

# BUILDING NEWS



## CURTAIN OUTPUT OF LUMBER MILLS

Unsettled Freight Rate and Money Flurry Responsible for Reduction.

EXPECT TO KEEP PRICES NORMAL

California Market Remains in Good Trim—Pacific Coast Hardwood Plant to Be Greatly Enlarged—Secure Raw Material in Japan.

Curtailment in the output is now the motto of the lumbermen where they have to depend upon railroad transportation or local trade. The unsettled rate question has killed all eastern business and the money flurry is checking local demands. A number of mills are operating on reduced time and some have laid off their night shifts.

By keeping down the production it is hoped to maintain prices which it is said are made compulsory by reason of the price of logs and the cost of labor. Several millmen have expressed their desire to maintain the old rate of wages if possible and the same announcement has been made by a number of leading logging camp operators. Help is much more plentiful, however, than a few weeks ago as a result of the cessation of work on the Harriman extensions.

The California market is showing no signs of falling off although no great improvement is noted. Foreign business is continuing fairly well and will likely improve. This will materially assist the local mills during the quiet period while the interstate commerce commission investigates the eastern rate advance and the banks gather in the moneys due them from the east.

A matter that will be of much interest to local builders and contractors is the arrangement of the hardwood plant of the Pacific Coast Hardwood Manufacturing Company in North Portland, formerly operated under the name of the Siberia Central American Lumber Company. The new firm will cut hardwood for furniture stock, flooring and fine finishing of the highest order, something never before attempted on the Pacific coast.

Heretofore contractors have had to send to Tennessee or other distant points for hardwood flooring which has meant high prices and long delays. With a plant in operation here and near the source of supply the use of hardwood is bound to become much more general. The mill will bring its timber from Japan, where it has arranged for large quantities at regular intervals. The plant will cut some soft wood but in the main attention will be devoted to hardwoods. The output of the plant will be 35,000 feet of hardwood or 68,000 feet of soft wood.

The Standard Box & Lumber Company of this city will soon have one of the finest pieces of wharfage in this port with water enough at the wharf to float the largest vessel. The company recently bought a strip known as the Haseltine wharf for \$65,000 and is tearing out the old piling for the purpose of erecting a splendid wharf connected with the 1,000 feet of dock. When this wharf is completed the company will have vessels come to its own wharf. The company's plant is located on the east bank of the river, in the heart of the city and has railroad spurs running direct to the wharf. Several minor shipments have been sent afloat from the company's old wharf.

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From the Chicago News.  
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## LITTLE CHECK TO NEW BUILDINGS

Contracts for Numerous Expensive Dwellings Let During Past Week.

## MONEY FLURRY SO FAR INEFFECTIVE

Only Prolonged Financial Disturbance Will Put Damper on Usual Fall Activity—East Side Still Holds Banner for New Homes.

Residence construction goes on apace despite the financial trouble. Not less than a dozen expensive dwellings were begun during the present week, while a much larger number of smaller improvements were launched. Builders appear to be not the least disconcerted, and so far as is known not a single improvement plan that matured before the advent of clearing house certificates has been abandoned.

In the event, however, of a prolonged monetary disturbance, it is safe to anticipate a material curtailment in the building line. This condition will come about, if at all, not as the result of a waning confidence in Portland values, but because of an inability to get money for improvement purposes.

Contractor Carlender is just completing two modern two-story frame residences for F. H. Fleming at East Seventeenth and East Couch streets. He also has under construction for Mr. Sargent two dwellings at East Twenty-fourth and Schuyler streets to cost \$5,000 each. The same builder is putting up a modern home for C. Smith at Grand and Holladay avenues, and at Sixteenth and Welder streets he has begun the construction of a two-story stone and frame dwelling for Mr. Dolan.

John Horn has taken out permits for the erection of three one and a half story frame residences on East Forty-seventh streets, between Hawthorne avenue and East Madison street. The whole cost will exceed \$7,000.

