

William Reid's Home, "Green Gables," at East Forty-Seventh and East Stark Streets, One of the East Side's Fine Estates



PAVING IS RUSHED

St. Johns Is to Have Hard-Surface Connections.

OUTLAY TO BE \$200,000

Extensive Improvements Contemplated at Kenton and Parking Strips Left to Provide for Laying Promised Sewers.

Work is progressing on the paving of Willamette boulevard from Wabash street to the St. Johns line, and will be completed early this fall. The contractor has an army of men at work pushing forward the improvement in order to keep ahead of the fall rains. When this link in the Peninsula hard-surface pavements is finished it will make Willamette boulevard one of the great scenic drives of the city. St. Johns plans to pave the boulevard through the business section of that city. However there will remain a considerable portion of the boulevard, but this part is not in bad condition, and will be paved later, when the Supreme Court decides the width of the street about which there is contention.

Albina Avenue on List.
Beginning at Wabash street Lombard street is being paved eastward to Patton avenue, and later will be paved to Albina avenue. This will make a straight hard-surface street through St. Johns, the St. Johns and Belmont streets. Albina avenue will be paved under proceedings which have been started. A complete circuit on the Peninsula will thus be provided from Killingsworth avenue.

These pavements will represent an outlay of about \$200,000 when completed. Greeley street also may be paved this fall. Many of the streets in Swanton have been graded and cement sidewalks have been laid. In El Tovar, near Woodlawn, east of Vancouver avenue, most of the streets have been graded and cement sidewalks laid. In Kenton many of the streets under contract by Elwood Willes have been finished and several more are under way. Street work in Kenton will cost when all the contracts have been finished, above \$200,000. The principal streets there will have hard-surface pavements.

Sewer System Promised.
Many other street improvements on the Peninsula are awaiting the introduction of a general sewer system. This has been promised by Commissioner Dieck, who says that some action for sewers will be started in a short time. Pavements now being built are constructed so the sewers can be put down in the parking at a later date. A number of other streets between Killingsworth and Portland boulevard

are to be paved after sewers have been provided.

EAST SIDE BUILDINGS RISE

Three Structures Involve Total Cost of \$225,000.

Erection of a concrete warehouse on East Water street by the Pacific Bridge Company is under way. The new structure will cost about \$25,000.

On the new Portland home of the Ford Motor Company on Division street, between East Eleventh and Tenth streets, marked progress is being made. It is of reinforced concrete construction. The first story has been completed. This building will be nearly 400 feet long. The cost will be \$150,000.

The apartment-house under construction on Broadway, near Vancouver avenue, is nearing completion. It is a three-story frame building, and will cost completed about \$50,000.

BIDS ON WALL ARE REJECTED

Vista Avenue Repairs May Be Done With Big Saving.

Plans for the letting of a contract as quickly as possible for the reconstruction of the Vista-avenue wall came to a stop when it was found by the City Commission that a plan for the improvement submitted by a local contractor was not feasible. The work to be done at a much lower cost than under the plan arranged by the public works department. All bids for the improvement were rejected and the City Auditor was instructed to readvertise for bids for the wall under the new plans and specifications. The lowest bid under the plan as submitted by Commissioner Dieck's department was a little more than \$22,000. It is said that under the new plan a large amount can be lopped off of that figure.

CHEHALIS WIDENS STREETS

City Improves Highway Where Bad Accidents Are Frequent.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Sept. 20.—(Special.)—The City Commission has completed arrangements for widening a dangerous street intersection in this city at the corner of National and Division streets, and the work will proceed at once.

The improvement is on the main roadway leading between Chehalis and Centralia, where several bad accidents, one resulting in death, have resulted there.

Eugene-Mapleton Roads Inspected.

EUGENE, Or., Sept. 20.—(Special.)—County Judge Thompson, Commissioners Hemphill and Hawley, County Surveyor Libby and Engineer Fountaine of the Willamette-Pacific Railroad, have returned from a trip of inspection from Eugene to Mapleton, looking over the roads which the railroad company is building to take the place of county highway taken by the right-of-way of the railroad. They found that the railroad is building excellent highway, but has not yet completed it enough to warrant the County Court in taking formal possession.

