

EXPERT TO DELIVER A SERIES OF LECTURES ON SOMERS SYSTEM

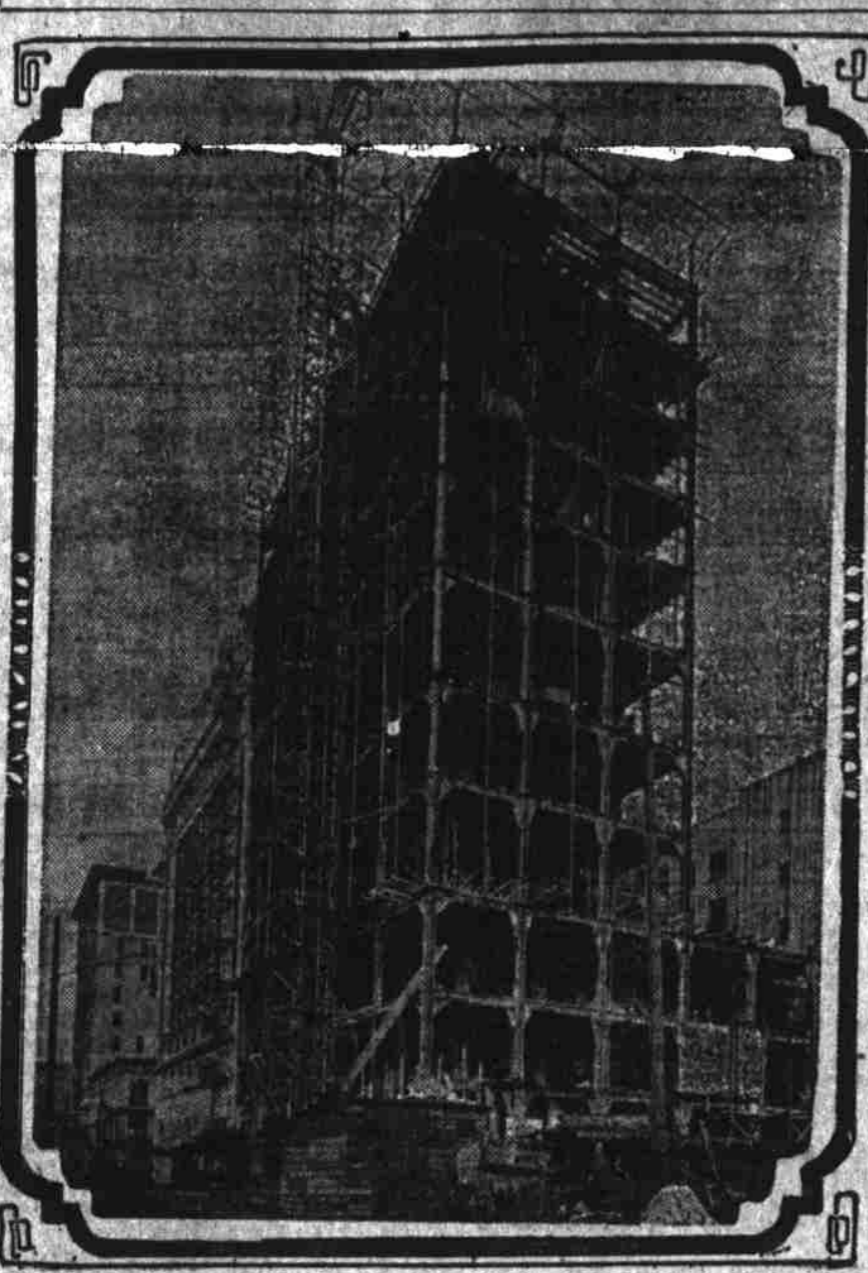
New Plan of Assessing Property Valuations Will Be Explained to Taxpayers of City

Following correspondence extending over several weeks Assessor Henry E. Reed has arranged to bring an expert from Cleveland, Ohio, to deliver a series of lectures before the civic organizations of Portland on the merits of the Somers system of real valuations.