**IS MURDERED WHILE RIDING IN HORSE CAR**  
(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Buffalo, N. Y., Nov. 9.—The discovery of a blood-stained coat and overcoat in a freight car in the New York Central yards today revealed the murder of A. W. Murphy, of Colorado Springs, who was in charge of a car of polo ponies, consigned to Bedford, New York. Word was received here today that the body of a man, believed to be Murphy, was picked up near the tracks a short distance west of South Bend, Indiana, where the crime was probably committed by traps.

## E. Carlson has begun the construction of a two-story frame residence on Hood street, between Abernethy and Lowell to cost \$2,500.

J. U. Todd has taken out a permit for the construction of a frame residence at the corner of Vaughn and Twenty-third streets.

## W. L. Browster has commenced the construction of a \$4,000 dwelling on Twenty-fourth street, between Quimby and Pettygrove streets. A permit has been issued to D. B. Ballou to put up a two-story frame residence on Irving, between Nineteenth and Twentieth streets, to cost \$2,800.

Harry P. Palmer has under way the construction of two two-story dwellings on East Davis, between East Twentieth and East Twenty-first streets, which will cost \$2,800 each.

## C. R. Lethwaite is erecting a modern two-story house on Belmont, between East Twenty-seventh and East Twenty-eighth streets, to cost, when completed, \$2,500.

## BIG BOAT DRAWS ONLY EIGHT INCHES

A Mexican mining company has just placed an order with Joseph Supple for the construction of an odd craft to be used by the company on the shallow rivers of the southern republic. Though a sternwheeler, the boat will be equipped with a forward wheel to assist in propelling in very shallow water. It will be used as an ore carrier, has a capacity of 50 tons, is 50 feet long and draws but eight inches of water. J. C. Morelle of the mining company is supervising drawing the plans, and will remain here until the boat is finished, when it will be shipped south in knock-down form.

## CLUBHOUSE PLANS COMPLETED SOON

Plans for the clubhouse of the Portland Heights club, to be erected on Spring street, have been completed, and the contract for its construction will be let November 12. The building will contain a general reception room, billiard room, bowling alley, men and women's reception rooms, caretaker's apartments, etc. It will be completed about February 1, and will cost \$7,000.

## DALLAS HEEDS NOT LEGAL HOLIDAYS

Not Only Are Banks Open, but Public Offices as Well—Business Quite Unaffected.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
Dallas, Or., Nov. 9.—The money stringency existing in other localities has apparently no effect on the continued prosperity of Dallas. All enterprises in the city are running full blast, with the exception of the Dallas Lumber company's plant, which has been closed down all summer and fall on account of a scarcity of logs. The mill depends entirely on driving logs down La Creole river, which has been too low all summer and up to this time to allow the passage of logs.

## DEEDS AND LEGAL INSTRUMENTS OF ALL KINDS ARE BEING FILED FOR RECORD AND RECORDED AT THE COURTS REGARDLESS OF THE GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION.

The two banks, the Dallas National and the Dallas City, remain open for business during banking hours, and are in excellent condition, to all appearances.

## POWERS WILL GO TO TRIAL NEXT MONDAY

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Georgetown, Ky., Nov. 9.—Interested persons from all parts of the state are arriving in Georgetown to attend the fourth trial of Caleb Powers, charged with complicity in the murder of Governor Goebel, which is set for Monday. Powers has announced himself ready and it is not believed that the state will ask for a further continuance.

## Y. M. C. A. WORK SUFFERS NO DELAY

Handsome Edifice at Sixth and Taylor Will Be Hurred to Completion.

Something more serious than the present financial derangement will be necessary to stop the progress of work on the Y. M. C. A. Y. W. C. A. building, according to a statement made to The Journal by Secretary Stone, of the Y. M. C. A.

"We are going straight ahead, as if nothing had ever happened," said Mr. Stone. "The excavations have been made, and the concrete walls for the foundations and basements of both buildings have been put in. We were delayed two or three weeks in coming to an agreement with the Alnsworth estate over the north wall, but that has been arranged and we are now receiving bids from both local and eastern contractors for the construction of both buildings. It has not been definitely decided whether a reinforced concrete or a steel frame building shall be erected, and it will not be determined until after the bids are opened November 12, when the building committee will decide this question and award the contract."

