

THEATER ROUSES RISING RAPIDLY

Orpheum and New National Are Well Under Way on Stark Street.

OTHER THEATERS GOING UP

Ruby Building to Cost \$50,000 at Fifth and Burnside Will Run Three Stories—J. Clossett Secures \$24,000 Permit.

Until the actual initiation of construction work on the new Meler & Frank and the First National Bank buildings, the center of building activity in the Portland business district will be on Stark street between West Park street and Broadway.

Here the exterior frame of the new Orpheum home is nearly completed and the preliminary frame of the New National Theater is well under way.

The building formerly known as the Broadway Theater, covers the one-half block on the south side of Stark street between Park street and Broadway.

The structure under way on Stark street between Park and West Park streets will be the future home of the National Theater, built by the National Amusement Company under the terms of a 20-year lease of the property given by the Farrell Investment Company.

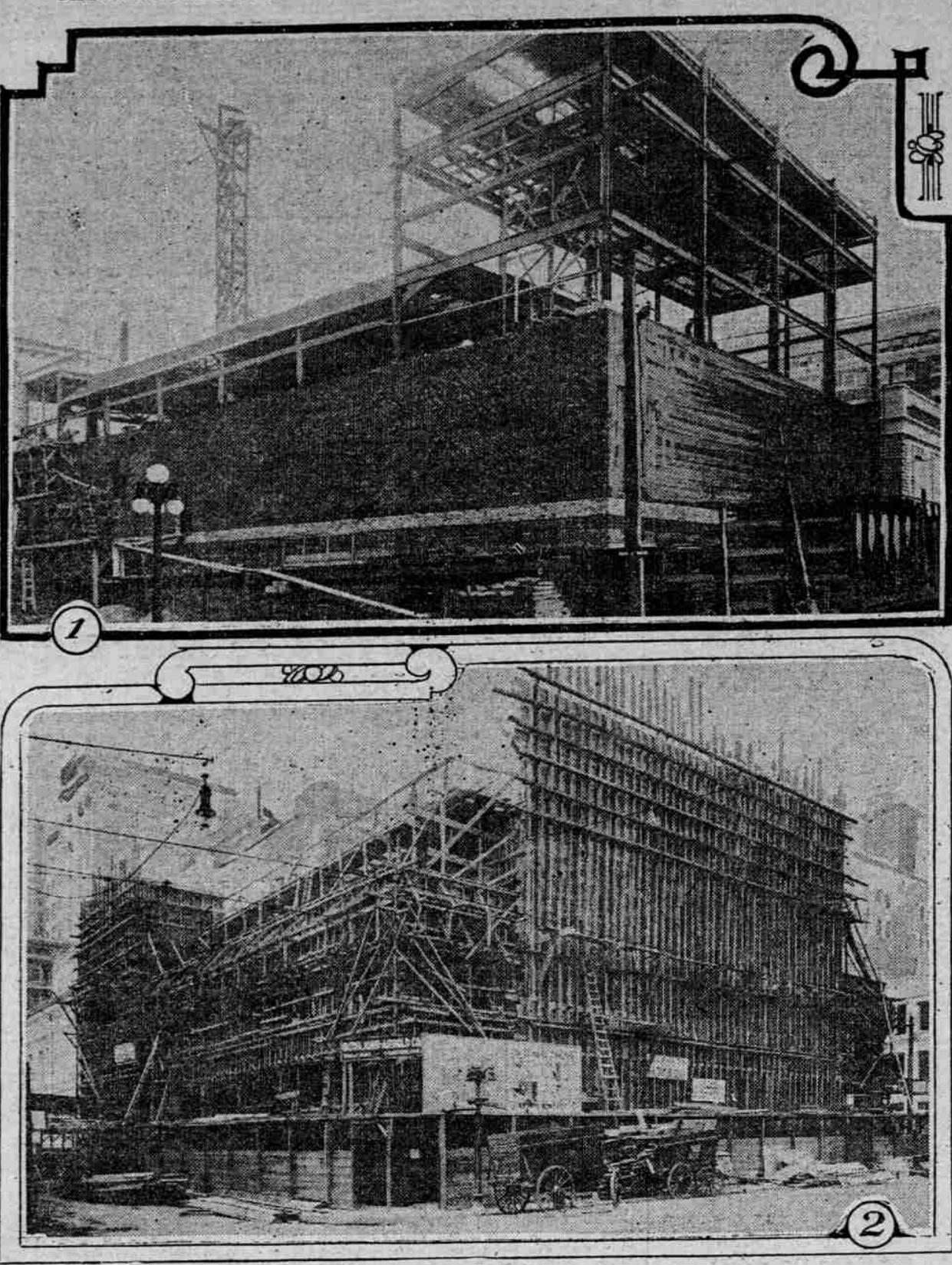
The new National will be a four-story theater and office building, containing eight stories, about a dozen offices and a large moving picture theater with a seating capacity of nearly 2000.

