

## BUSINESS CONDITIONS SHOW IMPROVEMENT

Money Easier Also, Reports  
Bank, on Status in Month  
of September.

"Many people mistook the usual July  
and August quiet as foreshadowing fi-

nanical and business trouble, but September statistics furnish abundant proof that the Portland territory is still in a highly prosperous condition," says the monthly letter issued today by the Merchants National bank of this city. "The general situation is better than for several months. Money is easier and trade conditions are altogether satisfactory. Manufacturing and merchandising lines should show steady increases for the balance of the year. The demand for building materials continues good and fall prospects are normal. Outside of New York, building activity for the entire country has been about the same as last year."

In discussing crop conditions, the letter says:

"The total production of all crops

combined for this year is fully 10 per cent below average. The government estimates the production of cereal at 29 per cent less than last year. The production of wheat is above the average, but the total grain, seed, cotton, tobacco and hay crops will probably be 10 or 11 per cent below average. The fruit production is 10 per cent below and vegetables 8 per cent below."

### ADA ADAIR, FORMER LEADING WOMAN, DEAD

News has just been received in Portland of the death of Ada Adair, who was the leading woman for the Baker players for part of the season last year

and one of the best known stock actresses of the country.

Miss Adair's real life was the wife of Walter Gilbert, a former Baker player, who is now playing in stock at the Utah Theatre in Salt Lake. Miss Adair was visiting her husband when death came. She had been in California, where he had planned to play for a moving picture concern. Her death, already undetermined on account of hard work, gave away and she hurried to Utah, accompanied by her 14-year-old son, Jack, by a former marriage. The youth is known as Jack Gilbert, having been adopted by Mr. Gilbert on his marriage to Miss Adair.

Miss Adair was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Appery, of Logan, Utah. She was a beautiful woman of

the brunette type, talented and charming. She began her stage career at an early age, and was encouraged by her parents to follow the profession. During her lifetime she played with many of the strongest theatrical companies in the United States.

In Portland her passing is mourned by many persons who knew her personally and as one of the best loved actresses that ever appeared in stock in this city.

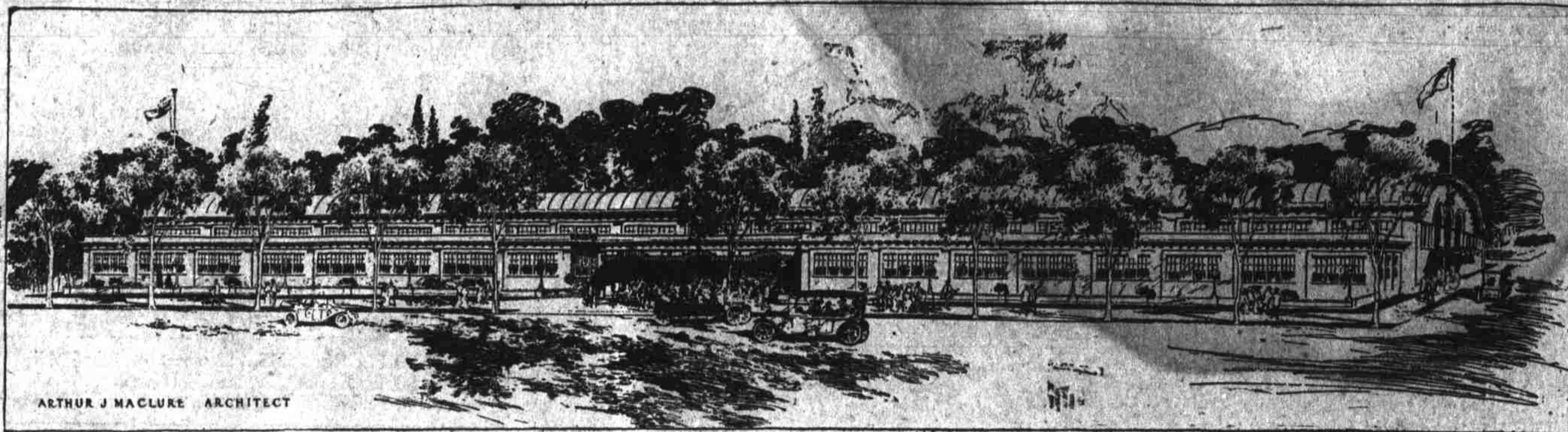
### ARRANGEMENTS BEING MADE FOR ELECTION

Should the city commission approve arrangements made yesterday by Com-

missioner of Finance Sigelow and Auditor Barbur with the county commissioners, the county will make all preparations for the special election November 4 and the city will pay one-half of all expenses within the city limits. Auditor Barbur will turn over to the county his lists of election judges and clerks in order that officials for the coming election may be selected and notified at once. The commissioners have requested District Attorney Evans for an opinion as to the proper procedure in the distribution of election supplies and erection of tents. County Clerk Coffey refused to handle this part of the election program on the ground that the law made this a part of the duties of the sheriff.

