



"BUILD NOW" IDEA HAS TAKEN A STRONG HOLD

Building work in all lines in Portland never looked better than it does today, the admission being freely made by architects, builders and contractors that the next 12 months will witness a building development in this city of unparalleled dimensions. Members of the building trades report that ample work is in sight to keep busy every Portland workman in the building trades for a long time to come.

Weekly reports received from the building trades unions of other cities, when compared with those compiled by the local unions, show a much larger per cent of employment among the workmen of this city than in any other city in the United States. Another evidence of the fact that the volume of building here is unusually large is found in the large number of skilled workmen, members of the building trades, that are every day coming to Portland from all over the Pacific coast and from as far east as Salt Lake, Denver and other Rocky mountain cities. These men say that everywhere the report has gone out that Portland is the center of a heavy building development and that a yet greater influx of workmen may be expected in the next few weeks.

Daily Average Is Big.

The record of building permits issued so far this month shows a daily average of nearly 140,000, a figure that will bring the total for the month to considerably more than \$1,000,000. The sum does not include any of the half dozen big buildings that have just been commenced in the central business district as none of these permits will likely be applied for until some time in October. These figures indicate a strong and steady revival of building in Portland and are in marked contrast with the hesitancy felt by property owners and builders one year ago when the causes which led up to the October panic were beginning to make themselves felt.

Aside from the demand for more and better buildings of all classes, an impelling reason for the activity of building is the reduced cost of labor and materials. An instance of this is to be found in a comparison of the bids recently submitted on a reinforced concrete building with those submitted on

duplicate of the same structure 15 months ago. The total cost of this structure as shown by the figures of the various contractors engaged on it was about \$17,000, yet the contractors' bids submitted in June, 1907, were for \$25,000. Here is a saving of nearly 25 per cent due to a great measure to the lessened cost of materials and to some extent to a lower scale of wages.

Reduction in All Lines.

This reduction according to the best obtainable information, prevails in all classes of building and is in a great measure responsible for the movement in residence building which has been in progress in Portland for the past six months.

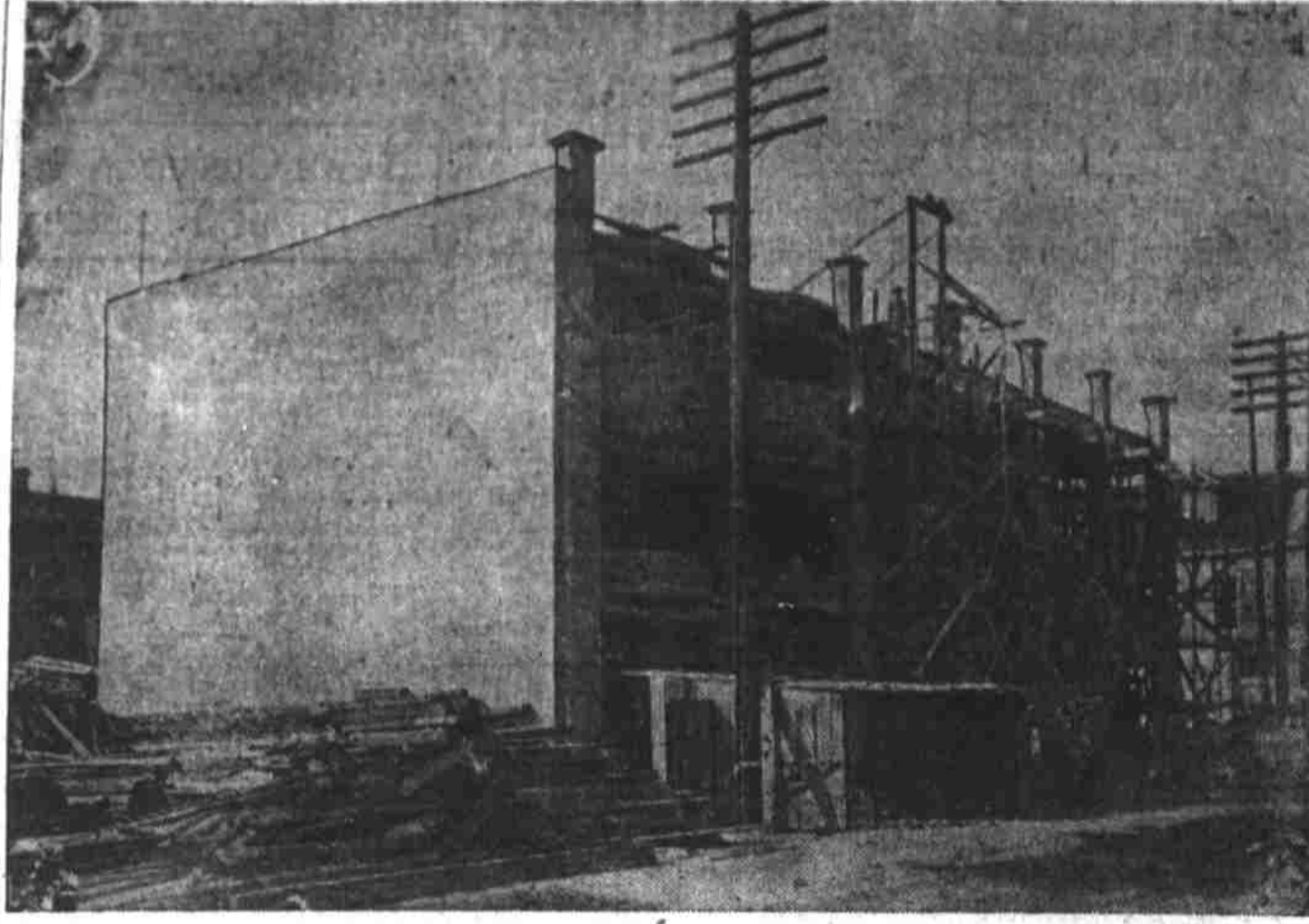
When a prospective home builder finds that the situation has no changed from a year ago when it can save 25 per cent by proceeding with his building now, he is more than apt to make an extra effort to do so. The "build now" movement has taken a deeper hold upon the residents of Portland than is generally suspected.

