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MAKE ATKINSON LUMBER MARKET A TRADE SCHOOL REMAINS CHAOTIC

Directors Plan Place for the Teaching of Trades to Pupils.

Plans for the abandonment of the Atkinson school at Eleventh and Couch streets as a grade school building and its conversion into a trade school are being considered by the school board and it is probable that when the school year begins next September that Portland will have one of the best trade schools in the country.

For some years past the school board has been studying the question of a trade school in the city. Frank D. Rigler visited the schools in the larger cities of the country during a trip through the east last fall, and secured many pointers for use if occasion should arise in Portland. The school board has decided to establish a trade school that would meet the requirements of a city of the size of Portland, and has about decided that the conversion of the Atkinson school into such an institution would solve the problem.

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Certain Grades Show Slight Advance While Others Go Begging.

HEAVY DEMAND FOR LOCAL WORK

Loggers Show Tendency to Uphold Prices by Curtailing Output—Shingles and Millwork Meet With Good Demand at Low Prices.

The lumber market is still in a chaotic state and buyers are being benefited thereby. Heavy demands for certain kinds of material have caused a slight advance in such lines, otherwise prices are practically the same as last week. Logs are firmer, quotations ranging from \$7 to \$9 per thousand.

The local demand for lumber is keeping the city mills in fairly good shape, but for some of them would have to curtail their output considerably. The uncertainty of the rate question is still hanging over eastern business and orders are accordingly limited. Reports from several mills in the middle states indicate considerable activity in the building line, but it is said that yards are buying on the front end to meet the large stocks being put in. Pine from the south, which has the advantage of a cheaper freight into these particular territories, is also cutting into the business worked up by Pacific northwest mills during the past five or six years. That it will do so is not doubted.

While California is buying more lumber now than during the pendency of the engineers' strike on the steam schooners, the quantities going south are not nearly as large as last spring. Evidently the yards are still well enough stocked up to take care of ordinary orders. Shipments are, however, showing a slight increase and it is believed that they will be steady.

Logging camps along the Columbia river are working in a sort of half-hearted manner, operators intending if possible to prevent reconstruction and a demoralization of prices.

WIZARD EDISON'S 24-HOUR HOUSE

Newest Invention of Genius Looked Upon as Tenement House Solution.

CAN BE EASILY AND QUICKLY CONSTRUCTED

Economy in Building Will Permit of Extremely Low Rental and Eventually Result in City's Poor Getting Good Homes in Suburbs.

Eastern building and trade publications are devoting an unusual amount of space to discussions of Wizard Edison's cheap monolithic dwelling-house, which is hailed by the building engineers and workers among tenement-house dwellers as a solution of one of the most troublesome questions confronting the great centers of population, the comfortable and sanitary housing of the poor classes.

Mr. Edison is so confident of the successful development of his plan that he has expressed a willingness to spend \$50,000, if necessary, to demonstrate its success. This confidence on the part of Mr. Edison, and his willingness to expend a fortune in proving that he has hit upon something of immense value to mankind is at once a challenge to the skeptic and a promise to all interested not alone in the more extensive use of cement, but even more in the improved moral and social conditions of the laboring classes.

Solve Tenement Problem.

In the current number of Cement Age, E. S. Larned, an authority on everything pertaining to cement construction, says that the Edison cheap concrete house is primarily intended for families living in the congested tenement districts of the large cities, who find at present a minimum rental of \$8 a month for two or three rooms with poor light, poor air, poor sanitation, to be accompanied with appalling fire risks and generally unsanitary and demoralizing surroundings.

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SPRING SHOWS ACTIVITY IN ALL BUILDING LINES

Building permits for the week ending today amounted to about \$175,000. No large permits were issued, the largest single building enterprise for the week calling for an expenditure of \$8,500, while much the larger portion of the permits issued was for dwellings to cost between \$1,500 and \$4,000 each.

The contract for the superstructure of the Burkhardt-Caldwell building on Second street, between Alder and Washington, will be awarded next Monday by Architect Francis J. Berndt. This building is to be five stories high, of brick construction and will cost about \$50,000. Architect Berndt has about completed plans for the Odd Fellows' temple to be erected on the east side, and will occupy a 60x100-foot site.

The brick work of the Y. W. C. A. structure at Seventh and Taylor streets is above the ground, and rapid progress is being made on the first story.

New Flat Building.

Contracts were awarded today by Architects Doyle & Patterson for W. R. Honeyman's two-story double flat, to be erected at Eleventh and Columbia streets. The improvement is to be of frame construction, contain 12 rooms and will cost about \$6,000. The same Architects have awarded the construction contract for a three-story apartment house to go up on Wayne street, between King and St. Clair.

Robert Withrow is building a handsome bungalow in Rose City park. It is to be of concrete block construction and will contain five rooms.

F. Mayer is going up on Grand avenue between East Harrison and East Lincoln streets. The building will cost when completed about \$2,500.

W. W. Wilder has let the contract for a two-story plaster and shingle cottage to be erected on Portland Heights, near Montgomery drive.

Architects Whitehouse and Honeyman announce that the contract for the new grand stand to be built in Multnomah field will be let next week. This is to be a steel frame structure and one of the most substantial affairs of the kind on the Pacific coast.

The same architects announce that the contract for the erection of George J. Schalk's handsome new home will be let today. The Schalk home is to be at the head of Loveloy street on the Cornell road and will be one of the most attractive buildings in that part of the city.