The Ruby building, estimated to cost \$50,000, is now well under way. The plans were drawn by W. B. Bell and the work is in the hands of W. C. Arthur & Co. It will run three concrete stories and will accommodate stores and a hotel in addition to the moving picture theater.

The permit issued to Joseph Clossett for the erection of the one-story brick nickelodeon on First and Main streets gave the probable cost as \$24,000. The contract was let to Thomas Muir.

\$4500 Home at Forest Grove. Clausen & Clausen, Portland architects, have let the contract to John

THEATER CONSTRUCTION MAKES STARK STREET CENTER OF BUILDING ACTIVITY.



1—The New Orpheum Theater Building is Now Nearing Completion on the South Side of Stark Street, Between Park Street and Broadway. 2—The National Theater Building, on the South Side of Stark Street, Between Park and West Park Streets. These Two Buildings Adjoin, and Each of the Above Pictures Was Taken From the Corner of Stark and Park Streets.

Taylor, of Forest Grove, for the erection of a new home for W. W. McEldowney, cashier of the First National Bank at Forest Grove. The estimated cost of the construction is \$4500.

LOSSES NOT TO BE DEDUCTED Internal Revenue Commissioner Issues Decision.

"Losses suffered in real estate cannot be deducted from gross income in making out income tax reports."

Sales Closed in St. Johns. Gus Salmond has sold to Joseph Kirsh two lots in the Sevanee addition to St. Johns.

The 1905 Real Estate Company has sold to Maria Englund two lots in block "B" in East St. Johns for \$950.

BUILDINGS TO RISE

Eugene Awards Contract for \$110,000 High School.

OTHER CITIES WILL BUILD

Two-Story Structure, Costing \$25,000, Will Rise in Salem—Dallas Plans New Building for County Fair.

A. C. Applewhite, of Eugene, has the general contract for the construction of the \$110,000 high school building at Eugene, while auxiliary contracts have been awarded to the firms of Sherman & Hunter, Mock & Russell and to the South Willamette planning mill.

New bids will be opened tomorrow by the Silverton School Board for the construction of the proposed school building at that place. The lowest among the bids recently received, \$12,500, was submitted by A. J. Bowman, of Sherwood. The plans were made by Architects Browne & Forbes, of Portland.

school building at St. Helens. The new building will cost in the neighborhood of \$9000.

A \$2500 two-room school building is being erected at Scholls, in Washington County, under the direction of C. W. Whitcomb. The ground dimensions are 38x50 feet.

Architect G. Everett Baker, of Portland, has completed plans for a one-story, four-room school building at Grass Valley. The building will be of brick construction, with a shingle roof.

Salem Contract Let for \$25,000. The building has been let to C. Van Patton, of Salem, for the construction of a two-story brick building at Salem to replace the building owned by ex-Mayor George F. Rodgers, which was recently destroyed by fire. The plans were drawn by Fred A. Legg.

