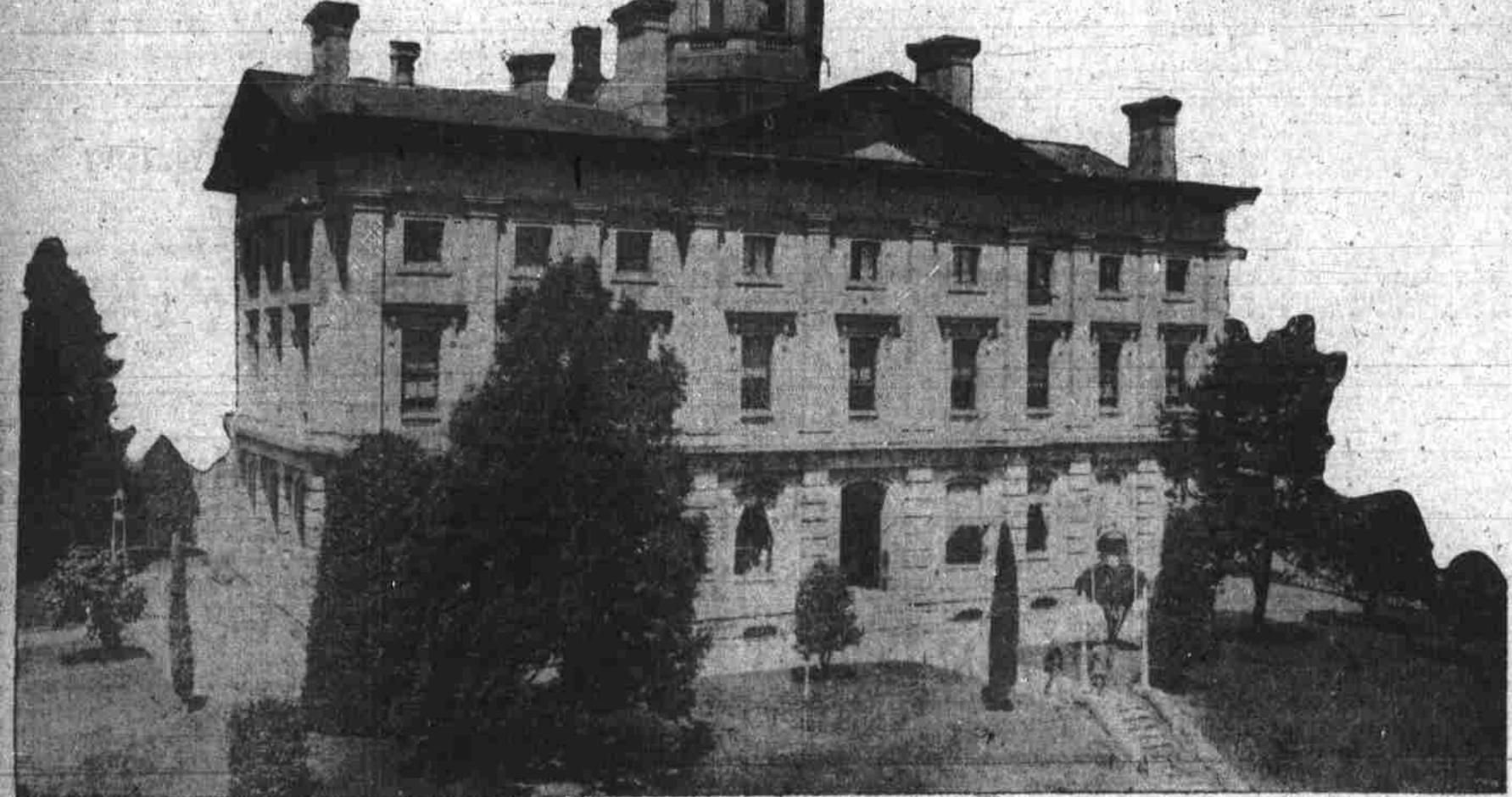


PORTLAND'S NEW POSTOFFICE, AND THE OLD

Almost Double the Space in the Building Will Be Afforded by the Extension Now Being Built Toward the Sixth Street Side.

