

PORTLAND TO PAY OUT IN SPICE BOX LEAD COAST TWO YEARS

Will Construct More Buildings in 1908 Than Any City on the Pacific Slope, Not Excepting San Francisco, Says Felix Kahn.

That the year 1908 will nearly if not quite equal the last 13 months in industrial and building activity in Portland is the emphatic declaration of Felix Kahn, who is probably the most prominent expert and estimator in the re-enforced concrete trade in this country. He declared further that after a tour of the coast and a careful examination of conditions he finds building prospects better in Portland than in any other city on the coast, not even excepting San Francisco.

The Trussed Concrete Steel company, of which Mr. Kahn is practically the business head, has offices in all the large cities in the country, and also operates in Germany, France and England. At the beginning of the recent money panic it was employing in the United States between 15,000 and 16,000 men in its manufacturing plants and on construction work, and had 30 large buildings under construction.

Panic Came Like Flash.
"The so-called panic came like a flash," said Mr. Kahn. "The previous week everything seemed to be all right and our reports were favorable on business conditions. A week later came the orders to discharge every man who could be let out, cut expenses to the minimum and let everything wait until further instructions."

Conditions are now rapidly changing. Here in Portland the situation is almost as if there had been no panic. The architects are busy, and have a vast number of propositions to figure upon. There is an immense amount of work in prospect for the spring and summer season. A large number of concrete jobs, some of them very large, have been submitted to us for estimates.

"While there will be considerable work in Seattle that city will have about all it can take care of in preparing its exposition buildings. Portland has a great amount of building in preparation, and there will be a very large amount of railroad work. The railroads in the west have come to the stage of adopting concrete work, which has some years been the mode of construction on eastern railroads."

Material at Low Cost.
Mr. Kahn said prices of all construction materials are now at a minimum, and there never has been a better time than the present for economical building. Portland is confronted by a large demand for additional housing, and this demand must be met this year, and probably will come all at once unless some of the projects get an early start. He urged upon the architects and engineers the importance of getting some of the work started now, while materials and cheap labor is plentiful.

"Above all other claims to precedence, Portland is the pleasantest place to live," he declared. "I know of no place that compares to it, excepting my home city, Detroit, Michigan. I always feel like coming back to Portland. There is one thing here that is a disgrace to the city in favor of the character and appearance of Portland's public school buildings."

"With this city's enormous school population it is said to be greater than that of Seattle, this city has the poorest school structures and the most serious lack of accommodations of any large city within my knowledge at the present time."

"Large school buildings should be of first-class character, the very best sanitary arrangements, and the most approved style of architecture. The public school of all the public buildings should be fireproof. Safety and sanitation ought to be the first consideration in caring for the school children."

Mr. Kahn said it was far more imperative to have school buildings fireproof than to have fireproof theatres.

PORTLAND CHOSEN FOR NEW OFFICE

The board of home missions of the Presbyterian church has decided to locate the field secretary's office in Portland at least for the present. Accordingly, Rev. W. E. Holt, the field secretary, says that rooms are now open at 415-417 in the Worcester block, Third and Oak streets.

It is possible that these rooms may become a general rallying place for the home mission interests of the Presbyterian church. All friends who have been instrumental in bringing forth the propositions.

By direction of the association, this resolution is hereby authorized and duly certified copy thereof to be delivered to the receiver of the Oregon Trust & Savings bank; also that a copy be forwarded to the German-American bank of this city.

BAKER VANQUISHES ONTARIO IN DEBATE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Baker City, Or., Jan. 6.—The preliminary debate between Baker City and Ontario, of the Oregon High School Debating league, held here, on the question of the United States should establish a system of postal savings banks, resulted in victory for Baker City. Baker City supported the affirmative. The speakers were William Hermesen, Frank McCulloch and Roy Barton. The Ontario speakers were Miss Wilmoth Curran, Amos Patterson and Lawrence McGivern.

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Oregon Savings Depositors Approve Plan of Consolidation and Payment Proposed by German-American Bank.

Unanimous indorsement by the Depositors' association of the Oregon Trust & Savings bank was given the German-American bank's proposal to absorb the old bank and pay its creditors in full within two years. At a meeting yesterday afternoon at the Armory, attended by more than 1,000 persons, a resolution was passed asking the circuit court to approve the proposition.

The meeting was a result of a call issued through the press Saturday by B. E. Clements, a depositor. J. L. Day, president of the Depositors' association, presided, and talks were made by Receiver Devlin, G. Reed, Jefferson Myers, R. Chilcott, Herman Wittenberg and others, explaining the proposed plan of payment by the German-American bank, closely following the plan outlined in Sunday's Journal.