Money Saved and Made.

This is not only the time to save money by building but it is the time to make money by building, is the sentiment expressed by those who have taken and are taking advantage of the cheapened cost of labor and materials.

Builders of apartment houses and flats say that it is almost impossible to supply the demand of tenants for these buildings. There is no doubt that the shortage of dwellings and apartments is becoming greater as the winter season approaches, so that those who build now while the conditions are altogether favorable will not only save greatly in the low cost of building materials, but they will also find their property in first-class demand when it is completed. Few desirable houses are to be found for rent in Portland, as compared with the number at the beginning of the summer, while the department houses of all kinds are full, and the better and newer ones nearly all have a waiting list.

Six months ago there seemed to be some danger of over-building. Then there was a large number of vacant residences in the city, but this condition has entirely changed and now the vacant houses in a desirable residence district is rarely seen.



Odd Fellows' New East Side Temple.

ERECTION OF HOUSES FOR RED FIR LOGS HOMES ALMOST A FACT BECOME FIRMER

Attorney George F. Felts has let the contract for the erection of a two-story store and flat building at the northeast corner of Hamilton avenue and Corbett street. The building is to be of frame construction, with a full concrete basement and will cost about \$5,000. On the ground floor will be two 25-foot storerooms, and in the second story will be two living apartments.

A. H. Carr has begun the erection of a store building at University Park, which will cost about \$1,500.

Rev. F. A. Emerson has begun the erection of a \$2,000 two-story cottage at Rose City Park.

Demand for Railroad Material Revives Dead Market.

Since the railroads began to come into the market for ties and bridge material the demand for red fir has increased considerably with the result that the demoralized red fir log market has begun to show signs of recuperating.

Charles T. Cash has begun the erection of a \$2,000 two-story cottage at Rose City Park.

B. F. Doty has taken out permits for a two-story frame residence and three 1 1/2-story frame cottages, all to be erected on East Thirty-third and East Thirty-fourth and East Thirty-seventh streets. The buildings, completed, will cost all told about \$6,000.

Local lumber manufacturers report a continuation of good business here for building material and they do not anticipate a serious falling off this fall unless the weather becomes so inclement as to put a check to building operations entirely.

Max Singer is building for Mrs. Hannah Newman a double frame flat on First street, between Hall and College, the contract price being \$3,000.

David Merper has commenced to build a one-story frame cottage on his recently purchased lot on Garfield street, between Pearl and Jarrett streets. It will cost between \$2,500 and \$3,000.

Local mill men have had no trouble this year in getting cars to handle their shipments and this has been a very good feature in filling rail orders. A year ago the car situation was the one serious trouble in that it was impossible to make deliveries within anything like reasonable time.

