

GREAT AMOUNT OF BUILDING CITY WILL SEE IN NEAR FUTURE

Inspector Spencer Tells About It in His Interesting Report of Year's Work to Mayor Lane—Says He Needs Another Assistant.

A building of 75 stories and 1,000 feet in height for Portland! That's even larger than any of the "prospective" structures of Seattle, isn't it? The truth is that all the 75 stories won't be piled on top of one another. This is a composite building and its constituent parts will in reality be scattered over different sections of the city. But it is also the truth that plans are being drawn for buildings whose aggregate height would be 75 stories of an average size of 75 by 100 feet.

W. Irving Spencer, city building inspector, includes this statement in his annual report filed with the mayor this morning. Ground for 20 of these stories has already been broken, though permits for the erection of the buildings have not yet been issued. Nearly all will come in during January.

The building department is the infant among the municipal department, but it is a husky youngster. This is the first full year the department has been in operation. It has two inspectors and needs more. For the first time the buildings being erected are inspected with some other view than as to the fire risk. Portland for years has been behind other cities of its size in this respect. Now it is coming right up to the front. With its 44 square miles, Portland is the fourth largest city in the United States in point of area. First is New York, then Chicago, then Philadelphia, then Portland, Oregon. As the inspectors have to go over the city they are kept on the move.

Says He Needs Clerk. Inspector Spencer calls attention to this fact and also to the need of a clerk in the office. He says: "Approximately 3,200 permits were issued this year, and to properly inspect each job would require at least six visits or 19,200 each year. With the force of two inspectors as at present and with but three fourths of the time

of the inspectors spent in the field it would require a visit every 10 minutes. The utter absurdity of such a proposition is readily seen. It is therefore expedient that additional help be provided immediately.

He asks for another inspector at \$1,500 and a clerk at \$900 a year.

Weak Point of Ordinance. Regarding the building ordinances Mr. Spencer says: "At present its weakest point is with regard to elevator shafts and stairways. This in time is sure to be a matter of life or death, and it is the greatest danger to life in our buildings today. Elevator shafts and stairways in case of fire act as great chimneys and are usually the first means of egress to be rendered useless. This year has been the greatest in our history as regards building. The year 1907 bids fair to eclipse the previous year. Plans are now being prepared for upward of 75 stories of business blocks. But few houses are to rent and so long as rents remain at the present level houses will be built without number."

Mr. Spencer took charge of the office July 1, succeeding Thomas Mann. From January 1 to July 1, 1,380 permits for buildings of a total cost of \$1,154,134 were issued. Since July 1, 1,733 permits have been issued. These represent buildings costing as follows: July, \$749,421; August, \$718,911; September, \$499,139; October, \$420,345; November, \$678,225; December (estimated), \$300,000.

Since October there has been a deputy inspector. With his appointment the number of permits issued increased, as the inspectors then had time to hunt out property owners who were building without permits.

The department has been more than self-sustained as it shows a balance in its favor of over \$3,000 this year. The receipts come from permit fees.

DID YOU KNOW THIS WAS THE SHORTEST DAY IN THE YEAR?

This is the shortest day of the year in the northern hemisphere. In the southern hemisphere it is the longest; so while the natives in the vicinity of the north pole grope about in total darkness, chilled to the bone and shivering from the cold, those having established their domiciles in the vicinity of the south pole are enjoying mid-summer with its great variety of pleasures and probably wiping large beads of perspiration from their foreheads.

The seven days preceding and the seven days following the shortest daylight of the year were called by the ancients "the halcyon days." This phrase, so familiar as expressive of a period of tranquillity and happiness, is derived from a fable that during this period, while the kingfisher or halcyon bird was breeding, the sea was always calm. According to poetic fiction, the bird was represented as hatching her eggs in a floating nest in the midst of the waters.

Locally the halcyon days have not been very closely observed because people have been greatly agitated getting together their Christmas presents. From sunrise to sunset and later when the car service so permitted, they have been on the go, rain or shine, gathering parcels containing gifts for their dear ones.

Today broke with one of the sublimest sunrises ever beheld here, and it

HEIRESS AND DETHRONED PROPHECY.



