

PERSPECTIVE OF NEW POSTOFFICE IS READY

March 1 Set as Date to Begin Construction of \$1,000,000 Federal Building.

CLASSIC DESIGN FOLLOWED

Exterior Will Be of Stone and Ornamentation Will Be Confined to Lobby—Old Building to Be Kept as Sub-Station.

March 1 has been set as the date for the commencement of construction on Portland's proposed new \$1,000,000 postoffice on the block bounded by Broadway, Glisan, Hoyt and Eighth streets. The first official perspective of the structure was made public yesterday by the architects and shows a building classic in design and decidedly attractive.

The site of the building is at the west end of Broadway bridge and is 200 by 150 feet in size. The building in design will follow the lines of the Italian renaissance. The front part will be six stories in height, while the rear portion will be two stories designed so that more stories may be added later if necessary.

The building will be of stone of a kind and color to be decided later. Possibly the upper stories will be faced with brick or terra cotta. The building will have two entrances, one on Broadway and the other on Eighth street. These entrances lead to a public lobby extending nearly the full length of the building parallel to Glisan street. Two elevators are provided, one near each entrance.

Quarters Are Arranged.

The two lower floors and part of the basement will be for the postoffice department. Here will be handled all the mail now handled at the postoffice on Sixth and Morrison and the station at Fifth and Glisan. The postmaster's office will be on the corner of Glisan and Broadway, opening off of the lobby.

The assistant postmaster, cashier, stamp, money order and postal savings divisions will occupy space between the public lobby and the Glisan-street front of the building. The registry division will be at the opposite end of the public lobby, adjacent to the Broadway entrance. The lockboxes, letter drops and other conveniences will be on the north side of the public lobby.

Along both sides of the public lobby are numerous windows for the transaction of postoffice business with the public. On the Hoyt-street side will be the mailing platforms where all mail wagons will be handled. Interference with traffic will be provided against by having the platforms in a recessed space in the center of the Hoyt-street front.

The postoffice workroom will occupy the entire rear portion of the building from the public lobby to Hoyt street. This room, 120 by 150 feet in size, will be lighted on three sides by large windows and above by skylights.

Ornamentation to Be Little.

Ornamentation in the building will be confined largely to the public lobby. The floor of this will be of marble tile, the walls of travertine stone and the ceiling will be plaster ornamented. The partitions separating the lobby from the postoffice workroom will be of metal and glass.

The upper floors of the building will be used as headquarters for the various Federal offices now scattered about the city in rented buildings and offices. The Federal Government pays out a total of \$18,000 a year in rent at present, all of which will be saved by the new building.

The only Federal service which will not move into the new building will be the Department of Justice, which will occupy the old postoffice at Sixth and Morrison streets. This will be maintained also as a sub-postoffice.

station where all present business can be transacted by the public. The assembling plant at Fifth and Glisan, for which the Federal Government pays \$15,750 a year rent, will be given up, as will all other rented space. The Federal statutes provide that all leases for offices shall terminate with the completion of the new building.

SCHOOLS REACH STANDARD

Four Polk County Districts Comply With Requirements.

MONMOUTH, Or., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—The following Polk County schools recently have become standard: Buena Vista, November 8; teachers, W. E. Buel, Mrs. Justina Kliese and Miss Marie A. Smith; School Board, S. W.

MUSIC ACT AT EMPRESS IS STELLAR FEATURE



Miss Hunter. The Musical Hunters, dark-haired Mr. Hunter and blonde-haired Miss Hunter, who will appear at the Empress Theater for one week, beginning this afternoon, have a lively musical act that is handsomely staged and costumed. Miss Hunter is constantly on the go. In the animation line Mr. Hunter is also some "stepper."

These two are evidently skilled musicians. Mr. Hunter shows skill on the violin and together they give a duet and conclude with a musical hunting trip through the forest. On this expedition Mr. Hunter conducts his bearers with his violin and Miss Hunter at various contraptions on which she imitates birds, beasts, whistling of the winds, rushing of brooks, galloping of horses and every other conceivable sound in or about a forest.

Leonard, J. A. Reynolds, J. R. Loy and C. Prather.

Peaslee, November 18; teacher, Miss Winifred Glossop; School Board, G. H. Truesax, F. C. Ritter, Frank Schybe and Mrs. H. M. Lacy.

Elkins, November 11; teachers, Miss Edith Witzel and Miss Phoebe G. Denny; School Board, G. B. Jones, A. E. Tetherow, Frank Loughary and R. A. Tedrow.

Cakpoint, November 11; teacher, Miss Carrie Dahm; School Board, Gus Sperling, Edward Rex, J. G. Auhart and H. B. Wolfe.

Gresham High Alumni to Meet.

GRESHAM, Or., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—The Alumni Association of the Union High School will hold its first regular semi-annual meeting next Wednesday in the assembly hall of Union High School building. The meeting will be a Christmas homecoming gathering and it is expected that a large number of the graduates of Gresham High School, which was the predecessor of Union High School No. 2, will be present. A programme of music and readings has been prepared and it is expected that some short talks will be given by men of this city prominent in business and school life. Refreshments will be served during the evening. The Alumni Association was organized in June, this year, and has a membership of nearly 100.

