

BUILDING NEWS



MARKED ACTIVITY IN BUILDING OPERATIONS

Apartment Houses, Flats and Residences Going Up or Projected in All Sections of the City—Architects Are Very Busy With Plans.

Between permits issued for new construction this week and new work in the hands of architects there is abundant evidence of renewed activity in building operations throughout the city. And to these must be added announcements of contemplated buildings now being figured on, which have not yet reached the contract stage.

With the exception of one modern office building in the central district—the Portland Railway, Light & Power company's proposed structure at Seventh and Alder streets—all of the new construction announced this week is for apartment houses, flats and residences. Especially does the volume of residence construction hold up well in view of the fact that the advent of spring is an immense number of new dwellings will be started.

Idaho Man Builds Apartments.
George L. Parrish, an Idaho capitalist, has employed an architect to prepare plans for a three story brick apartment to be erected on Eleventh street near Belmont. The proposed building will occupy a full lot and will cost about \$25,000.

A quarter block at Seventeenth and Myrtle streets, Portland Heights, was sold this week by the Dietz-Mueller company to a local capitalist for \$6500. The purchaser's name was not made public but the announcement was made that what will be one of the finest homes on the heights will be erected on the site this summer.

On the southeast corner of Grand avenue and East Yamhill street the United States laundry has let the contract for the erection of a three story and basement laundry building. The building is to be a brick structure with pressed brick front and is to be completed in 90 days. It is to have a frontage of 65 feet on Grand avenue and a depth of 90 feet on East Yamhill. Over 4000 cubic yards of earth will be removed in excavating for the basement.

Architect Kroner has completed plans for a two story concrete motor house to be erected on Portland Heights for Mrs. N. Thrane.

Plans Handsome Bungalow.
Dr. P. E. Ferris is having plans prepared for a two story seven room bungalow 26 by 34 feet, which will be erected on Riverview drive, Portland Heights, at a cost of about \$4000.

Architect Ira M. Palmer is preparing plans for a two story seven room residence for J. M. Cooper to be erected on East Eighteenth street in Irvington at a cost of \$4000.

Since January 1 the Irvington Investment company has sold about 65 lots in Irvington valued at nearly \$80,000. On more than half these lots the purchasers will build homes during coming spring and summer.

Paul Labbe has taken out a permit for the erection of a two story frame store and flat building on Mississippi avenue, between Fremont and Beech streets. The improvement will cost about \$4000 and will be erected by N. L. Morgan.

H. C. Prudhomme is building a bungalow on upper Montgomery drive, Portland Heights, at a cost of about \$3500. Mrs. C. M. Le Doux has commenced the building of a two story frame dwelling at the corner of Simpson and Kerby streets. The building will cost in the neighborhood of \$4000 and will be erected by S. Sheldon.

S. Sheldon has let the contract for a two story frame dwelling to be erected on the corner of Going street and Grand avenue. The structure will cost about \$2200.

John Duthie has taken out a permit for a two story frame residence to be erected on Belmont, between East Fifteenth and East Nineteenth streets, at a cost of approximately \$2500.

Silas W. Thornton is preparing to build a modern two story dwelling on East Fifty-seventh between Glisan and Flanders. The improvement will cost about \$2000.

Martin Winch has taken out a permit for the erection of a three story brick store and lodging house on the quarter block at the southeast corner of Thirteenth and Washington streets. The permit calls for an investment of \$27,000.

Lodging House on Washington.
Weaver & Jaeger have taken out a permit for the erection of a two story frame lodging house on Washington street, between King and Wayne. The building will cost about \$15,000.

George Wilson has a quarter block in Alameda Park and is having plans drawn for a \$5000 dwelling which he intends erecting on the quarter.

Edwin Crocker of San Francisco has closed a deal for three lots in Alameda Park and will erect on each a handsome residence. Mr. Crocker intends beautifying the grounds and making the dwellings very attractive homes.

Rice and Meehan have taken out a permit for the erection of an exceptionally handsome residence on a 60 by 100 foot lot on the corner of Clackamas and East Twenty-fourth streets. The building will have dimensions of 32 by 40 feet. A stone porch with concrete floor will extend the full length of the 40 foot side and the interior of the building will be finished throughout with veneered hardwoods. Its estimated cost is \$6500.

P. A. Carlander has begun the erection of an attractive rustic shingle bungalow on Cleveland street, Walnut Park. This building will have ground dimensions of 35 by 42 feet, is to be two stories high and will contain nine rooms and a full concrete basement. It is to be finished throughout in selected Oregon fir, except the floors, which will be laid in eastern hardwood.

The estimated cost of the structure is \$5500. The same contractor is building a two story colonial style residence at Piedmont for Charles Overbaugh.

W. I. Cole, manager of the Illinois Pacific Glass company, has employed Architect McClaen to get up the design for an eight room bungalow to be erected at Woodlawn.

Almeda Ferris has taken out a permit for the erection of a two story frame dwelling on Greenway avenue and Talbot road, at a cost of \$5500.

Mrs. W. E. Upson has let the contract for a two story frame flat to be erected on Union avenue, between Clackamas and Halsey streets.

E. D. Stockton is building a two story frame dwelling on Maple between Polson and Sixteenth streets. Tammie & Co. have broken ground on Mississippi avenue and Shaver street for a two story frame store building to cost \$5000.