Dallas Plans Fair Building. The directors of the Polk County Fair Association are planning the erection of a building to be used for housing exhibits at future fairs.

When the Water Board at Eugene opened bids last week for the construction of Eugene's 2,500,000-gallon reservoir, to be erected on College Crest, it found that the cost estimates ranged from the lowest bid, \$7665, submitted by the firm of Barnes & Johnson, of Portland, to a bid of \$24,945, submitted by a Tacoma firm.

Portlander Gets Bank Contract. Contract for erection of a one-story bank building at Mosier, for the Mosier Bank, has been awarded to Thomas Muir, of Portland, at a contract price of about \$3500. The building will be of brick and concrete over a foundation 25x30 feet in area. A reinforced concrete vault will be included in the equipment.

Bandon Is Rebuilding. Dr. D. E. Biggs, owner of the Dyer corner at Bandon, recently announced that he intended to erect a two-story brick or concrete building to replace the frame building recently destroyed by fire. The area of the site is 70x100 feet.

New Buildings Planned. Three important improvements are in prospect at the new town of Alvadore, in Lane County. The town's first church is now being built by the local Christian congregation, the construction of a school is being considered and a newcomer from Kansas is planning the erection of a modern store building.

Highway Bids Being Received. The County Court of Hood River County is now receiving bids for the construction of a portion of the Columbia Highway, for which \$75,000 in bonds were recently voted. The plans for the work were prepared by H. L. Bowley, state highway engineer. The estimates will be opened at Hood River August 25.

The new university at Hamburg is an extension of the important colonial institution known as Kolumbia Institute, which was founded in that city.

MODERATE BUILDING PROJECTS IN LEAD

Many Homes Are Going Up and Others Are Planned in Various Parts of City.

BANK NAMES ARCHITECTS

Plans for \$400,000 Structure to Be Ready Soon—Bids Soon to Be Asked for Construction of Municipal Stables.

Due, perhaps, to the influence of starting war bulletins or to the interruptions and interferences of vacations—present and future—there was little important building activity in Portland during the week just closed.

All the large projects under way were pushed forward with the usual speed and construction was started on many moderate-priced residences.

Of particular interest to the building trades, however, is the announcement made yesterday by A. Le Mills, president of the merged First National and Security Savings & Trust banks, that architects have been chosen to draw up plans and specifications for the new bank building to be erected on the site of the present J. G. Mack building on the southwest corner of Fifth and Stark streets.

Parthenon Is Pattern. Mr. Mills said that the architectural work would be in the hands of the firm of Shepley, Rutan & Coolidge, of Boston, and that David C. Lewis, of Portland, would be the architect on the ground. The architects have been instructed to pattern the building after the Athenian Parthenon, but no plans have as yet been presented to the bank officers for approval.

As previously announced, the building will be started some time in the fall and will be completed not later than January 1, 1915. The bank officials have announced that the cost will be between \$300,000 and \$400,000.

City Barn About to Be Started. Architect C. C. Rich announced last week that bids had been invited shortly for the construction of the \$50,000 city stables on the corner of Sixteenth and Jefferson streets, according to plans recently told. The building will be of reinforced concrete, with face brick on the Sixteenth-street side. The structure will extend two stories above a 20x73-foot basement dimensioned for partitions to be of wood and the roof will be of tar and gravel.

Portland Firm Gets Contract. The Sound Construction Company, of Portland, has received the contract for the construction of the Federal building at Idaho Falls, Idaho. The Portland firm entered a bid of \$86,139.

Market Building Contract Let. T. Scott Brooke, owner of the quarter block on the southeast corner of Fourth and Kamhill streets, adjoining the Central Public Market, has awarded a contract to the firm of Palmer & Ellison for the erection of a one-story and basement market building on the site.

