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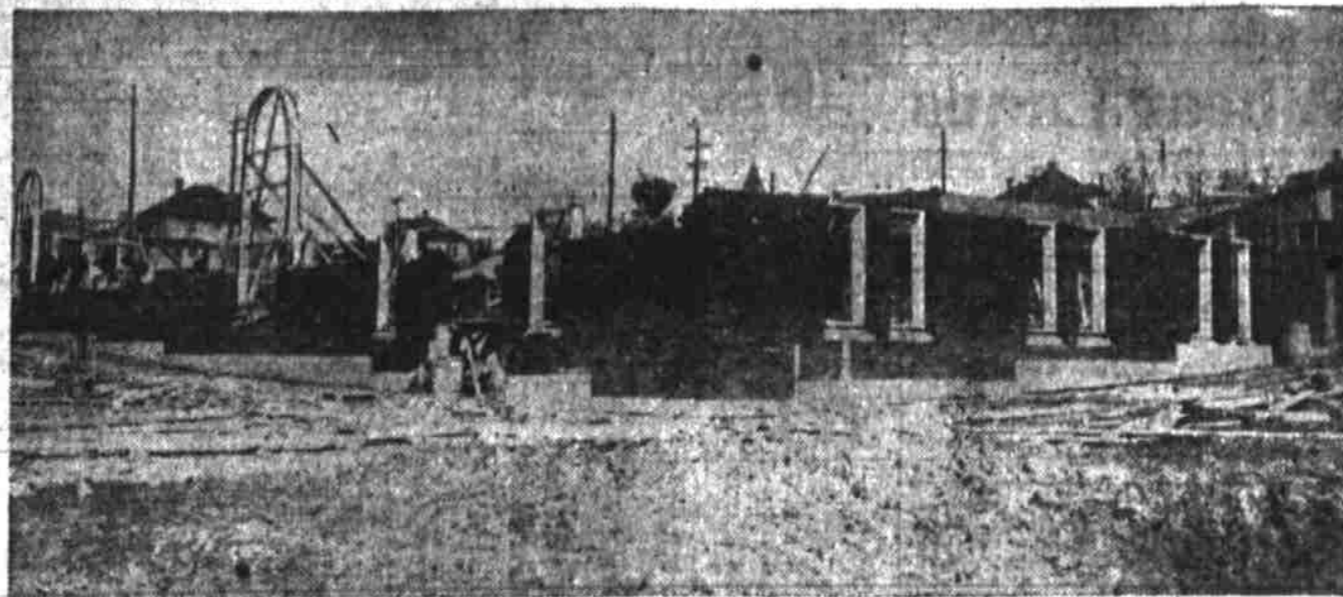
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There has recently appeared in a few of the larger eastern markets a hollow tile made of concrete, which it is claimed possesses all the virtues of terra cotta so far as design and shape are concerned, but which is said to be far superior in strength and fire-resisting qualities. It has always been claimed that terra cotta was not only equally as fireproof but a more practical and economical structural medium than concrete.

The new concrete tile is made in a machine consisting of a series of molds for receiving the wet material, which is immediately subjected to a specially provided treatment with steam. Steaming is continued for a period of 15 to 20 minutes. Plungers are located at the bottom of each mold, connected with mechanism for ejecting the green tile, which are then removed, and the machine is instantly ready for another casting. Three castings per hour on one-inch web material is an easy average for each mold, and the operator acquires a little experience. Very few of the green tiles are ever broken. The concrete mixture is prepared to the consistency of a paste of Portland cement and a suitable granulated aggregate or crushed stone, furnace slag or sand, with sand, in proportions approximating 1 cement, 3 sand and 5 of the other aggregate, with sufficient water to give plasticity for pouring. These are thoroughly mixed together in quantities convenient for handling. Steam-curing by means of racking the green tile in the body of a closed car into which wet steam is constantly flowing for 24 hours in summer and 72 in winter (after which they are subjected to any climatic condition) is recommended by the inventor.

LUMBER PRICES INDUCE BUILDING

General Opinion Is That Bottom in Market Has Been Reached.

