BUILDING NEWS

RESIDENCES RISE IN ALL DISTRICTS

Permits for 26 Homes Issued by Building Inspector in Three Days.

Permits for 26 modest cost homes were issued from the building inspector's office Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. With two exceptions these homes will be built on the east side of the river. The average cost of the houses is well above $2200, while eight of them are scheduled to cost over $4000 each. The most expensive home on the list is that under construction for E. R. Clary on Thurman street, between Twentieth and Twenty-first, which will represent an investment of $6500.

Another handsome improvement included in the number is a two story frame going up on East Nineteenth, between Brazee and Knot for J. H. Beckley at a cost of $5000.

Permits were issued to the City Land company for two one story residences to be erected on East Twelfth, between Thompson and Brazee streets, one to cost $6500 and the other $4000.

W. Ritter's new house on Twenty-fourth, between Wilson and Roosevelt streets, is to be a two story frame and will cost $40000.

T. C. Ham is building a $3500 dwelling on East Seventeenth, between Thompson and Brazee. The building will be two stories high, of frame construction and will cost between $3500 and $4000.

The list includes six frame cottages that are to cost $2000 each. These houses are being erected for F. A. Schneurer at East Fifty-seventh and Siskiyou; J. B. Powell, Glenn avenue, between Killingsworth and Jarrett; G. F. Berger, Minnesota avenue, between Killingsworth and Emerson; A. C. Morrison, East Seventy-first, between Everett and Flanders; J. J. Gee, Elmore, between Russett and Pippin; W. L. Dalton, East Eighth, between Pine and Oak.

Seven of them are to cost $1[illegible] each and as follows: E. M. Zahl, Borthwick, between Failing and Shaver; L. Shark, Prescott, between East Eighth and East Ninth; C. M. Davis, Stanton, between Hunter and Cason, and Hunter between Mansfield and Cason; Oregon Trust company, Base line road, near East Eighty-third; Oregon Building & Loan company, Spanton, between Base Line road and Hunter; same, Spanton, between Olney and Cason; C. M. Davis, Mansfield, between Cason and Hunter.

SOUTH PORTLAND IS DOING ACTIVE WORK

South Portland Boosters Thursday night held one of the most successful and interesting meetings in its history. J. Heitkemper was in the chair. City Auditor Barbur addressed the meeting, and advocated the promotion of push clubs all over the city, pointing out the many improvements which had been obtained by localities through them, and predicted a bright future for South Portland. Deputy Auditor Gill gave figures on the relative cost of fills in different parts of the city.

The Boosters went over questions that bespeak much for the future of the south end—fill or bridge over Marquam gulch on second street from Sheridan to Northern streets, which is now in the hands of the city engineer, who is preparing estimates of cost at the request of the mayor. Hard surface streets, water mains and water meters received attention, and committees were appointed to get action.

The Boosters have declared for the City Beautiful, and believe that the Marquam gulch will be among the projects of this civic federation. A committee was appointed to wait on the mayor to have a representative from the south end on the water board.

