

FINE HOMES RISE AT MOUNT TABOR

Slightly District on East Side Undergoes Big Development in Past Few Months.

PAVING COSTS \$200,000

Three Dwellings Completed at Total Outlay of \$100,000—Other Beautiful Residences Rise. Park to Be Developed.

Mount Tabor is rapidly becoming one of the most popular residence districts of the East Side. Slow to get started, it has improved rapidly since the Morrison Addition was opened and thrown on the market a few months ago.

Prior to the opening of Belmont street there were no direct streets running in Tabor Heights or to the proposed park, but with the prospects of extending the street, property owners in that district improved with hard-surface pavements.

Elaborate Homes Are Built.

B. S. Josselyn, who purchased the Massachusetts building and grounds north of Belmont street in the Morrison Addition, has completely transformed the building and grounds at a large expense.

Further eastward on the higher levels of Mount Tabor many new residences costing from \$2500 and upward have been built since the Morrison Addition was placed on the market.

On East Fifty-fifth and East Yamhill streets Robert Brooks is completing a fine residence, which will cost completed \$20,000. There is a cement foundation and the superstructure is partly of red pressed brick above the first floor.

This building is in the same class with the home of E. B. Cobb on the east side of East Fifty-fifth, which, with the grounds, cost over \$20,000. The new home of C. H. Chick on Belmont and East Fifty-fifth streets, costing \$20,000, has been completed.

Access the street from Mr. Chick's home is the home of D. E. Galbraith, which has just been finished and is now occupied. Another high-class residence has been started at Belmont and East Fifty-second streets, which will cost about \$15,000.

Henceforth only high-class residences probably will be built at Mount Tabor, as the value of the property has been increasing rapidly the past few years.

It is such that the roads to be graded through the park will start as they will connect with East Yamhill and East Sixtieth streets and indirectly with Belmont and pass around the park as a gentle grade to the top.

Included in the plans to make beautiful the Mount Tabor Park is a cascade between the upper and lower new reservoirs, which will add to the attractiveness. The plan of the drive has placed the road along the margin of the upper reservoir.

Two School Buildings Rise. It is considered almost certain that East Stark, or the city end of the Base Line road, will be improved next year, from its present end at East Forty-third street.

At East Sixtieth and East Ash streets the district is completing the Mount Tabor schoolhouse, started two years ago, to take the place of the old building on East Stark and East Sixtieth streets, which was destroyed by fire.

BIG PROGRESS IS MADE

LAURELHURST ADDITION WAS OPENED 2 YEARS AGO TODAY.

Transformation of Farm Into Beautiful Residence District Completed at Great Cost.

Today is the second anniversary of the opening of Laurelhurst, Portland's largest residence addition. Just two years ago this property, then known as the Hazelfern Farm, was purchased from the Ladd Estate Company by a syndicate of Seattle and Portland capitalists for a consideration in the neighborhood of \$2,000,000.

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Meat & Murphy, selling agents for Laurelhurst, have extended an invitation to the city to visit the city to use the streets of Laurelhurst throughout the rainy season for pleasure motorists.

Laurelhurst is the scene of unusual building activity, and has been through the Summer and Fall, nearly 100 new homes having been completed there this year.

