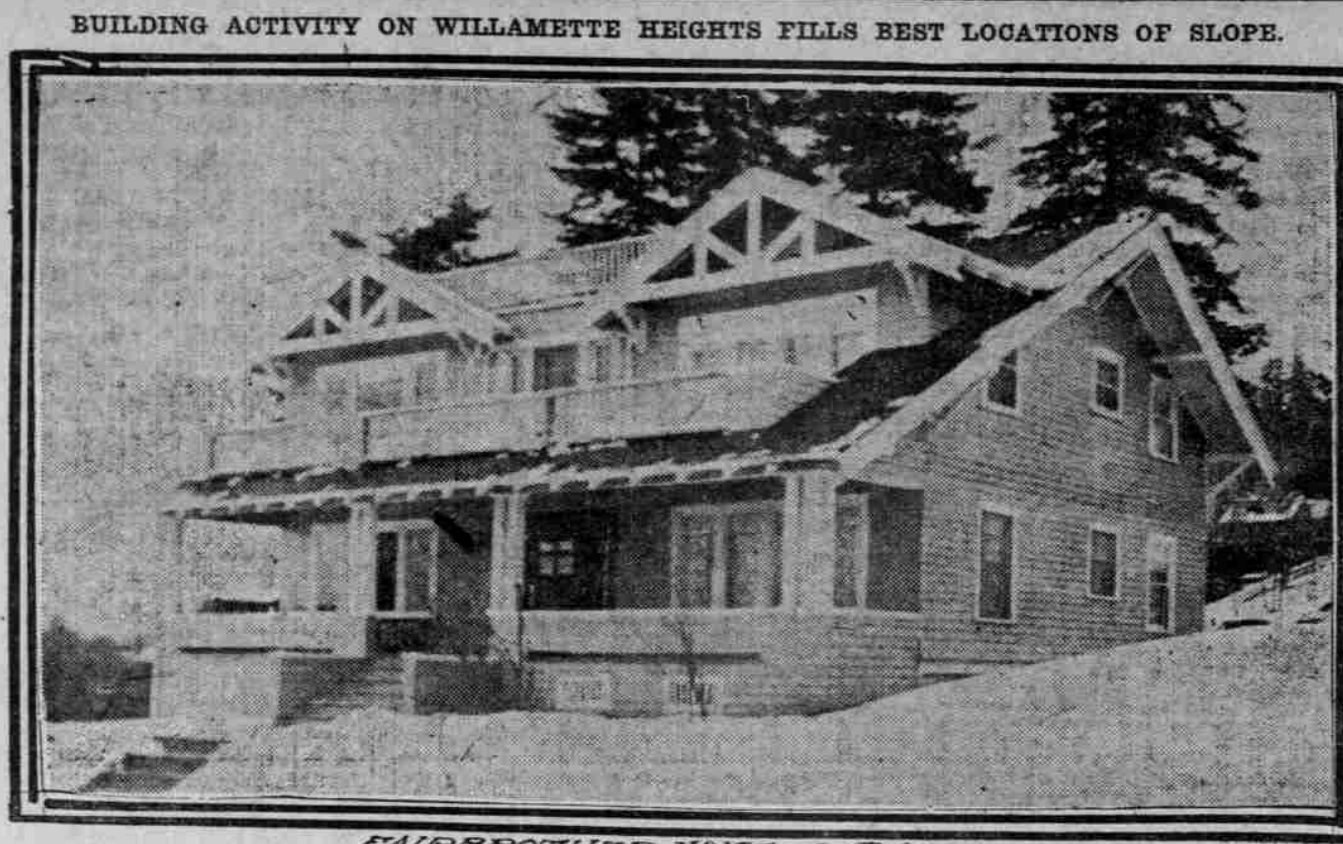
The building was erected by the Roberts Construction Company. Each of the apartments contains five rooms, while the apartments are similar in detail of arrangement and design. The dining-rooms are handsomely paneled and have plate rails, built-in buffets, while in the living-rooms there are large open fireplaces with red brick mantels, built-in window seats and bookcases, and cornice ceilings.

The rooms are tinted in colors to harmonize with the hangings, while the bedrooms are finished in white enamel. The apartments are equipped with linen closets, tiled baths and all modern conveniences.

The front porch has a barrel-vaulted, plaster-paneled ceiling and opens directly into the main vestibule and hall, 12x23 feet, and is finished in white enamel and mahogany. On the first floor is the living-room, 15x23 feet, finished in ivory white with a mantel of Rookwood tile. The dining-room and library, 14x17 and 12x22 feet, respectively, are finished in tobacco brown, the dining-room having a buffet with leaded-glass doors and plate-glass shelves. In the library is a large bricked fireplace flanked on either side with bookcases with leaded-glass doors and movable shelves.

