

# BUILDING NEWS



## HAMMERS KEPT BUSY BY EAGER HOME-SEEKERS

Permits and building contracts for new dwellings were as numerous during the past week as at any time since the heavy movement in this class of construction set in. An interesting feature of the week's permits is the growing tendency toward the erection of more expensive homes. The average cost of the residences recently begun in Portland is considerably above \$2,000 and will probably reach \$2,500.

Contractor R. E. Rice has commenced the erection of a handsome two-story residence on East Taylor street, between East Twenty-ninth and East Thirtieth streets, for Leslie Scott. The building will cost about \$7,000 and will be one of the most pretentious homes in that section of the city.

M. J. Delaunt has let the contract to Hookhaug & Weld for the erection of a two-story residence on Thompson street, between East Fifteenth and East Sixteenth streets. The approximate cost of the building is \$4,000.

M. Hovenden has broken ground for a residence on Wasco street, between East Seventeenth and East Eighteenth streets. It will cost about \$6,000 and will be an attractive addition to Irvington homes.

A. Scott is building a 1 1/2-story frame residence on Scott avenue, corner East Sixty-eighth street.

Robert McConigle has begun the erection of a 1 1/2-story frame dwelling on Capitol street, near Shaver, which will cost \$3,500.

Mrs. E. A. Marshall has taken out a permit for the erection of a two-story frame dwelling on Johnson street, between Twenty-fifth and Twenty-sixth streets, to cost \$4,000.

Contractor George Rasmussen has taken out a permit for the erection of a \$3,000 frame dwelling on East Thirtieth street, between Tillamook and Thompson streets.

E. J. Ellison has begun the erection of a two-story frame residence on East Twenty-third street, between Tillamook and Thompson streets, to cost \$4,000.

The following recent dwelling-house contracts are announced from the local architects' offices:

Frank Carlson, for a \$2,000 dwelling for Andrew Peterson, Castle street, between Shaver and Mason streets.

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G. G. Norbeck, for a \$2,100 dwelling for William Schabehne, at Overlook.

Smith & Dodge, for a \$2,700 dwelling for O. F. Roberts, East Fourteenth, between East Main and East Madison streets.

T. F. Swensen, for a \$2,000 dwelling for J. D. Pasqua, East Twentieth street, near Frederick.

George Rasmussen, for a dwelling for M. J. DeLaunt, East Twentieth, between Tillamook and Thompson.

M. N. Hitchcock, for a \$2,000 dwelling for A. Scott, at Tabor Heights.

J. L. Engstrom, for a \$1,400 store building for J. Bolinsky, Alberta street, between East Twenty-eighth and East Twenty-ninth streets.

P. G. Deitch, for a \$1,100 home for W. Sholickoff, Arthur street, between Second and Third streets.

Homebuilders in large numbers announce new building enterprises. Elwood Wiles will build two dwellings to cost \$3,000 each on East Eighth street, between East Eleventh and East Twelfth streets.

R. G. Conklin is preparing to build a \$2,000 cottage at East Twenty-fourth and Alberta streets.

W. A. Starke will build a \$1,600 cottage on East Twenty-seventh street, between Alberta and Wygant streets.

A \$1,500 home is being erected by J. C. Carothers on Tabor avenue, between Farnella and Francis streets.

Jacob Kimball will build a \$1,600 dwelling in the Forty-first street, between Twenty-seventh and Twenty-eighth.

A. E. Black will build a \$1,700 dwelling in Vanderbilt street near Fisk.

W. H. Kearney will build a \$1,200 home in Missouri avenue between Jessup and Church streets.

C. M. Cullen is preparing to put up a \$2,000 home on Kearney street, between Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth streets.

