

PLANS COSTLY APARTMENT BUILDING

W. F. Fiedner Will Build \$60,000 Structure on St. Clair Street.

Architect W. L. Morgan is preparing to duplicate the Madison apartments at Madison and Park streets, for W. F. Fiedner, who is going to build on St. Clair street, between Washington and Wayne streets. The building is to be a five story pressed brick structure and will cost about \$60,000.

The concrete foundation for the Weaver-Jaeger one room apartment building at King and Washington streets, is well under way, and work on the superstructure will begin within the next ten days. This is to be a three story brick structure, and will contain 30 single living rooms, each provided with a separate bath.

Mr. Morgan has just completed the Nurses Home at Fourteenth and Market streets. This structure contains 46 separate apartments, each provided with a disappearing wall bed and a kitchenette.

He has also just completed the building of the Hanover apartments on King street, just south of Washington. The three story structure, containing 20 three room apartments, all of which were rented in advance of the completion of the building.

BEGIN WORK ON BIG DEPARTMENT STORE

Construction work was begun last Monday morning on the Olds, Wortman & King building on the Penney block, which, when completed will be with few exceptions, the largest department store building on the Pacific coast. Contractor Mason, who is doing the excavating, has about 30 teams and 50 men on the job, and later on will double his excavating equipment. It is estimated that it will take about 60 days to remove the 27,000 cubic yards of earth that will be removed in making the excavation, so that early in April the contractors will begin putting in the foundation and 200 foot square concrete basement upon which the huge structure is to rest.

ST. JOHNS SOON TO HAVE STOVE FACTORY

The Pacific Stove & Range Manufacturing company, which will begin operations at St. Johns within the next few weeks, having secured the old shipbuilding plant at the foot of Richmond street, St. Johns, the company will begin at once to install the necessary machinery for manufacturing stoves. The company was incorporated by N. A. Peery, E. M. Hitchcock, M. A. Shirley, H. R. Eberdorf and J. H. McKenzie and has a capital stock of \$50,000. Mr. Shirley is a practical stove man and will be the general manager of the concern. The plant, which is on the company figure that on account of the excessive freight rates from the plant on the finished product, no difficulty will be found in competing with eastern manufacturers for the local market.

PLANS FOR SEWELL BUILDING READY

Plans for the Sewell building to be erected at East Third and East Morrison streets have been completed and construction work will begin as soon as the contract can be let. It is to be of the slow burning, mill construction type, three stories high, and will cost about \$30,000. The Morrison street front will be divided into three store-rooms, and one store-room will front on East Third street. Each of the two upper stories will contain 24 rooms. This will be the second building in Portland to rest on a foundation of cement piling, 63 of these having been driven to a depth of 25 to 30 feet through the sand and gravel. The work was made in that district two years ago.

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New Market Building, First and Washington Streets.

BUILDING KEEPS UP PACE RECENTLY SET

Activity in Residence Districts and Large Number of Fine Homes Under Construction Shown by Record of Permits—News of the Construction Trade.

New construction in the building line announced during the week was about on a par with that of the past several weeks. While no plans for large structures in the central district were made public by either architects or builders, it is known that plans are under way for several new warehouses and at least one large structure in the retail district.

Permits for new dwellings to the value of over \$100,000 were issued and nearly the same amount of new brick construction was authorized by the building inspector.

Victor Carlson was the successful bidder for the cement and concrete work on the Eolian building to be erected on the corner of Fourth and Everett streets.

Flynn & Wilson will do the brick work. This is to be a three story brick covering a quarter block and will have seven store rooms on the ground floor. The two upper stories will be arranged for rooming purposes with about 50 separate apartments.

E. V. Holman has let the contract for a four story brick warehouse on Fifteenth between Marshall and Northrup streets. The building is to cost about \$20,000 and has already been leased to a wholesale firm for a term of years.

On the corner of Twelfth and Flanders streets J. B. Heuser has begun the erection of a one story brick wagon shed to cost \$10,000.

A. L. Levy has taken out a permit for the erection of an elegant two story frame residence which will cost approximately \$10,000.

Mrs. N. Martin has contracted for the erection of two handsome two story frame residences on West street between East Seventeenth and East Nineteenth streets to cost \$6,000 each.

Doyle & Patterson, who are getting under way plans for the addition to St. Vincent's hospital, announces that in about 10 days the plans and specifications will be ready and that bids will be received as soon thereafter as practicable.

The Northwest Bridge Works has secured the contract for the concrete flooring in the stockyards pens at the Swift plant. The contract calls for the laying of between 27,000 and 30,000 square yards of concrete, which will cost about \$50,000. This work, together with putting in the concrete bulkheads, will be rushed to completion as rapidly as money and men can do it.

Bricklaying on the packing plant buildings will begin as soon as the spur track from the North Bank line is completed. This track is for the purpose of conveying building materials to the main line to the plant proper. It is impossible to move the heavier material from the railway to the site of the building operations by wagon on account of the impossible condition of the roads.

The Phoenix Stone company is building

ing a two and one-half story stone residence on the corner of Alingworth, Avenue and Malloy street. The owner of the building is to be of St. Helens stone with trimmings of Phoenix stone and the remainder will be of frame construction. It will contain 10 rooms and will cost about \$8,000.

Conklin brothers, architects and builders, are erecting a number of handsome residences and one four series flat on the east side. At East Twelfth and Division streets they are building an apartment house containing 20 rooms, which will cost about \$7,000.

At East Fifty-third and East Salmon streets this firm is putting up a nine room bungalow for M. Shimomura, a local Japanese merchant. The same builders are erecting a six room bungalow at East Thirty-ninth and East Taylor streets and a five room bungalow at East Thirtieth and Harrison streets. These buildings will cost about \$2,500 each.