"The Cleveland expert," said Assessor Reed yesterday, "will arrive in Portland upon my invitation, about November 15. He will be here a week or more and will deliver at least half a dozen addresses which will be free to all who may wish to attend. I shall be glad to make arrangements for the expert to appear before the Portland Realty Board, the Taxpayers' league, the East Side Business Men's club, or any other civic body interested in assessment and taxation."

"Along with the general movement for more efficient methods in government which is manifest all over the country, the question of taxation is receiving its full share of attention. More attention is now being paid to this important subject than at any other time in the history of the United States. With the view to improving their methods of assessment, a number of eastern cities have installed the Somers' unit system. Among these places are Cleveland and Columbus, Ohio; St. Paul, Minn.; Denver, Colo.; Galveston, Tex.; Houston, Texas; Des Moines, Iowa, and Philadelphia, Pa.

TELEPHONE CO.'S SKYSCRAPER OFFICE BUILDING



Steel frame of Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company's 12-story building at Park and Oak streets.

WEEK'S VOLUME OF REAL ESTATE SALES IS BEYOND AVERAGE

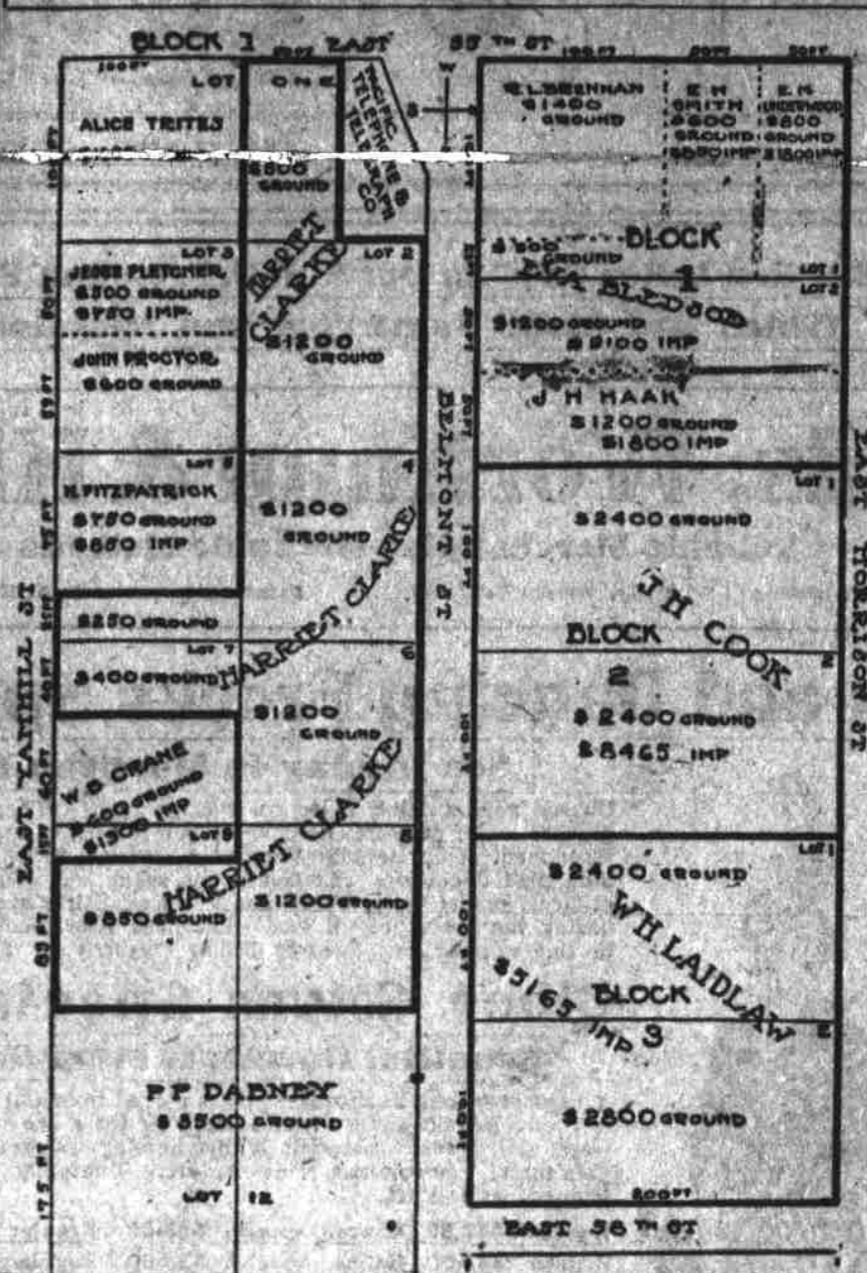
Ladd Estate Co. Makes Sale for \$21,500; Other Realty Transactions.