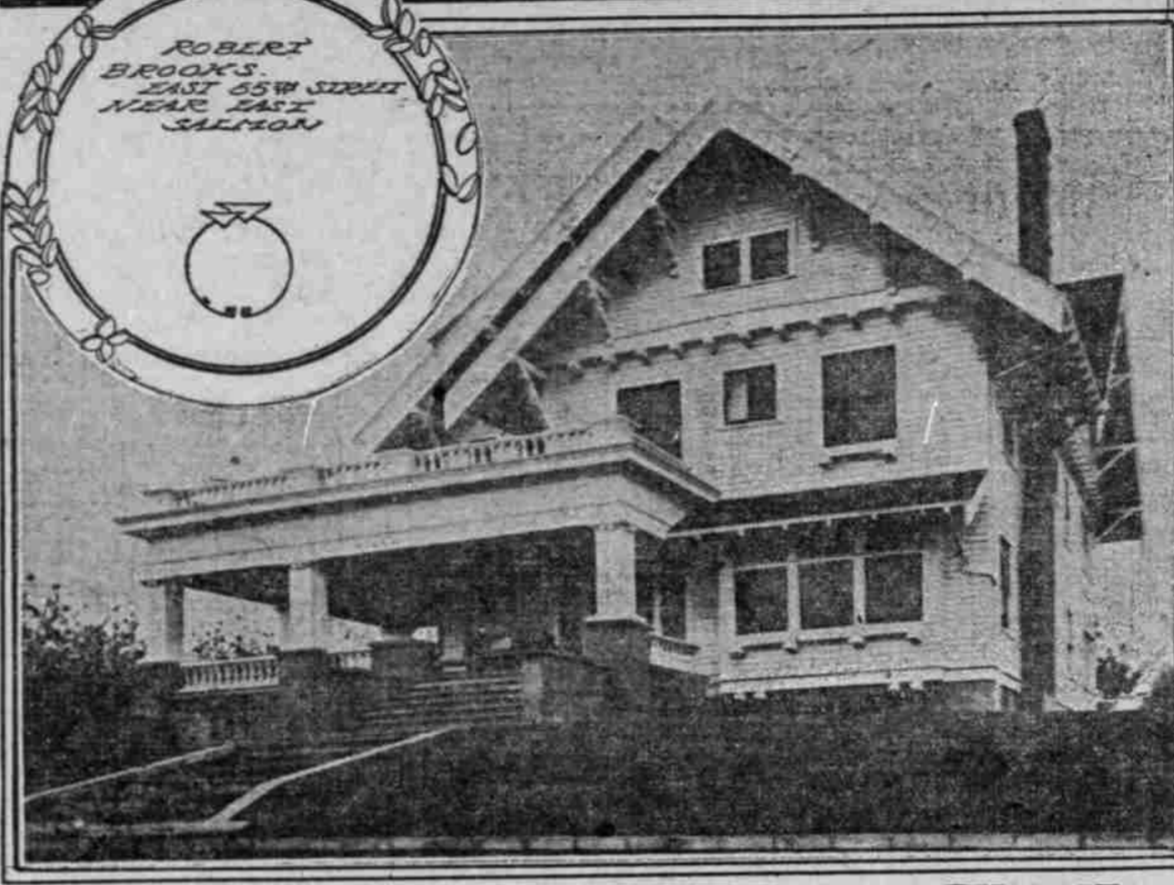
CALIFORNIAN ACQUIRES TRACT

M. D. Say Purchases 62-Acre Farm in Clackamas County.

After exploring the country between Santa Barbara, Cal., and Portland by horseback in quest of a desirable country place, M. D. Say found the kind of tract he was seeking in Clackamas County, a few miles from the city.

The farm contains 62 acres and is well adapted to diversified farming. It is improved with good buildings. The price paid by Mr. Say was \$5000.

TYPES OF COSTLY HOMES BUILT IN MOUNT TABOR DISTRICT.



ROBERT BROOKS EAST 55th STREET NEAR BELMONT. C. C. CHICK EAST 53rd ST. NEAR BELMONT.

PARKROSE SALES BIG

Activity in New Subdivision Unequaled in Portland.

FIRST PLATTINGS ARE SOLD

Nearly \$350,000 Worth of Property Disposed of in Two Weeks.

PLAN MODERN SANITARIUM

Benedictine Sisters of the Sick Poor Campaign for Funds.

TAXATION TO BE DISCUSSED

C. K. Henry Will Address Realty Men on Subject.

SANATORIUM TO BE BUILT FOR PENNILESS AND SICK PERSONS.

INSTITUTION WILL BE LOCATED AT ST. THERESA STATION.

RIVER HOME SITES SOLD

Activity in District in Past Few Days Is Marked—Improvements to Be Installed.

Within the past few days there has been a marked activity in Abernathy Heights property, near Riverview.