At the conclusion of the addresses, Chairman Day appointed a committee, composed of J. B. Labor, B. I. Dassel, P. A. Worthington, James N. Davis and B. E. Clements, to draft resolutions expressing the sentiment of the meeting. The following resolution was unanimously adopted by a standing vote:

Pay Within Two Years.
"To the Officers and Members of the Depositors' Association of the Oregon Trust & Savings bank—Gentlemen: We your committee appointed to consider the wish of this association of Oregon for a memorial to the honorable circuit court of the state of Oregon for Multnomah county, beg to submit the following:

"At a meeting of the depositors of the Oregon Trust & Savings bank, called and held in Portland, Oregon, on this fifth day of January, 1908, for the purpose of considering the plan suggested by the German-American bank for the payment of the depositors of said Oregon Trust & Savings bank, the following resolution was offered and carried, to wit:

"Resolved, That the Depositors' association of the Oregon Trust & Savings bank respectfully petitions the honorable circuit court of the state of Oregon for Multnomah county, in the matter of the receivership of said Oregon Trust & Savings bank, to grant an order accepting the proposition of the German-American bank to buy the assets, lease and fixtures of the Oregon Trust & Savings bank, to be paid for by the payment of the legal claims of the depositors of said Oregon Trust & Savings bank within two years from the date of said order, such payment to be made subject to the subscription of the depositors of said bank and certificates of deposit already submitted for by depositors.

"We recommend that such time be given for the delivery of the telephone bonds and other securities subscribed for by depositors as shall be necessary to enable the receiver to distribute all the bonds and other securities to subscribers therefor at the same time.

"We further recommend that T. C. Devlin retain his position as receiver, compensation for his services, however, to be paid by the German-American bank.

Recommend Devlin.
"We also recommend that Mr. Devlin have an active position with the German-American bank, so as to enable him to safeguard the interests of the depositors.

"Considering the general banking conditions, we recommend that the period of two years, instead of 18 months, for the payment of the indebtedness covered by bond subscriptions or subscriptions for bank stock, is reasonable, and would respectfully ask the court to grant that time.

"We authorize this resolution to be attached to such report or recommendations in the matter as shall be filed by the said receiver.

"This association desires to express its appreciation of the fair and liberal proposition made by the officers of the German-American bank, recognizing the solution offered as the most feasible one, and commending those who have been instrumental in bringing forth the propositions.

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Want People's Confidence.
11. That the committee refuse its indorsement to any candidate for nomination to any office, it shall urge the people to support the names of one or more worthy candidates, and shall assist in the circulating of petitions for the best interests of the Republican party, the best interests of the people being the sound and proper result sought for.

12. That the committee be urged to refuse to become partisan in any way, and to remain neutral in the contest for nomination to any office, and to support the successful nominee in the election.

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Republican Central Committee Will Favor Voters With Numerous Proposals to Get Scattered Ideas Seasoned for Elections.

Some spicy principles are prepared by the members of the county and city Republican central committee from the Eighth ward. These committeemen met Saturday and after organizing adopted by-laws and prepared a tentative statement for the promotion of the best interests of the party.

Richard Dick was elected chairman of the Eighth ward committeemen, W. E. Williamson secretary. The other committeemen are: C. C. Curry, E. S. Ferguson, D. F. Hardman, M. V. Horton, O. S. Hutchinson, C. E. Lafollette, J. D. Magers, R. W. Parker, H. H. Prouty, D. J. Quimby, J. H. Richmond, Emory Schmeer, R. M. Tuttle and R. C. Wright.

It is set out by the committeemen that the Republican party has been floundering helplessly without a definite and tangible working plan. The committeemen are trying to find the best way to bring order out of chaos and to secure a square deal for all candidates running for nomination to any office in the gift of the county.

In order to do this and bring the question before the people interested the committeemen have prepared the following statement of principles which they are circulating with the view that suggestions be made from which some definite plan may be worked out. The statement prepared is as follows:

Primary Law.
1. The primary law prescribes a situation and rules in party politics which must be conceded, recognized and made absolutely fair to all.

2. It was adopted by the people, provides methods similar to the old-time town meeting, and as the people will resent doing away with or evading it, the Republican party should accept it gracefully and cheerfully accept it and will work in harmony with the law.

3. The organization of one or more fair, strong, vigorous, sit-up-take-notice Republican clubs in the Eighth ward should be encouraged and assisted by the committee, in order to secure registration of voters and a full vote of the party at the primaries.

4. That an investigation should be made independently and a showing demanded from all candidates at the primaries for each office to be voted for in these respects, viz:
(a) Honest and standing as a man.
(b) Qualifications and competency to fill the office sought.
(c) Residence in the state not less than two years.
(d) Residence in the precinct not less than six months, or if removed within that time, then the precinct removed from six months, if same is in Multnomah county.

5. That the candidacy is not entered upon to force concessions from successful competitors in the primaries.
(f) Republican record.

6. That after a satisfactory showing of said matters, the committee shall indorse and recommend all such candidates for each office to the earnest and fair committees in the election held at the primaries and shall refuse such indorsement and recommendation to all others.