Much more than the average volume of realty dealing was reported last week—the daily average of transfers filed for record exceeding \$50,000 for the first time since the early summer. High priced residence properties predominated in the dealing.

The most important sale of the week was that purchased by Jacob Rosenbly of the east half of lots 1 and 2 in block 204, city, comprising a full lot at the southwest corner of Columbia and Broadway. The property was sold by the Ladd Estate company for \$21,500.

Kirk Hoover took title to a 73 foot lot on Williams avenue near Stanton street. The site is improved with a business building and was sold by W. M. Beals for \$15,000. Mrs. L. Schmeer sold to N. T. Palmer the north half of lots 15 and 16 in block 17, Irvington, comprising a 30 foot lot improved and located at the southwest corner of East Twenty-fourth and Tillamook streets; consideration \$7500.

IMPROVED ASSESSMENT METHODS NEEDED



1913 assessment of subdivisions in Bellwood and Mount Tabor Central Park.

EASTERN INVESTORS MAKE PURCHASES OF OREGON FARM LANDS

Old McCurdy Place, Near Brownsville, Goes to Wisconsin Man.

George W. Edwards has traded his 247 acre farm on Brush Creek near Brownsville, formerly the McCurdy place, to Julius Marx, of Wausau, Wisconsin, for Mr. Marx's 120 acre farm in Wisconsin. The deal was made Tuesday and involved \$14,500. Mr. Edwards and family will move to Wisconsin at once and Mr. Marx and family will become Oregon residents.

William Leppert, a Junction City blacksmith, recently sold a 280 acre farm located near that place, to Henry Korat, a Chicago inventor, for \$14,500, or \$50 an acre. The buyer plans to improve the place with a fine country residence which he will occupy for a summer home.

R. E. Green, a farmer from Sprague, Wash., has purchased 330 acres of land located near Burns. Mr. Green is a practical farmer and will at once develop his Burns ranch. The property was sold by the Oregon & Washington Colonization company.

**CEMENT DEPOSITS IN OREGON SUBJECT OF GOVERNMENT REPORT**  
One Near Roseburg and Other Near Marquam Are Given Tests by Experts.

Bulletin #22, recently issued by the United States Geological survey, contains the following report on Portland cement deposits in Oregon:  
"Near Roseburg, Douglas county, four miles from the Southern Pacific railroad, deposits of limestone and shale have recently been investigated by private parties and the data noted below placed at the disposal of the survey. The limestone is a dark gray fine grained dense rock, cut by many seams of calcite. The shale is a very hard dark gray material and is also cut by fine seams of calcite.

**ALABAMA IS SAID TO POSSESS GREATEST FARM IN THE WORLD**  
Promises Require Five Days to Ride Around; Only 6000 of 25,000 Acres Cultivated.

The farm of Joseph O. Thompson, located in the famous "black belt" of South Alabama, is said to be the largest acreage in this country. If this farm were cut into city lots, there would be 400,000, enough to build a city of 2,000,000 inhabitants, figuring six to the family. Two hundred miles of wire encloses the farm. It takes the man who inspects the fence five days to ride around it on horseback. To properly care for the farm 1200 are employed, who with their families, make a population larger than the average Alabama city. Two hundred and thirty ploughs are always in use.

