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Market Shows No Advance and Business Remains About Same.

FOREIGN SALES HELP PRESENT STAGNATION

Builders Take Advantage of Low Prices and Many Structures Are in Course of Construction, Although Weather Interferes.

The inclement weather of the past several days has interfered somewhat with work in the building line and as a result business has not been remarkably brisk with lumber dealers. The mills about the city report the outlook indicative of a continuation of a good local trade, however, as soon as the weather becomes more settled.

Prices continue low and buyers are getting the benefit of a market considerably lower than a year ago. How long this condition of affairs will remain in effect is a question, no one seems able to answer. Most lumber men believe that improvement will be noted immediately following a decision from the interstate commerce commission in the eastern rate advance case. Others again contend that the market has little chance of recuperating before the presidential election.

California purchases are about the same as during the past several months, no great improvement having been noted. Some cargoes are being sent south continually but the total quantity is not nearly as large each month as a year ago. Crop prospects being good in the interior of the Pacific northwest, lumber-yard men in those territories expect a revival of business with summer.

There is quite a demand from foreign countries, a fact which materially steadies the market. Without the foreign demand competition for local business would be much greater and not a few of the mills would probably have to close down.

Hardware dealers report business better than ever, due practically altogether to the great activity in the building line since the beginning of spring. Competition is reported quite keen, however, so that even the hardware purchasers are getting their money's worth.

Building Permits.

Mrs. L. Pullman, to erect dwelling, 12th and Nineteenth, \$2000; W. D. O'Regan, erect dwelling, Salmon, between East Eighteenth and East Nineteenth, \$2800.

HOTEL ANNEX IS UNDER WAY

New Building Will Largely Increase Accommodations of the Oregon.

When the new Oregon hotel annex is completed the building will probably be the costliest one of its kind in the city. The structure, which will comprise seven stories and a basement, when finished will cost \$175,000. The foundations have been laid so that eventually three more stories can be added.

There are to be 100 rooms in the annex, making 240 in the hotel altogether. Every one of the new rooms are single rooms, many of them being fitted with private baths so that the traveling men who patronize the hotel may sleep with their samples and yet enjoy the comforts of regular sleeping apartments.

Extension of Grill.

The basement of the new building is to be used for a grill room and will be an extension of the present grill. The new grill will seat 700 guests. Manager Dickinson has already purchased the equipment for this and has it in storage. He says it will cost \$20,000. The equipment of the new building and furnishings will cost in the neighborhood of \$80,000. The new bar will cost at least \$10,000 and a like sum will be expended in installing a handsome barber shop. This represents a total outlay of approximately \$100,000 in equipment alone.

A compressed air sweeping plant, an air filtering plant and cold storage apparatus are also to be features of the new building. The probabilities are that this represents a total outlay of approximately \$100,000 in equipment alone.

