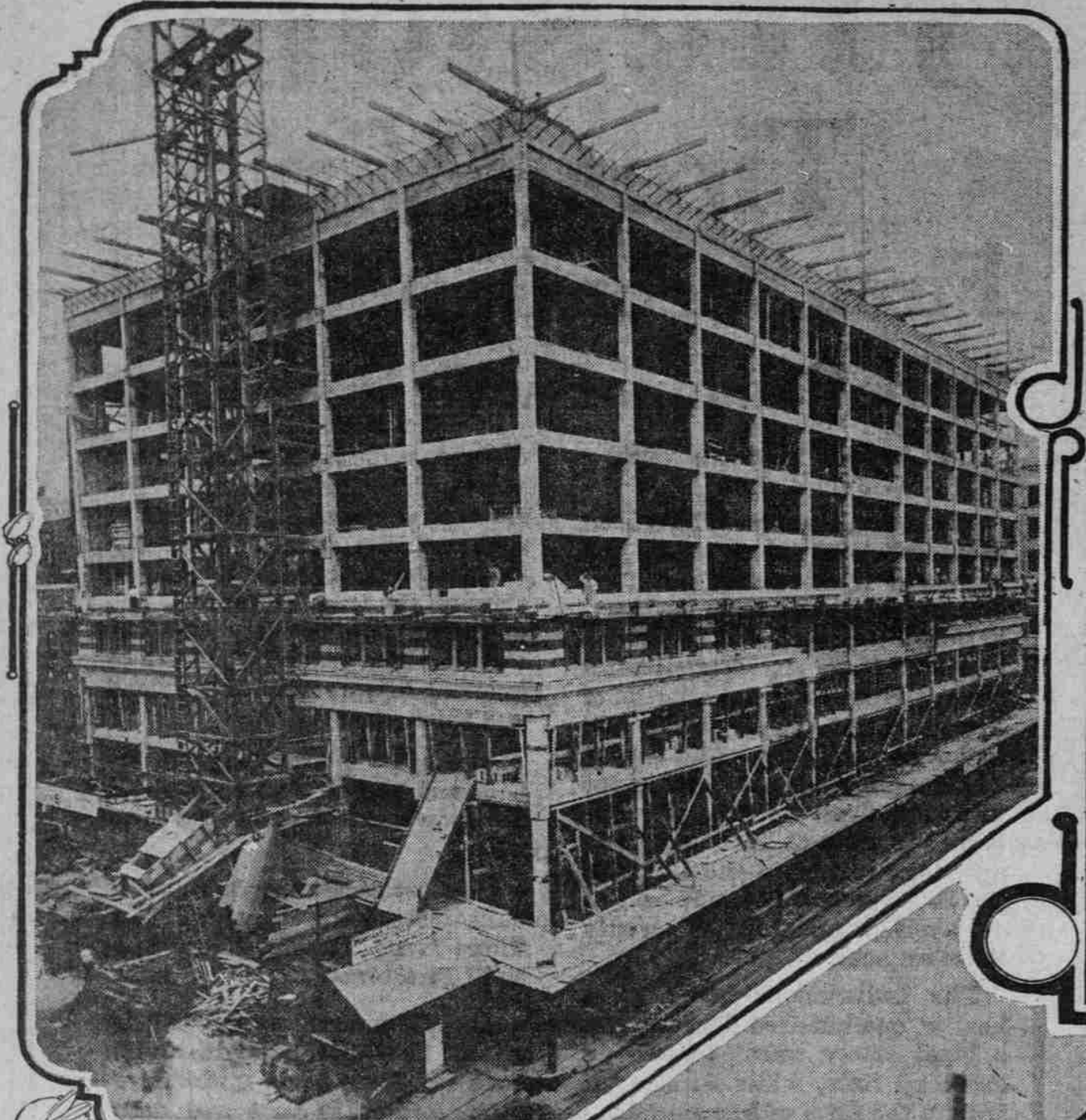


PORTLAND'S HALF-YEAR BUILDING RECORD EXCEEDS \$9,000,000

Office Structures, Apartment-Houses, Public Buildings and Warehouses Represent Total Cost of \$7,000,000—Residence Construction Involves Aggregate Expenditure of More Than \$2,000,000.



*Morgan Bldg.
Broadway,
Washington
and Park Sts.*

PORTLAND closes the first half of the year with a building record aggregating in cost more than \$9,000,000. In view of unfavorable business conditions resulting from the uncertainties of the political situation and the attitude of financial interests in urging caution in investments, such a showing is considered exceptionally satisfactory and greatly exceeds the records of many cities in the United States of much larger population.