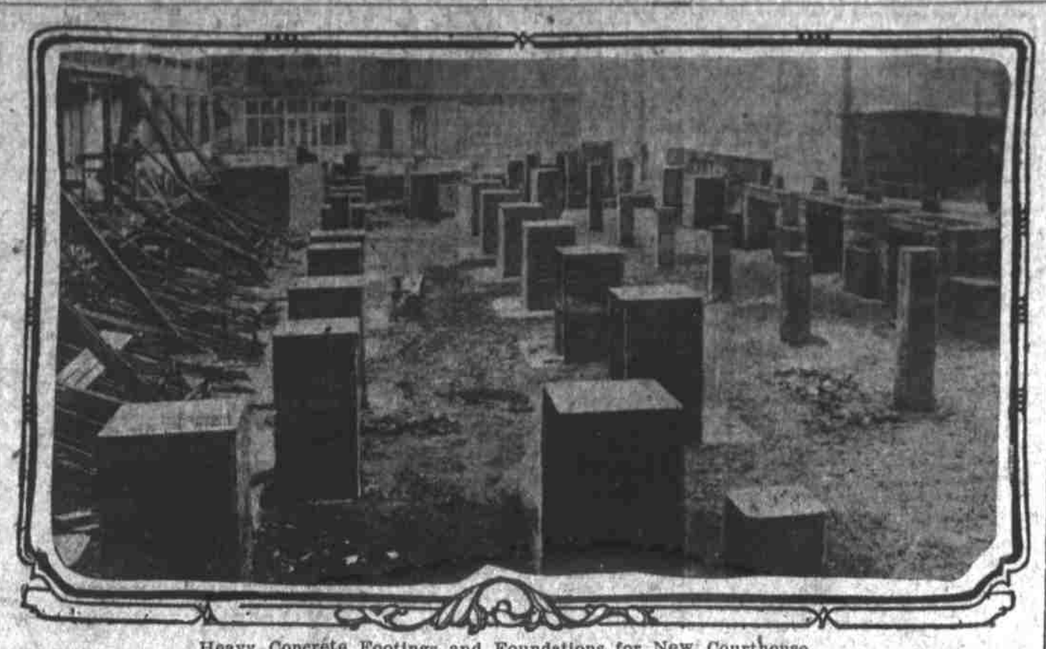
WEST PARK AND JACKSON LOT SOLD

The 50 by 100 foot lot at the southwest corner of West Park and Jackson streets has been sold to a local investor by Vanduyn & Walton for $9500. While the purchaser does not want his name known at this time, it is understood that he has already completed arrangements for building on the property a modern brick apartment house.

Charles Pinckney has taken out a permit for the erection of a $5000 frame residence on East Twenty-fifth, between Thompson and Brazee streets.

HAWTHORNE ESTATE TAKES OUT PERMITS

The Hawthorne estate took out a permit Thursday for a six story concrete apartment house to be erected on Twelfth street between Main and Madison streets. The permit, which calls for an expenditure of $18,000, is for only a portion of the cost of the building, the total cost of which is estimated at $80,000.



Heavy Concrete Footings and Foundations for New Courthouse.

APARTMENT HOUSE MAY BE BUILT

Transfer of Quarter Block at Park and Main Closed.

Charles J. Schnabel and associates, who some days ago secured an option on the quarter-block at the southeast corner of Park and Main streets, have completed the deal by taking title to the parcel. It is understood that about $40,000 was paid the owners, H. H. Prouty, T. J. Howe and the College Endowment association.

While no definite announcement as to the class of improvement to be put on the property has been made, it is understood that the new owners are contemplating the erection of a modern fireproof apartment house on the site.

CAMAS PRAIRIE TO BE WELL IMPROVED

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Husum, Wash., Nov. 13.—The Camas Prairie country, 10 miles northeast of here, is undergoing valuable improvements of a nature that ultimately will make it one of the most progressive sections in Klickitat county. The area of the district available for cultivation approximates 56 square miles, of which at the present time only 15 per cent is under cultivation.

A short time ago a drainage district was established in that country, whereby some 6000 acres of swamp land will be converted into valuable agricultural land. Following this the Klickitat Valley Development company proposes to divert 1500 cubic feet of the normal flow of the Big Klickitat river for irrigation and development of power within that district. For several weeks a camp of 50 men has been established on the Klickitat river and work is being rushed on the new ditch.

At the present time the population of the district is about 500 inhabitants, but with the advent of the new project completed it will doubtless be the most densely populated part of the county.

BUY QUARTER ON MORRISON STREET

A. L. and A. T. Parkhurst have purchased from the Sol Blumauer estate the quarter-block at the southwest corner of Sixteenth and Morrison streets, as a site for a $125,000 fireproof apartment house. The property is at present occupied by two frame dwellings, which are to be removed to make way for the projected improvement. It is the intention of the Messrs. Parkhurst to put up a six-story reinforced concrete building, the ground floor to be arranged for stores and the five upper floors into high class apartments.

WILL BUILD LARGE APARTMENT HOUSE

Plans and specifications have been completed and contractors' bids are now being received for a four story brick apartment house, to be erected by Dr. Louis Buck and brother on Twenty-first street, near Flanders. The building is to contain five 4 room and six 3 room apartments.

