

COMMISSION CENTER IN EAST SIDE DRAWS

Attitude on Front Street Is That Small Firm Finally Will Have to Follow.

REALTY DEALS ARE MADE

Option for Purchase of Northwest Corner of Sixth and Stark Is Believed to Be Step Toward Banking Institution Erection.

Except for the options given for the purchase of the northwest corner of Sixth and Stark streets at a total valuation of \$275,000, there was no realty event last week to attract attention from the prominent activity in East Side commission-house sites, originally reported in The Oregonian last Sunday.

With the large commission concerns buying up locations in the new East Side center bordering on either side of East Alder street, between Union avenue and East First street, the general feeling along Front street, the pioneer market and commission-house center, is that the smaller firms eventually will be compelled to follow the lead set by the big concerns.

The Pearson-Ryan Company already is located at the southeast corner of East First and East Alder streets, while the Pacific Fruit and Produce Company is housed in the other half of the D. P. Thompson estate building, on the southwest corner of East Second and East Alder streets.

At present a new \$30,000 commission-house structure is being erected for the W. B. Glafke Company on the northeast corner of East Second and East Alder streets. Directly east from the Glafke site, John A. Bell, of the commission firm of Bell & Co., purchases a quarter block less than 10 days ago, while the other corner on the same side of East Alder street has been purchased by H. L. Phillips, of the United Brokers Company, who announces that he will build a commission-house on the property.

On the same day Phillips bought this corner the quarter block directly south, namely, the southwest corner of Union avenue and East Alder street, was in option to H. L. Phillips to a Seattle commission firm, whose identity has not yet been made public. Also, it is said, an offer of \$75,000 was made for the corner diagonally across the street, where the postoffice station is now located in a two-story brick building.

In addition to the commission firms that have located in the new East Side since recently Page & Son, a large commission firm, own land on the south side of East Alder street, between East Water and East First streets, which is near the heart of the new district.

Sixth and Stark Corner May Be Sold. Harry W. Hill, of Portland, and his brother, Marcus Wolf, of San Francisco, last week gave a Portland realty firm an option to purchase the northwest corner of Sixth and Stark streets, for \$175,000 within the coming three months, and Alexander Wagner, owner of the remaining portion of the quarter block, gave in option to the same firm that land for \$100,000. It is said that if the property is bought within the time specified it will mean the construction of a three-story building.

Just how the proposed building will be used is not made public, but the general impression among those who are in the effect of the banking institution may locate on the corner. At present the entire quarter block is covered with two and three-story buildings.

Heightened Lot Is Sold. For a stipulated consideration of \$4250, Toara G. Anderson last week deeded Raymond B. Wilcox title to a lot located on the west side of Twenty-first street, between Clifton and Myrtle streets.

Twelfth-Street Land Sold. By the terms of a deed filed at the Courthouse at 12 o'clock last week, George B. Adams, of Portland, became owner of fractions of two lots situated on the southeast corner of Twelfth and Columbia streets. A nominal consideration was cited in the instrument.

Tillamook Reports \$22,000 Sale. Fred Anderson has paid \$22,000 for 210 acres of riparian land, bounded by Garibaldi on the north side of the Miami River, and for 239 acres of tide-land near by. The land formerly belonged to the late E. C. Taylor, and has been taken on several other tracts in the same locality, and it is reported at Tillamook that the places are sought as sites for the new city.

Irrigation Home Sells for \$7500. Robert B. Beat has sold a house and lot in Irvington to Charles H. Page for \$7500. The property is described as 9 block 116, Irvington, and is located on East Eighth and Knott streets.

Beasle Wallace Buys Home. Beasle Wallace has purchased from Emma P. Cass a house and lot, two blocks addition, including lot 14 in block 1, the consideration named in the deed being \$3603. The property is located on the corner of East Fifteenth and East Madison streets.

A. J. Bundy Buys Lots. A. J. Bundy has purchased lots 9 and 10, in block 8, Chicago Addition, in the South East Side, the consideration being \$1000. The lots are located on Baltimore avenue and Woodbridge street.