Another pretty home in Willamette Heights is the Harry S. McCracken residence located on Raleigh street near Twenty-ninth street. It is a California bungalow of six rooms designed and built by W. L. Morgan. The bungalow is of the mission type and is arranged with an interior Dutch effect.

The home is thoroughly modern and has wide tiled and bricked fireplaces, all the modern built-in conveniences, and all the appointments of a down-to-date home. The large living-room, with a wide tiled fireplace, has heavily beamed ceilings while the dining-room is handsomely paneled and tinted. The sleeping rooms are finished in white enamel.



FAIRBROTHER HOME, 30th & VAUGHN STS.



CHAS. RUMELIN, 32nd & THURMAN STS.



HARRY McCRAKEN 1022 RALEIGH ST.

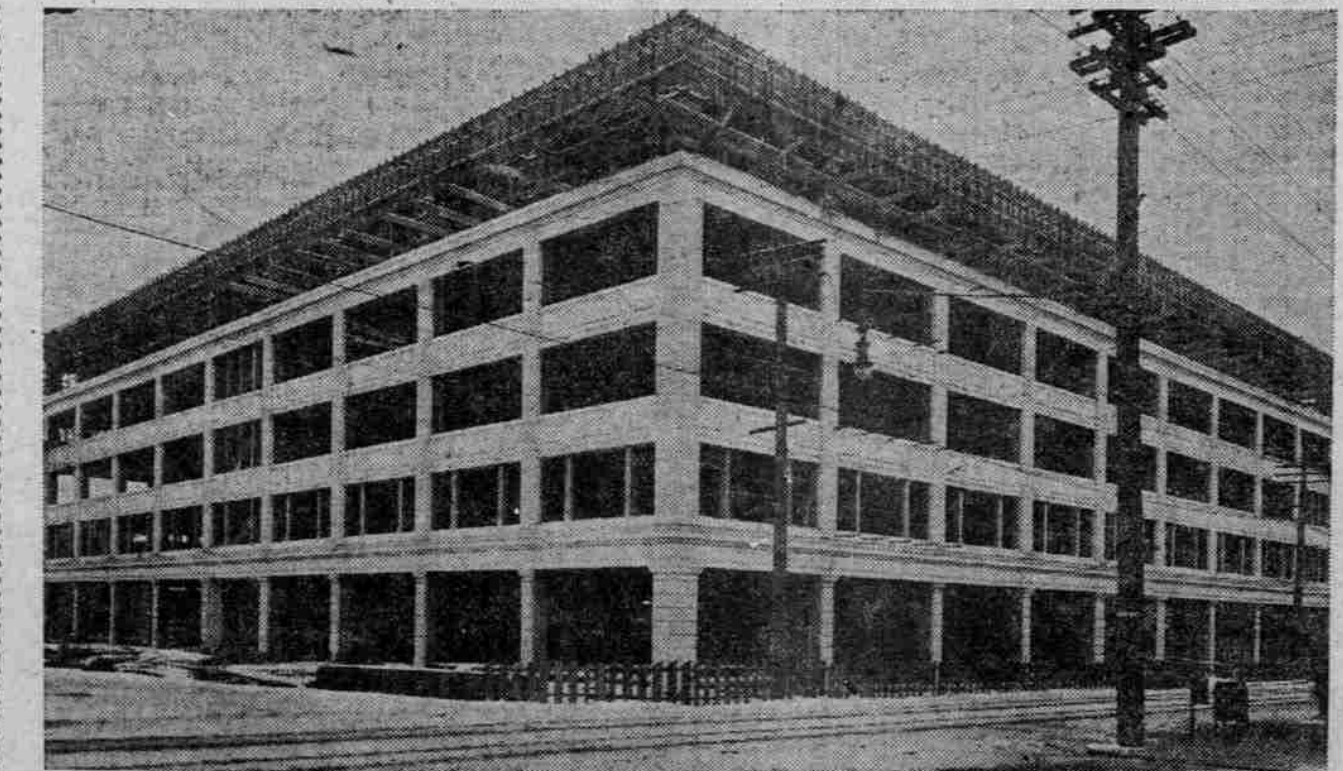
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## FINE DEPARTMENT STORE AT WEST PARK AND MORRISON STREETS NEARS COMPLETION.



OLDS, WORTMAN & KING BUILDING.