A. Larsen will build a \$1,500 dwelling in East Twenty-sixth between Wygant and Alberta streets.

J. J. Oliver will erect a \$1,500 home in East Eleventh street between Skidmore and Mason streets.

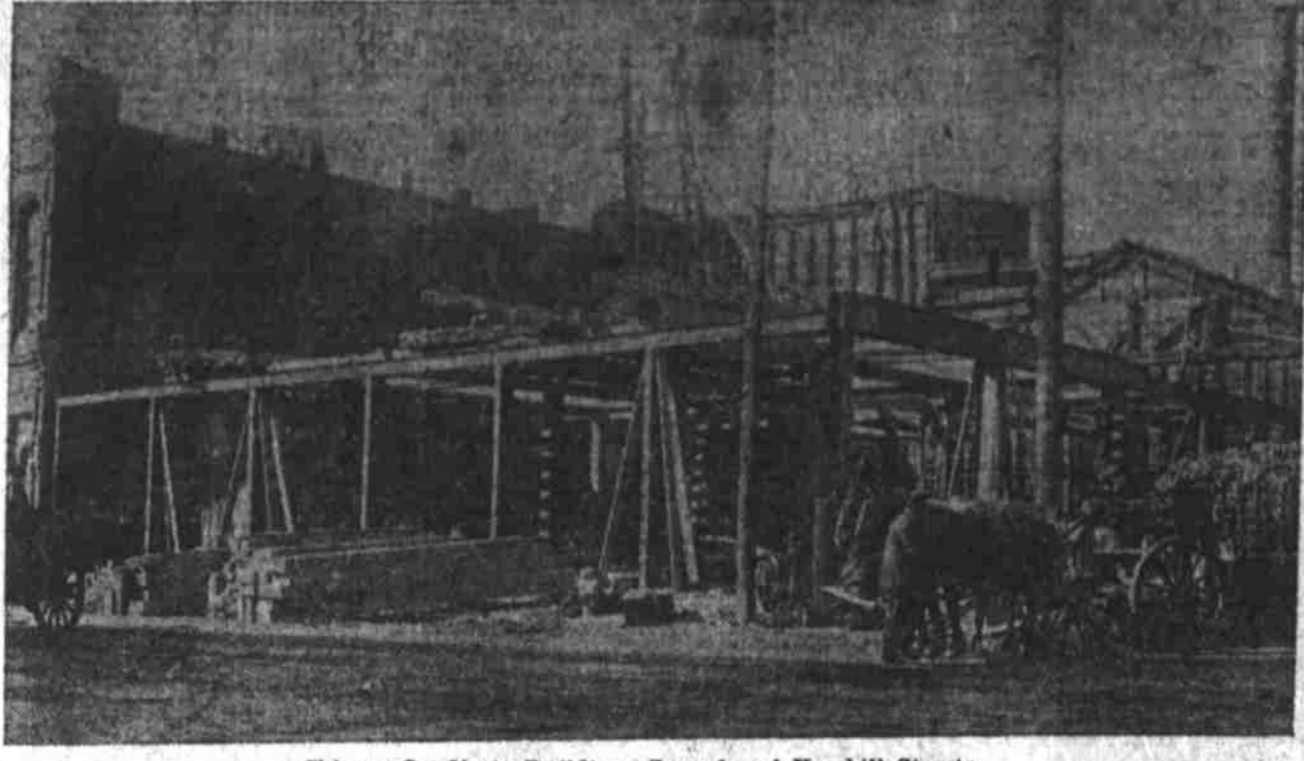
R. E. Blaco will build a \$1,500 dwelling in East Caruthers street between East Thirty-fourth and Marguerite streets.

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G. W. West & Son will build a \$1,500 house in Ellsworth street between Thirty-ninth and Forty-first streets.

W. Felich will build a \$1,500 dwelling in East Thirtieth street between Emerson and Killingsworth.

Hardman Eben has taken out a permit and begun the erection of a \$3,500 residence on Wasco street, between East Seventeenth and East Eighteenth streets.



Chinese Syndicate Building, Second and Yamhill Streets.

## STILL ANOTHER WORK BEGINS ON LUMBER VALUES FOR OAK STREET BIG WAREHOUSE ADVANCE SLOWLY

### Lewis Property at Fourth to Be Utilized by Modern Building.

On the quarter block at the northeast corner of Fourth and Oak streets Mrs. Lewis, the owner of the property, has decided to erect a business house to meet the requirements of a prospective tenant. Nothing definite with reference to the height of the proposed structure has been determined, except that the foundation will be of sufficient strength to support an eight or ten-story building. The frame buildings occupying the site are to be removed and the excavation for the foundation of the proposed building will be made at once.