**More Marriage Licenses.**  
The marriage license business of Multnomah county, which took a decided slump following the going into effect of the medical examination law last June, is improving. At first but half as many licenses were issued as during the same time a year ago. September showed an increase in the percentage to two thirds. In September, 1913, Deputy County Clerk Cochran issued 295 licenses. For the same month of 1912 there were issued 317 licenses.

**Business Efficiency Department.**  
Los Angeles, Oct. 3.—At the request of prominent merchants the board of education voted to add to the public schools a department of business efficiency.



ARTHUR J MACLURE ARCHITECT

# Largest Ice Skating Rink in the World Now Being Built in Portland

## LOCATION

The company was incorporated under the laws of Oregon, August 5, 1913, and received its charter September 24, 1913. Is capitalized for \$200,000. Has already proceeded to excavate, and will rush the building to an early completion. The structure will occupy the property bounded by Twentieth, Marshall and Northrup streets—a convenient and accessible location and well supplied with transportation facilities.

## SIZE

The building will be 175 feet by 360 feet, constructed of reinforced concrete, will have immense wooden trusses supporting a dome-shaped roof, and will cost approximately \$66,000. There are many large artificial ice Hippodromes in the U. S., Canada and Europe, but this one, in point of size and equipment, will be the largest and best appointed in the world. There will be seating capacity for over 5000 people.

## CONVENIENCES

It is the intention of the directors to supply the patrons with every convenience and comfort. There will be comfortable rest rooms and dressing rooms for men and women—quarters for skating clubs, hockey teams, etc. There will also be conducted a first-class cafe, cigar stand and booth for serving soft drinks, as well as shoe and skate room and provisions for the care of private skates and equipment.

## FREEZING

An interesting point, generally misunderstood by the public, is the method of freezing the rink. Twenty miles of 1 1/4-inch pipes, laid four inches apart, containing a circulating brine 12 degrees above zero, freeze the ground. After this water in small quantities is sprinkled on until the ice has formed to about 2 1/2 inches above the floor. Such ice is harder and smoother than natural ice, and there is no danger of breaking through and getting wet or hurt.

## ENDORSEMENTS

Ice skating is a healthy and exhilarating sport. It is conducive to the best physical development as well as the moral welfare of its adherents. Medical men in this city, as well as in every other community where ice Hippodromes are in operation, highly recommend this sport for old and young. Municipal authorities in all other cities over their official signatures indorse ice Hippodromes and speak of them as being patronized by the representative citizens of the city.

## SESSIONS

That all may enjoy the privileges of the Hippodrome, three sessions each day will be operated. The morning hours will be from 10 to 12—an exceptionally good time for children. In the afternoon, open hours from 2:30 to 5 will be observed, which will appeal to the women and those unable to attend in the evening. From 8 to 11 p. m. the general public will attend, and it is very likely that between these hours most of the contests will be held.

## Presents Opportunity for Clean, Healthy Sport And Interesting Contests Between Local and Eastern Hockey Teams

### CONTESTS

Athletic organizations are making preparations for the organization of hockey teams, which will compete with out-of-the-city leagues as well as their local contemporaries. The plant will not open in time this year to secure its own professional hockey team, but arrangements will be made next season whereby this Hippodrome will have its own team entered in the Pacific Coast League, along with the British Columbia teams. This is a new sport for Portland and will be received with great favor, for it is considered the fastest and most interesting game known.

### MUSIC

Every skater, whether a devotee of rollers or ice, appreciates the added pleasure of skating to music. This will be an amusement feature of the Portland Ice Hippodrome of interest to the skater as well as the spectator. A spacious bandstand will be erected and the concerts will be of a character far above the average standard. It is hoped to secure talent of a caliber to make the concerts an attraction in themselves. Well selected programs will be rendered, and, so far as possible, requests will be granted. This feature will be a means of giving employment to local musicians nearly all year around.

### CONCESSIONS

The Portland Ice Hippodrome will have employment for a number of people. Concessions for the renting and selling of skates and shoes will be open, as will be the concession for grinding skates. Then, too, advertising space in the building and advertising program concessions will be let to local interests. In all, from every angle at which it is viewed, the Hippodrome is an industrial addition to the city of Portland of importance. It will be a source of pleasure to its patrons and a means of employment to many, and a customer of many local merchants and industries.

## Will Be Open December—This Year

Over fifty men are now at work on the foundation—as soon as completed this force will be doubled—the hippodrome will positively be open in December. During the four summer months when the rink is not in operation the company will manufacture ice for commercial purposes—thereby creating an industry profitable the whole year around.

# Portland Ice Hippodrome

WILCOX BUILDING, PORTLAND, OREGON