Langton & Walker, contractors in charge of the repairs to the government postoffice, have a large force of men engaged in tearing away the west side of the structure where the new addition will be built. The work of construct-

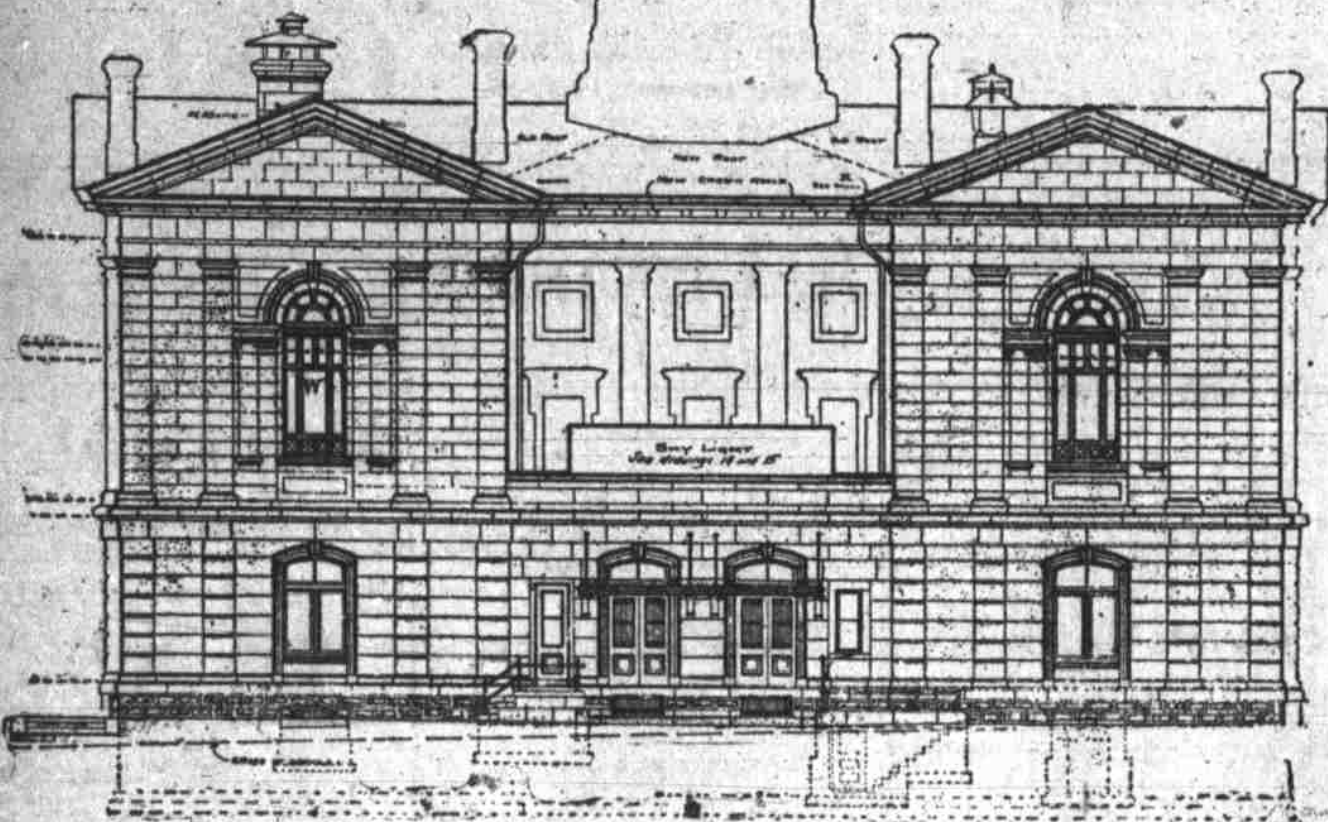


THE PRESENT POSTOFFICE BUILDING.

ing the addition will be begun as soon as the old portion is torn away and operations will be hurried to a completion with all possible speed.

"We intend to get through with our work as soon as possible," said Contractor Langford, in charge. "We have 21 months in which to complete our work, but with favorable conditions we hope to be through before that time. Everybody is anxious to have the work completed and we will do all in our power to get the building ready for occupancy as soon as possible."

The new addition, irrespective of heating apparatus, will cost in the neighborhood of \$150,000. It will be three stories in height like the present



SIXTH ST. ELEVATION

MORE PATROLMEN; A BETTER JAIL

TWO REQUESTS THAT WILL BE FEATURES OF THE FORTHCOMING ANNUAL REPORT OF CHIEF OF POLICE HUNT—NEED TO HANDLE PAIR CROWDS.