LEGACY AIDS ASSOCIATION

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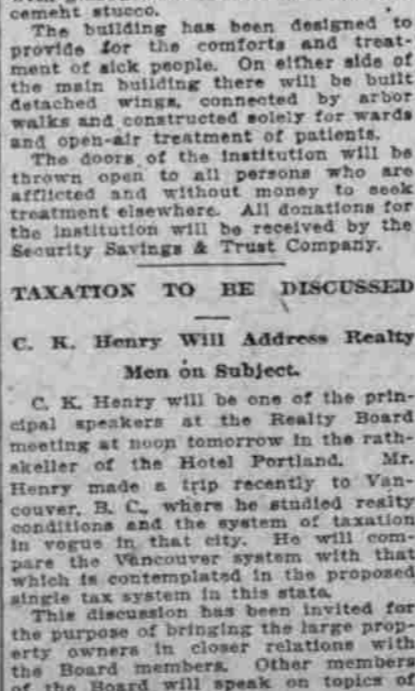
CIRCULATION GROWTH BIG

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PORTLAND'S FREE LIBRARY BUILDING ERECTED IN 1893.



STRUCTURE COSTING \$150,000 NOW INADEQUATE FOR PUBLIC'S DEMAND.

HISTORIC GROWTH ATTENDS LIBRARY

Public of Portland Is Given First Free Reading-Room 48 Years Ago.

LEGACY AIDS INSTITUTION

Library Association Finally Provides Entire County With Facilities. Elaborate New Home to Be Built.

When a number of Portland's pioneer citizens inaugurated the circulation library in 1863, little did they think that their initiatory efforts would prove the means of providing for posterity such an important and useful institution which in 48 years has crystallized into the present Portland Library Association.

From its inception the free library movement in Portland grew steadily for 12 years the institution was dependent solely upon contributions for its maintenance. In 1875 nine public-spirited citizens banded together to form an institution on a stronger basis and it was incorporated under the state laws as the Portland Library Association.

Its membership was comprised of persons who paid individual sums of \$100. These payments were contributed to permanent membership. Together with donations and membership payments, the investment funds have increased materially and at present amount to \$114,500.

By additional subscriptions the association was enabled to purchase the one-half block on Stark street between Seventh and Park streets. This property was acquired in 1886 for \$20,000. Upon the demise of Ellis J. Smith, there was left to the association a legacy of \$100,000 to be expended in the erection of a library building.

In the late '90s a number of citizens organized a free public library, with rooms in the City Hall. At that time there were few books on the shelves of the free public library. This institution at once became exceedingly popular for accommodating the public were entirely inadequate. The library was maintained entirely by voluntary contributions. After a few years an effort was made to get the city to take the institution over and conduct it as a municipal institution.

FREE LIBRARY GIVEN HOME.

Largely through the efforts of W. L. Brewster a state law was passed authorizing cities to levy a tax for library purposes and to enter into contracts with existing library associations. This law was enacted in 1901 and the directors of the association entered into a contract with the city in July of the same year, by the terms of which it was agreed to provide the citizens with free use of the library.

In 1902 the Legislature passed a bill authorizing the counties to establish free county libraries or to enter into contracts with existing library associations to supply the counties with free library facilities. In that year Multnomah County contracted with the Portland Library Association to provide free library and reading-room facilities for the residents of the county.

Under this arrangement there was no circulation as a free public library during the first year. In the second year the circulation was 10,000. That was nine years ago.

At present there are, besides the central library, four branches on the East Side, one at Sellwood, one at Albina, one in Central East Portland and one at North Albina. The association provides the needs of the county schools, there being at present 25. There are 23 city schools which are supplied with library facilities. In addition there are 23 deposit stations in the county.

One of the most noteworthy private collections turned over to the association was received upon the death of

John Wilson, a retired merchant of England, whose demise occurred in September, 1900. There were 25,000 volumes in Mr. Wilson's private library, many of them being rare and costly books. These books formed the nucleus of the association's reference collection which, in many respects, is considered one of the most unique and valuable extant.