E. R. Clary has awarded the contract for the erection of a two story frame store and appartment house on Thurman street, between Twentieth and Twenty-first streets. The building will contain one storeroom and six 3 room apartments. Its estimated cost is $7000.

FOUNDATION LAID FOR COURT HOUSE

Some Delay Experienced in Getting Steel for Superstructure.

The concrete foundation and pillars for Multnomah county's new courthouse have been completed and work of erecting the steel frame and superstructure will now go forward as rapidly as men and material can accomplish it. The contract for furnishing the steel was awarded to the Pacific Iron works of this city.

From the Bethlehem Steel company of Pittsburg the local concern purchased the rolled steel shapes, and is fabricating the material in its plant near the east approach to the Burnside bridge. On account of the fact that the Bethlehem Steel company is the only mill in the United States that manufactures the particular kind of steel specified for the frame of the courthouse, considerable delay has been experienced in getting the rolled shapes delivered in Portland in time to complete the work of raising the frame on contract time.

The manager of the Pacific Iron works, said yesterday that the steel shapes were beginning to arrive and that not later than December 1, work of raising the steel frame would be under way.

PRETTY HOME ON PETTYGROVE

Dr. James C. Zan Builds Between Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth.

Dr. James C. Zan has begun the erection of an $8000 home on Pettygrove, between Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth streets. The plans call for a two story 12 room house of the Colonial type of architecture. It will be of modern construction and much of the interior finish will be done in hardwood.

M. J. Delahunt has taken out a permit for the erection of a two story frame residence on East Fifteenth street, near Hancock. The house will cost about $4500.

J. A. Zeller has begun the erection of a two story cottage on Mulberry street, between Palm and East Harrison, in Ladd's addition. The building will cost approximately $3500.

STEAM TO SUPPLANT GASOLINE ENGINES

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

North Yakima, Wash., Nov. 13.—The gasoline engine is to be supplanted by steam for irrigating purposes on a tract of 2000 acres of land on the Columbia river owned by the Rose Land company. The contract for the change has been let to Theodore Weisberger of this city, who is associated with the Bates-Clark company of Seattle. At present there are eight gasoline engines now used on the tract to water 600 acres. These are all to be thrown out and one steam engine installed in their place. Irrigators are watching this venture with interest, as its success or failure will have much effect on the plans in this section in the future.

Wenatchee Wants Apple Prizes.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Wenatchee, Wash., Nov. 13.—Professor Van Deman, the noted horticulturist, addressed the fruit growers at the Wenatchee Commercial clubrooms Thursday evening, and was given a rousing welcome for the good things he said in regard to the fruit raised in this section of the state.

Every effort is being made to get a big representation at the National Apple Show at Spokane, and Professor Van Deman's address did much to spur on the efforts that are now being made.

Wenatchee will be well represented in all of the competitions, and will endeavor to carry off the lion's share of the prizes as heretofore dune in competition with other sections.

Weygandt Farm Sold.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Hood River, Or., Nov. 13.—The Henderson Land company of this city sold the Weygandt farm of 88 acres, situated on the summit of China hill, in the upper valley. The land was sold to George R. Wilbur of this place. There are several acres of young orchard on the place, which is especially adapted for the famous winter banana apples, as they thrive best in a high altitude. The Weygandt place is the highest orchard in Hood River valley. Its altitude is over 2000 feet.

LARGE BRICK AT SECOND AND MAIN

Structure to Adjoin Building of New Baker Theatre.

It is reported that the purchaser of the lot at the northwest corner of Second and Main streets will erect a four story brick building on the property. This site adjoins the property recently secured by the Oregon Theatre company as a site for the new Baker theatre.

The new building will be arranged for stores on the first floor and a rooming house above, and because of its nearness to the Baker theatre will no doubt prove a profitable venture from the start.

NORTH BEND TO HAVE A LIVELY ELECTION

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Marshfield, Or., Nov. 13.—The municipal election in North Bend takes place in December, and already there is a good deal of interest in the campaign, probably due to the fact that there was quite a lively city fight on hands for several months this fall. After L. J. Simpson, who had been mayor ever since the city was founded, resigned, the six members of the city council divided into two factions, and for a time the council was in a deadlock and unable to transact business. The fight was chiefly on the city marshal, and when he resigned a flag of truce was unfurled and affairs became more quiet. One side wanted a mayor elected to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Simpson. When a compromise was reached it was agreed that Councilman Mandigo, the president of the council, should continue to serve as executive officer until the December election.