Buyers East of the Rockies Call for Highest Grade of Material at Low Prices in Order to Play Even With Advanced Freight Rate.

That lumber prices have reached the bottom is the general opinion of lumber manufacturers, dealers and buyers and if any change should occur in the near future it will in all probability be in favor of the dealer.

Lumber has been cheaper this winter than for many years, and is still down to where the manufacturers assert they are doing business at a very small margin of profit. One result of the low price is increased activity in the building line. It is known for a fact that a large number of buildings were erected and others are now in course of construction as a direct result of the reduced cost of material. There appears to be a better demand for lumber in the territories of Salt Lake and east of the Rockies, although the advanced freight rate is putting a check to the eastern business. Inquiries are said to be more numerous than for some time, and some large orders have been closed, although at low prices. Eastern and middle states buyers feel that they want to get the very best material turned out when they have to pay the high freight. In order to get the business, however, the manufacturer has to bring down the price to a basis of low prices. Two orders from Australia call for 6,000,000 feet, and the order is still buying.

California is buying very little for the present, although the effects of the steam schooner engineers' strike, which has thrown the steam schooners temporarily out of commission, and in the second place because they are still feeling the effects of the tremendous importations of lumber from coast ports shortly after the earthquake. California is expected, however, to be ready for new business in the very near future.

BUILDING PERMITS SHOW HEAVY GAIN

Building permits issued during the present week footed up \$153,430, which is a gain of more than \$20,000 over last week's record. Practically every permit issued was for a new dwelling house. The following is the record by days:

Monday	\$27,950
Tuesday	26,350
Wednesday	33,550
Thursday	18,350
Friday	26,030
Saturday	22,100

BEGIN WORK ON OREGON BUILDING

Phil E. Dunnivant of Seattle, successful bidder on the Oregon building at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition, spent a part of this week in Portland making arrangements to begin work on the state building in Seattle. He was in conference with members of the Oregon commission regarding the ceremonial marking of the commencement. It is understood that Governor Chamberlain and Architect David C. Lewis, whose design of the building was accepted, will go to Seattle to be present when the work of construction actually begins. Contractor Dunnivant has had former experience in building exposition structures. He put up a number of state buildings at the Lewis and Clark exposition, among them the Missouri building.

W. S. U'Ren, the father of the Oregon initiative and referendum law, has announced his candidacy for the seat of United States Senator Fulton.

MANY BUILDINGS NEAR COMPLETION

Finishing Work Hurried on Group of Downtown Blocks.

Construction work is progressing favorably on the building covering the half block on Fourth street, between Everett and Flanders streets, which is being put up by the Dammeler Investment company. The entire first story is up and work has begun on the walls of the second story. When completed the structure will be four stories high and is to be occupied entirely by Chinese merchants and roomers.

Architect Emil Schacht has completed the plans for the three-story brick building to be erected at First and Madison streets by the Star Brewery company. His for its construction will be closed April 1 and the contract let immediately thereafter. The building will cost approximately \$40,000 and is to be completed in the early summer.

Excavating at the northeast corner of Second and Main streets for the three-story brick building to be erected there by W. J. Hawkins will begin in a short time. The old frame buildings on the site are being removed preparatory to beginning the new construction. The new structure will have dimensions of 95 by 100 feet and will cost approximately \$25,000. Architect Richard Martin Jr. is getting up the plans and expects to have the work of construction well along by April. Churchill & Ross have employed a local architect to get up plans for a flat-iron building to be erected at Laurelhurst and Alder Mount streets. The building will have dimensions of 100 by 72 by 17 by 14 feet. On the ground floor there are to be four store fronts and the upper floor space will be arranged into offices, a ball room and a lodge room.

The walls of the Gerlinger building, at Second and Alder streets, are up and work has begun on the interior work. When completed the Gerlinger will be one of the most conveniently located and best appointed office buildings in Portland. It was originally intended to run the structure up to seven stories, but later on the plan was changed to make it a five-story building, although the walls are strong enough to support two additional stories should it become necessary to put them on.