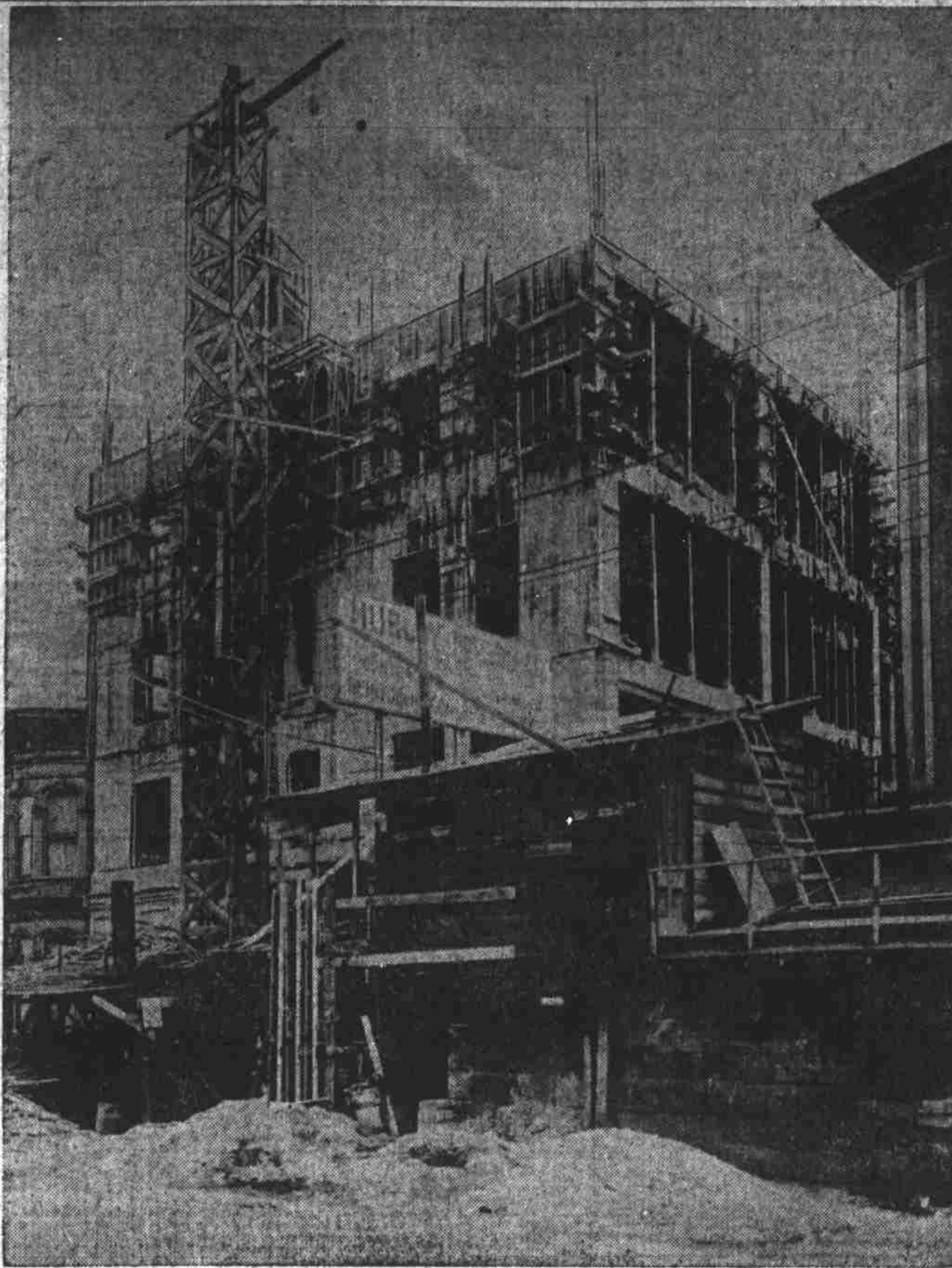
Enlarge Many Features.

The present lobby, which is already large, will be increased and so will the present clerk's offices, which are making it the largest in the northwest. The first floor of the present hotel on the side where the bar is now will be raised to the level of the lobby. A new telephone switchboard to accommodate 300 rooms is to be put in and the present clerk's offices will be torn away and larger ones substituted.

Two new elevators are to be built, one for passengers and one for freight. This latter will be in the rear of the new building and will handle all freight and baggage.

The annex is being rapidly finished. The contractors expect to have the roof on and the work turned over in two months and Manager Dickinson will immediately begin the task of equipping the rooms. He expects to open the new grill and annex about the middle of October.

The contemplated grill will be so large that a new orchestra will have to be procured besides the one now playing. The management is already making arrangements to secure another set of musicians.



Park Street Front of Seven-Story Annex to the Hotel Oregon, Now Under Construction.

are in debt \$1,600 and owe a salary list of \$950 more.

A baseball scribe says that Brooklyn is trying out a youngster by the name of Wilhelm, who is doing nice work. Wilhelm is doing nice work all right, but he is a youngster like Jake Beckley.

Little McConnell, the Providence second sacker, is making good both in the field and at the bat with the Boston Americans.

Manager Bill Armour has his Toledo team going at top speed in the American association race.

It has been a good many years since Boston baseball fans showed so much interest in a national league team as this season. Manager Joe Kelly and his new team of Puritans are responsible for the awakening.

Manager Clark Griffith of the Highlanders is unusually fortunate in having

such a good player as Ball to take Elberfeld's place when the "Kid" is out of the game.