On Front street, between Sherman and Grant, S. Goldstein is building a two story frame bathroom to cost \$4000.

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Sensationally Difficult Structural Engineering Problems to Be Met in Erection of Street Railway Company's Fine Building Without Disturbing Machinery.

What will probably be the most difficult piece of structural engineering ever attempted in Portland will confront the architect and contractor on the proposed steel and concrete nine story structure for the Portland Railway, Light & Power company at Seventh and Alder streets. The difficulty will come in building the main superstructure over the ponderous but delicately adjusted machinery occupying the basement and first floor of the structure now occupying the site.

On account of the presence of this heavy and expensive machinery it will be impossible to carry any of the building load on center columns resting on the foundation. In order to overcome this difficulty heavy steel trusses resting on the massive side and end columns will be used to support the reinforced concrete of the five stories. These trusses will extend from the third to the fourth floor and will form the base which will carry nearly all the load of the five upper stories.

Another feature of this building which will call for delicate piece of structural work is the 60 by 100 foot reinforced concrete floor which will be put in at the fourth floor to carry the machinery in the two lower floors. This floor will be without support except the steel reinforcing in the concrete, but no doubt is entertained that such a floor can be laid having sufficient strength to carry many times the weight placed upon it.

Another expensive feature connected with the construction of this building will be the removal and replacing of the hundreds of high voltage wires running in and out of the power plant and supplying the greater part of the power and lighting for the company's vast electric systems. All this work must be done without interfering for a moment with the operation of several hundred street-cars, scores of plants using electricity for power purposes, and the entire electric lighting system of this city.

The building is to be known as the Electric building and will be the most elaborately lighted structure in the country. Architect David C. Lewis, a recognized authority on reinforced concrete construction, is preparing the plans and will have them ready in the next 30 days. The contract for the construction has been let to the Hurley-Mason company.

The Portland Railway, Light & Power company will use the five lower floors of the building for its own offices. The remaining floors will be rented.

ALBERTA LABORER'S RACE WITH DEATH

New Westminster, Feb. 27.—Facing a foot from Calgary to Belgium in a desperate effort to reach his faraway home before consumption has carried off his wife, Charles Rover, a Belgian until recently employed on railway construction work in Alberta, has just reached Winnipeg on his journey, where the story of his desperate effort to beat the grim reaper in the course to his dying wife's bedside has been made public for the first time. Rover is penniless.

The first intimation that his wife was dying reached the Belgian on Christmas day, when he received a letter. Two days later Rover started on his long tramp across the continent, intending to stow away on some European steamer, once he arrived in Halifax. From Calgary to Winnipeg Rover has followed the railroad, working for his bed and board at construction camps along the line.

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LOOK FOR ACTIVE YEAR IN LUMBER

Clear Weather Will Bring Revival in the Building Industry.

Increasing demand from California and good prospects from the east with heavy orders from foreign countries have caused a firming up in the lumber market. Local values are about the same as a week ago but it is predicted that with spring prices will gradually advance. Contractors also take this view of the situation in making estimates.

The inclement weather has had a dampening effect on the trade of a small radical improvement over conditions of mid-winter would already have been noticed. Constant rainy weather during the greater part of the season has retarded building over the entire Pacific northwest and to a great extent in other portions of the states. In the middle states cold weather has held back the spring trade. But orders are now beginning to come quite freely.

A lumberman who has just returned from the east reports that money is cheap there and that it will soon be making its way to the coast. Many projects postponed last year because of the financial flurry now being done to the approaching presidential election will be revived this summer and pushed to completion.

Loggers report a good demand for logs and prices have advanced about 50 cents per 1000 feet, so that the very best of yellow fir logs now bring \$11. Red and inferior grades of yellow sell as low as \$7, however. The camps have been operating most of the small way all winter both because of the wet weather and because loggers have figured that the market would offer better prices than have been obtainable for some time.

Shingle manufacturers complain of having to pay too much for cedar logs as compared with the prices obtained for the manufactured article, logs being quoted at \$12 per 1000 feet while shingles bring only about \$1.90 from the trade. Shingle manufacturers on Puget sound, who control the rail business, have concluded to shut down for an additional 30 days in hopes of strengthening the market that has been more or less demoralized for many months.

Mill work is in good demand, most of the factories here having enough in business to keep them running all time without having to cater to rail business.

Building Permits.
East Morrison street, between East Thirty-fifth and East Thirty-sixth, Dr. E. F. Ong, erect two story frame flats, \$6000; Wilbur street, between Jessup and Ainsworth, Edna L. Slocum, erect two story frame dwelling, \$2000; Marshall street, between Nineteenth and Twentieth, Thomas Statler, repair two story frame flats, \$2000; Hancock street, between East Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth, C. E. Woodworth, erect two story frame dwelling, \$5000; Ten-line street, between East Eleventh and Thirteenth, A. McNoll, erect one story frame dwelling, \$1500; East Fifty-eighth street, between Hassalo and Multnomah, H. D. Hill, erect 1 1/2 story frame dwelling, \$500; York street, between Blackstone and —, Mrs. Hannah M. Zan, erect two story brick warehouse, \$12,000; Lada avenue, between Hawthorne avenue and Palm, J. R. Creighton, erect two story frame

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