**SUTRO BATHS TO BE SOLD UNDER HAMMER**  
San Francisco, Oct. 25.—Sutro Baths, the largest swimming baths in the world, are to be sold under the hammer November 20. Baldwin & Howell have been authorized to carry out the arrangements for the sale and the property will pass into the possession of the highest bidder and go forever out of the hands of the heirs of Adolph Sutro.

**'SILLINESS OF WAR' IS MESSAGE BROUGHT BY ENGLISH LECTURER**  
Representative of New Garton Foundation Declares Armies and Navies Are Ruinous.

Bernard Noel Langdon-Davies, M. A., of Cambridge university, who is making a four months' tour of America, in the interests of the new English peace organization, the Garton Foundation, of London, is to be in Portland November 17 and 18. He will lecture against war at Reed College and other places in the city.

The united action of police undeveloped or rebellious peoples, and more than all, for mankind's true war, the war with Nature, with the planet on which he lives, with the social problems engendered by vice, ignorance, disease and all the mysterious forces which spread enough misery already among the great family of mankind.

The new pacifists say the international policy today is almost invariably based upon illusions, illusions which are evidenced by such false notions as that colonies are owned and can, therefore, be captured, that by annexing populated territory, the annexing nation gains, that armaments guarantee to make trade, that war preserves a virile race, that war can be made to pay by the action of tribute of indemnity.

**HARRIMAN'S SUMMER HOME IS SUBDIVIDED**  
Pelican Bay Lodge, the famous eastern Oregon summer home of the late E. H. Harriman, has been subdivided and is to be sold to people desiring to establish summer homes in that delightful region in Klamath county. The property now belongs to W. P. and E. O. Johnson, who have had it surveyed into waterfront lots and acre tracts.

**ASSEMBLING AUTO FACTORY COVERING EAST SIDE BLOCK**  
Ford Automobile plant under construction at East Eleventh and Division streets. The structure is of reinforced concrete construction and will cost approximately \$1,000,000.

**ARMED ARMAMENTS BARRIERS**  
His message is this: The civilized nations of the earth are today finding themselves with their enormous armies and navies. In Europe, as in America, the burden of taxation is ever on the increase, and the mass of that taxation is for war, and the nations are silly, because today civilized nations cannot reach by them the objects for which they go to war. It then sets out to prove on a purely economic basis and in a purely logical manner that war defeats its own purpose. Mr. Langdon-Davies has epitomized it thus:

**Why Defense Is Unnecessary.**  
"All nations of the world are arming, and all assert that they are arming in self-defense. Defense is unnecessary, unless some one is going to attack. No one will attack, unless he has a motive for attack. The only possible motive is the desire to reap the fruits of conquest. It can be demonstrated that, as between civilized nations today, there can be no fruits of conquest, that in the twentieth century that it is a harvest that cannot be reaped.

PLATING WITH SILVER OF SKYSCRAPERS IS SAID TO BE PROBABLE

New Process of Little Cost May Be Used to Protect Steel Structures From Rust.

