

WINTER SEASON DID NOT AFFECT COUNTRY SALES

Many Substantial Deals in Farm Property, as Well as Activity in Oregon Cities, Are Reported.

From reports that have been received from the various towns throughout the state it is plain that the holiday season did not affect the realty market to any great extent, for there have been many substantial deals consummated very recently.

George Emerson of Creswell has purchased from M. A. Devereaux's ranch one mile west of the city for \$4000 and will improve the property at once.

A Portland man has purchased from Miss Bertha Randall of Herndon, 70 acres of valuable land near that town, and is making an effort to purchase an additional 30 acres adjoining, all of which he intends to put into alfalfa. Several other large deals are under way in that town.

The "Short Ranch" at Spring Lake has been sold by Mrs. Margaret Pitts to C. R. Patterson of Mendocino, Cal., for \$7000. This tract contains 83 acres, cattle and hogs for the market will be raised on this ranch.

From Eugene comes the report from the San Hugh Realty company of numerous sales of city and country property that amount to several thousand dollars.

A purchase was made at Corvallis recently by the First National Bank of that city for an 18 foot strip of ground adjoining its building, which has given rise to considerable speculation in that town as to what the intentions of the bank are. It is rumored that the bank will erect a new and larger building than they now occupy and the other is that the man who made the purchase intends to build on other property. There is much building going on in Corvallis, and one of the improvements anticipated is the installation of a central heating plant.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Casey of McMinnville have sold their 85 acre farm to Robert W. Henry of Sheridan for \$10,000. This place is nine miles from McMinnville. Charles Hauser, of Jefferson, has purchased a 20 acre tract near Sheridan from Allyn Youm for \$2100.

M. R. Boyer, a recent arrival in McMinnville from Nebraska, has purchased a 40 acre place from J. O. Warington of McMinnville for \$5000.

NEW EMPRESS WILL BE READY IN FORTY DAYS

The new Empress theatre will be ready for use in 40 days. This assertion was made yesterday by T. J. Conditine, who states that as soon as the work of closing in the new building is completed, which will be about Tuesday, three crews of workmen will be employed in the building day and night and will run the theatre section of the new building to an early completion.

The office section of the building will be allowed to stand as it is now until the theatre is ready. Much of the heavy plaster work is already completed, and the material for the complete finishing of this building is at hand. Under the plans as stated the work that will be accomplished will be equal to that which any one crew could do in six months.

PLAN BUILDINGS FOR VANCOUVER, B. C.

Architect Robert F. Teegan of Portland has been commissioned to prepare plans for two fine buildings to be erected in Vancouver, B. C., which will involve the expenditure of \$500,000 by the time the buildings are completed. One of the buildings is to be a hotel to cost about \$150,000 that is to be erected by Vancouver capitalists. This will be a five story brick structure with terra cotta trimmings. The other building is for a girls' academy to be erected in the British Columbia city, and which will cost approximately \$350,000 to erect. The details of this work have not yet been arranged.

EXTENSIVE BUILDING PLAN ADOPTED FOR '13

The capital stock of the Investors' Building & Trust company, with offices in the Yeon building, has been increased from \$100,000 to \$250,000. This increase occurred during November. Extensive plans for 1913 have already been formulated by the company.

On East Sixth, Davis and Flanders streets, the company has purchased four acres of land and this spring will start to erect homes on this property. They expect to construct at least 10 homes each month all over the city as soon as the building season commences.

MARSHFIELD TO GET \$12,000 BUILDING

Plans for a \$12,000 two story brick store and office building to be erected in Marshfield in the near future, by The Marshfield Cycles company, are being prepared in the office of Architect E. Magnusson of Portland. The structure will be one of a series of new buildings that Mr. Magnusson has been delegated to draw plans for and which are to be erected this spring. "Things are booming there, and there is to be a great deal of building," he said.

REPORT ACTIVE TRADE IN IRRIGATED LANDS

W. H. Huq, local agent for Fresno Irrigated Farms company, reports an active business during the holidays in

New Concrete Building and Dock to Be Ready March 1



Perspective of the new three story concrete building and dock being erected by George W. Bates at Front and Burnside streets. This building will be used for office purposes and the dock will be the first concrete dock in the city.

By March 1, the new three-story concrete building and concrete dock that is being erected at Front and Burnside streets by George W. Bates, banker, will be ready for occupancy. It will be the first concrete dock completed in the city of Portland. This structure, which is to be used for office purposes, will cost approximately \$50,000. The business that will be done from there will be limited to shipping business, in all likelihood. Work has been started on this building, and it will be rushed to an early completion. Architects Bridges and Webber have prepared plans for structure and the dock.

OPEN BEAUTIFUL NEW SALESROOM

Berger Brothers Will Have a High Class Wall Paper Store in Journal Bldg.