Less than two years ago three of the corners at Fourth and Oak streets were encumbered with frame structures of little value, and yielding a return on the value of the property amounting to little or nothing. Since that time the magnificent Board of Trade building has been erected, work is under way on the six-story Henry building on the southwest corner, and now the remaining corner—the Lewis property—is to be improved in a manner in keeping with its value.

The first modern business building to go up in that immediate vicinity was the Weinhard building, which was erected several years ago and was the forerunner of the modern wholesale business structures, many of them now being found in the district north of Stark street.

### California Demand Revives and Local Trade Remains Active.

The lumber market continues improving and values are, if anything, firmer than a week ago, the base of values being about \$9.50 per thousand feet. The demand for uppers continues strong and there is by no means an oversupply in the market.

California business has shown a decided improvement during the past week several large orders having been booked by local dealers. San Francisco has been buying very sparingly for the year past and it is understood that stocks throughout California have been allowed to dwindle down to very small proportions.

Eastern rail business is considered very satisfactory and considerable foreign business has been closed recently. Mexico has been buying railroad ties and a couple of cargoes will be set afloat from lower Columbia points for Guaymas in the near future. A cargo of large timbers is being loaded here at present for Guaymas.

Local business continues active although general conditions of the market are expected to have a checking effect to a certain extent. Locally the lumber business has been better here this fall than for a long time, perhaps better than ever in the history of the city, although general conditions of the market has held prices down to a reasonable level.

The log market is firm at about \$7 for red fir and \$9 for yellow fir. Some yellow fir is said to bring \$10, but they are the choicest logs to be had on the river. Shingles are in meeting with fairly good demand at unchanged prices.

### ARCHITECT KNIGHTON IS RECOVERING

Architect W. C. Knighton, who suffered painful injuries in falling from a ladder in a dwelling at Mount Tabor, is reported to be making satisfactory progress toward recovery.

Mr. Knighton is now taking contractors' estimates for the Lipman, Wolfe & Co. building to be erected at Fifteenth and Glisan streets at a cost of about \$50,000. The building when completed is to be occupied by the Irwin-Hodson company. It is to be a two-story brick with full basement. Mr. Knighton is also having plans prepared for a one-story and basement building for the Portland Marble Works.

## FAMED BAKER MINE, THE GOLD COIN, TO AGAIN BE OPERATED

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
Baker City, Or., Oct. 3.—The Gold Coin mine is to be operated again. That is the statement given out by T. W. Ayer, a Pendleton man, who is heavily interested in the property. Mr. Ayer has been in Baker attending to details regarding the mine.

The Gold Coin is one of those mining properties which has been ill fated up to the present time. Located and developed as a quartz mine, a mill was erected and in a six days' run \$1,200 was taken from the plates. Then came trouble. A rancher had some farm land a distance below the mill and he claimed that the muddy water and tailings injured his premises. He accordingly enjoined the Gold Coin people and tied them up. The case went to the circuit court, and the rancher was beaten, but the supreme court reversed the lower court's finding.

Then the mine owners conceived the idea of building sluice dams, which they did and began operations again. Shortly after this the mill burned, greatly to the surprise of the owners. They were in a quandary. The lodge carrying the mine is a desperate one and the situation and a final investigation proved that it could be washed down and placered instead of sluiced. This was tried and proved satisfactory.

Colonel James A. Panting owned the water rights in the creek, and the water rights in the creek, and the Gold Coin as a placer property. Mr. Ayer negotiated with the colonel for this right several months ago, and it is understood the deal is closed.

A 12-mile ditch is about one third completed and contracts have been let for the remainder of the work. When completed the Gold Coin will have from 2,000 to 3,000 inches of water at its disposal.

A reservoir is being constructed on the premises, and Mr. Ayer states that by early spring the company will be washing the gold from the granite mountain side. It is expected to work about five and a half months each year.