Recently the Council granted him permission to build a frame building, providing that he would tear the building down after it had stood five years. After consulting with his architects, Whitehouse & Foulhoux, he has determined that a concrete building, with a frame roof would cost him only about \$2700 more than a frame building and he obtained permission to erect such a building without the provision of a time limit. The excavation, 95x100 feet, has been completed and the building will probably be up in less than two months. The prospective cost is \$17,500.

\$10,000 to Be Spent at Bull Run. Of five bids submitted to J. E. Wood, city purchasing agent, for the construction of three cottages, a barn and other improvements at Bull Run, the tender of G. A. Thompson, \$9395, was the lowest. The award of contract will be made by the City Council after the recommendation of Commissioner Daly.

Factory Will Cost \$3500. E. H. Ingham has obtained a building permit for the construction of a one-story brick factory building at 145 Page street, in Albina. The estimated cost is to be \$3500. It is understood that a stable building will also be erected on the site.

Home Started in Elberta. A one-story frame residence is under construction at 1031 East Twenty-ninth street North, in Elberta Addition. The builder, A. J. Baker, estimates that the work will cost about \$1500.

Plans to Have Lodge Hall. A building permit was issued last week to the Polish Library Building Association authorizing the construction of a one-story frame lodge hall on

Maryland avenue, between Failing and Beech streets. The estimated cost of the building is \$2000. S. Synnes has the contract for the work.

New Home Is Begun. For W. Ratkus, the firm of Umbdenstock & Larson, has commenced the erection of a one-story bungalow on East Davis street, between East Seventh and East Seventy-first streets. The building permit cites the cost as \$1250.

\$1800 Residence Permitted. The Bureau of Buildings last week issued a permit to H. S. Peterson, authorizing the construction of a one and one-half story frame dwelling on Skidmore street between East Twentieth and East Twenty-first streets.

Three New Homes Planned. Architect Earl A. Roberts has completed plans for the erection of three large residences on Westover Terraces, to cost between \$5000 and \$6000 each. One will be erected for F. N. Clark and the remaining two for F. N. Clark & Co., agents for the tract. Each of the new homes will be finished in old ivory and Colonial detail, with hardwood floors, a billiard room and be heated by hot water.

Contract Let for Store. Daniel Kern has let a contract to James Quinn for the erection of a one-story building adjoining his present building near East Burnside street and Grand avenue. The building will cover 50 by 90 feet. The plans for the work were prepared by Lawrence & Holford.

Suburban Home Planned. Attorney Henry M. Esterly has commissioned Architect Wade H. Pipes to supervise the erection of a two-story stucco and shingle country home on a two and one-half acre tract along West Boulevard, one mile west of Council Crest, overlooking the Tualatin Valley. It will contain eight rooms and an enclosed sleeping porch. The bids are already in.

New Home Going Up. S. K. Meyerhoffer is building a one and one-half story frame residence in Windsor Heights, at a cost of \$2000. The new dwelling will stand on East Forty-third street, between Division and Clinton streets.

\$2500 Permit Issued. The firm of Cleland & Hubbell obtained a permit last week for the erection of a one-story cottage on Clinton street, between East Forty-first and East Forty-third streets, in McMahon Addition. The probable cost is given as \$2500.

Holiday Residence Begun. G. W. Walcott has contracted with J. E. Schomus for the erection of a two-story frame residence on Clackamas street, between East Twenty-sixth and East Twenty-eighth streets, in Holladay's First Addition. The work, which was started last week, will cost about \$2500.

Piedmont Gets \$2500 Home. John W. Felt has commenced the erection of a one and one-half story residence on Garfield avenue, between Ainsworth avenue and Holman street, in Piedmont. The estimated cost of the work is \$2500.

\$5000 Home Begun. For Julia Rankin, Contractor M. W. Lorenz has broken ground on Talbot Road, between Patton Road and Summit Drive in "Greenway" Addition, for the erection of a \$5000 residence. The building will extend two stories above basement.