## ADDITION FINISHED AT MONTAVILLA

Montavilla now has a 14-room school house, the new six-room addition, ordered by the school board last spring having just been completed. About 600 children can be accommodated, and as the enrollment is only about 400, ample provision has been made for the expected increase in school population for the next two years.

## AS WAS PREDICTED FOR SOME TIME GOVERNOR FRED M. WARNER HAS ANNOUNCED THAT HE WILL BE A CANDIDATE FOR A THIRD TERM AS GOVERNOR OF MICHIGAN.

There is some talk of making Congressman J. A. M. Adair of Indiana the Democratic candidate for governor of his state.

## CONCRETE HOLDS SWAY LOCALLY

Half Dozen Portland Structures Finished or in Process of Construction.

FOUR ARE MODERN BUSINESS BLOCKS

Total Amount Invested Amounts to \$700,000—Eleven-Story Board of Trade Is Highest Concrete Building in Portland.

It is not generally known that in Portland there are half a dozen large reinforced concrete buildings either completed or in process of construction. Four of these are modern business structures which will have cost when completed about \$700,000.

Some criticism has been directed against this class of construction, due to the fact that several of these buildings which were put up in the east developed a weak spot in the walls and tumbled down. But this structural weakness has in every case been traced to the dishonesty of the contractor, or the incompetency of the architect.

So far in Portland the highest concrete building to be constructed is the Board of Trade building at Fourth and Oak streets, which was limited to 11 stories, and which is literally studded with reinforced concrete columns, giving it the stability and strength of the steel skeleton construction.

The boldest and most ambitious example of concrete construction so far attempted in the country is the Ingalls, a 16-story office building completed two or three years ago at Cincinnati. The building is rectangular in plan, and occupies a 50 by 100 foot site. It rests upon a good stratum of gravel and sand with foundations of the spread type, having large footings for the columns and walls, just below the basement level.

The boldness of the structural design may be realized when it is understood that the columns are so spaced as to require girders of 16 to 25 foot span, and floor panels of the same width to reach from girder to girder. The height of the building from street level to cornice is 115 feet, but adding the depth of the basement and sub-basement to the main structure, it gives a total depth of about 230 feet.

The exterior face of the first three floors is done in 4 1/2 inch Italian marble, above which the facing is of light gray or granite block with terra cotta trimmings. The brick facing is supported at every floor by a ledge or shoulder, cured by wire anchors projecting from the concrete. More than 5,000 cubic yards of mixed concrete were used in constructing the building. Construction engineers claim that this is as strong as any building in the world, and that it would be practically impossible to destroy it except by the use of powerful charges of dynamite.

## Building Attracts Attention

Another concrete building put up in Cincinnati that has attracted the attention of architects and builders all over the country is the Carpenter building, a five-story structure, 150 feet long and 33 1/2 feet wide, without a single interior supporting column. This building is occupied by a large printing concern, and is filled with all sorts of heavy machinery. Some of the presses weighing 40,000 pounds rest on these unsupported floors, which are 150 by 32 feet. This building has been aptly described as a huge block of granite, 150 by 33 feet, with five 12-foot tunnels piercing it lengthwise. The floors have been tested and supported a weight 10 times that guaranteed by the architect under whose supervision it was built.

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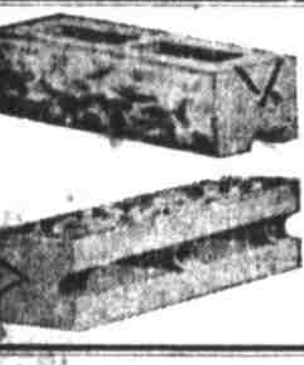
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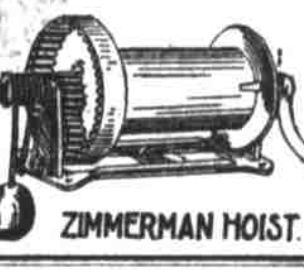
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