What is conceded will be the most modern and handsome wall paper establishment on the Pacific coast, is the new store that will be opened by Berger Brothers in The Journal building, tomorrow morning. The salesroom is very attractive, and was arranged in a manner to enable the firm to display to the best advantage the various wall papers that are carried in stock. Charles E. W. Moore, a well-known Philadelphia decorator, who is associated with the firm of Berger Brothers, and Mr. Berger designed the plan of this room.

Berger Brothers have for years been leading jobbers of wall papers in the northwest, and it was due to the realization by the firm that a high class retail store was necessary that the quarters in The Journal building were established. More than a million and a quarter rolls of wall paper are carried in the stock of the store, selected from the leading American and European factories.

Suspect Escapes on Train

(United Press Leased Wire.) Riveira, Cal., Jan. 4.—Eldridge a pursuing posse, a man believed to be the fellow who attacked Mabel Haskell on a ranch near Montebello, leaped aboard a Santa Fe freight train here today and escaped. His pursuers were less than a mile behind when he boarded the train.

Members of the posse at once telegraphed police officials at San Diego and Santa Ana to watch for the fugitive. Journal Want Ads bring results.

THREE FRANCHISES TO BE CONSIDERED

Next Wednesday's Council Meeting to Be One of Most Importance.

Next Wednesday will be "franchise day" with the city council. The meeting of the city lawmakers on that date promises to be one of the most important, if not the most important, session ever held. Three great franchise grants upon the outcome of which will depend the expenditure of \$10,000,000 in the development of the Williamette valley and Portland by the Hill and Harrison railroad interests will be up for final passage before the council.

One of these franchise grants the S. P. & S. line of the Hill system a 25 year privilege to operate in the heart of the great east side shipping district. Another provides for a common user grant to the Southern Pacific on Fourth street, and the third provides for the electrification of the Jefferson street line of the Southern Pacific. Both of the last named franchise grants are for 25 year terms and both call for electric motive power. The Hill franchise on the east side provides a gateway for the Hill lines into the shipping center of the city.

Ten votes will be required to pass the franchises. There are two councilmen out of the city. Of the remaining 13, four have assumed a hostile attitude toward the railroads. These four are Maguire, Daly, Jennings and Wilhelm. Councilman Maguire believes the valuations placed on the franchises are too low. He and his confreres will endeavor to have the valuation on the Fourth street line, in particular, raised to \$5000 a year.

The valuation already fixed by the council on this franchise is \$2000 a year.

In addition to the three franchises mentioned, the Portland Railway, Light & Power company's application for a 20 year franchise covering 20 miles of street extension will also come up for consideration. The minority of the council will try to have fixed a valuation of at least \$400 a mile for each track placed on these streets. The executive board has recommended that the valuation be fixed at \$200 a mile for each mile of street, regardless of whether or not single or double tracks are laid. This recommendation of the board is made on the condition that the company grant stopover privileges of one hour on all its lines.

Governor Herbert S. Hadley of Missouri is expected to become a candidate for United States senator next year, to succeed William J. Stone.

Minnehaha Girl Weds Football Man



Mr. and Mrs. Walter G. Moriarty.

(Special to The Journal.) Vancouver, Wash., Jan. 4.—The marriage of Walter G. Moriarty of Vancouver and Miss Willmire A. Dobmeyer of Minnehaha was celebrated at St. James' cathedral in Vancouver on December 30. The bride is the fifth of a family of 10 children, eight girls and two boys. She is the first of the family to marry. The groom is proprietor of the Washington Printing company in Vancouver, and manager of the St. James' football team, which has met with such marked success the past few years. He is an athlete himself and always has an important position in the team lineup. They will reside in Vancouver.

BOY CUT OFF CALF'S HIND LEGS FOR REVENGE

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 4.—Manuel Pryor, 16 years old, of Carsonville, St. Louis county, was sentenced to five years in the Boys' Industrial school at Boonville, Mo., by Judge G. A. Wurde-mann at Clayton, Saturday, for cutting off the two hind legs of a calf November 20, in order to get revenge on its owner.

Prosecution of Pryor was begun by the Humane society of St. Louis county. The calf belonged to Francis Hort, a man of near Carsonville, who had angered the boy.

Pryor entered the man's barn and after throwing the calf down he strangled it with a rope and handkerchief so it could not bawl, according to testimony introduced Saturday. Then he took an ax and cut off the legs. The calf died.

Army Mule Carries Lads Away

(United Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco, Jan. 4.—Just for fun, Jerome Geary and his brother Ambrose, 9 and 11, respectively, mounted a mule at the Presidio. The animal ran away and it took cavalrymen several hours to round it up and rescue the lads.

Journal Want Ads bring results.

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