

APARTMENTS ARE THE STYLE

Many Fine New Buildings Are Now in Course of Construction.

Among the larger building permits issued this week was one for a four story brick apartment house, to be erected by L. and D. Buck on Twenty-first street, between Glisan and Flanders. The building will cost about \$30,000, and will be one of the best appointed apartment buildings in the city.

Excavating for the foundation and basement of the four story brick apartment under construction in the Nob Hill district by the Lucretia Investment company, was begun this week. W. L. Morgan, one of the large stockholders in the company, is preparing the plans and will have charge of the construction. The building will cost approximately \$40,000, and is specially designed for tenants desiring larger apartments than are usually to be had in Portland apartment houses.

Two stories of the Silverfield apartments, going up on Lucretia street, near Washington, have been completed, and laying the brick walls of the third floor is under way. The building was designed for four stories, but it is probable that the fifth will be added. It will contain either 33 or 40, three, four and five room apartments, and will be completed in about 90 days. The estimated cost of the structure when completed and furnished will be about \$100,000.

HIBERNIAN BANK TO MAKE ALTERATIONS

Extensive alterations and improvements are to be made to the quarters of the Hibernian bank at Second and Washington streets as soon as the plans are prepared by the bank's architects, and the contract for the work can be let. The bank has secured an addition 25x50 feet east of its present quarters, and will remove the partition and install a new fire and burglar proof vault. The estimated cost of the enlargement and alterations will be about \$6000, and to this will be added \$5000 for the cost of the new vault.

BREAK GROUND FOR NEW CAR BARN

The Portland Railway, Light & Power company has broken ground at East Twenty-eighth and East Ankeny streets for the new car barn which are to be erected to adjoin the present East Twenty-eighth street car barn at an approximate cost of \$60,000. The building will have ground dimensions of 200 by 300 feet and will be constructed of brick and steel. Adjoining the new car barns is the site of the proposed clubhouses for the railway company's employees. This is to be a two story reinforced concrete structure and will cost \$10,000.

FOREST FIRES LESS HARMFUL

Report Shows Little Damage Done in Washington This Year.

Washington, according to a report prepared jointly by the state fire warden and F. P. Simons of the Washington State Fire Association, suffered much less loss from forest fires this year than ever before. While no accurate report has ever been compiled before, still it is thought that a decrease of at least one third will be the result of the year's fight against fires.

The reason for the large decrease is the fact that efficient patrols are being stationed on all the forests; that these patrols find the fires before they get a chance to destroy much property; that efficient fire fighting tools are now to be had, and, too, that these patrols have been taught the proper methods of fighting such fires. The year 1909 was the driest year in 40 years, yet the fire destruction was less and the number of fires fewer.

According to the report turned in to the national forest service, 62,679 acres were destroyed in the state of Washington during the fiscal year, which closed December 1. Of this amount, 27,027 acres were merchantable timber, 9961 were covered by unmerchantable timber, while 25,245 acres were of out over lands. A total of 135,189,000 board feet of timber were destroyed. Their value was \$1 per 1000 feet. Besides this, \$48,879 worth of livestock and improvements were destroyed. These figures are all lower than the last year's estimates.

In so materially cutting down the forest fire losses an expense of \$50,013.70 was incurred by the state, county, individuals and the forest service. The Washington lumbermen themselves have taken a hand in watching fires this year and as a result of their vigilance in the 3,000,000 acres owned individually in Washington last year but 1600 acres, or one twentieth of one per cent of the total, were destroyed. This is in land owned by the Washington lumbermen.

As a result of the great saving which the Washington men have made this year it is thought likely that a meeting of Oregon lumbermen will be held soon after the first of the year at which the matter of forming a state association and fighting against fires will probably be taken up. The matter has already been agitated by a number of prominent lumbermen and under their guidance will probably be taken up soon.

Native Daughter Dies.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Albany, Or., Dec. 18.—The funeral of Mrs. Naomi Parrish Webster took place from the farm residence of her brother, E. E. Parrish, near this city, this morning at 11:30 o'clock. The body was interred in the city cemetery. Mrs. Webster died yesterday at the home of her brother after a long illness. She was 60 years of age. Deceased was born on the Parrish farm near where she died, and there she spent the greater part of her life. She belonged to one of the best known pioneer families of Linn county.



Store and rooming house built by W. L. Morgan for Timothy Kinney on Washington street, near Trinity Place. This building together with new apartment house facing Trinity Place and just off Washington street represents an investment of about \$80,000.

WESTMORELAND GETS NEW HOMES

They Are to Be Two Story Frame Structures of Handsome Design.

The Oregon Building & Trust company is preparing to erect five handsome residences in Westmoreland. The buildings are to be two story frame structures of attractive design and will cost from \$3000 to \$5000 each. John Bingham has taken out a permit for the erection of a two story brick store building on Derby street, between Kilpatrick and McPherson. The building will cost about \$8000.

APARTMENT SITES ON PORTLAND HEIGHTS

Ira L. Ray, a Tacoma capitalist who recently established his home in Portland, has purchased two quarter blocks on Portland Heights, both of which he is planning to improve as soon as building weather opens up in the spring. One of the parcels is at the northeast corner of Seventeenth and Spring streets and was purchased by Mr. Ray from C. C. Colt, president of the Union Meat company, for \$6000. The other parcel is at Seventeenth and Elm streets. Both quarters will probably become the sites of apartment houses or flats.

Will Eat Dinner Here.