Chief of Police Hunt is busy preparing his annual report for the use of Mayor Williams. The report will cover that part of the present year, during which Chief Hunt has held office, and it will give comparative figures also for the last two years.

The exact amount of money needed by the police department for the coming year is not yet settled. This matter is taken up by the police committee and in turn by the executive board, which makes its recommendations to the city council.

The police committee will first confer with Chief Hunt as to the needs of the department before asking for its appropriation. This probably will be done shortly. Chief Hunt is at present study-

ing the needs of his department, so as to be able to fully inform the committee as to what is desired.

The deplorable condition of the city jail has called forth much unfavorable comment, and Chief Hunt is known to be heartily in favor of remodeling the building. He also believes that more patrolmen are needed.

"At the coming fair in Portland it will be as big a success as we all hope it will be," said he this morning. "It will require a good police force. The time for the exposition is rapidly drawing near, and it certainly is well known that the present force is so small that it could not properly handle the immense crowds which will surely attend. With but 20 men on each watch this city cannot be properly patrolled."

The chief admitted that policemen were greatly needed during the daytimes at such important corners as Sixth and Washington, Third and Washington and Third and Morrison streets, to handle the crowds, to facilitate traffic and prevent blockades, as well as to guard against accidents.

At the corners in question in Portland there is heavy traffic and the need of policemen is seen every day, if for no other purpose than to give information to strangers seeking locations. With a policeman detailed in one place people needing police service always know where a patrolman can be found. Chief Hunt says that he tried this method some time ago, but the demands were too great and the officers too few to spare men for post duty.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children. The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of *Wm. D. Little*

Local Repartes. From Judge.

"Pardon me, gentlemen," said the individual who had just moved into the little town, as he entered the grocery store, "but is there a chicken-raiser here?"

"Why don't you take an ax?" asked the village Talleyrand. "A razor will lose its edge if you use it on a chicken."

PRINEVILLE WANTS RAILROAD EXTENSION

E. F. Boggs of Prineville, Or., is in the city. He says the greatest need of his section of the country is a railroad. At present it is almost impossible to get over the wagon roads with freight.

"The distance from Shaniko to Prineville is 62 miles and it costs a cent a pound to haul supplies," he said. "The people of Prineville have made a liberal offer for the extension of the Columbia Southern to that point, but the outlook for building is not good. We also have hopes of the Southern Pacific coming in from the south, but this may not be for several years."

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The Contractor Has 21 Months to Do the Work, But Expects to Be Through With it Well Within the Specified Time.

ing more room will be given each of these departments.

The second floor will be much larger than the present structure and will contain the office of the district judge, office of the clerk, district attorney's

room, district court room, circuit judge, office of United States marshal, delivery room of United States railway mail service, stenographers' room and private offices.

The third and top floor of the new structure will contain the federal court room, jury rooms, the railway mail service, railway mail clerks' shipping room, postoffice inspector's quarters, office of the clerk of the court and several minor offices.

KANGAROOS FOR THE PORTLAND CITY PARK

Everyone in Portland will now have an opportunity of seeing the family of kangaroos, recently brought here by the French bark Germaine. The animals have been purchased by the city and will be given permanent headquarters at the city park menagerie. They were purchased just in the nick of time to prevent them from taking another sea voyage. The bark on which they have made their home for the past six months was preparing to go out over the Columbia bar when an emissary of the city government went on board and closed a deal for them. They were at once transferred on to the steamer Lurline and brought up to Portland, arriving here Monday night.

The family consists of two old ones and a little fellow about three months of age. The latter was born on the ocean during a voyage from Newcastle, Australia, to the Pacific coast.

"Arithmetic. From Tit-Bits.

"I have to help Johnny with his mental arithmetic every evening," said the young woman, "and it's a nuisance."

"Do you—know that celebrated problem about one plus one equals one?" asked the young man.

"I said mental arithmetic, not sentimental," said the young woman, with great dignity.

CATARRH CAN BE CURED BY AN INTERNAL REMEDY

The Boercke & Munyon People Are Giving Out a Powder That Actually Disrupts This Malignant Disease.

There is at last in Portland a remedy that actually does cure catarrh. It is an internal medicine that roots out the disease from its very nest.