The larger proportion of Portland's building investment for the period is centered in business structures and public buildings, although activity in residence construction forms no little part of the total building cost. New office buildings, apartment houses, public buildings and warehouses represent a total cost of about \$7,000,000 and new dwellings involve an aggregate expenditure of more than \$2,000,000.

In addition to buildings that have been completed and now are under way, several important building projects have been planned and work on these structures will be started during the year. Proposed structures include the Physicians' building to be erected by T. B. Wilcox at a cost of \$350,000, the Auditorium, to cost \$500,000; freight depot and terminal development on the East Side by the Hill lines which ultimately will involve an expenditure of \$3,000,000, and numerous small business buildings, apartment houses and warehouses which will represent a total cost of many thousands of dollars.

Bank Building Largest.
Portland's largest office building is under way on the site formerly occupied by the Marquam building. The new structure, which is being built for the Northwestern National Bank, will have a ground area of 60x200 feet and will be 15 stories in height. It will be as modern and as nearly fireproof as can be designed and will cost approximately \$800,000.

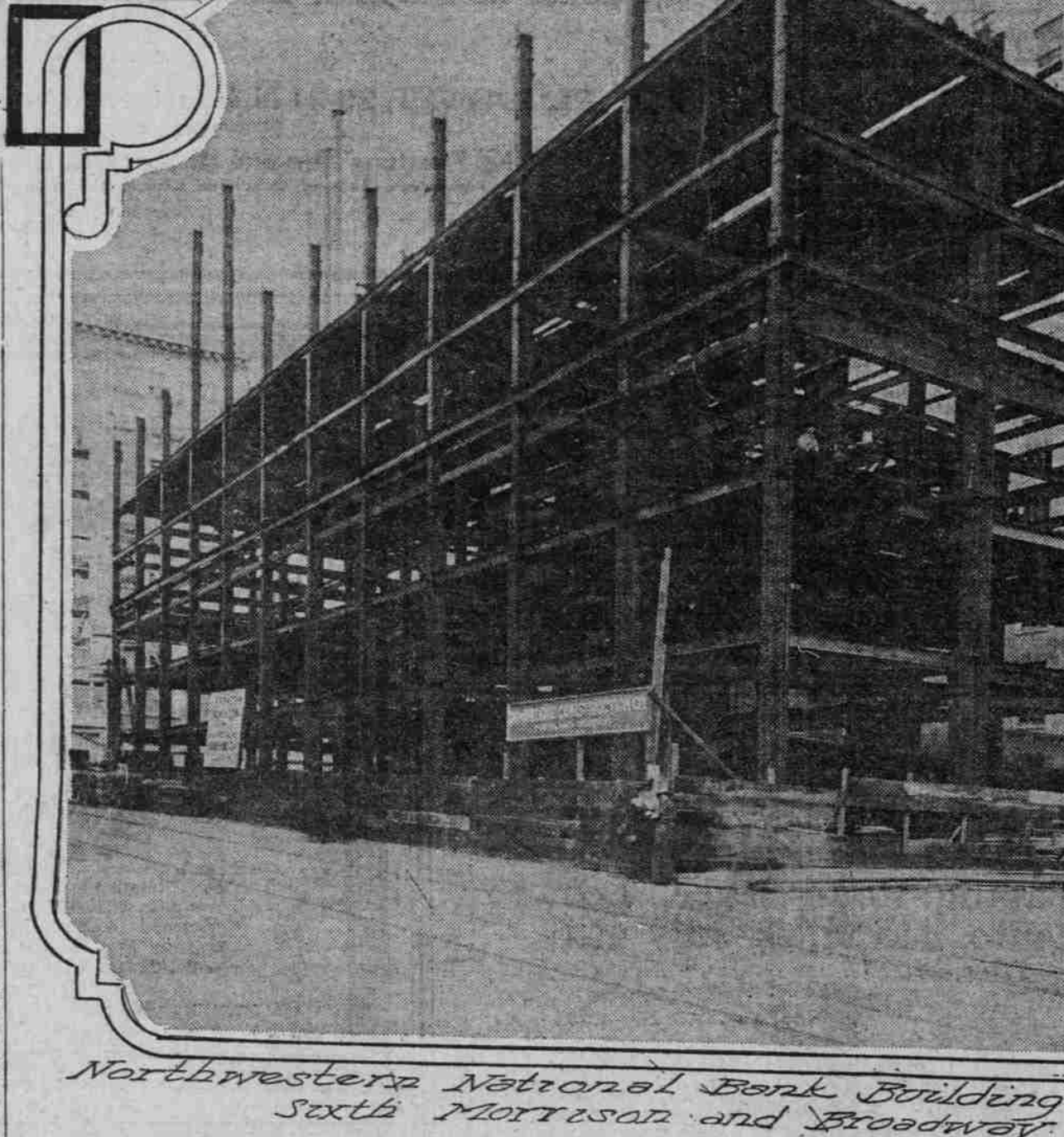
The style of architecture will be an adaptation of Italian Renaissance and with an exterior of cream-colored pressed brick and terra cotta, the building will present a striking appearance. There will be more than 800 offices in this building, and with the exception of a few interior rooms every room will have outside light and air. The building will be equipped with a modern ventilating system and all the latest features of building construction will be included in this structure.