The Olds, Wortman & King building being erected in the block bounded by West Park, Tenth, Morrison and Alder streets, is rapidly nearing completion. Within the last few weeks the work has progressed to such a point that little remains to be done except interior work, the putting in of windows, etc. The big structure, occupying an entire block and five stories in height, will have 240,000 feet of floor space, including the large basement under the structure. On the completion of the building the old-established retail store will make the pioneer move into this district, which is said to be the future business center of the city by many of those who have watched for years the growth of the city in a westward direction.

# 1800 Shade Trees

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## NEW COMPANY TO BUILD

CECILIA BUILDING CONCERN TO ERECT APARTMENTS.

Site at Twenty-second and Glisan to Be Improved With Four-Story Brick Structure.

A company composed of Benjamin I. Cohen, W. F. Fliedner and W. L. Morgan, has been organized for the purpose of building a high-class apartment house at the southeast corner of Twenty-second and Glisan streets. The company is organized under the name of the Cecilia Building Company, and on the 50 by 100-foot site which has been secured will erect a four-story apartment house, costing \$45,000.

The property was formerly owned by Benjamin I. Cohen, who has sold it to the Cecilia Building Company for \$12,000. W. L. Morgan, the secretary of the new building company, has been commissioned to prepare the plans for the structure. It will be of mill construction, 50 by 100 feet in size, four stories high, and built of pressed brick all around. It will be a high-class apartment house, thoroughly modern in every detail and equipped with the latest apartment-house fixtures.

There will be 20 three-room suites in the building, all nicely finished and conveniently arranged. An automatic elevator for passenger service will be installed. Work will be started in the near future. Mr. Cohen is the president of the new company, Mr. Fliedner the vice-president and Mr. Morgan the secretary.

New Sales Manager Secured.

The Alameda Land Company announces that, beginning January 1, a

new sales manager, Lauren T. Tuttle, will have charge of the sales in Alameda Park. Mr. Tuttle is well known among the advertising men on the Coast. He came to Portland a year ago from San Francisco, and took charge of the streetcar advertising in the Oregon district. The new position, it is stated, offers Mr. Tuttle larger opportunities.

PROFIT APPARENT IN SALES

East Side Quarter Block Is Sold for \$32,000.

A purchase on Belmont street commensurate yesterday shows the great increase in value of East Side properties. J. G. Edwards, a wealthy sheepman of Hay Creek, Oregon, who has been investing heavily in Portland real estate during the last year, has purchased a quarter block at the northwest corner of Grand avenue and Belmont street from E. J. Daly, Dan J. Malarkey and Roger B. Sinton for \$35,000. The property is vacant and will be improved in the spring by Mr. Edwards with a brick building covering the entire quarter block. The structure will be a three or four story block for stores and apartments or rooms. The sale was negotiated through the office of E. J. Daly.

Three quarters of a block, of which this property is a part, was purchased by Mr. Edwards with a brick building three years ago for \$5,000. The quarter block at the southeast corner of East Morrison and Union avenue was purchased by Markell & Company for \$35,000. Then J. D. Healy bought the quarter block at the southwest corner of East Morrison street and Grand avenue for \$41,000, and now the third quarter block and the last held by Messrs. Daly, Malarkey and Sinton is sold to Mr. Edwards for \$35,000. These sales represent a total return of \$110,000 from the investment of \$55,000 and show a profit of \$55,000 in the three years. All these sales were negotiated through Mr. Daly's office, who has also sold to Mr. Edwards in the last few months two other parcels of Portland real estate at an aggregate cost of \$110,000.

## EILERS PLAN TO BUILD

FIRM WILL IMPROVE ENTIRE HALF BLOCK ON SIXTEENTH.

Business House and Stables to Be Erected Adjoining Present Warehouse.

Plans are being prepared by Architects Gibson & Cahill for a three-story brick building, 55 by 90 feet, to be erected at the northeast corner of Sixteenth and Pettygrove streets by the Eilers Piano House. The lower floors will be divided into three rooms, to be used for store purposes, while the upper floors will be used for a rooming-house with 25 rooms to each floor.

On the same block the Eilers Piano House is now erecting a large six-story factory building, which is nearing completion. Between the two structures, on the rest of the half block owned by the same company, a two-story brick building will be erected, the lower portion to be used for stable purposes and the upper portion for loft and storage. Plans will be ready in a short time. The two new structures will cost \$20,000.

Sale at Third and Everett.

Deeds were filed last week for the transfer of 50 by 100 feet at the northeast corner of Third and Everett streets to Eugene Hoch. The property, lot 2, block 15, Couch Addition, was bought from Charles B. Harris for \$42,000. The site is improved with stores and a rooming-house, and is leased at \$20 a month for a short term to the Gambinus Brewery. Mr. Hoch bought the property as an investment, through the agency of Goldsmith & Co.

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