Taborside Property Is Sold. M. A. Williams has taken title to lots 2, 19 and 20, in block 11, Taborside, from Lewis C. White, the consideration named being \$2400. This property is located on East Seventy-seventh and East Madison streets.

Soldon Murray Property Sold. A tract in the Seldon Murray donation land claim, located near Hawthorne avenue, has been transferred to James G. Tontz by Ella E. Burrington, for \$3000.

Steward Park Home Brings \$2000. A house and lot in Steward Park in the South East Side were purchased recently by A. S. Chubb from Elizabeth J. Howard for \$2000. The property is located near the Foster road.

Alameda Property Is Sold. Robert B. Beat took title last week to four lots in Alameda Park from Charles H. Page. The consideration named being \$5559. The property is located in blocks 2, 3, 4 and 13, all on paved streets.

J. A. Bryce Buys Lot. The Gregory Investment Company has transferred lots 41 and 42, in block 2, Gregory Heights, with a house, to A. J. Bryce for a consideration of \$1500. The property is located near the Sandy boulevard.

University Park Sale Made. In University Park, lots 1, 2 and 3, in block 122, were purchased last week by G. W. Gage from D. Boyer, for \$2000. The sale includes a dwelling, located on Dwight street and Willis avenue.

Laurelhurst Sales Reported. The Laurelhurst Company has transferred lot 8 in block 106, Laurelhurst, to Evert Lisananiti, the consideration being \$1400.

W. K. G. Thatcher has purchased lot 12, in block 114, Laurelhurst, from T. M. Hinz for \$1880.

The Laurelhurst Company has transferred lot 12, in block 104, Laurelhurst, to J. J. Kampt, the consideration being \$1100.

Tabor Heights Lot Brings \$2000. G. W. Wannocott has taken title to lot 2, in block J, Tabor Heights, corner of Brooke and East Stark streets. The consideration was \$2000.

Railway Obtains Strip. The Portland & Oregon City Railway Company has obtained a strip through the tract owned by the Multnomah Mohair Mills Company, located in the eastern part of Sellwood, the consideration named in the deed being \$1760. This strip is wanted by the railway company for its track which runs through Milwaukie to Baker's Bridge.

J. A. Byerly Buys in Laurelhurst. J. A. Byerly has purchased lot 15, in block 111, Laurelhurst, from W. C. Powers. The consideration named was \$1900.

Irvington Home Brings \$5000. William H. See last week sold lot 10 and the south half of lot 9 in block 24, Irvington, for \$5000. This property is located on Almsworth avenue and East Twenty-sixth street.

Mabel P. Warnke Buys Lot. Mabel P. Warnke has purchased lot 21 in block 10, Lenox Addition, from W. L. Robertson for \$1000, with improvements. This property is located in block 10.

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Causes of Loss in Life and Value of Property Are Given in Detail.

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Capital Properly Invested in Improved Realty Is Considered Fixture That Should Last as Long as Time.

BY E. R. MAC NAUGHTON. The depreciation of buildings is a problem that should receive the attention of all owners of improved real estate. It is a question of particular interest at this time when realty values are adjusting and the fixing of the worth of an improvement is perplexing owners and prospective traders.

While the subject is one upon which widely divergent opinions may be obtained, there are, however, certain fundamental principles which are controlling factors and which should be clear to all.

Capital invested in improved real property is partly in the land, which is a fixture that will last as long as time and, if wisely selected, should enhance in value. The balance is taken by the improvements or buildings which are perishable and eventually disappear, and the capital represented by them, unless sufficient rents are obtained to pay fixed charges and interest on the debt, will gradually be due to offset the cost of the buildings.

Depreciation Takes on Two Forms. The forces tending to destroy and render unfit the building for profitable use are those of depreciation.

Depreciation takes two forms. There is a physical deterioration which is the natural wearing out of the material of the building, and, in addition, a second and greater factor conspires to bring the improvements to the scrap heap, namely, economic obsolescence.

The building also has an economic or service life, which has been defined as "the term of years during which it is commercially useful and will yield an adequate return in rent on the investment made in the purchase of the land occupied."