The banking departments of the Northwestern National Bank and the Portland Trust Company will occupy a portion of the ground floor, at Sixth and Morrison streets, and the remainder of the first floor, with the exception of the elevator entrance, will be occupied by mercantile establishments. Above the first floor the structure will be devoted entirely to offices. The banking portion of the building will be elaborately and probably the finest equipped on the Pacific Coast.

Construction of the steel frame is now under way and this work will be completed in a few days. Doyle, Patterson & Beach, the architects, expect to have the building inclosed and the roof completed by September 15, and the structure ready for occupancy before the close of the year.

Telephone Structure Rushed.
Another fine structure in course of erection is the 14-story building of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company on the quarter-block at the southeast corner of Oak and Park streets. The steel frame has been completed and work on the exterior is now under way. This structure will be fully fireproof and will be of striking design. It will be occupied exclusively by the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company and will be the largest building in the city to be used entirely by one concern. The building will cost about \$650,000, but with the immense amount of equipment to be installed, the project will cost approximately \$1,000,000, exclusive of the site. It is expected that the building will be ready for occupancy early in December.

Rapid progress is being made on the



*Northwestern National Bank Building
Sixth Morrison and Broadway*

Morgan building, which occupies the half block at Washington, Broadway and Park streets. This structure is of reinforced concrete, fireproof construction. The exterior will be of red brick with light-colored terra cotta trimmings. It will be unique and attractive. The ground floor will be occupied with stores and a part of the second floor will be used for mercantile purposes. The remainder of the building will be used as offices. The structure is being built by the Morgan-Bushong Investment Company, at a cost in excess of \$500,000. It is expected that the building will be completed and be ready for use by the first part of September.

Pittcock Block Unique.
Among Washington street's finest business structures will be the Pittcock block, the foundation for which is now being completed. This building will occupy the entire block at Washington, West Park, Stark and Tenth streets. The south half of the structure, fronting on Washington street, will be eight stories high and the Stark-street side will be three stories in height. A feature of the building will be the arcade arrangement on the ground floor. The arcade will be 13 feet in width, running through the building from West Park to Tenth street, and another arcade will extend from the middle of the Washington-street side to the center of the structure. At the point of intersection of the two arcades there will be a battery of seven high-speed elevators arranged in a semi-circle.

With the arcades all stores will have interior fronts as well as street fronts. On account of long periods of wet weather it is believed that the arcade feature will make the building most popular with shoppers.

The Northwestern Electric Company, which is erecting the building, will occupy most of the Stark-street side,

one-half of the basement and all of the sub-basement. The company will install a central heating plant and generating plant in the underground portion of the structure. The remainder of the ground floor will be designed for store purposes. The upper floors of the Washington-street side of the building will be used for office purposes. The structure will be of modern, fireproof construction and will cost about \$750,000. The building will be completed soon after the close of the present year. Doyle, Patterson & Beach are the architects.

Another attractive Washington-street structure that soon will be ready for occupancy is the Platt building, which occupies the corner at West Park and Washington streets, directly west of the new Morgan building. This structure has a frontage of 50 feet on Washington street and 100 feet frontage on West Park street. It contains six stories and basement. It is of reinforced concrete, fireproof construction, with an exterior of light-colored pressed brick. The lower floor will be occupied by A. & C. F. Jones, jeweler, and the upper floors will be occupied exclusively by attorneys. The building, which will be completed in a few weeks, will cost approximately \$125,000. It was designed by Whitehouse & Foulhoux.