The contemplated construction of artificial lakes on the Sius River in Calabria for irrigation and hydro-electric power purposes, involving an expenditure of some \$12,000,000, has met with approval by the Italian Government.

HOME DISTRICT GROWS

STEADY PROGRESS IS NOTED IN MONTAVILLA.

Jonesmore Extends to Rose City Park—East Halsey-Street Car Extension Is Much Sought.

Steady building progress has been made in Montavilla. In Jonesmore, north of the Montavilla railway, more than 75 homes have been built within the past two years, since Umbdenstock & Larson took possession of the property. These homes are moderate in price and range from \$1500 upward, and are near the new Jonesmore schoolhouse, which was recently completed in that district.

Settlement has extended to the O.-W. R. & N. line and northward into the Rose City Park district. The people in North Montavilla are deeply interested in the construction of the

East Halsey street electric rail to a connection with the Rose City Park line on Sandy boulevard. It is estimated that more than 500 families will use this new line when it is built, but who now must walk a mile and more to the Montavilla carline.

There is a fair sprinkling of new buildings under construction in Montavilla north and south of the Base Line road, and in Terrace Park east of East Eighty-second street. About 50 new homes have been built in Terrace Park within the past two years. The district has enlarged the main Montavilla schoolhouse to take care of the growth of that part of the district. In the course of two years another schoolhouse will have to be provided at the eastern end of the district at about One Hundredth street, near the Mount Hood railway depot. The extension of the East Stark sewer into Montavilla is under way, and before many months East Gilean street can be paved from East Forty-seventh to East Eighty-second streets, 80 feet wide, which will make it one of the great highways in the city.

An excellent showing is made south of the Base Line road, near the extension of the Mount Tabor electric railway, many new houses having been

built in this territory. Along the east slope of Mount Tabor a number of attractive residences have been built, and several are under way.

Church Structure Rises.

Work is progressing on the reconstruction of the St. Francis Church, at East Pine and East Twelfth streets. All the outside concrete coating and metal laths are being removed and galvanized iron attached to the wooden frame. It is found that the acid which was mixed with the concrete had eaten into and practically destroyed the metal lath, which necessitates removal of the concrete. It will cost about \$5000 to complete the work. The appearance of the church will not be changed, and it will remain the white structure of the East Side.

Automobile Factory Plans Drawn.

Architect Chappell Brown has prepared plans for the factory for the Beaver State Auto Company, which will be erected at Gresham on the site selected near the Mount Hood Railway. The first buildings will cost about \$15,000, and are to be erected in a short time.

GROWTH IS RAPID

St. Johns Has Few Desirable Vacant Houses.

MUCH BUILDING IS ON

Homes Under Construction, Library Is Nearing Completion and Street Improvements Are Projected.

Progress Is Marked.

In the opinion of realty men St. Johns is making steady progress. Vacant houses are filling so rapidly that few desirable ones are left. Here and there homes are under construction. The most pretentious structure under way at present is the Carnegie Library in East St. Johns, which is a beautiful brick building. The brick work has been completed and the finishing will be started. It will be finished early this fall and occupied. The library is near the main schoolhouse. The City Library Association will furnish the books for the St. John Library after it has been finished and will then take care of it. It will cost about \$15,000.

Work is in progress on the dock for the Star Sand Company, which will cost \$15,000. The St. Johns Commercial Club has received many inquiries for sites for factories or various kinds, which have been referred to committees of that organization.

Several street improvements are projected, including the paving of the Willamette boulevard through the central portion of the place near the City Hall and the high schoolhouse, a distance of 10 blocks. The City Engineer is preparing plans and estimates of cost of this improvement. Proposals are to be received for the improvement of Central from Buchanan to Johns street in the J. C. Scott addition. The engineer estimates this improvement will cost \$7407. It is proposed to improve East Burlington street from Jersey to Central avenue at a cost of \$1395. Also Crawford street will be improved from Burlington to Pittsburg streets at a cost of \$1112. The assessment for the improvement of Essenden street from Oswego street to Smith avenue has been fixed at \$19,718. There are some minor street improvements projected for the fall.

A special election soon will be called to submit the question of parks and playgrounds to the people. Fifteen offers of sites are in the hands of the Mayor and City Attorney, D. C. Lewis, representative of the St. Johns Commercial Club, who will examine and select four or five sites as best suited to the needs of St. Johns, then the voters will be asked to provide bonds enough to purchase the parks.

and is available for the purpose. This is the sentiment of the St. Johns Commercial Club.

