

# ROW INCREASED AS VALUE AS POSSIBLE

## Higher Valuation Makes Possible Lower Tax Levy—Assessor Sigler Tells What Determines Value in Business District—Side of Street Makes Difference.

1906 this year. The Oregonian building corner lot has also undergone a big uplift in value. As may be noticed it was rated at \$25,000 back in the days of high levy and low valuation and is now valued at \$175,000.

The erection of the Penton building, the alteration of the Commonwealth building and the construction of the huge Wells-Fargo building on Sixth street, are partial responsibility for the remarkable rise in values along that part of Sixth street lying north of the great traffic artery—Washington street. Between Fifth and Sixth streets there is a big difference. The figures for the west side of Sixth street have been given in the table. Here are the values of the lots on the corresponding corners of Fifth: Meier & Frank corner, Fifth and Morrison, \$150,000; Alder street corner of Meier & Frank, \$120,000; northwest corner, same; Olds, Wortman & King corner, \$175,000; United Clear store corner, \$155,000; Neunelader—Bros. corner, Fifth and Stark, \$80,000; northwest corner Fifth and Stark, \$75,000; Archer & Schanz corner (building being erected), \$52,500; Trinity church parish house corner, \$50,000; northwest corner of Fifth and Pine, \$50,000.

How Portland real estate has increased in value and how a higher valuation makes possible a lower tax levy is shown by the statement made by County Assessor Sigler to The Journal yesterday. Mr. Sigler says that the total value of assessable property in the county will be \$15,000,000 to \$20,000,000 higher this year than in 1905.

Some Districts Increase. Certain districts of the city have increased immensely within the past few months. Sixth street north of Washington is a good example. Upper Washington is another.

1904	1905	1906	
Morrison to Alder...	\$100,000	\$150,000	
20,000	25,000	75,000	
20,000	20,000	50,000	
20,000	20,000	50,000	
Alder to Washington...	25,000	75,000	120,000
20,000	50,000	65,000	
20,000	20,000	50,000	
20,000	110,000	175,000	
Washington to Stark...	30,000	100,000	150,000
12,000	45,000	75,000	
7,000	25,000	50,000	
Stark to Oak...	14,000	57,200	90,000
8,000	32,500	55,000	
7,000	25,000	50,000	
Oak to Pine...	8,000	52,500	70,000
7,000	25,000	42,500	
9,000	25,000	42,000	
7,500	27,500	35,000	

On Washington Street. Taking the corner lots on the south side of Washington street, the choice side, some very remarkable comparisons may be observed. Following are the valuations on the south side of Washington street, beginning with the southwest corner of Second and Washington, occupied by the Commercial block:

1904	1905	1906	
Second	\$20,000	\$45,000	\$80,000
Third	15,000	30,000	55,000
Fourth	40,000	110,000	175,000
Fifth	40,000	110,000	185,000
Sixth	25,000	110,000	165,000
Seventh	35,000	110,000	175,000
Eighth	25,000	90,000	135,000
Ninth	14,000	49,000	62,500
Tenth	12,000	50,000	72,500
Eleventh	12,000	50,000	72,500
Twelfth	10,000	42,500	60,000

General Increase Shown. It will be seen from the Sixth street table that the valuations on such corners as Sixth and Morrison and Sixth and Alder have increased tremendously. The 50 by 100-foot lot upon which is part of the Marquam building has risen in value from \$25,000 in 1904 to \$150,000.

### REFUGEE STABS COMPANION WITH PAIR OF SHEARS BOUGHT A BABY TO PALM OFF AS OFFSPRING

Wounded Man, Near Death, Refuses to Swear to Complaint Against His Friend. Youth Planned to Deceive Father and Paid Twenty-Five Dollars for Infant.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Dillon, Mont., June 9.—Van Derson and Charles Kenady, refugees from San Jose, California, last night imbibed too freely of whiskey and in their hilarity became engaged in a quarrel. Blows followed and when Van Derson was getting the best of the fight he slipped and fell to the floor. Kenady quickly drew a pair of large shears from his pocket and before the bystanders could interfere he had fatally stabbed Van Derson just above the left hip, the two blades penetrating five inches.