L. G. Keady, a Portland man, is president of the company and T. W. Ayer of Pendleton is secretary treasurer and manager.

porated city of St. Johns to Portland upon the November ballot, but today the city council has determined that no meeting is necessary, and as there will be no meeting of the council today, the last legal filing day, their plans must wait until next year for fulfillment.

That the county clerk must place the question on the ballots was the decision of Judge Gantenbein in a friendly suit brought by O. N. Ford to determine the validity of the ballot. The judge held that the November election was not a general election and for that reason he should not count the taxpayers' money in placing the question on the ballot.

## MT. SCOTT BUT NOT ST. JOHNS

### Mandamus Suit Decided, But Today Is Last Filing Day.

Mount Scott people may vote upon annexation to Portland at the presidential election in November, but as today is the last day for filing petitions and because the Portland council must consent to the annexation there is no chance for St. Johns people to vote themselves into the city next month.

When The Journal announced last evening that the annexationists of Mount Scott had won their fight several residents of St. Johns at once concluded that they could also have the question of annexing the whole of the incor-

## BAY CITY IS READY FOR THE T.-M. CONGRESS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
San Francisco, Cal., Oct. 3.—Everything is in readiness for the opening of the nineteenth annual meeting of the trans-Mississippi commercial congress, which will begin a five days' session in this city next Tuesday. Those in charge of the local arrangements estimate that there will be more than 1,000 delegates present when Chairman Thomas F. McGowan, president of the congress, calls the meeting to order.

Among the states from which large representation is expected are Oregon, Colorado, Texas, Nebraska, North and South Dakota, Montana, Idaho, Washington, California, Oklahoma, Kansas, Minnesota, Arizona and New Mexico. Iowa, Missouri, Illinois and a number of states farther east also will send delegates. Among those present will be the governors of several states, together with members of congress and other men prominent in public life.

The congress has slated for discussion a wide variety of important topics, including river and harbor improvement, irrigation and drainage, Alaska statehood, parcels post and postal banks, dry farming, trans-Pacific trade, immigration, Hawaii and the Philippines, the roads, leasing of public lands, public ownership of utilities, the Alaskan-Yukon-Pacific exposition, interstate commerce and national finance.

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## BURGLARS AIM GUN AT HOST KAKOUROS

John Kakouros, one of the proprietors of the Stockholm lodging house at Third and Everett streets, entered the office last night about 1:30 o'clock to be confronted with a revolver and a knife in the hands of two men who had entered the place to rob Kakouros of his valuables.

Kakouros called for help, and his partner, James Starke, and several of the roomers came rushing to his assistance. The robbers put up a fight and in the confusion managed to escape, though one of them was knocked down with a chair during the melee.

## Building Permits.

Mildred street between East Seventeenth and East Eighteenth, J. C. Harrison, repair one-story frame dwelling, \$200.

East Eighteenth between Tillamook and Thompson streets, E. P. Karter, erect two-story frame dwelling, \$1,500.

Clayton street between Johnson and Clifton, Mr. Austin, erect one-story frame dwelling, \$1,750.

East First street between Main and Church, Mrs. Varnum, repair two-story frame dwelling, \$1,500.

## CENTER MAKING OF GUM HERE

The American Chicle company has closed a deal for a 50-foot lot on the corner of Fourteenth and Johnson streets and will begin the erection of a four-story brick building on the site as soon as the contract can be let. The building is to become the principal factory for the manufacture of chewing gum on the Pacific coast.

Prior to the two years ago in San Francisco that city was the principal place of business of the American Chicle company on the coast. Since that time the company has operated in this city, and after a recent trip to this city of some of the New York officials of the company the order was given to concentrate its coast business here. It is announced that the new factory building will cost about \$40,000, and that 150 workmen will be employed in the factory.

## NEW CHURCH TO BE OF CONCRETE BLOCKS

Commencing tomorrow the congregation of the First United Evangelical church will hold regular services in temporary quarters at the southwest corner of East Seventh and Stephens streets.

An architect has been engaged to prepare drawings for the new edifice which will be built of concrete blocks. Negotiations are under way for the purchase of a site in Ladd addition, near Hawthorne avenue, although the exact location has not yet been determined.

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