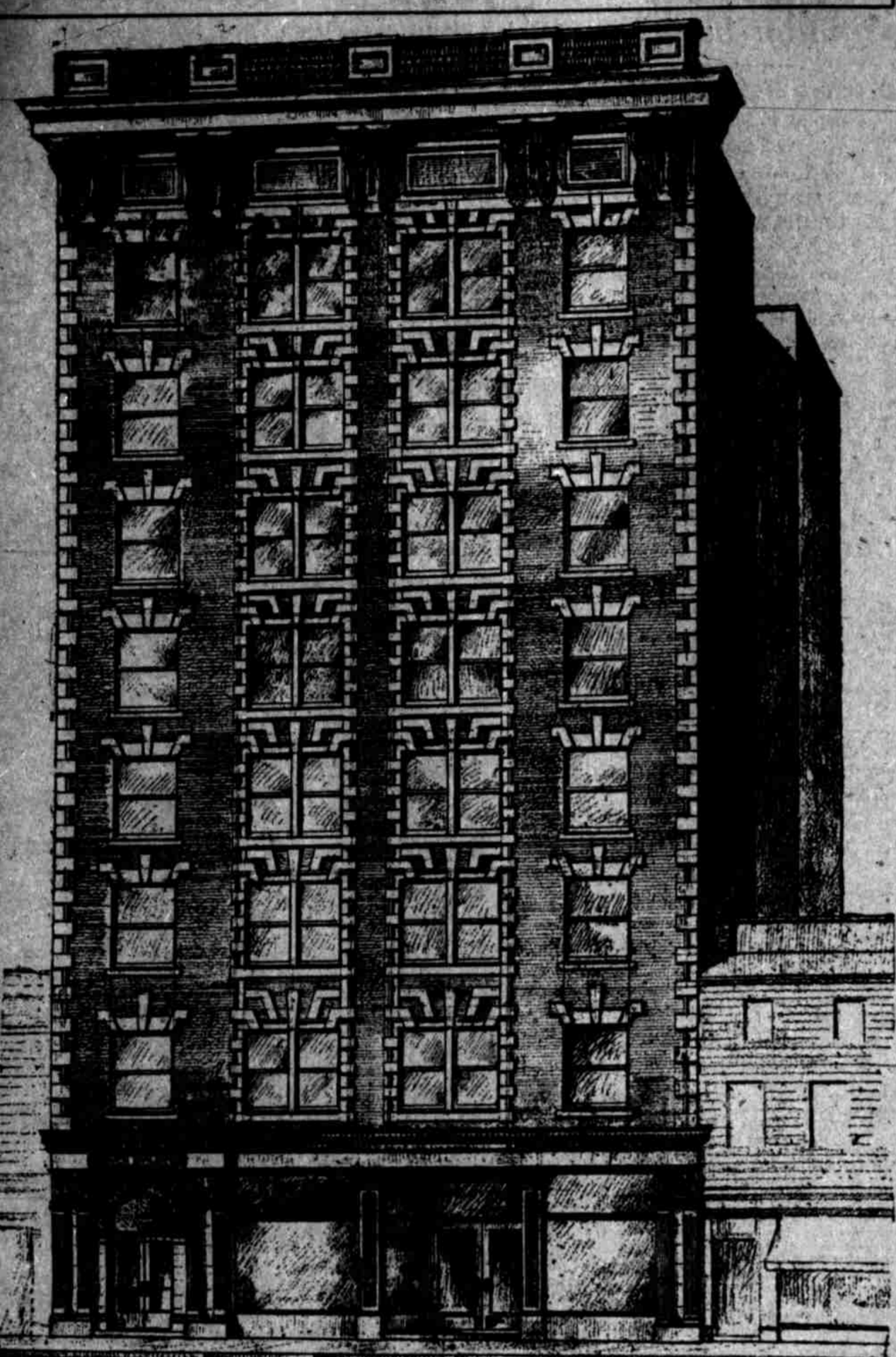


WILL TOWER EIGHT STORIES



The New Couch Building to Be Erected on Fourth, Between Washington and Stark Streets. Designed by Architect D. C. Lewis.

A modern eight-story block to be known as the Couch building will be erected by Mrs. C. H. Lewis on the west side of Fourth between Washington and Stark streets on the ground formerly occupied by the Jabour restaurant.

Plans for the structure have been drawn by Architect D. C. Lewis. The estimated cost is \$110,000. The building will front 60 feet on Fourth street and will be 100 feet deep. It will be made as nearly fireproof as possible, and patterned after the most modern Chicago and New York structures.

It will be built of steel or reinforced concrete, with hollow tile partitions and reinforced concrete slabs for flooring.

The stairway will be thoroughly fireproof and built of iron or steel, as will the elevator shaft.

A new style of flooring, known as asbestolith, will be used, which is better protection against fire than tiling, and is noiseless. The wainscoting and door trimmings will be of Philippine hardwood, which closely resembles mahogany.