The wounded man is in a very serious condition, but steadily refuses to swear to a complaint against Kenady, saying that they have been friends and chums for years, and that he knows his partner would not have committed the crime had he been sober.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Aberdeen, Wash., June 9.—One of the most prominent millmen in the state, who refuses to have his name made public, today made this prediction: "If the strike against me is not settled by the end of the month, I will be tied up within two weeks."

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(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Denver, Col., June 9.—Henry D. Wadsworth, alias Henry Mills, the son of a wealthy and prominent Wisconsin family, has left Denver accompanied by Rose Smith, an inmate of the leadership and the police are searching for the couple. Mills and the woman had concocted a scheme to deceive his father and to carry out the deception that he was married and that he was the father of a baby they had purchased the offspring of a betrayed girl for \$25, intending to show it to the Wisconsin relatives as their own child.

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## TEN THOUSAND PEOPLE VISIT THE OAKS OPENING

### Magic City of Amusement on the River Begins Second Season Under Favorable Circumstances--The Attractions on "The Avenue" Better Than Last Year.

Ten thousand people went to the magic city on the river last night to witness the formal opening of the second season of the Oaks, the amusement park of the Oregon Water Power & Railway company on the banks of the Willamette. It was a monster gathering—a crowd that indicated prosperity for the carnival camp during the coming season.

At noon, or shortly after, the formal opening of the great resort took place. Of course, there was a crowd there at the time, though it was not generally known that the opening would take place until last night. During the afternoon the crowd was slim, but as the shadows grew the populace grew. And by the time of the evening hours there was a crowd so dense, so restless and so inspired with desire to visit the place that its constant stream of cars was necessary to handle it.

The resort on the riverbank never looked more beautiful and electric lights never shone more brightly than they did last night when the fun gallery was formally opened to the public for the second time. The giant pleasure garden was elaborately and exquisitely decorated with great clusters of incandescent lights, which bore the imprint of the Lewis and Clark expedition, but the imprint did not show, shedding a radiant gleam over the place. Portland has had no resort or amusement place that offered the spectacular brilliancy of the Oaks.

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## LEGISLATORS BEGIN TO MAKE PLANS

Legislators Commence Considering Candidates for Higher Offices of Assembly.

### MULTNOMAH COUNTY HAS CANDIDATES

Senator Malarkey Would Like to Preside Over Upper House, and So Would Senator Hodson — Frank Davey of Marion Is Also Ambitious

Though less than a week has elapsed since the election, members-elect of the next legislature are already scheming over the organization of the two houses, and candidates for the chief offices are busily engaged in enlisting votes. The scramble is confined to the Republicans, as the Democratic members are too few to hope for recognition.

### ASKS POLICE TO FIND MISSING WOMAN

Fred B. Signor of North Berkeley, California, has written to the police of this city requesting information of the whereabouts of Miss Eva D. Strickland, formerly a medical student in San Francisco. The young woman has not been seen since the earthquake, and is believed to have located in Portland.

### FLEE TO BENTON HARBOR TO ESCAPE DESTRUCTION

London, June 9.—Fearing the destruction of the whole north except Benton Harbor, Michigan, a party of the Sons of David, New Israelites, is on its way from London to that favored spot. Benton Harbor being the headquarters of the sect, the Sons of David are hurrying thither to escape the calamity they believe will overtake the rest of the world and which they say has already begun in Vesuvius and in San Francisco.

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WANT ROAD FROM ECHO TO BIG RESERVOIR SITE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Echo, Ore., June 9.—A petition for a road from Echo to the government reservoir site has been prepared and presented to the Umatilla county court. This road will be about eight miles long. Bids will be let soon for construction of the big government ditch.