Home Builders Get Contract. Anna Pergonia has commissioned the Oregon Home Builders to erect a one-story frame residence on Buffalo street, between Albina and Mississippi avenues. The estimated cost of the work, as stated in the permit issued last week, is \$3250.

Irrigation Park Home Begun. Douglas Pratt has started the erection of a story and half dwelling in Irrigation Park Addition. It will stand on East Twenty-third street, between Twenty-seventh street, between Jarrett street and Ainsworth avenue. Otto Starker has started the erection of a story and one-half residence. The cost will be about \$2500.

Residence Contract Let. A residence for A. Walberg will be erected in the terrace section at the corner of Montana avenue and Emerson street. The cost will be \$2500. E. J. Sherman has the contract for the work. In this same district, on East Twenty-seventh street, between Jarrett street and Ainsworth avenue, Otto Starker has started the erection of a story and one-half residence. The cost will be about \$2500.

Furniture Plants Make Deal. The Elcar Desk Manufacturing Company has sold its plant in South Portland to the Freeland Furniture Company and it is understood that the former company will retire from business as soon as its present orders are filled. The Freeland firm manufactured tables in a plant at Albina until the recent fire destroyed its building. It has placed orders for new machinery. The Freeland Furniture Company is looking for a site on which to erect a concrete factory building next year.

TWO BUILDERS WOULD JOIN Applications for Membership Are Filled With Exchange.

Applications for membership in the Portland Builders Exchange were received last week from the firm of Parker & Banfield and the Willamette Planning Mill, successors to the Northwest Dock Company. The Willamette Planning Mill recently bought out the old Union Store & Fixture Company in the Brooklyn Addition, and already is operating its plant there.

Eleven surveying parties will be sent on the Alaskan States geological survey to investigate the mineral resources of Alaska.

HOUSES ARE BOUGHT

East Side Residence Sales Range Up to \$5000.

"CLOSE IN" LAND SOUGHT

Brisk Demand for Small Homes East of Twentieth Street Is Hard to Meet—Lincoln Park Property Goes for \$5000.

East Side midsummer sales during the past week were mainly in dwellings and residence sites, in which practically all sections had a share. Here and there sales of homes ranged to \$5000. A sale in Lincoln Park was for \$5000 and a Vernon home brought \$4500.

F. J. Ouder, an East Side real estate dealer, who handles many East Portland homes, reported a brisk demand for small homes close in, which are not easy to find west of East Twentieth street.

\$5000 Sale in Lincoln Park. Catherine Bennett sold her property in Lincoln Park to B. Bennett for a consideration of \$5000. The property consists of a quarter block, lots 3 and 4, in block 5, Lincoln Park, located on Skidmore and East Eighth streets, including a house.

W. R. Love bought in Piedmont of John W. Huff lot 12, in block 40, by consideration being \$1000. The lot is located on Garfield, near Alnworth avenue.

B. M. Lombard sold to R. P. Dunbar lot 19, in block 3, Olmsted Park. The consideration was \$1500. Mr. Lombard sold to Mary Siddons two lots in Olmsted Park for \$1500. Mary S. Raymond bought of B. M. Lombard two lots in Olmsted Park for a consideration of \$1950.

Home Brings \$4500. Pinkney Whitney was sold to J. H. Bellam a house and lot in Westleigh Heights for \$4500. The property is located on East Thirtieth and Ellsworth streets.

The Hallack Building Company has purchased in Central Albina part of lots 2, 3 and 4, block 14, the consideration being \$2115. The property is located on Mason street, near Gantenbein avenue. The same company bought in Whitwood Court, across the Willamette River from St. Johns, 100x150 for \$1800.

In Williams Avenue Addition to Albina Julian Wasser sold to Martin Rekdahl a house and lot for \$2500.

The Mount Railroad Development Company sold a tract in Eastwood to Fannie M. Sutherland for a consideration of \$4500.