The outside body of the building will be of light red brick, with trimmings of light buff. The main entrance will be constructed of ornamental iron and terra cotta. The cornices will be on copper with wrought iron railing to finish off the skylight.

A hot and cold water system will be established in the building to accommodate each office and a compressed air vacuum cleaning plant installed.

One or more stores will occupy the ground floor. The other seven stories will be devoted to offices. The rooms will be so constructed that the partitions can be changed to make offices or storerooms of any size to meet the desires of the tenants.

The old buildings which stand on the ground to be occupied by the new structure are being torn out. As soon as the ground is cleared excavation for the foundation will be begun. It is expected that the structure will be finished and ready for occupancy within a year.

When the Despatch put back to the wharf on the San Francisco side of the bay the soldiers would not allow her to sail for Portland as had been planned. Strict orders were issued that no vessel should leave the port. On Monday, however, she was given a permit to sail providing that she did not carry any freight. She was allowed only a limited supply of stores, which were exhausted at about the time she reached Vancouver yesterday morning. She will receive a cargo of lumber there for San Francisco. The captain was in Portland last evening.

"In a line I saw about 200 small children ranging in age from infants to 10-year-olds who were lost from their parents whom the police were trying to find," said the captain. "Many of them were in their bare feet. Others had on night clothes and were so thinly clad that they were shivering."

Captain Webber's residence in Oakland was wrecked by the quake, but his family escaped. Had a fire broken out, he said there would have been nothing left of Oakland. He declares that the earthquake shock was just as heavy over there as in San Francisco. Many houses were wrecked and great rents were torn in the ground.

TOWED REFUGEES TO SAFETY

Captain Webber of the Despatch Saw Vessels Lying Near Burning District.

OFFICERS AND CREWS HAD DESERTED THEM

Despatch Took Craft to Oakland, Then Fed Starving Passengers—Not Permitted to Sail Sunday, but Got Away Monday Without Freight

Had it not been for the prompt action of Captain Webber of the steamer Despatch, a number of vessels crowded with refugees would undoubtedly have been burned in San Francisco harbor. Seeing their helpless condition, he towed the craft to places of safety and gave more than 200 sufferers the first morsel of food they had had for two days.

When the disaster occurred, the Despatch was at Redondo. A relief committee in that town was hastily formed and the vessel was loaded with supplies for San Francisco. She reached there Sunday morning at 1 o'clock, mooring at the transport wharf. After her provisions had been delivered, a number of other steamers were noticed near the shore and dangerously close to the burning district.

The Despatch moved over to them and found that nearly all of the officers and crew had deserted in order to look for their families and relatives. Captain Webber also found that the boats were full of people who had escaped from the fire. Without making further investigation, he began towing the ves-

NEW OREGON DOCTORS NEXT MONDAY NIGHT

Invitations have been issued for the commencement exercises of the medical department of the University of Oregon in the high school assembly hall, Monday evening, April 30. The order of exercises will be as follows:

Overture, "Bohemian Girl" (Halfe); Berceuse, from "Jocelyn" (Godard); annual address, Hon. Andrew C. Smith, M. D.; Hungarian dances (Hrahms); conferring degrees, Professor F. L. Campbell, president of university; violin solo, "Serenade" (Tschalkowsky); Mr. Lind; presentation of Taylor medal, James F. Bell, M. D.; selection, "Nordland" (Herbert); charge to graduates, George F. Wilson, M. D.; spring song (Mendelssohn); valedictory, Henry John Kavanagh, A. B., M. D.; coronation march (Meyerbeer).—Waldemar Lind orchestra.

TRIOUMPH OF ART

From the Springfield Republican.

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CENT BRINGS LUCK TO SIX BOYS

Refugee Clerks Get Jobs Herding Sheep at Shaniko for the Summer.

FORTY DOLLARS A MONTH AND BOARD THEIR WAGES

Leaving Without Funds Young Men Plan to Save Pay and Come Back to Portland in Fall, to Get Jobs as Clerks.

The cent which represented the total capital of six young men who reached Portland two days ago as refugees from San Francisco, and which they spun to see whether they were to remain in Portland or proceed to Seattle, has already brought good luck. The six left the city last night for Shaniko to herd sheep.

The six, who gave their names as Harry Erskins, George Wallace, William H. Thomas, Fred B. Hall, Albert Anderson and Eugene Meade, were chums in the Bay City and lived at the same boarding-house for more than a year. They were all clerks. They narrowly escaped death from the earthquake and reached Portland with only 1 cent as their total capital. At the depot they spun the cent to see whether Portland or Seattle would be their destination. Portland won. The relief committee fed them and gave them shaves and baths. Then they began to look for jobs.

At the free employment bureau established by the relief committee at the depot they met H. F. Williams, a sheepman, who was in Portland looking for herdsmen and wanted to give refugees preference. They convinced Mr. Williams that they were just the men he wanted, surrounding him and all pleading their case at once. They all got jobs as herdsmen at \$40 a month and board. Yesterday afternoon the committee furnished them with transportation to Shaniko.

"You see," said Wallace, "it is just

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