NO BIG RENT CHANGE IS EXPECTED JAN. 1

Many Saloon Locations Are in Demand and Some Are Held for Increases.

LEASES BEING TAKEN OUT

All Available Sites Down Town Are Engaged by Various Storekeepers and by Moving Picture Exhibitors.

Those who have put off renting downtown store locations until the first of the year with the belief that rents then will be greatly reduced are doomed for disappointment, according to the opinions expressed yesterday by a number of prominent rental men.

Although all agree that concessions will have to be made in many instances, rental men aver that absolutely no space is to be had even now in the heart of the business district and little alarm is being felt by any of the property owners.

Already several of the saloon locations have been leased for floral shops, dairy lunches, poolrooms, picture shows and cigar stands.

Hippie Saloon Quarters Leased. The space now occupied by the Hippie saloon near the northeast corner of Fifth and Morrison streets, has been leased for a dairy lunch and a shoe man, who rents space next door, will have to move to make room for the enlargement of the premises. The saloon next door to the Hippie establishment on the south has been leased for use as a floral shop.

In some exceptional instances the owners of leases on saloons have been offered substantially what they are now paying, but have refused to rent unless they receive an actual increase. An offer of \$100 monthly rental has been made for the quarters now held by the Waldorf, near the corner of Washington street and Broadway, and, although this is about the sum now paid for the quarters, the offer has been flatly refused.

The saloon on the ground floor of the Northwest building has been leased to a large shoe concern and the former saloon on the northwest corner of Sixth and Everett streets already has been remodeled and leased as a poolroom, confectionery store and cigar stand.

Monthly Bonus of \$100 Refused.

The owners of the lease on the Olympian Buffet, at 309 Washington street, between Fifth and Sixth streets, have been offered a bonus of \$100 a month on their present rent for a five-year period, but thus far they have refused.


In another instance \$450 has been offered for a Washington-street location that has six years to run on the present lease. This is what the present tenants are paying on a bargain lease obtained several years ago and they refuse to rent the place at all unless they can get an actual profit.

Normally, however, rents will undoubtedly be reduced on the locations now held by saloons, but it is not believed that the new situation caused by the enforcement of the prohibition law will have much tangible influence on rents in general.

Brewery Burglar Gets No Loot.

Someone with a penchant for strong drink broke into the Portland Brewery at Twentieth and Upshur streets early yesterday morning, but found no liquor he could carry away with him, except on the inside. The portion of the brewery to which he gained entrance by "jimmying" the door did not contain any of the bottled goods, and though there was a large quantity on tap, the vats had not been disturbed. Patrolman Hatch found the open door yesterday morning.

Australia seems to have an inexhaustible supply of marbles, which is found there in many colors, in addition to pure white.



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MESSAGE OF JOY GIVEN

REV. FATHER IGNATIUS McNAMEE PREACHES AT ST. MARY'S.

Tulcicide Season Is Declared Time When Heart Forgets Its Envy and Kindles Kindness.

It was a message of the spirit of Christmas with its accompanying peace and good will toward all mankind which was brought by Rev. Father Ignatius E. McNamee in his sermon delivered yesterday at St. Mary's Cathedral.

"Everywhere is joy today," he said. "This is a time when the heart forgets its envy and kindles with kindness, when bitterness turns to ashes and the embers of charity flame forth anew, when sympathy and gentleness and compassion soothe and chaaten the spirit. And all the world is glad, for the Christ is born in whom there is no guile."

"On Christmas morning and perhaps for days in advance, there stands before our minds a scene, still vivid in picture from the waken memories of childhood—a scene to thrill the heart. It shows a starry Winter's night in the hills near Bethlehem. The cold, crisp night air hardens the stillness and all nature seems at rest. There in a way-side cave on a straw bed lies an infant whose life will influence men for all time, he is born to shape the character of nations, to change the color of history, to bring rest and comfort to countless troubled minds. This new-

ST. HELENS WANTS GUARD

Petitions Are Being Circulated for Formation of Company.

According to a report of Major Knapp and Colonel McLaughlin, officers of the Oregon National Guard who have recently returned from St. Helens, the business men of that place are favorable to the formation of a company of National Guard. These two officers said that petitions had been circulated among the men of military age in that town and that 125 men signified their willingness to enlist should a company be formed.

Adjutant-General George A. White also is of the opinion that a company of Guard soon will be established in St. Helens.

DINNER-DANCE IS GIVEN

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Norton Kemp Hosts to Merry Party.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Norton Kemp entertained at a Christmas eve party Friday night, and at a dinner and dance yesterday at their home, 15 North Eleventh street.

Covers were laid for 16 at dinner. The guests included: Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Lennox (Mrs. Lennox was formerly June Hall, of St. Louis), Mr. and Mrs. G. McCauley, Mr. and Mrs. Frank

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ATTRACTIVE STRUCTURE DESIGNED FOR BLOCK BOUNDED BY BROADWAY, GLISAN, HOYT AND EIGHTH STREETS

—Lewis P. Hobart, Architect, San Francisco, Cal.