At Woodlawn Henry T. Atkinson sold to Florence V. McLane lots 12 and 13, block 14. The consideration was \$1725.

E. G. Gudhart sold a house and lot in Vernon to Gertrude Gudhart. Consideration \$4500.

H. L. Baker sold to Ludwig R. Woltering a house and lot in Brentwood for \$1950.

BROWNVILLE FARM IS SOLD S. S. Ackley Arrives From California and Takes Possession of Ranch.

BROWNVILLE, OR., July 15.—(Special)—As an evidence of renewed activity in real estate circles several deals have recently been made in this locality.

One of the new-comers is S. S. Ackley, who with his family arrived on Wednesday and took possession of his large farm east of Brownville, recently purchased from C. D. Frazier, of Portland. Mr. Ackley came from McLaugh, Cal., where for 16 years he had charge of the Heart Summer home, known as the "Heart Castle."

Mr. Ackley brought with him an entire carload of household goods and will at once erect new buildings and otherwise greatly improve his recent purchase.

Another new arrival is that of C. F. Dohring and family, wife and six children, from Harper, Kan., who are being shown over the country by E. W. Tripp. Mr. Dohring expects to become a permanent resident of Oregon.

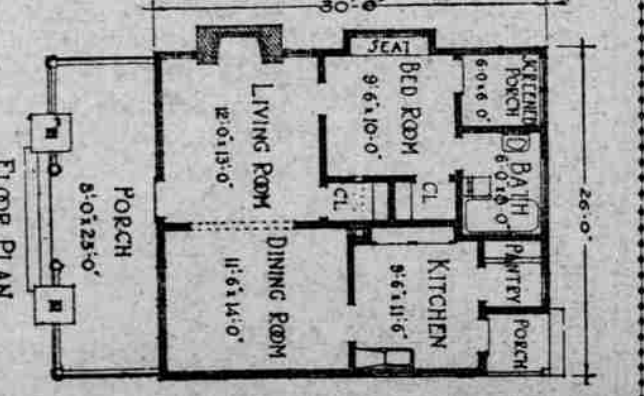
ALAMEDA BIDS TO BE LET Rose City Heights League Favors Rush of Work on Streets.

Various committee reports were heard at an enthusiastic meeting of the Rose City Heights League Tuesday night. The committee on paving, after an interview with Commissioner Dieck, believed that it would be best to proceed with the letting of contracts for the paving of the Alameda and adjacent streets so that the work could be completed early next Spring after the water mains had been laid by the water department. Members of the league feel that little opposition to the project will develop.