William H. Crane, who comes to the Bungalow theatre the last three days of next week in George Ade's comedy "Father and Boys," will not be called upon to spend Christmas alone, for Mrs. Crane will join him here, and they will have their Christmas dinner at the Portland. Mrs. Crane is now in Chicago, but will come to Portland and purposely to be with her husband during the holidays. Mrs. Crane had not intended traveling with the company this season, but when she learned Mr. Crane was to visit the cities on the Pacific coast she could not resist the temptation, and beginning with the Portland engagement she will be one of the happy family.

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PERMITS OUT FOR EAST SIDE HOMES

P. L. Reed has taken out permits for the erection of two one story frame cottages on East Thirty-seventh street between Grant and Avon street. The buildings will cost about \$2000 each. Mrs. W. M. Getty has begun the erection of a one and a half story frame cottage on Williams avenue between Killingsworth and Jessup. The contract price of the house is \$3000. I. Dominess has taken out a permit for a one story frame dwelling to be erected on Milwaukee street between Inley and Harold, at a cost of \$1500. F. D. Henriot has let a contract for the erection of a one story frame residence on East Yamhill street, between East Eightieth and East Eighty-first streets, at a cost of \$2000.

Lo as a Citizen.

(Special Bureau of The Journal.) Salem, Or., Dec. 18.—Knott C. Erbert, in charge of the Indian agency on the Siletz reservation, has asked for an opinion from Attorney General Crawford relative to the status of the Siletz Indians. Though the Indians pay taxes and vote the prosecutor for that district holds that it is not his duty to prosecute Indians for violations of the state laws if it is the intention of the agent that the state laws should apply fully, so the Indians are not partially, if it is to apply at all.

COTTAGES RISE ON EAST SIDE

Permits Given for Suburban Homes to Be Erected Immediately.

Permits were issued Thursday of this week authorizing the erection of five one story frame cottages in various east side suburban districts. The following are the details of proposed improvements: Mrs. R. Bowman, Vernon avenue, between Alberta and Ivy; C. O. Benson, East Fifty-sixth, between Glisan and Flanders; H. A. Schermerhorn, North Eighty-second, near Olney; W. R. Stevens, Brooklyn, between East Thirtieth and East Thirty-fourth; J. H. Kistler, East Tenth, between Rhine and Rhone.

GLISAN BUILDS BRICK BUILDING

New Business Houses Are Being Planned for Different Sections.

Rodney L. Glisan has commissioned a local architect to draw plans for a 40 by 100 foot two story brick building to be erected on the west side of Fourth street, near Glisan. It is to be a plain brick structure and has already been leased for use as a blacksmith and paint shop. W. Christensen has taken out a permit for the erection of a one story frame furniture store to be erected on East Thirtieth street between Miller and Nehalem avenues in Sellwood, at a cost of \$3000.

OLD DEEDS CLEAR WAY FOR BUILDING

Four old deeds, dating back to the time when Portland was in Washington county, and Oregon was a territory, were placed on record in the county clerk's office Wednesday in order to clear the title to the lot at the northeast corner of Fifth and Alder streets, formerly the home of the Portland club. John B. Yeon, the owner, contemplates the erection of a skyscraper on the property, and his attorneys, investigating the title, discovered a gap in the abstract on lot 5. The missing conveyances were found in the history of William B. Partlow, who bought the lot in 1854 for \$150. The lot is now worth \$200,000. The first of the old deeds was from D. B. Brennan to Hiel Barnes, who bought the lot for \$100. He sold it for the same price the following year to Thomas Prichard, and the latter sold to Robert Arthur for \$200 the same year. Arthur sold out at \$50 loss to Partlow two years later.

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NEW BRICK IS TO REPLACE OLD ONE

Thompson Estate to Make Improvement to Second Street Property.

Plans are being prepared for a four story brick building 50x100 feet to be erected on the west side of Second street between Alder and Washington by the D. P. Thompson estate. The old two story brick structure now on the site is being removed to make room for the proposed new building. The side walls of the two story building will be left standing until the remaining walls and the partitions are torn out and if upon examination they are found to be strong enough they will become a part of the walls of the new structure.

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BIG BUILDING FOR SECOND ST.

Will Be Four Stories High and Represent an Expenditure of \$40,000.

Plans are being drawn by Architect Joseph Jacobberger for a four story brick business block to be erected on the lot at the northeast corner of Second and Main. The building will cost \$40,000, and will have a pressed brick front.

The lower floor will be divided into store rooms, and the three upper floors will contain 30 rooms. This is the second large brick building to be announced for that immediate vicinity since it became known that the Baker Theatre company would erect a modern playhouse on the northeast corner of Third and Main.

The other structures will occupy the northwest corner of Second and Main immediately in rear of the proposed new theatre, and will be erected by L. Geringer, who recently purchased the property.

HANDSOME COTTAGES IN NEW IRVINGTON

F. A. Hummel has contracted to have erected a modern two story cottage on East Eighteenth between Knott and Stanton streets. The house is to cost \$4000 and will be one of the most attractive of the many new homes now going up in what is known as New Irvington.

Excavating is under way for a two story and attic dwelling to be erected by J. D. Hunt on East Eighteenth street between Tillamook and Thompson at a cost of \$4000. The house will be provided with all of the modern improvements and when completed will be one of the most desirable of the smaller Irvington homes.

Another \$4000 residence under construction in Irvington is going up on East Seventeenth street near Thompson for Mrs. T. C. Horn. Among the attractive features of the house is the shingled exterior, paneled dining room beamed ceiling, hardwood floors and built in furniture.

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