Latest photos of Miss Ruth Hofer and the Dowie family. The beautiful Swiss noblewoman and heiress, whom Dowie converted, is shown in the large picture. The small upper picture is that of John Alexander Dowie, and underneath is Mrs. Jane Dowie, his wife. The bottom picture shows Gladstone Dowie, the unknissed son.

was late enough to give most every one a glimpse of it. According to the authentic records kept at the weather bureau Old Sol emerged from behind the fiery curtain at 7:50 o'clock this morning. The glowing orb will retire from the field of action at 4:28 this afternoon, earlier than ever, and spend the intervening time until 7:51 tomorrow morning shedding warmth and light in the regions of the south. Although rising later tomorrow the day will be no shorter because the sun will set one minute later. Beginning with the first of the year the days will gradually grow longer, first at the rate of about a minute a day.

MARYLANDERS LYNCH NEGRO FOR ASSAULT

(Journal Special Service.) Annapolis, Md., Dec. 21.—Henry Davis, a negro, who committed an assault on Mrs. John Reid a week ago near Brownsville, was taken from jail here this morning by masked men and lynched. After hanging him they riddled his body with bullets. Governor Warfield heard the shots.

The mob had no difficulty in getting the prisoner, as Warden Taylor and Deputies Smallwood and Marcellus said there was no use to resist. The victim confessed the crime. The woman assaulted was 59 years old.

TRANSFERRED PROPERTY BEFORE CLOSING BANK

Chicago, Dec. 21.—W. J. Atkinson, who is accused of wrecking the Lincoln bank at Norton Park, Ill., before Federal Judge Landis this afternoon told the court that Miss L. Armstrong, a stenographer of Pittsburg, signed for him good notes aggregating \$20,000,000, upon which he secured cash. The notes he said, were fully secured. He admitted he had transferred property to Pittsburg parties before closing the bank.

Atkinson admitted he was not certain the signer of the note could be found. He said he got the cash from deposits in the bank.

PORTLAND MAN PART OF EASTERN MINE COMPANY

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Augusta, Maine, Dec. 21.—Charles A. Lindstrom of Portland, Oregon, Henry R. Rice of Worcester, Mass., John Spencer of New Haven, Conn., and L. L. Height of Portland, Maine, have filed their incorporation papers for the Hopeville Manufacturing company, with a capital of \$1,000,000, to do a general mining business.

Agreeable to Him. From Illustrated Bits. She—No, Harry, I'm sorry, but I'm sure that we could not get along together. You know I always want my own way in everything. He—But, my dear girl, you could go on wanting it, you know, after we are married.

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TRAINMEN PERISH IN COLLISION

Engineer Guy Salisbury and Fireman Guy Shippert Dead at Spokane.

HOWARD LAWTON WILL DIE OF HIS INJURIES

Trains Crash Together in Fog That Hides All Signals and Does Not Give Enginemen Time to Save Themselves.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Spokane, Dec. 21.—Guy Salisbury, an engineer on a Spokane Falls & Northern local freight train, and Guy Shippert, his fireman, are dead and Howard Lawton, a Great Northern engineer, will die as the result of a collision which occurred on the Great Northern road about two miles north of Hillyard this morning. Fireman Len Hanson was also badly burned and scalded, but is expected to recover.

The collision was caused, it is said, by a misunderstanding of orders by Engineer Lawton, who was in charge of a light passenger engine which was running from Hillyard to Troy.

The Spokane Falls & Northern is operated over the Great Northern tracks for several miles out of Hillyard. On account of fog, the crew of the light engine failed to see the block signal denoting that the freight train was coming in from the north.

When Engineer Lawton first saw it coming he called to Fireman Hanson to jump, but neither was able to do so before the crash came. The freight engine was piled up on top of the boiler and six cars were wrecked. All of the victims were killed outright, but all were so badly burned and scalded that two of them died shortly after reaching the hospital.

Both Shippert and Salisbury were single.

ELEVEN—SEVEN BOTHERS PUTER

Even Runs Across It in the Book He is Getting Out.

S. A. D. Puter, the land-fraud king, who is in enforced retirement at the present time, is inclined to believe that the figures "11-7" possess a fateful bearing upon his career. He is now serving sentence under a conviction for conspiracy to defraud the government in connection with the famous township 11-7 cases, and in more ways than one lately he has encountered vivid reminders of the hoodoo numbers.

The number 11 in his cell in the Multnomah county jail he was discussing matters relating to the publication of his forthcoming book on the looting of the public domain with Horace Stevens, his partner in the venture, when Puter inquired what size the pages should be.

