

HOUSE SHORTAGE
BUILDING TO DOOR

Construction Costs Retard Building in U. S.

INDUSTRY DOING WORK

Permits Show Increase but Actual Items Show Homes 10 Per Cent Below Normal.

In spite of the unprecedented housing situation throughout the country, home building is not proceeding rapidly as has been expected.

Shortage Hurts Finances. The shortage of homes throughout the country not only adds to the financial burdens of many classes of people who are unable to obtain them, but it has a general disturbing effect which fosters unrest and contributes to the general lack of production.

Industry Is Building. During the first three months of this year more than one-half of the total valuation of new construction work was for industrial and business buildings.

1905 FAIR BUILDING GOES

LEWIS & CLARK ADMINISTRATION STRUCTURE RAZED.

Reception of Many Notable Visitors to Portland Recalled.

Musty Documents Found.

Work of tearing down the administration building, one of the few remaining structures of the Lewis & Clark exposition, was begun last week, and yesterday little more than the structure which once had the honor of housing the offices of the exposition association and of receiving many of the most notable visitors to the fair grounds.

The structure was located just to the right of the entrance to the position grounds at Twenty-sixth and Upshur, and from its offices issued the administrative orders relative to the erection and maintenance of the big Portland enterprise.

When the safe in the building was opened last week, when work of tearing down the structure was begun, a quantity of musty documents, including blueprints and plans for the exposition buildings, were discovered.

HALFWAY REALTY IS ACTIVE

Sunny Dell School District to Build Schoolhouse.

HALFWAY, Or., May 15.—(Special.)—The Sunny Dell school district has decided to build a two-room schoolhouse, the cost to be about \$4000.

ACREAGE HOMESITES OFFERED

Tract Located at Courtney Station Between Highway and River.

River Villa areas is the name of a new suburban tract just placed on the market in the shape of acreage home sites by M. J. Clobessy, local realty dealer. The tract is located on the

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Forty-Acre Ranch Purchased. PROSSER, Wash., May 15.—(Special.)—James Foster of Bathrum, Idaho, has purchased from the Central Yakima Ranches company the highly improved Frank F. Jackson ranch of 40 acres, three miles west of Prosser.

20 GOING TO CONVENTION

LOCAL REALTY DEALERS ARE SEEKING TROPHIES.

Effort Will Be Made to Show That Portland's Activities in Year Not Beaten Elsewhere.

Portland realty dealers, 20 strong, will leave the last of the month for the national convention of real estate boards of the United States.

The second contest has to do with the achievements of the various boards during the past year, a trophy being given to the board which presents the greatest record of achievements.

Among the Portland delegation will be at least one of the speakers upon the programme of the national convention. Mr. McGuire received a telegram last week asking him to address the realtors, explaining the methods of house salesmanship.

Prosper Acreage Sold. PROSSER, Wash., May 15.—(Special.)—The central Yakima Ranches company has purchased one of the best tracts of land now recently from F. P. Allen of Seattle.

DELAY IN ADJUSTING ASSESSMENT COSTLY

Aggrieved Taxpayer Has Remedy Under Law.

NEGLIGENCE MEANS LOSS

Complaints Must Be Filed With County Board of Equalization in Specified Time.

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

error has been made there is but one method provided for inquiry into and revision of the assessor's valuation, viz: through the board of equalization. This board is composed of the county judge, county clerk and county assessor of each county.

The board is required to meet in the courthouse of each county on the second Monday of September of each year for the performance of its duties, and the assessor is required to give a three weeks' public notice of such meeting requiring all persons interested to appear at the time and place appointed.

any particular assessment may file with the board a written petition under oath, wherein the error of the assessor must be pointed out and the various claims of the taxpayer set forth. The law expressly provides that if the taxpayer's petition is not filed during the first week of the board's session the petition shall not be action upon.

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People Moving Away From Town Because of Shortage. KELSEO, Wash., May 15.—(Special.)—Kelseo's house shortage is the most striking feature of the town's economy.

MINING ROAD IS SOUGHT Region About Elk City Making Determined Fight for Highway. LEWISTON, Idaho, May 15.—(Special.)—For many years the extensive mining region surrounding Elk City, in Idaho county, has been waiting for road development which would enable the opening up of the deposits of ore.

College Band Engaged. ROSEBURG, Or., May 15.—(Special.)—A contract with the Oregon Agricultural college band was let today whereby that organization has been engaged to supply the music for the tenth annual strawberry festival, which will start on May 27 and will continue for three days.

CLEANUP CAMPAIGN BEGINS TOMORROW

City Attractive to Visitors Is Crusaders' Object.

CLUBS WILL DIRECT WORK

Portland This Year Has General Charge—Permits for Rubbish Fires Unnecessary.

Portland's annual clean-up, designed especially this year to prepare the city for the thousands of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine and others expected here for the conventions in June and the Rose Festival, will begin early tomorrow morning and will continue throughout the week.

The clean-up week programme this year has as its main object the cleaning of vacant lots and unsightly property that would make an unfavorable impression on visitors.

District Work Arranged. Tomorrow will be devoted to the special cleaning up of districts 1 and 2, Kenton and St. Johns and Highland, Woodlawn and Alberta.

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GEARHART PAVING LAID COMPLETION OF WORK BY MID-JUNE EXPECTED. Active Construction on New Hotel to Be Started Immediately After. Materials Delayed.

Street paving work which has been carried on at Gearhart for some time will be completed by the middle of June and active construction on the new Gearhart hotel will begin immediately thereafter.

During the last several weeks, while active construction has been waiting more favorable building conditions, a considerable number of names have been secured for the stock. Following is a list of the Portland stock subscribers to complete organization plans.

This Splendid \$800 Player Piano \$595



We May Allow \$200 for Your Old Upright. Balance \$395—Cash or \$12 Monthly.

The Two New Stores' Spring Opening

QUALITY STORE—1920 MODELS As Fresh as the Spring Flowers. 1150 Steger, baby grand... \$862. 900 Steger, grand-upright... \$675.

SAVE \$130 TO \$313 BY BEING YOUR OWN SALESMAN. The Schwan Piano Co. makes it easy for you to buy through its unexcelled value and own a new, improved quality piano.

Schwan Piano Co. PORTLAND'S LARGEST PIANO DISTRIBUTORS

FRANK L. MCGUIRE COMPANY CHANGES OFFICES. Real Estate Firm Moves Down From Fourth to Second Floor in Same Building.

Recruit Donates Auto. SHERIDAN, Wyo., May 15.—To prove that he was not enlisting in the service for financial gain, Frank Peck of Gillette, Wyo., presented a seven-passenger touring car to the local recruiting station when he was accepted for service in the 55th Coast artillery.