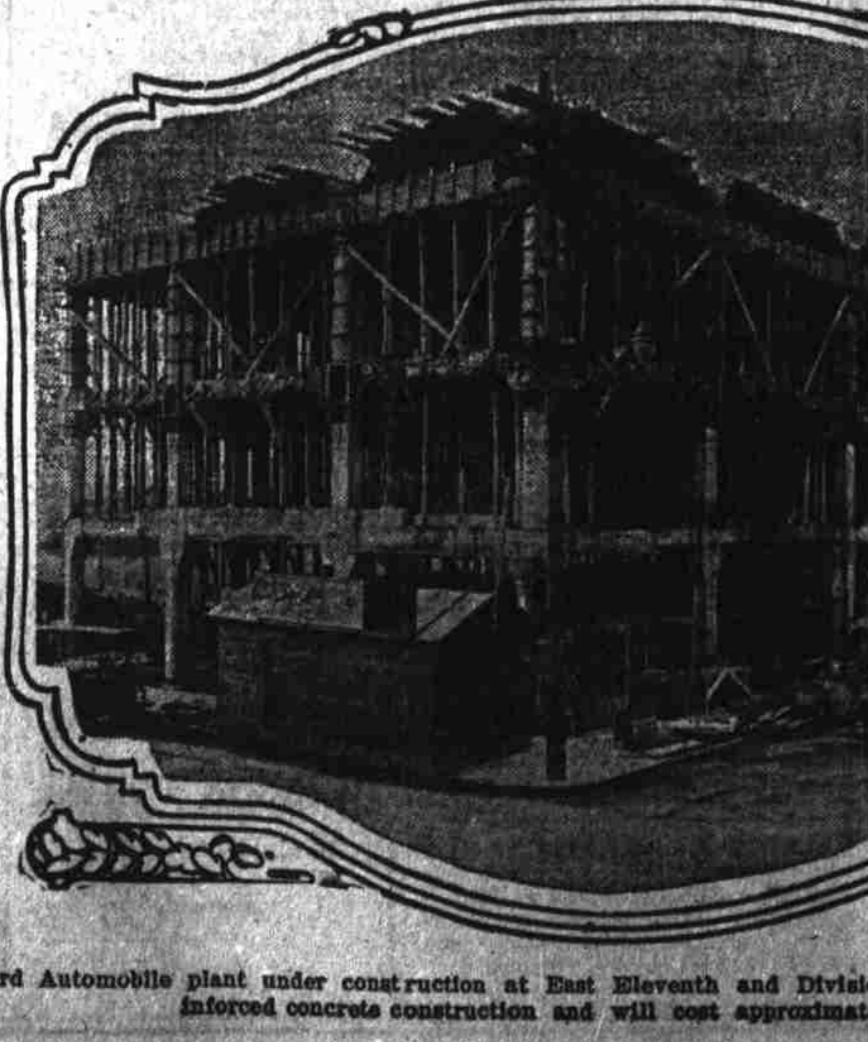
Silver plated skyscrapers and monster steel bridges, like Portland's Broadway viaduct, plated with silver, are not far off, if the report which comes from England is true, that a new electroplating process has been discovered which will reduce the cost of electroplating to a mere fraction of present day methods.

This is truly an age of engineering wonders. But recently it was officially announced that an Austrian electrician had developed a method of electroplating with zinc at a trifling cost, and now an Englishman comes along and says he has a way of electroplating with silver, thus protecting it from rust and other corrosive agencies, and giving it perpetual life. For he it known, that steel has but two enemies—rust and electricity, and zinc or silver will save it from both.

The process of electroplating with silver is said to be so efficient and cheap that it is commercially practicable to galvanize great bridge girders and the tons upon tons of structural steel used in modern buildings. It is also claimed that large surfaces can now be plated with lead or aluminum at a cost that new methods will reduce the cost of ordinary tin plating by nearly or quite 50 per cent.

**EASTERN AND WESTERN OREGON MEN TRADE LAND**  
Oscar Colpitt, who lives a short distance from Forest Grove, has traded his fine prime ranch to a resident of Emmerson, Walla Walla county, for 37 acres of irrigated land in the vicinity of Emmerette. Colpitt's holdings consist of 31 acres, and in the trade he sold 31 acres at the rate of \$500 an acre, 5 acres at \$1000 an acre, and 1 acre at \$100, an acre. All of this land is in prunes, though only a portion of it is in bearing condition; the rest being but one year old. This serves to illustrate the value of Oregon prime land. Mr. Colpitt bought the place four years ago and while from making a living on it during that time he has cleared over \$4000.

ASSEMBLING AUTO FACTORY COVERING EAST SIDE BLOCK



Ford Automobile plant under construction at East Eleventh and Division streets. The structure is of reinforced concrete construction and will cost approximately \$1,000,000.

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