RESIDENCE PROPERTY SOLD

Activity in East Side Homes Last Week Unusually Brisk.

Many sales in East Side realty were made last week. One of the most important was that of the G. W. Priest Company to Guy W. Needham of five lots in Rosemead for \$14,800. This property is considered very desirable for residence purposes. At Crosswell, on the Mount Scott line, the H. D. Sandstone Company sold to Sarah A. Smith a house and lot for \$3000. At Sellwood W. M. Owens sold a lot to Fred J. Miller for \$1800. Anna Exline sold two lots and a house located in Palmyra to Clara Garland for \$5000. R. S. McFarland sold his property in Park View to Mary J. Janney for \$2400. In the Hawthorne Avenue addition A. S. Patterson sold to R. C. Cook two lots for \$2000. Bertha E. Taylor sold to Albert L. Howe a home in Vernum for \$2500. In Ravenswood W. H. Ewin sold to Mary A. Jones a home for \$3500. Daniel Petka sold to Reinhold H. Krombach a house and lot for \$4200. This property is located on Cook avenue.

ROADBED WILL BE GRAVELED

Portland, Eugene & Eastern Making Final Improvements.

EUGENE, Or., Sept. 20.—(Special.)—Five thousand yards of gravel will be brought from Corvallis to reballast the College Crest loop of the local Portland, Eugene & Eastern street-car system. The improvement will begin Monday, and affects about five miles of track. Iron culverts and fills will replace the present bridges.

The final application of gravel to Portland, Eugene & Eastern track between Eugene and Monroe will be completed in about three weeks. With this last raise, there will have been placed eight inches of gravel under the ties, and the roadbed will be of the best.

Construction crews have completed the grading for the paving and house tracks at Alvarado, and are grading for extra tracks at Clear Lake, seven miles from Eugene.

Monmouth Depot Ready.

MONMOUTH, Or., Sept. 20.—(Special.)—The new Southern Pacific depot in this city is completed and fixtures of the local office will soon be moved to the new quarters by J. S. Prime, the agent. The new structure was erected at the intersection of the Independence and Dallas tracks and is in a more convenient location. With one exception it is the largest of its kind in Polk County.

A new switch track was laid for increased freight service and the general railroad accommodations for this city are greatly improved.

Shingle Mill Built Near Kelso.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Sept. 20.—(Special.)—A. E. Wood, proprietor of mills at Kalama and South Tacoma, is erecting a shingle mill on Brayton Mountain, five miles from Kilsno. Machinery is being installed this week. Mr. Wood will operate on timber owned by Rev. Frank L. Moore.

OATS ON FARM OF G. W. SCRAMBLIN, NEAR CANBY, OR., THRESH 93 BUSHELS TO THE ACRE.



GRAIN THAT IS SIX FEET TALL.

The vicinity of Macksburg, four miles from Canby, Or., in the Willamette Valley, is especially adapted to the raising of grain without irrigation. G. W. Scramblin, who has a store at Macksburg, also has a farm, on which he practices diversified farming with marked success. The crop of oats shown in the above picture threshed 93 bushels to the acre for five acres, and the grain is of such excellent quality that it will be sold for seed at \$1 a bushel.

Clover planted on the same five-acre tract last year threshed eight bushels to the acre, and the crop was sold for seed at 14½ cents a pound, or \$3.70 a bushel.

A part of the oats lodged this year. Mr. Scramblin believes they would have gone over 100 bushels to the acre. His neighbor, George Hurbat, had seven acres of oats this year that averaged 105 bushels. Mr. Scramblin fertilized the ground for this year's crop, and used carefully-selected seed. The oats were sown April 26.

Mr. Scramblin, who attended Buyers' Week in Portland, has been engaged in business in the same building at Macksburg for 23 years. His son, Russell C. Scramblin, a partner in the business, was married recently to Miss Alma Harms, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. Harms, of Macksburg. He and his bride are now in Southern California on their wedding trip. Macksburg is no longer a postoffice, but before it was discontinued as such by the establishing of a rural route out from Canby, the elder Scramblin was postmaster for 12 years.