Peter Loggie, a member of the council, is understood to be a candidate for mayor. C. S. Winsor, cashier of the Bank of Oregon at North Bend, was talked of, but he has announced that he will not run. Now a new candidate appears or, at least, is talked of, in the person of Major L. D. Kinney, who would represent a different interest entirely than any of the other candidates that might run. Major Kinney controls large real estate interests in and about North Bend. He is the promoter of a settlement known as Plat B, about midway between North Bend and Marshfield. Here he has built a sawmill, large hotel and other buildings and is starting new structures which he has announced will be followed by the coming of a railroad.

Considering the various factions and interests which may be represented in the North Bend mayor race, there promises to be a lively political fight. There is so far not much interest shown in the election of a mayor in Marshfield, or, at least, the lines have not yet been definitely drawn.

MUCH RAIN FALLS IN WENATCHEE VALLEY

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Wenatchee, Wash., Nov. 13.—Wenatchee's rainy season still continues, and during the past three weeks more rain has fallen than in the past two years. At no time, though, have building operations been suspended for any length of time. The moisture which is going into the ground is of inestimable value, as it will do much to put trees in good condition for next season. The wheat growers are greatly pleased over the outlook for the wheat crop next year, thus far.

The Columbia river has raised considerable within the past week. Snow has appeared in the mountains around, but none has fallen in the lower end of the valley, though several inches is reported in the vicinity of Merritt and Chiwaukum.

2500 ACRE ORCHARD NEAR LUZON, WASH.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Husum, Wash., Nov. 13.—The Worcester Hunt & Land company, a corporation composed principally of Worcester, Mass., capitalists, have purchased 2500 acres in the outskirts of the Horse Heaven country near Luzon on the S. P. & S. and will install an irrigation system to cover the land. Electrical generating plants will drive large pumps, forcing 8,500,000 gallons each day from the Columbia river through pipes to each tract of land to be irrigated.

Hotel Annex Nears Completion.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Hood River, Or., Nov. 13.—The brick annex that is now being built to the Wauconda hotel is rapidly nearing completion, and will add 40 new rooms to the hostelry. The new apartments will be furnished with modern conveniences, and when completed will be one of the finest hotels east of the Cascades.

KENTON TO HAVE NEW BUILDINGS

Large Apartment House and Factory Are Projected.

Judge Charles H. Carey has let the contract for the erection of a two story apartment house in the block just south of what is known as the bank block in Kenton. The building is to be of concrete block construction, and will contain eight 5 room apartments. Its cost will be approximately $30,000.

Charles Rowley of Trotdale is having plans drawn for a two story concrete business block which he proposes to build on lots 32 and 34, block 2, in Kenton. The building will be 50 by 70 feet and will cost close to $17,000.

Negotiations are in progress for the purchase by the John S. Beall company of a site near Kenton for a proposed iron manufacturing plant. The Beall company will probably secure two acres extending from Columbia boulevard to Columbia slough and having frontage on the O. R. & N.'s Peninsular line. It is the purpose of the company to manufacture corrugated iron gables, culverts, iron curbings. Capital to the amount of $50,000 will be invested in the site, buildings and machinery.

Grading and leveling the site for Davis Safe & Lock company's plant at Kenton is under way and when completed, about December 1, work of putting in the concrete foundations for the factory buildings will begin.

EXPERIMENTAL FARM FOR SHERMAN COUNTY

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Wasco, Or., Nov. 13.—Realizing that something must be done to conserve the native fertility of their soil and knowing that the continuous cropping to wheat will eventually rob the soil of the activity principles promotive of vegetable life, the farmers of Sherman county have secured the assistance of the federal government and of the state experimental station in an effort to establish an experimental farm for eastern Oregon in Sherman county. They have purchased 240 acres of average land near Moro, the county seat, and H. J. C. Umberger, an expert in dry farming methods, has been appointed to take charge of the farm.

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