"We have got some pretty fine pictures," responded Stevens, "and eventually they will possess historic value. I think therefore the pages ought to be sufficiently large to show them off to good advantage. Under the circumstances, it is my opinion they should be 11 inches one way by 7 the other."

"Great Scott!" ejaculated Puter in alarm. "Can't we ever get away from it? Even in my own book I am forced to run up against 11-7."

It is the present intention to have the book finished with as much dispatch as possible consistent with accuracy. Both Puter and Stevens realize fully that the book will be the target for criticism from all directions as soon as it is published, and with this idea in constant view are bent upon fortifying every weak point with the object of making it impregnable against attack from any source. While the work is nearing completion so far as its general contents are concerned, there are many loose ends to pick up, especially of a statistical character, and these are being gathered as rapidly as possible. It is thought now that the book will be ready for publication soon after New Year's.

BOARD OF TRADE

(Continued from Page One.) hope of giving creditors a chance to collect off the memberships of debtors, for 556 were against the change, while only 123 favored it.

Then another amendment by which members out of town would be permitted to vote by proxy instead of in person, went the same way, the vote being 636 against, 75 for. The two votes showed local traders in absolute control and certain to elect the officers at the election now close at hand.

The threatened disruption is due to an era of had times in the speculative grain trade. For a number of years there has been a steady falling off in the accounts of the speculative traders. At first it was thought the business which no longer appeared on the board

POLICE WANT TO WEAR OVERCOATS, NOT CAPES

Ask Their Chief to So Recommend to the Police Committee.

A movement has been inaugurated by the members of the police department to have Chief Gritzmacher recommend to the police committee of the executive board, that overcoats be adopted as a part of the police uniform instead of the capes worn at present. It is the consensus of opinion that the capes in addition to being unsightly are dangerous as it is exceedingly difficult in case of an emergency for the wearer to draw his gun or club. When buttoned up the full length it is an easy matter for a desperate character to wrap the folds of the cape about a patrolman in such a manner as to completely pinion the policeman's arms.

Chief Gritzmacher states that the capes have long been an eyesore to him and if only the city council allows the increase in salary asked by the patrolmen, he will recommend the introduction of a new style of coat. Most of the policemen favor a cravenette raincoat such as is worn by the San Francisco police. This garment is light, warm and serviceable, and the policeman has the free use of his arms. A slit on each side of the coat near the side pocket permits of securing of gun, clubs or cuffs without unbuttoning the garment. It is expected that coats as are desired by the chief will cost about \$25, which explains his object in waiting for the salary increase.

ACCOUNTANT BLACK REFUSES TO ANSWER

George Black, the expert accountant who has been engaged by the citizens' committee to scrutinize the city's books, particularly those of the auditor and treasurer's offices, was subpoenaed to appear before the special council committee last night.

When he came he was asked concerning his examination of the county records three years ago. He declined to answer, declaring that his report was a matter of public record, and that as he had yet received no official appointment as expert on the city books he had no right to answer. Vaughn, Keller and Rushlight, the members of the special committee, told him he was liable to contempt, as under the charter a council committee has the right to enforce information. Nothing was obtained from Mr. Black, however. Mayor Lane took part in the questioning.

NEW LAWS SUGGESTED BY STATE LAND BOARD

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Salem, Dec. 21.—The state land board has prepared a report relative to desert lands which will be submitted to the legislature. Special emphasis is laid on the inadequacy of existing laws and the necessity for new ones to be formulated and that end particular stress is made in the recommendation of new water laws.

Catches Head in Mangle. (Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Salem, Dec. 21.—Miss Maude Yoder, one of the employees at the West laundry of this city, had her left hand lacerated in a mangle while at work yesterday afternoon, resulting in the burning of her entire hand. It is possible that the injured member will have to be amputated, as the injury is most severe.

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had been transferred to the bucket shops. Then followed a series of attempts to keep the bucket shops from getting the quotations of the markets. One court after another upheld the board in building a Chinese wall around its transactions.

This victory gained, the traders waited for their customers to return. They came not. Speculation on the Chicago board of trade was not in fashion any more.

DAN M'ALLEN WORKS FOR FIREMEN ALSO

In his communication to the council suggesting that patrolmen be paid higher salaries, Dan McAllen includes the firemen as well. The policemen have thanked him for his efforts in their behalf. It has not been generally known that he is working for the firemen's salaries too.

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