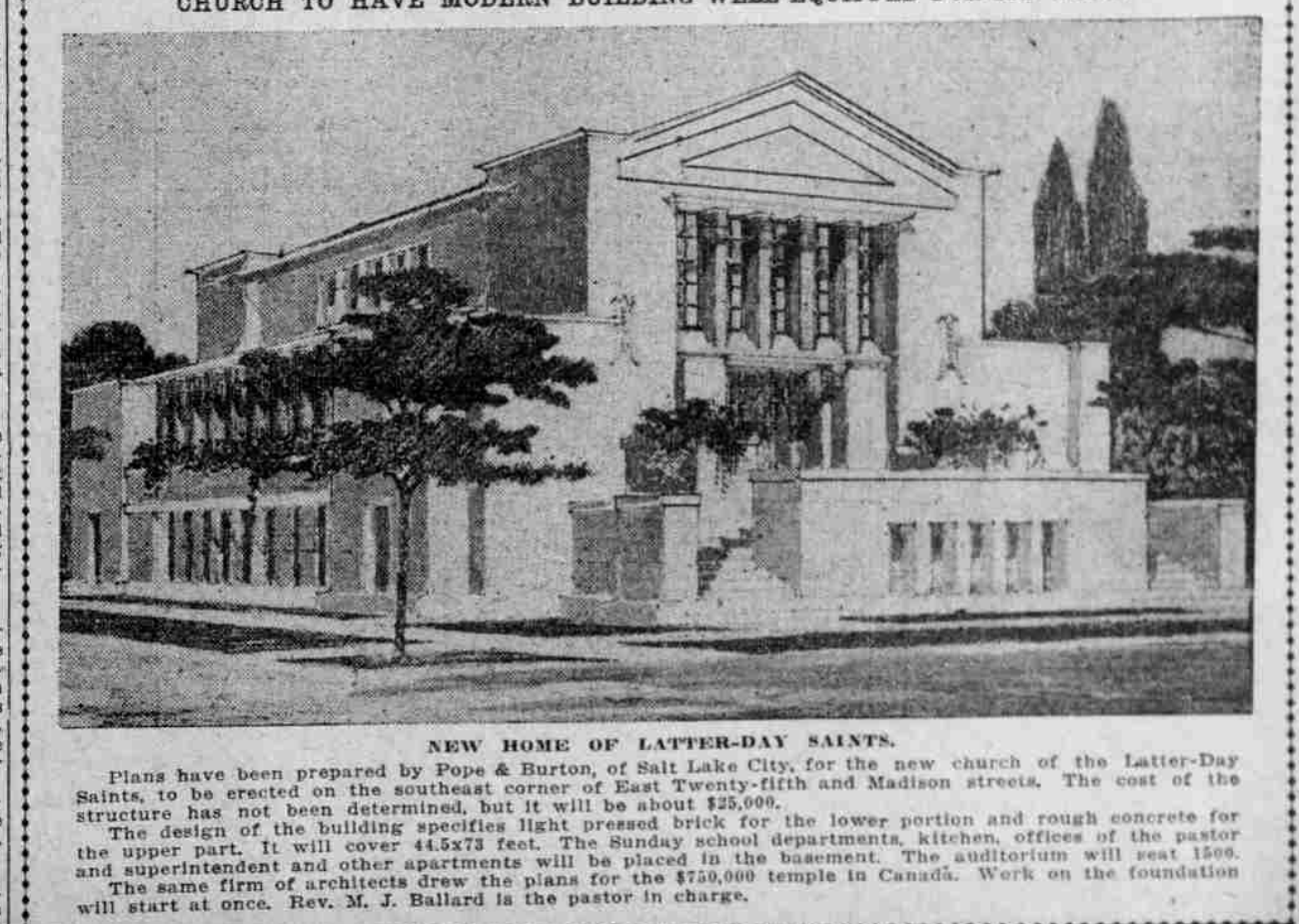
Believing that Rose City Heights is one of the choice residence districts of Portland, the league thinks that the principal thoroughfares should be hard-surfaced.

EXTERIOR VIEW AND FLOOR PLAN OF BUNGALOW PROVIDING COMFORT AT A MODERATE COST.

This is sure to prove a popular plan with those who want comfort and snugness at a low cost and at the same time have a home of excellent appearance. The exterior is of cedar shingles, with trimmings of unvarnished fir. The front of the house is divided by an open arch between the living and dining-rooms. Opening from the bedroom is a screened sleeping porch just large enough for a full-sized bed. The foundation base and the chimney are covered with a cement plaster, giving the bungalow a solid, permanent appearance. The dwelling, back of the front porch, covers a ground area 36x25 feet. Arrangements have been made to show exterior and interior bungalow designs in the department from time to time for the benefit of residents of Portland who are planning construction of one-story cottages of the latest and most satisfactory types. The particular aim is to present those plans which suggest artistic exteriors and comfortable interiors.



CHURCH TO HAVE MODERN BUILDING WELL EQUIPPED FOR ITS WORK.



NEW HOME OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS. Plans have been prepared by Pope & Burton, of Salt Lake City, for the new church of the Latter-Day Saints, to be erected on the southeast corner of East Twenty-fifth and Madison streets. The cost of the structure has not been determined, but it will be about \$25,000.