New Building to Rise. To Miss Mary Frances Isom, the librarian, and her corps of assistants much of the success of the present library system is due. The library staff at present is composed of 27 members.

With the sale of the library site last week for \$400,000, the association has acquired a full block bounded by Yamhill, Taylor, Tenth and Eleventh streets, where there will be erected within the next two years an elaborate and spacious building.

The board of directors of the Portland Library Association is composed of the following: President, W. B. Ayer; vice-president, T. L. Elliott; treasurer, R. L. Sablin; W. L. Brewster, Mary F. Failing, R. W. Montague, R. H. Strong, W. M. Ladd and W. F. Woodward.

REED COLLEGE PLANS RUSHED

Actual Construction on Buildings to Begin in Few Days.

With the drawings almost ready for the contractors and the first of the buildings already staked out on the campus in Eastmoreland, the commencement of actual construction work on Reed College will receive its impetus on the return to Portland of Hudson Bridge Hastings, chairman of the committee on grounds and buildings.

Professor Hastings, who has been making a trip of inspection covering the more modern universities of the East and Middle West is due to return tomorrow. His plans to devote his entire time to the immense work involved in having the buildings completed in every detail when the college moves to its own campus in the Fall of 1912.

To this end an immense temporary wooden trestle is being constructed on the site of the Eastmoreland viaduct to facilitate the construction of the permanent structure and in addition to provide a roadway for the delivery of building materials to the campus. It will also allow the heavy street rails to be deposited in Eastmoreland for the completion of the special car track throughout the property. Already the trenches have been prepared and the construction of the remainder of the work will now be carried out in probably 30 days.

C. W. FULTON BUYS FINE HOME

Several Modern Dwellings Sold in Irvington Last Week.

That there is active trading in residence property is indicated in the number of sales made in the last few days by E. A. Holmquist, among the deals closed by Mr. Holmquist being the sale to C. W. Fulton, ex-United States Senator, of a home at East Twentieth and Welder streets in Irvington. The house is a modern bungalow and the interior is finished artistically. It was designed and built by Z. K. Greenough. The purchase price was \$10,000.

Frank Prigard, a recent arrival from Iowa, purchased a modern seven-room residence on East Twenty-seventh and Brasse streets for \$7500. C. K. Martin bought a seven-room house at East Fifty-third and Salmon streets for \$6000. Ellen V. Mann purchased residence property on East Fifth street for \$8500. Fred Chick bought for \$2400 a six-room house on Wygant street for \$3500. Magale E. Pomeroy purchased a five-room bungalow on East Forty-second street for \$2500. Daniel Schuchman bought a lot on East Davis street for \$1500.

Norman Bennett, of Omaha, Neb., purchased for investment a ten-acre orchard tract near Sheridan for \$5000.

LAURELHURST HOME BOUGHT

Active Week in Realty Sales Is Reported by Charles Ringler.

Chas. Ringler & Company report a busy week in real estate sales. Ellen V. Beatey sold to P. L. Rees, a lumber dealer, a modern seven-room bungalow on a 15x100-foot lot on Laddington Court, Laurelhurst, for \$7250. This is one of the most beautiful places in this exclusive addition and is situated on a high and slightly elevated.

Manning Howard purchased through this firm a lot in Laurelhurst for \$1000. It is located on Laurelhurst avenue, near Gilson street.

Among the other sales of realty were three half-acre tracts in Parkrose. H. C. Wilson, a contractor, was the purchaser, and he will hold the property as an investment.

The firm has added a high-grade investment department. B. K. Davis has taken charge of this, and reports several sales with a demand for more than the firm can fill. A noticeable feature is the influx of out-of-town and Eastern investors who are looking for business openings.

WORK STARTS ON FRAME APARTMENT.

Architect E. Kroner has completed the plans for a two-story frame apartment building to be erected for W. A. Dempsey at East Ninth and Hancock streets. It will have full cement basement and will contain four apartments of six rooms each. The building will be fitted with modern conveniences.