In the opening Lynn-Lowell game in the New England league last week Ort of Lynn hit a high fly which was caught by Duff. But Umpire O'Brien declared Ort safe because Duff wore a catcher's mitt. Lowell players protested, but evidently the umpire was right in his decision.

It has been hinted that several of the Detroit Tigers have not been playing up to their usual standard on account of so much more money being paid by Ty Cobb than the rest of them. There seems to be a disposition on the part of the Tigers to let Tyrus win the games himself if the games are won.

Farmers Beat Whitman.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Whitman College, Walla Walla, Wash., May 9.—Washington State college defeated Whitman yesterday afternoon in

baseball, 4-1. The game was somewhat lonesome at times, but much better than the first of the series. Dutcher pitched for Whitman and was hit safe eight times. Alquist, for Pullman, pitched a fine game allowing but three hits. Whitman went up in the air in the second inning and let W. S. C. make four runs. Whitman's only score came in the eighth.

OREGON CITY TEAM TO MEET VANCOUVER NINE

The Vancouver and Oregon City Tri-City league teams are scheduled to play a double-header at Vancouver Sunday. Some classy and aggressive ball should be furnished to the fans, as Concoman and Pender will occupy the mound for Vancouver, and will be opposed by Harbericht and Robertson.

The teams broke even in their last series and the leaguers are anxious to annex games at this stage in the game.

LONG FIGHT ON IN SOUTH TODAY

Stanley Ketchel and Jack Sullivan to Go 35 Rounds at Arena.

(United Press Special Wire.) San Francisco, May 9.—As is customary on a Cofroth fight day, fine weather prevails, and when Stanley Ketchel and Jack Sullivan step into the ring at Ocean View at 3 o'clock this afternoon there is every prospect that the conditions will be ideal.

The fighters weighed in this morning and both were under the stipulated 165 pounds, neither man moving the beam. Sullivan weighed in in his undergarments, while Ketchel was stripped. Both appeared to be in excellent condition and ready to put up the battle of their lives.

The betting remained at 10 to 7, with Sullivan on the short end, this morning, but there is every indication that the ringside odds will be 10 to 2. The fighters will split 50 per cent of the receipts on a 90-40 per cent basis, which means that they will probably divide \$9,000, as a \$14,000 house is expected.

That the boys of Uncle Sam's navy are great lovers of athletic sports, and particularly pugilism, was evidenced by the lively demand among the Jackies for tickets of admission for the 35-round mill. Promoter Goffroth reported the sale of seats to be much larger than he had anticipated.

The Ketchel-Sullivan mill is the first of a series of ring events arranged as part of the entertainment for "fleet week." Next Tuesday Joe Grim and Al Kaufman are to mix it up for six rounds. Then will come the big event of the week, the 30-round contest for the lightweight championship between Joe Gans, the present holder of the title, and Rudolph Unholz, the Boer fighter, who has shown up well in his recent fights. The go between Gans and Unholz is scheduled for next Thursday night and is already attracting lively attention among the ring followers. From present indications Gans will enter the ring a 2-to-1 favorite over the Boer.

BERNARD BREAKS LEG ON EVE OF CONTEST

Promoter Billy Huddy Loses Good Match at Troutdale Tonight.

There will be no boxing contest at Troutdale tonight. After training faithfully for three weeks for the 10-round match scheduled with Kid Ervin in the little railroad town, Harry Bernard, former lightweight amateur champion of California, yesterday had the misfortune to break his right leg while riding a spirited young colt on the Fulton road.

Bernard included horseback riding in his training and each afternoon went out on Macadam road but it was some day he was galloping along the road, when his mount stepped into a miry place and fell. Bernard's right leg was caught in the fall and the bones broken below the knee.

He is now resting easily at his home on Macadam road but it will be some months before he will be able to straddle another nag.

Promoter Billy Huddy was in the dumps this morning good and plenty. He had advertised the Troutdale contest and was completing arrangements to charter a special car for the run to Troutdale tonight when the news was brought to him. A score or more of prominent business men in Portland had asked for seat reservations about the ringside.

Nothing will be done now until June, when a new venue which Billy has promised Troutdale will be completed. Johnny Frayne or Fred Landers will probably be brought north for the opening show if either of these high class boys is out of an engagement at that time.

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