It is universally acknowledged that catarrh is one of the commonest disease symptoms with which physicians are confronted, and also very often the least amenable to treatment. In many cases it is so persistent as to completely baffles the physician, who in despair prescribes useless remedies, accompanied by irritating sprays and washes, which have for years been the dependence of the medical profession.

Catarrh is an ailment too formidable to be regarded with indifference. It is an evil that, unless quickly and decisively stamped out of the system, is very likely to terminate in chronic invalidism and eventually death.

Exhaustive tests have conclusively shown that B. & M. Homoeopathic Epsom's are the only existing remedy for catarrh that is productive of any immediate and lasting results. The power of these powders in successfully combating the ravages of the disease is due to the fact that they are a homoeopathic remedy, having an unmistakable favorable influence on the organic chemistry in general, purifying the blood and benefiting the entire system.

This medicine has been tried in hundreds of cases in Portland, and in each instance the cure has been effectual. The results have been most wonderful indeed. The powders are sold at three packages for \$1.25, and that is usually sufficient to cure any case that is not of too long standing. An investment of that sum is insignificant as compared with even one call of a doctor, especially if the druggist's prescription follows.

If this medicine should become generally known in this community, there certainly would be an immediate and enormous demand for it. The Boercke & Munyon company, 403 Washington near Fifth, sell the powders here.

THEY ARE RARE

Piano Bargains That Eilers Piano House Is Now Offering.

They are beauties. Nearly three carloads of them are gone already. If you are intending to get a bargain, it is time you set about it. Remember, they are neither out of date nor show worn, but brand new pianos, direct from the factory, and even if it don't have so very much in it, it is going to secure you the most remarkable and satisfactory bargain you can ever hope for. These latest designs from the very best factories at a discount of from 20 to 30 per cent. This means \$200 pianos for \$145; \$275 pianos for \$187; \$350 styles for \$254, and exceedingly choice \$400 ones for only \$312.

Old instruments taken in exchange at a liberal discount and exceedingly moderate terms of payment arranged if desired. Every instrument fully guaranteed.

EILERS PIANO HOUSE, No. 351 Washington St., Corner Park.

DRY WOOD SCARCER AND IS ADVANCING

IN GENERAL THE PRICE AVERAGES ABOUT 50 CENTS A CORD ABOVE THAT OF LAST YEAR—LABOR AND FREIGHT RATES ARE CONSIDERABLY HIGHER.

Good, dry fir wood is a scarce article in the Portland woodyards at present and according to the dealers it will be entirely gone early next spring.

The reason for this is that during the past season it has been hard to get enough men to cut wood sufficient to supply the large needs of this city.

There has been an advance of about 50 cents a cord in the price of wood during the last season, due to the higher price of labor, the greater cost of timber lands and the higher freight rates on the lower river steamers.

The prices of wood this year and last:

	Today, 1903.
Fir, four foot.....	4.50 4.00
Fir, sawed.....	5.00 4.50
Oak, four foot.....	5.50 5.00
Oak, sawed.....	6.50 5.75

"We are now only about one day behind in our deliveries," says Brown & Hicks, "and this is about right. There is not enough dry wood to last until spring and we will have to resort to wet wood in February. This is the wood cut during this year."

There is still plenty of wood in the country for sale but many of the owners expect much higher prices during the spring months and are holding for higher figures.

REV. A. W. WILSON TAKES NEW PULPIT

At the First United Presbyterian church last night Rev. A. W. Wilson was installed into the pastorate by the usual formal services. The sermon was delivered by Rev. E. P. White, D. D., of Albany, and Rev. Alexander McCracken, D. D., of Oakville, delivered the address to the pastor. The obligations were delivered to the new pastor by Rev. White.

At the close of the installation services a reception was held. Rev. Wilson came to Portland from Brooklyn, N. Y. He is a young man of striking personality and an eloquent orator.

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Just received two bales of these for Christmas selling. They are beauties in design, and are 45 inches long. For the living room or library they are quite suitable. Regular \$1.75 value, now selling at—

\$1.25



Tabourettes



A very acceptable gift for the den. Really a necessity. Made of oak, in weathered or golden finishes. Handsome in design. \$2.50 the regular price, now selling at—

\$1.50

FANCY LAMPS

Handsomely decorated, with large globe. Also the latest and best burners. This is a tempting value, and should not be overlooked. Makes an elegant present. Regular \$3.00, now selling at—

\$2.15



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