At the northeast corner of Third and Alder streets there is being completed an attractive office and business structure for the Rose City Importing Company. This building contains seven stories and basement. It has a frontage of 50 feet on Third street and 100 feet on Alder street. It is of reinforced concrete construction, with an exterior of brown pressed brick. Work is well advanced and it is expected to have the building ready for occupancy by the last part of next month. The structure will cost about \$150,000. It

was designed by Architect Aaron H. Gould. Work is progressing on the eight-

CARLINE NOW ASSURED

HALEY STREET DISTRICT TO GET SERVICE SOON.

In Three Years 618 Dwellings Have Been Built—Rapid Development of Territory to Follow.

The next streetcar extension to be completed in Portland will be built along Halsey street and will provide direct service to one of the most rapidly developing districts on the East Side. The line will pass through the residence district lying east of East Thirty-seventh street to the city limits and between Tillamook street on the north and Hassalo street on the south.

There are 618 dwellings in this district. Three years ago there were scarcely half a dozen houses there, but within the past two years home-building companies have been operating extensively, with the result that many attractive and moderate-priced homes have been built. Wage earners and salaried men have taken advantage of opportunities offered and every house that has been built is now occupied by owners.

The proposed extension will be on an exact central line between the East Gilsan street and Sandy road carlines. It is pointed out that the extension will relieve the present lines of the

heavy traffic to the district and serve to bring many more homebuilders to improve vacant sites. Compared with other districts, this territory is excellently situated as to view, drainage and accessibility, and is one of the few moderate-priced residence districts remaining in the Central East Side.

"The money for building the carline already has been raised," said J. Fred Larson yesterday. "The recent action of the City Council in eliminating grade crossings removed the last obstacle towards starting work. The track will be laid on Halsey street from East Thirty-seventh street and Sandy road to East Eighty-second street, near the new Jonesmore school."

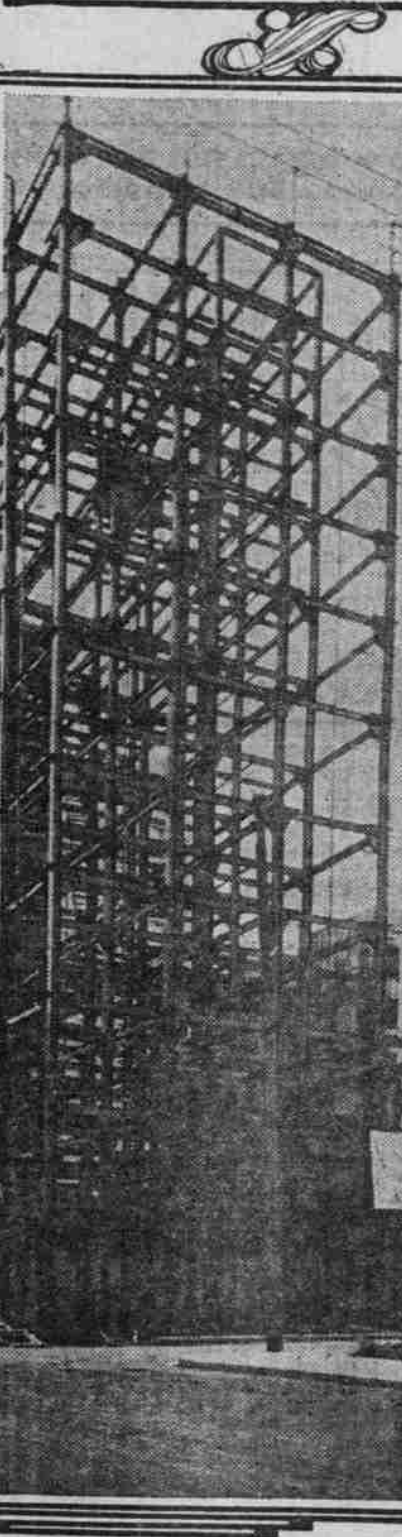
"The Halsey street district now houses about 3000 people. There are about 400 additional homesites and nearly all have been sold. It is reasonable to expect that a great many of the lot owners will build homes when they have the new car service. In a few years there will be 20,000 more people living in this district. "The homes in this district are built on large lots with plenty of room for gardens, flowers and lawns. With the building of the carline and the many advantages to be found in that part of the city, the district is bound to make rapid growth within the next few months."

Undertakers to Build Home.

ABERDEEN, Wash., July 12.—(Special.)—Announcement of construction of a \$20,000 home for the Whiteside Undertaking Company was made last night. The establishment will be one of the most up to date in the state.



*Rose City Bldg.
Third and Alder Streets.*



*Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Cos
New Home, Oak and Park Sts.*

the Title & Trust Company, while the remaining floors will be designed for offices. The building will cost about \$100,000. MacNaughton & Raymond are the architects.