M. Fairbank has let the contract for a 1 1/2-story frame dwelling to be erected on Newton street, between Vaughan and Wilson streets, at a cost of \$2,500.

Charles W. Monnes will build a residence on Mildred street, between Tenth and Eleventh streets, to cost \$2,500 or \$3,000. It is to be a one-story frame of the bungalow type.

Local lumber dealers of present market conditions and the general outlook: "In the last 30 days, notwithstanding that August is always a dull month, both inquiry and demand have shown a substantial improvement. Several of the western roads have renewed buying to a considerable extent and the improvement in prices is encouraging the yards to look up conditions of their stock and place orders to renew broken lines."

J. L. Angell and L. Sparks are each to build a \$2,000 cottage, the former at Vernon and the latter at Sunnyside.

Worthington & Kennedy have begun the erection of two \$1,000 cottages on East Washington street, between East

"All the mills in this section are heavily overstocked on upper grades and there are no accumulations of common. Prices have advanced sharply on upper grades and are probably 5 to 10 per cent higher on lower grades. With the improvement we have experienced during an extremely dull month we have good reason to anticipate greater improvement in September and October, when the crops will have been harvested and building in the country renewed."

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"We believe the buyers do not appreciate how well the mills in Oregon are doing. They have marketed what stock they had on hand, consequently there is a heavy consumption of fir lumber has been furnished by the large mills and most of them have been running for several weeks. This has made an extreme scarcity in some grades that are in heavy demand, such items as vertical flooring and No. 1 finish."

W. L. Morgan and associates have taken out a permit for a five-story frame and stucco apartment house to be erected on King street, between Wayne and Washington streets, at a cost of \$40,000.

Contractor C. N. Baustler has commenced work on the residence of J. C. Krauss on Chapman street, near Jefferson. The building is to be a two-story frame and will cost \$3,500.

Contractor R. A. Cornell will build the O. E. Krauss residence, to be erected on Hoyt street, between Twenty-ninth and Thirtieth streets, which will cost about \$5,000.

Theodore Rothchild has taken out a permit for a two-story frame dwelling to be erected on High street, between Pearl and Jarrett streets. It is to be a frame structure and will cost about \$4,000.

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THIS IS CITY ENGINEER'S WAY OF MAKING CEMENT MIXTURE

Editor of The Journal—Will you please tell me how to mix cement for the purpose of making a sidewalk. I did not succeed in getting a good mixture. Arleta. O. HENRY MILLER.

The following are the specifications required by the city engineer for laying concrete sidewalks: First should be laid a bed of concrete three inches in thickness, to be made as follows: One part of cement and three parts of sand, thoroughly mixed dry and made into a mortar with the least possible amount of water; to this will be added broken stone which has been dredged

with water, but containing no loose water in the heap.

The mortar and the stone shall be mixed in such proportions that all the voids in the mass are filled with mortar. Small gravel may be used in place of broken rock. The sand should be clean, sharp Columbia river sand. The wearing surface should be composed of equal parts of cement and sand made into a mortar and thoroughly mixed. This should be laid on the concrete bed, at least one inch thick. In addition, the new made walk should be protected from the rain and sun with boards for about three days, or until thoroughly set.

John P. Bailey, Haskell's law partner in Ohio, against the Illinois Steel company and the Federal Steel company for their attacks on public officials in both the old parties, singling out Senator McClaurin of South Carolina, Representative Joseph C. Sibley of Pennsylvania, and an unnamed Republican United States senator. He is defending the Standard Oil company as "having done wonders in the country."

SELFRIDGE BURIED WITH HIGH HONORS

Washington, Sept. 25.—The body of Lieutenant Thomas F. Selfridge of the United States signal corps, who was killed September 17 in the wreck of Orville Wright's aeroplane at Fort Myer, was buried in the Arlington National cemetery with full military honors this afternoon. The body was borne to the grave on a flag draped bier, escorted by a squad of the Thirtieth cavalry and followed by two troops of the same regiment.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Selfridge of San Francisco, parents of the lieutenant, were attended by a little group of friends. Among the honorary pallbearers were some of the most prominent aeronautical experts in the country, including Professor Alex. Graham Bell, F. W. Baldwin, Glenn Curtis and John D. McCurdy of the Aerial Experimentation association, with Major George C. Sailer, Captain Charles Wallace and Lieutenant Winters of the aeronautical board of the signal corps. In addition, there were a number of civilian experts, who were witnessing the Wright flights here at the time of the accident.