FIRE TESTS PROVE VALUE OF CONCRETE

Reinforced Structures Are Found to Be Best Resistors of Flames.

Within the past two years insurance companies have come to recognize the fact that nothing so sure fireproof as concrete construction when scientifically handled. Continued tests in fires have gradually convinced fire underwriters that concrete is a true fire-resisting material. In all the large fires that have occurred in the past two years the reinforced concrete structures that happened to be in the burned area were left practically unscathed. It is a well-known fact that owners of well designed, honestly constructed and properly constructed reinforced concrete buildings receive the lowest possible rate of insurance.

The conservative attitude which the insurance underwriters have taken regarding concrete risks has had a tendency to standardize the methods of construction. Concrete is susceptible of good and indifferent handling, and for insurance people to lend their assistance nothing but a high-class of workmanship should be attempted.

M'LAIN FOR SENATOR ON STATEMENT NO. 1

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Salem, Or., March 14.—Hugh M'Lain of Marshfield this morning filed his petition for nomination for the senatorship for the eighth district on the Democratic ticket. He agrees to Statement No. 1.
Roger B. Sinnott of Portland has filed his petition for nomination for district attorney of the Fourth district on the Democratic ticket.

BEGIN EXCAVATION FOR HOSPITAL WING

Contract for Addition to St. Vincent's to Be Let About May 1.

Excavating for the foundation of the 100-room annex to St. Vincent's hospital is under way, and if present plans are carried out the contract for constructing the wing will be let not later than May 1. The new wing will be added to the south end of the main building and when completed will practically double the capacity of the institution for taking care of the sick. The cost of the improvement will be in the neighborhood of \$100,000. This improvement has become absolutely necessary, as the hospital is now taxed to its utmost capacity for a year past. In fact, the Sisters of Charity of Providence have been compelled to deny admission to St. Vincent's to many applicants on account of the crowded condition of the sick wards and private rooms.

SUIT TO DISTRIBUTE AN HISTORIC ESTATE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Salem, Or., March 14.—A partition suit has been filed in Judge Galloway's court to settle the title and provide for the distribution of the lands and the adjudication of the interests of Philomena Geer and T. D. Geer, her husband, and other heirs, against Le Mattheu and wife, also contesting heirs. The suit is brought by William Kaiser and will result in the distribution of the F. X. Mattheu donation land claim, one of the historic homesteads of Marion county. It comprises 320 acres of the richest lands in the county, located near Butteville.

New Incorporations.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Salem, Or., March 14.—Articles of incorporation have been filed in the office of the secretary of state as follows:
Holland, Briggs and Avery principal office, Portland, Oregon, capital stock, \$50,000; incorporators, Howard H. Holland, Charles G. Briggs and Waldo A. Avery Jr.
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SPORTING DOGS TO RUN IN SEPTEMBER

Officers Elected and Field Trials Arranged by Portland Sportsmen.

September 28 and 29 have been chosen as the dates for the field trials for hunting dogs, which will be held under the auspices of the Oregon Field Trials club, organized at a meeting of sportsmen in the Abington building last night.
Officers were elected as follows: President, Dr. J. M. Meyer; first vice-president, Maurice Abraham; secretary, E. A. Parsons; and treasurer, Will Lipman. The above named together with Dr. H. F. Newton and W. F. Halderman will constitute the board of directors until an additional director is chosen at the next meeting, which will be held two weeks from last night.
Two purses were authorized to be known as the derby and all-age stakes, valued at \$200 and \$300 respectively. The derby will be run on the first day of the meet and the stake on the second day. It is planned to elect vice-presidents from every town represented in the club and the expansion of the organization will include every city in

CELEBRATION WHEN RAILS REACH DORRIS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Klamath Falls, Or., March 14.—The new town of Dorris, California, on the California Northeastern railway, is preparing for a grand three-days' celebration when the first train arrives. A booster club has been formed, as well as a brass band and base ball team. The celebration is to take place in the early summer, and it is the intention to gather all of southern Klamath county, as well as northern Siskiyou county, California, together. The rails are expected to reach Mount Hebron this week, and Dorris is but 20 miles beyond, over practically flat country.
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