In addition to these structures the new City Jail, the Central Library building, the University Club building, the Portland Turn Verein clubhouse and several school buildings are under course of construction and will be completed soon.

VALE DRAWS SETTLERS

GOVERNMENT TO OPEN LARGE TRACT TO ENTRY.

More Than 100,000 Acres Will Be Available for Homesteading. Land Declared Fertile.

VALE, Or., July 12.—(Special.)—The throwing open by the Government of 110,000 acres of land adjacent to Vale to homestead entry promises to make this city the mecca of homeseekers during the next few months. A large proportion of this land is fertile valley and bench land, below the Bully Creek and Star Mountain irrigation projects, and being susceptible of irrigation cannot be taken up under the 320-acre homestead law, 160 acres being the most any one person can homestead.

Of this land, 73,000 acres have been held in a petroleum reserve, and 37,000 acres were withdrawn for the Harper reservoir project. Settlers have been petitioning the Interior Department at Washington for the past two years to release the petroleum reserve lands, and have just succeeded in having this done. The land will be open for selection, according to advice received by the Vale Land Office, on July 18, at 9 o'clock A. M., and filings will be received after 9 A. M. August 18th. The Harper reservoir site lands were

thrown open to settlement because of the fact that the Oregon-Estern Railroad right of way cut through the lands proposed to be used for a reservoir.

Already intending homesteaders are coming to Vale to look over and select homesteads on these lands, and it is believed that during the next three months thousands of people will visit this city seeking homestead lands.

BOOSTERS' CLUB FORMS

EAST BURNSIDE RESIDENTS URGE IMPROVEMENTS.

Widening of Street and Opening of Thoroughfare to City Limits to Be Undertaken Soon.

There are several things which the new East Burnside District Improvement Association will undertake in the near future. One matter will be to settle the question of the widening of East Burnside street, so that several property owners, who desire to erect buildings, can proceed with improvements with full knowledge where the permanent street lines will run.

McHolland Bros. have plans for a large, modern building covering a quarter block on East Seventh and East Burnside streets, which they desire to erect as soon as it is settled whether the street is to be widened. The promise of the widening of the street according to the Bennett plans has resulted in preventing erection of several structures. By removing all doubt about the widening, it is decided that East Burnside street will develop rapidly.

Another matter is to get East Burnside street opened as a thoroughfare to the city limits. It is opened through Laurelhurst to East Forty-seventh street, when it is closed for about 10 blocks. The Center Addition Club has the proceeding to open East Gilsan street from East Twenty-sixth to East Twenty-eighth street, for which proceedings are well advanced. This extension will bring East Gilsan in connection with Sandy boulevard. H. H. Newhall, president of the East Side Bank, in his address at the meeting held Wednesday night, declared that East Burnside street is bound to be a great business highway and should be opened through to the city limits.

The fact that through the agitation of the residents and business men the time for reopening the Burnside bridge was shortened from two months, as first decided on, to less than one month, encouraged them to start an organization to handle similar questions in the future. But for the agitation the repairs to the bridge might have dragged along for three months, but the members of the bridge committee, Dan Kern, J. R. Wildmer and H. H. Newhall, officers of the association, all of which were adopted and will have business men many thousands of dollars.

NEW SAWMILL READY SOON

Big Plant Being Built Near Buxton by Portland Firm.

The new sawmill being built by the Standard Box & Lumber Company at Scofield, three miles from Buxton, on the line of the Pacific Railway & Navigation Company, is being rushed to completion and will be ready to cut lumber by the latter part of August. The mill will have a ten-hour capacity of about 100,000 feet.

This company has been operating a plant on the East Side for many years. Recently the company purchased 3500 acres of timber near Buxton from John Pearson and associates for a consideration said to be about \$450,000. This body of timber will supply the new mill for many years.

The officers of the company are: President, Isaac Gratton; vice-president, C. C. Woodcock; secretary, S. B. Cobb.

Eugene Sewer Contract Let.

EUGENE, Or., July 12.—(Special.)—Contracts for 24,500 lineal feet of sewers to drain a large section of the city, were let at the meeting of the City Council last evening. Bids were received the first of the week. There are nine lateral sewers to be constructed, ranging in length from 1040 to 874 feet, and the approximate cost will be over \$17,000. Six, eight and 10-inch vitrified pipe, or cement pipe of local manufacture will be used.

Montreal expects to see about \$40,000,000 worth of new buildings constructed this year.