RUSSIA REPORTS CHOLERA DECREASE

(United Press Special Wire.)

St. Petersburg, Sept. 25.—The authorities have issued a hopeful statement as to cholera conditions. Today a 20 per cent decrease in the number of new cases is reported. From 1,000 a day to noon today about 200 new cases have been reported, though it is believed there actually have been more.

Dr. Rowe at Bahia.

(United Press Special Wire.)

Rio Janeiro, Brazil, Sept. 25.—The steamer Verdi, carrying the American scientist, Dr. Rowe, to the Pan-American scientific congress, to meet in Santiago, has reached Bahia on its way to the Pacific.

The secretary of the navy has invited all Brazilian poets to write each one warrior's stanza dedicated to the sailors of the navy. The minister has given a banquet to our minister of war, who is setting out for a voyage to Germany in the interest of the government.

HEARST ATTACKS OLD-PARTY MEN

Says McLaughlin and Sibley Standard Oilers and Haskell Trust Organizer.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

New York, Sept. 25.—In an address last night at the Independence party state convention William R. Hearst, continued his attacks on public officials in both the old parties, singling out Senator McClaurin of South Carolina, Representative Joseph C. Sibley of Pennsylvania, and an unnamed Republican United States senator. He renewed his attack upon Governor Haskell of Oklahoma.

Hearst read letters alleged to have passed between McClaurin and Sibley on one hand and John D. Archbold, vice-president of the Standard Oil company, on the other. The McClaurin correspondence purported to relate to McClaurin's employment by the Standard Oil company in capacity of attorney. McClaurin's alleged need of help in fighting United States Senator Tillman, his rival and bitter foe, was the basis of McClaurin's appeal for the oil trust's backing. McClaurin, according to Hearst, informed the oil magnate under date of May 19, 1902, that he "could best Tillman if properly and generously supported." On December 1, 1901, Archbold had written McClaurin a letter in which he said:

"I am greatly interested in the suggestion of the oil practice and will see to it that it is kept in mind, with the hope that something may develop in which I can be of service to you in connection therewith."

The Sibley letter related to an impetuous Republican States senator, who had struck Sibley a blow of \$1,000 and whose case Sibley carried up to Archbold as that of "one who will do anything in the world for his friends if ever needed." In the letter Sibley, referring to the desired loan, asked Archbold "do you want to make the investment?"

In his assault upon Governor Haskell, treasurer of the Democratic national committee, Hearst said Haskell was "not only a Standard Oil tool and a promoter of crooked railroads, but was one of the organizers of the steel trust." In support of the steel trust charge Hearst quoted from what he said was a court record of a suit brought by

S. S. S. THE CURE FOR SCROFULA

Swollen glands about the neck, weak eyes, pale, waxy complexions, running sores and ulcers, skin diseases, and general poor health, are the usual ways in which Scrofula is manifested. The disease being deeply entrenched in the blood often attacks the bones, resulting in White Swelling, or hip disease, and the scrofulous and tubercular matter so thoroughly destroys the healthful properties of the blood that Scrofula sometimes terminates in consumption, an incurable disease. The entire circulation being contaminated, the only way to cure the trouble is to thoroughly purify the blood and restore the circulation to a strong, healthy state. S. S. S. is the very best treatment for Scrofula; it renovates the entire blood supply and drives out the scrofulous and tubercular deposits. S. S. S. is the greatest of all blood purifiers, and it not only goes right down to the very bottom of the trouble and removes the cause, but it supplies the weak, diseased blood with the healthful properties it is in need of, and in this way builds up weak, frail, scrofulous persons and makes them strong and healthy. S. S. S. is a gentle, safe, vegetable preparation and is suited for persons of any age. Book on the blood containing information about Scrofula and any medical advice free.

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COSTLY HOUSES ARE TO BE BUILT

Contracts for several expensive private residences were awarded in the early part of the week, most of them to be erected in the best residence sections on the west side.

At the corner of Twentieth and Carver streets, Portland Heights, Victor Carlson is building for H. E. Jones a \$10,000 dwelling of very attractive design, which will be a frame addition to the many fine private homes that are going up on the Heights.

R. H. Holt has begun the erection of a two-story frame residence on

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