

ORAL CONTRACT FOR REALTY SALE VOID

Agreement Must Be in Writing, Says Oregon Law.

ESCROW ACTION IS CITED

Case Decided by Supreme Court of This State Shows Importance of Following Law.

BY W. R. SHIVELY, Chairman Legal Committee, Portland Realty Board.

Where the owner of land orally agrees to sell the same and deposits a deed in escrow to be delivered upon payment of the agreed purchase price, may said owner withdraw the deed from escrow and refuse to consummate the transaction even though the purchaser may have paid a portion of the purchase price?



PERSPECTIVE OF NEW HOME NOW BUILDING FOR W. H. WALLINGFORD COMPANY.

Fully three-quarters of the big amount of building now under way in Portland is devoted to new garages or homes for motor car dealers. One of the finest of these buildings is that now under construction at the northeast corner of Washington and Burnside streets for the W. H. Wallingford company, distributors for Liberty and Briscoe cars.

GRESHAM REALTY MOVES

BERRY AND POULTRY INDUSTRIES FLOURISHING.

Numerous Sales of Farm and Residential Property Closed During Past Week.

Farm and residential property in the Gresham section is beginning to show vigorous movement and a number of important sales have been made during the past week, while others are in prospect, according to Messrs. Kridler and Elkington of the Gresham Real Estate company.

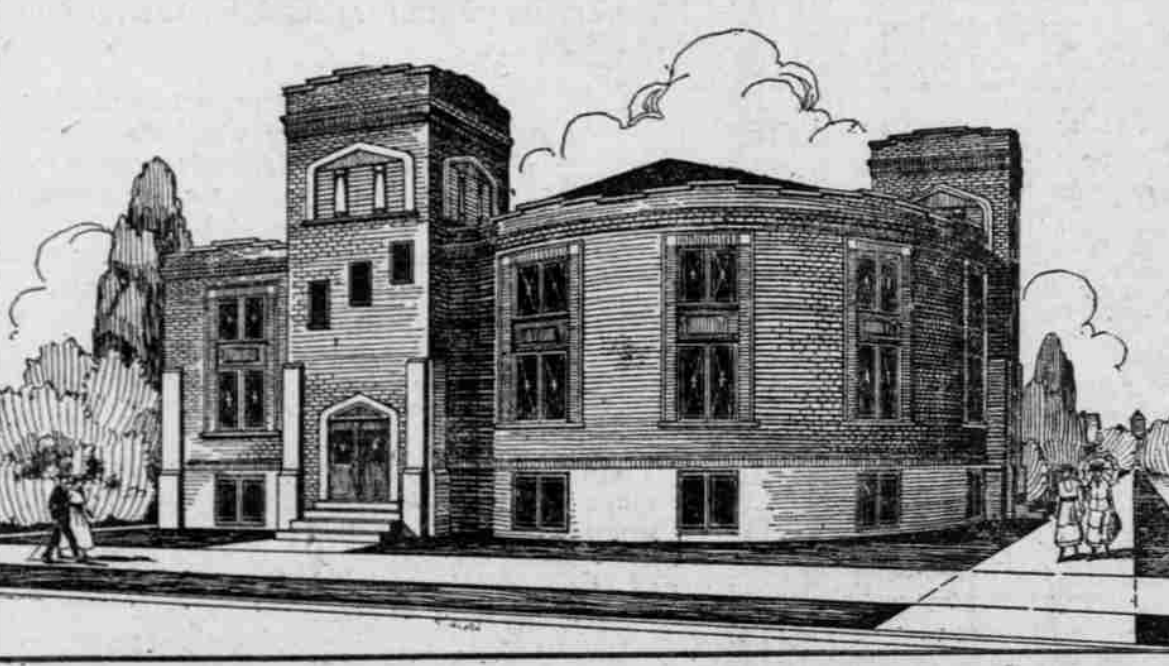
BUILDING IN U. S. GAINS

NEW YORK PERMITS REACH LARGE TOTAL.

Volume of Construction for August \$27,000,000 Greater Than for Month of July.

A healthy increase in building throughout the United States is shown by figures compiled by Building Age, New York City, New York. The estimated value of permits granted during August, 1919, in 168 cities totals \$169,358,341, a gain of 274 per cent over the August, 1918, total of \$145,431,709.

NEW CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH BEING ERECTED AT FOREST GROVE.



Work has been started on a new edifice at Forest Grove to replace the Congregational church destroyed there in the disastrous fire of last August. The new structure was designed by E. E. McClaran, Portland architect in the Lumber Exchange building.

INLAND REALTY IS IN GREATER DEMAND

Paul A. Cowgill Home From Washington Trip.

BUILDING IN PROGRESS

Two Business Blocks at Walla Walla Being Erected on Cost Plus Basis.

Real estate is rapidly picking up through the Inland Empire, according to Paul A. Cowgill, executive secretary of the Interstate Realty association, who returned last week from a two-weeks' trip to the Walla Walla and Yakima valleys.

At Walla Walla a realty board was formed, patterned after the association in this city. A meeting was held at the Walla Walla Commercial club at which Mr. Cowgill spoke, and the formation of the realty board followed.

STRIKES MAY WORK GOOD

MOTIVE FOR BACK-TO-LAND MOVEMENT SEEN.

Men Tired of Strikes and Generally Unstable Conditions in Cities Turning to Country.

ALBANY, Or., Oct. 4.—(Special.)—Will continuous strikes and labor troubles fomented by foreign agitators in the unions furnish the motive for a "back to the land" movement which it has been contended is needed in this country?

EFFICIENCY OF THE TRUCK

Packard Company Puts Out Book—let of Information.

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SHOE STORE GETS LEASE

Aggregate Rental in 10-Year Period to be \$213,707.

A ten-year lease on the basement and ground floor of the building at the northwest corner of Fourth and Alder streets, owned by the Alder Investment company, has been taken by Wright's Sample Shoe store.

KEROSENE FOR AUTOS

Many of Present-Day Cars Can Use Coal Oil Mixture.

There are thousands of cars at present in use which can, with a little inconvenience, use a mixture of kerosene and gasoline or even kerosene alone. The carburetion systems of modern cars are designed to handle fairly poor grade of fuel, but owners are a little backward in experimenting.

Riddle Hearing Scheduled.

SALEM, Or., Oct. 4.—(Special.)—J. M. Devers, attorney for the state highway commission, has received a telegram from Roseburg to the effect that arguments of the demurrer to the complaint in the case filed by S. H. Rockhill to restrain the construction of the so-called Canyonville portion of the Pacific highway had been set for a week from next Tuesday. The new highway, as proposed

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by the commission, eliminates Riddle from the main traveled road, according to Mr. Rockhill in his complaint.

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