People to Aid.
6. If the committee is unable to indorse and recommend any candidate for nomination to any office, it shall urge the people to support the names of one or more worthy candidates, and shall assist in the circulating of petitions for the best interests of the Republican party, the best interests of the people being the sound and proper result sought for.

7. Republican clubs are urged to refuse to become partisan in any way, and to remain neutral in the contest for nomination to any office, and to support the successful nominee in the election.

8. Friends of each candidate should support his candidacy in the primaries as individuals and agree to support the winning candidate in the election.

9. That the committee be urged to refuse to become partisan in any way, and to remain neutral in the contest for nomination to any office, and to support the successful nominee in the election.

10. That no candidate shall be indorsed or recommended who shall be found to have entered the primaries solely to poll sufficient vote to enable him to force, threats, persuasion or repression upon the voters, or otherwise, to demand concessions from the voters, such action being a species of political blackmail deserving to be stamped out as against the best interests of the Republican party, and of fair and responsible candidates.

11. That the committee refuse its indorsement to any candidate for nomination to any office, it shall urge the people to support the names of one or more worthy candidates, and shall assist in the circulating of petitions for the best interests of the Republican party, the best interests of the people being the sound and proper result sought for.

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The following letter received by The Journal yesterday speaks the present difficulty as viewed from the standpoint of the man with a family, who has always been respectable, who has fought for his country, and now finds himself deserted by everyone and with no place to turn to make his daily bread.

"Portland, Jan. 4.—To the Editor of The Journal—I would like to ask you through your paper, as a stranger in your city, what course will a man have to take to get some honest employment to keep him from starving.

"I have been hunting this city for the past two months for work in order that I might do something for my family to stave off the hard times that have overtaken us in this strange city. I find lots of good Christian people here and also a few G. A. R. men. I ask some of the Relief Corps ladies to call on us as my wife is a Relief Corps woman herself, from the state of Nebraska, and I am a member of Uncle Sam's army. I see, however, that doesn't cut any figure in Portland. When a man is in need for something to do the good people won't help him and I find it a mighty hard road to butt against in a Christian city like Portland. I hope you will look this matter over and if you can give it a little room in your editorial page it will oblige a poor man who wants work.

"B. E. CALZER,
The Beaver, 12 Marshall St., room 40."

CONDUCTOR NORRIS GETS PROMOTION

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Pendleton, Or., Jan. 6.—Instead of being discharged after an investigation of the charges against him, Conductor Charles H. Norris of the Pendleton-Huntington passenger run on the O. R. & N. has been promoted to the Pilot Rock run, one of the choicest branch runs on the entire O. R. & N. system. Conductor Norris was taken out of the service a few days ago because officials of the road found gas lights burning in the baggage car at midday, but after an investigation he was exonerated, and, being the oldest extra man, he was promoted to the Pilot Rock run.

ECHO HOTEL-KEEPER SUED FOR DIVORCE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Pendleton, Or., Jan. 6.—Mrs. Mollie H. Gillette, wife of M. H. Gillette, proprietor of the Echo hotel at Echo, has sued for divorce on the grounds of cruelty and inhuman treatment and jealousy on the part of her husband. Gillette owns the Echo hotel, valued at \$14,000, and she asks \$5,000 and expenses of the suit. Both are members of pioneer families. They were married in 1902 and have one daughter 3 years of age.

APRON STRINGS NEED MENDING

Annexation of St. Johns and Mount Scott Lead to Disruption.

Annexation is a burning question in the Mount Scott district. Agitated taxpayers and property owners variously interested in the move are calling one another hard names. In St. Johns annexation is being discussed more or less seriously and the sentiment in favor of annexation seems to be growing. In St. Johns, however, the discussion has not reached such a high explosive point as in Mount Scott.

Annexation is a personal question with every taxpayer. Every one is interested according to the extent of his holdings, the condition in which those holdings are or his occupation. That accounts for feeling becoming so manifestly sharp.

In Mount Scott annexationists accuse the holders of large unimproved tracts of stirring up the opposition to annexation and the "ants" are as bitterly against the annexation and give plausible reasons.

In St. Johns it is different. The property owners are the ones who are accused of talking annexation, because of the likelihood of decreased tax rates. City officials, officeholders of all kinds, local newspapers and those institutions vitally interested in the separate existence of the districts that are proposing annexation are bitterly opposed to any such move. In such cases annexation would directly abolish their source of livelihood.

Petitions are being circulated in the Mount Scott district and certain interests in St. Johns have been preparing to circulate petitions asking for annexation.

It is reported that sentiment in favor of such a move is stronger in St. Johns than appears on the surface since the opposition is the loudest and seems to be most worried at this time. However, it is not a certainty that Portland desires to annex either district. The school board recommended in its last annual report that no more school districts be joined to district No. 1.

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