Many attempts have been made to derive a scale of percentage which could be used as an approximate guide in determining the physical and economic life of different classes of buildings, and after analysis of many of the factors which enter into the problem, a scale has been devised as best suited to the conditions governing in our Pacific Coast cities where the formation of the city is still in its infancy and changes are rapid and far-reaching in their effects.

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Sections Off Reconstructed. Economic depreciation (an examination of the table will show) as compared with physical deterioration comes on apace and is the result of many causes beyond the control of the owner. Among the factors contributing to this depreciation are: changes in the routing of carlines; shifting of centers of population; competition, fashion and change of habit; changes in building codes; development of new districts with better accommodations for the utility for which the structures may have been especially designed.

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INSURANCE RECOGNIZED AS ASSET BY EMPLOYER

Man Who Can't Provide for Emergency Out of Salary Is Not Considered Capable of Guiding Business Involving Heavy Financing.

BY LIFE INSURANCE EDITOR.

UNTIL 40, pride was always my greatest failing," declared R. H. Gore in an article in the American Magazine.

"I married at 20 and had a wife and four children. My salary was \$50 a week. We spent all of it. One day my department head called me into his office.

"We are going to make a change," he said. "I am to be promoted and so is to succeed me as manager of this department. You were considered, but the old man investigated you and finding that you were not putting aside any of your income, concluded that you could not be trusted. In the success of his family finances could not be trusted to handle an important part of a big business where production is made by the individual."

"I did not feel offended. I realized that the fault was my own. I went home and told my wife that I had lost my job. She wept and said, 'I must have jotted her pride.' She suggested that we move out of a district where house rent was \$50 a month and confine to a smaller one for \$25 a week, half of my income.

"To make this obligatory I instructed the office bookkeeper to hold back one-half of my salary each week until the end of the year. I was determined to show the 'old man' that I could save money."

"At the end of the remaining 30 weeks I had \$750 in my office account. I might have received 6 per cent interest, but I was fishing for bigger game. I told the bookkeeper to hold back \$30 a week.

"The end of the 18th month found me in charge of the purchasing department for the company and drawing \$5000 a year. When I am 50 years old I shall have no less than \$30,000 at the present schedule. And this is a better case in point than any I have seen. This is Mr. Gore's contribution verbatim. The writer has overlooked one important possibility. What if he should not have been promoted?"

When the opportunity for promotion adaptation to the utility of its lot, combined with excess expenditure in unprofitable ornamental features, which are added on the building in a vain attempt for architectural effect. Too often the basic fact is overlooked, that the building, and, in addition, a second and greater factor conspires to bring the improvements to the scrap heap, namely, economic obsolescence.

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Property in Mount Tabor District Exchanged for Peach Orchard on Clackamas River.

Announcement that the firm of Rice & Rice, of Roseburg, had traded the McClellan Hotel of Roseburg to George W. Lill, of Eugene, for a 500-acre farm located about eight miles southeast of Eugene and two miles from Goshen, was made yesterday through The Oregonian realty firm of Walker & Dockett.

The consideration was \$45,000. Both parties to the trade will take charge of their new properties immediately. Through the office of C. D. Strow an important realty deal was made last week in the exchange of 25,000 square feet of valuable Mount Tabor property for part of the beautiful E. M. Howell & Son peach orchard, on the Clackamas River, 15 miles from Portland.

Bertha M. Howland and Earl Howland, a large tract of land lying along the right of way of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company at East Sixty-third and East Morrison streets, a portion of which is covered with a four-flat building.

The Howells believe this to be one of the finest tracts in Portland for a two and three-room furnished apartment building and it is understood that it is their intention to improve part of the property with a building of that class.

Captain Howland has plans for extensive improvements on the Clackamas River property, which will make it one of the show places near Portland. The plans include a trout lake, a natural park along the river shore, bathing floats and several new buildings.

COLVILLE Farm of 1000 Acres Sold. COLVILLE, Wash., Oct. 26.—(Special)—State Senator Harvey H. Phipps, of Spokane, yesterday closed a deal with S. H. Tweedell, Bank of Spokane, for 1000 acres of timber and agricultural lands situated in the Union Creek basin, about seven miles south of Northport. The lands will be converted into a dairy farm and will be highly improved for diversified farming.

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