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NEW COMPETITOR FOR PAVEMENT CONTRACTS

Articles of Incorporation for the Oregon Hasmam Paving company will be filed next week and the company, which has been formed to fight the local paving trust which for years has held command of the Portland street paving situation, will be an important factor in the fight for street paving that are to be let this month.

The local Hasmam company, which includes Joseph A. Miller, E. H. Bauer and Ralph E. Kingsbury, has the Oregon territory for the Hasmam concrete hard-surface concrete pavement used extensively in the larger eastern cities. Mr. Kingsbury, who has had considerable experience in expert paving work throughout the east, the company will be able to offer some keen competition to the local trust. The company is laying pavement in Seattle and Los Angeles at the present time and has already secured contracts for work in Irvington and other private work in Portland.

The advent of the Hasmam company will in all probability serve to keep the kind of street paving that does not get down to at least \$2 a yard. It is claimed by the incorporators of the Hasmam company that their paving is 90 per cent more generally used, and the top is a monolithic mass unaffected by extremes of heat or cold or by moisture.

IT IS CHILDISH

"Kidney trouble" is a term seldom used in Medical Works. The technical term they use is from the Greek and means "inflammation of the kidneys," which is the real difficulty with kidney trouble.

It is childish to attempt to treat inflamed kidneys with kidney irritants. And yet thousands do it every day, and kidney disease that does not get down early takes a chronic form that was incurable, the deaths now reaching 170 per day.

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ST. JOHNS STREETS TO BE MUCH IMPROVED

In less than two months active work of improving the streets of St. Johns will be begun and the first thoroughfares to receive the attention of the street committee of the council will be Philadelphia, Tacoma and Polk streets.

One of the last acts of the council which will retire next Monday evening was to authorize the purchase of a rock crusher from the Indiana Road Machine company of Fort Wayne, Indiana, at a cost of \$2,500, and a steam macadam roller from Howes & Co. of Portland at a cost of \$1,300. The latter is a second-hand machine, but is said to be in excellent condition, and Howes & Co. agree to take it back if, at the end of a 30 days' trial, it does not prove satisfactory.

Recently the city of St. Johns purchased two acres of ground near the west approach to the ferry, above the bridge, and on this property there is enough rock to last for a good many years.

As a large quantity of the rock is loose it can be crushed as soon as the machine ordered from the Indiana concern arrives, and it is likely it will be here within five or six weeks. When the loose rock has been removed blasting will be resorted to.

Philadelphia, Tacoma and Polk streets now are in readiness to receive the rock, so that as soon as the crusher arrives they will be improved. The material will be laid to a depth of eight inches in the center of the street and will be graduated down until it is four inches deep at the curb lines.

The same plan will be followed with all the streets in the main section of the town, but in the outlying districts a roadway only 16 feet in width will be constructed in the center of the streets.

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Some marriages are "worse than hell."

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Kansas City, Mo., April 11.—Discussion upon the question of marriage and divorce was resumed at today's session of the general conference of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

Elder Thomas Chubburn made one of the most sensational arguments, saying: "Some marriages are worse than hell. To condemn a man for life forever in a condition worse than hell is not right nor just on the part of the church."

Bannerman Worse.
(United Press Leased Wire.)
London, April 11.—Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman's condition is slightly worse today, his weakness increasing.

PANAMA CEMENT FIGURES TOO HIGH

Amount of Material Needed in Government Canal Work Overestimated.

An official statement that the cement required for the Panama canal would be only 4,500,000 barrels has served to put at rest exaggerated ideas concerning the importance of this work to the cement trade. The further statements that bids would be asked for delivery of clinker on the isthmus, and that the government might possibly erect its own cement plant there, are also of interest to existing American plants. Probably the most important technical discussion of the past year has related to the manufacture of sea-proof portland cements.

The Michaels or Krupp patent has been described at some length while other methods of arriving at the same result are known to be under consideration. The immediate interest of this question, of course, arises from the fact that most engineers expect that the Panama canal cement specifications, when issued, will contain restrictions on the alumina content of the cement to be supplied under them. Such a restriction would be entirely in line with the best engineering practice but it would serve to bar out most of the Portland cement now manufactured in the United States.

Judging from what Mr. Edison has already accomplished in the way of solving all the difficulties that have arisen in his path, it is altogether likely that he will in the end be successful in building a house in the way he has planned.

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STEADY INCREASE IN CEMENT EXPORTATION

Government Statistics Show Steady Lead in American Product.

Statistics given out by the treasury department at Washington show an increase in the exportation of American Portland cement in 1907 over that of 1906 of 117,251 barrels, while the import movement shows a decrease of 192,428 barrels. These figures bear out the statements made two years ago by the American cement manufacturers that the immense increase in importations was due entirely to the extraordinary demand for cement in this country in 1906 and to the reported decline in the manufacture of the home article.

The demand in this country for high-grade cement has been at its highest point in the last half of 1906, and it was at this time that the importation was greatest. There has been a steady decline in home consumption for the past 13 months.

It is more than likely that the near future will witness a marked increase in exports of American Portland cement, and there is certainly no reason to anticipate that imports will increase.

From every point of the globe, where cement is used, American consuls write that vigorous and systematic effort on the part of American manufacturers would do much to establish a lucrative trade and it is probable that in some places, at least, sales of American cement will be materially increased.

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