

PORTLAND'S MARVELOUS GROWTH in 1908



MEDICAL BLDG.



OREGON HOTEL AND ANNEX.



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COMMERCIAL CLUB



WASHINGTON STREET. ANGELUS STUDIO.



WEINHARD BLDG. ANGELUS STUDIO



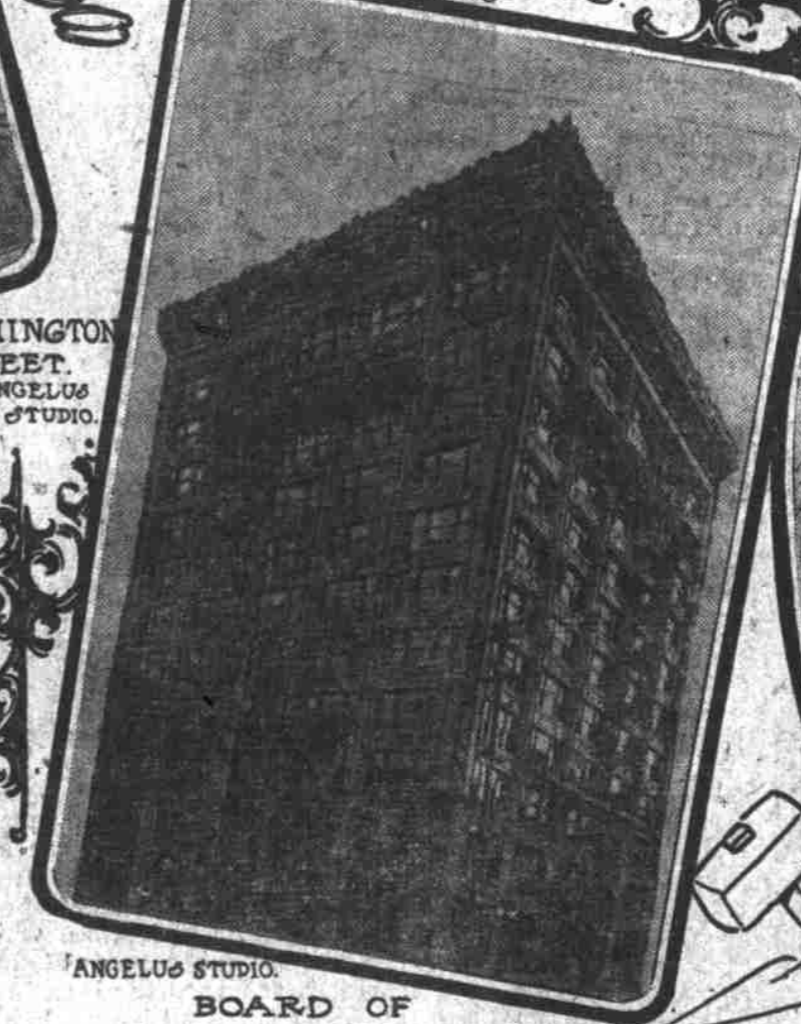
MARQUAM BLDG.



ROTHSCHILD BLDG.



COUCH BLDG. ANGELUS STUDIO



BOARD OF TRADE BLDG. ANGELUS STUDIO.



MC KAY BLDG.



WELLS BLDG.

Approximate value of building permits issued 1908, \$9,500,000.
 Number of new dwellings erected, 2726, at a total cost of \$5,000,000.
 One new home completed for every hour of every day, holidays included.
 Business houses and office buildings to the value of \$3,500,000 completed during the year.
 More than \$1,000,000 invested in new warehouses in the west side and the east side warehouse districts.
 New flats to the value of \$650,000 and apartment houses representing an expenditure of \$45,000 completed.

stands well toward the top of the list. Indeed it is extremely doubtful if a single city the size of Portland or larger can show a greater gain in new building enterprises or a more wonderful development in new construction than this the metropolis of the Pacific northwest.
 The tremendous growth of the city in building and population is demonstrated beyond all doubt by an inspection of the building inspector's office for the year just coming to a close.
 In spite of the monetary stringency which prevailed throughout the country during most of the year, and the consequent business depression which was felt in all lines, Portland passed through the period with comparative ease and approaches the beginning of the new year stronger and sturdier than ever.
 Approximately 3500 building per-

mits were taken out during the year at a total valuation of \$9,500,000. This huge sum represents a gain of nearly \$1,000,000 over the record of 1907.
 The most interesting and important feature of the building development of Portland in 1908 is the fact that 2600 new homes were erected here, representing an investment of \$5,000,000. Taking these figures it is found that Portland actually completed a residence, at an average cost of \$2000 each, every working hour of every day, holidays included. While the building of new homes is the surest index to a city's growth and the surest indication of an increasing population, there are other features in the record of Portland's new construction for the year that tell a story of but little less interest. Take, for instance, the large increase in the number of new flats erected during the year.

More than \$600,000 was expended in the construction of 112 two-story flats.
 Apartment house construction is another interesting feature of the year's record. Approximately \$425,000 was expended in the erection of this class of buildings. Several of these buildings are of brick and concrete construction, unusually handsome and embodying in their construction all of the modern accessories that make living in them so attractive to a large element of the city's population.
 In the construction of the new school houses, the school board expended nearly \$200,000 in buildings completed, and authorized the erection of a new high school on the east side which will represent an expenditure of fully \$300,000.
 Hotel construction has kept pace with the building development in

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other lines. In fact the city can boast of the completion of four magnificent hotels during the year, while construction is well under way on one other, which will be the handsomest and completest thing in the way of a modern hostelry ever put up in this city.
 The Hotel Oregon annex, a nine-story reinforced concrete building facing Park street and just north of Stark, is the most expensive structure of the kind erected during the year.
 One of the completest and best equipped family hotels in Portland, the new Nortonia, was finished in the early part of the year. This is a seven-story structure, covering a quarter block and cost not less than \$200,000.
 The Cornelius, at Park and Alder, a modern and substantially constructed six-story hotel, was also completed in the first half of 1908.
 The practical rebuilding of the Perkins at an expenditure of over \$150,000 resulted in adding another to the long list of high-class, up-to-date hotels in Portland.
 At Tenth and Alder streets, the Rosenblatt hotel is more than half completed, and already gives evidences of becoming one of the most attractive buildings in that portion of the city.
 But the amazing demonstration of Portland's remarkable upbuilding in a single year by no means ends here; in fact, it is scarcely begun.
 Portland may well be proud of her splendid record in the erection of massive business blocks during the year. It has been a period of fire-proof construction—a period in which wood was all but eliminated in several magnificent structures, which will stand for ages as a monument to the confidence and enterprise of Por-