On East Eighteenth, near Vernon street, the Morris-Emery Construction company is building a modern six room bungalow at a cost of \$3,000.

The same firm is building a \$2,000 bungalow for J. C. Tice, on the corner of Skidmore and Kirby streets.

Architect Faber is preparing plans for an eight room stone residence to be erected on the corner of East Twelfth and Gardfield avenues. The building will cost about \$9,000.

E. D. Glerston has purchased a lot on Vancouver avenue near Pearl street and will erect at once a \$3,000 cottage on the site.

Professor E. H. Whitney, principal of the Peninsular school, will erect a \$3,500 dwelling on a quarter block in Piedmont.

L. T. Sebolt has the plans for a modern cottage which he will build on Taylor heights at a cost of \$15,000.

Architect Palmer is preparing plans for a six room bungalow, which will be erected by Mrs. Gretchen Sandstrom on Portland boulevard at a cost of about \$3,500.

H. W. Stone has taken out a permit for a \$4,500 cottage to be erected on the lot between East Twelfth and Thurman streets.

Mrs. F. W. Myers has begun the erection of a two story frame dwelling on East Taylor and East Twentieth streets. J. O. Hannum has taken out a permit for a two story frame residence to be erected at 241 Williams avenue. The building will cost about \$2,750.

At 235 Hamilton street, Thomas Schneider is building a modern two story cottage to cost \$2,500.

M. G. Thorsen has begun the erection of a two story frame residence at the corner of East Eleventh and East Twelfth streets. It is to be a two story frame and is to be refurly finished and will cost about \$6,000.

plant and is noted chiefly for raising watermelons and lowering chickens. The reason the soon lower's chickens is because they are usually too high for him already. When he sees one on a limb he tries to lower it to prevent its getting hurt if it should fall. If he can get a hold of it he puts it where it can't get hurt. Coons are a great pest to the farmer. They are like thoroughbreds; they may be hybrids.

If Oregon should be the first state to make "All Coons Day" a state holiday it would bring lots of moon in here. Coons would help build up the population. They would raise the price of eggs by removing the cause. The state wouldn't lose anything on this transaction for a good big black coon is worth 100 cents in the dollar, or 100 cents to the dollar, that is when he gets a dollar.

With 'Em in Spirits. Now I hope this little epistle to the legislature will be received in the same spirit as the one and when the members line up at the bar for the last time they won't any of them worry about me. I will try and be with them in the spirits. It would be much obliged if some members would let me know if they put through the bill making eggs a penal offense. Then there was another bill making it a misdemeanor to blow out the gas. It is hard for me to remember the names of the different members. That is where that touching little epistle applies with unusual force—'forgotten, but not gone.' This bill may be treated a little on account of the very heavy winds today, but the words are all there and you can adjust them to their proper meaning. Of course this is no joke, but is just phrased as an aid to thinkless legislators. That reminds me of the man who said he had been too busy all winter to think. He may be in the legislature this winter and up to his old tricks.

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Would Sandwich in Nicely. This bill would be a good one to sandwich in between the special order bill and the 10 cent hatpin bill. In fact the three of them ought to make a good sandwich, and lots of people would rather have it than a square meal. Of course there are other months in the calendar. There is March with its 17th day of Ireland. That would make a good holiday, and the Irish could help celebrate it. The next conspicuous day that comes along is All Fool's Day. That would be a national holiday, but a state holiday is just as binding as far as it goes. Then it would help us remember the session. The name would be synonymous—one would be all fools day and the other wouldn't. That doesn't look like a synonym, but it is. Just dig around till you find where it comes in. "All Coons Day."

I almost forgot to mention Emancipation Day. They used to call that "All Lincoln Day"—that is the day that Abe Lincoln raised the coons a peg or so. Raising coons was a special order of business on that particular day, and there have been more or less coons ever since. A coon is a prolific, omnivorous, omnipresent, carnivorous, heterogeneous

LUMBER PRICES REMAIN STEADY

Advance in Price of a Week Ago Slightly Stimulates Demand.

Lumber prices are steady and the advance of a week ago by most mills of from 50 cents to \$1 per thousand feet is said to have no effect on the demand except, perhaps to stimulate it. Foreign business has been unusually active of late, no fewer than four cargoes having been placed here during the past couple of weeks.

The combined amount of lumber represented by these four cargoes is nearly 10,000,000 feet and the mills will be kept busy for some time getting this material ready for shipment. California business is keeping up well, lumbermen say, and they look for a healthy increase with the spring and summer.

Most of the mills in the country are now resuming operations after a long shutdown. Many would have resumed earlier, but the storm came on and it was impossible to work with two or three feet of snow on the ground and the log ponds frozen to the bottom.

The shingle market has improved a great deal since the storm and prices are being backed to a level where it is possible for the manufacturer to make a small margin of profit. For a while shingles were selling as low as \$1.55 delivered on the job, and they were first class shingles, too.

PLANS \$50,000 APARTMENTS

E. R. Pittelkau, one of Portland's best known restaurant men, has completed arrangements for the erection of a modern four story brick apartment house at Park and Taylor streets on a site recently purchased by him. It is estimated that the building will cost \$50,000. The plans which are being prepared by Architect Emil Schacht, call for a first class up-to-date structure containing 26 four and five room apartments.

The entrance is to be done in marble and the whole interior finish will be of different kinds of native hardwoods. The corridors and bath and vestibule floors are to be tiled. Construction on the building will begin soon after March 1.

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