

SPEND QUARTER MILLION NEW BLDGS. IN CITY

Medford Now in Midst of the Greatest Building Boom in Its History—\$50,000 for New Residences, \$100,000 Office Buildings.

Revival of building in the home, business, and industrial fields is now under way, with promises of the biggest year in the history of the city. To date, costs of homes, either completed, or for which plans are completed approximate \$50,000, close to \$100,000 for new business buildings or changes in old ones planned or underway, and close to this amount of \$100,000 will be expended in the construction of a warehouse and storage buildings for the California-Oregon Power company, the J. P. Hanson and Son building at Sixth and Bartlett streets, and the buildings for the county fair, a total \$250,000.

Work on the Hanson building has begun, and will cost \$35,000. The designers of the power company expect to have the plans completed this week, when the cost will be determined, and Architect Frank C. Clark will start today to draw the plans for the county fair buildings. The extensive improvement in the Medford National bank building is now under way.

The Trowbridge Cabinet Works is constructing a substantial addition to its plant at the corner of West Eleventh and Grape streets, which when completed will enable the concern to increase its force from 12 to 15 men.

In home building, Minnesota avenue on the East side leads. On this street four homes will be built this spring, and construction will start soon, the plans being completed and made ready for the contractors by Architect Clark.

Lewis Ulrich will build a \$5000 home on Minnesota avenue, the Pennsylvania colonial style of architecture being employed. This home, according to Mr. Clark will be unique in arrangement, and different from anything in the state, the plans being largely the idea of Mrs. Ulrich.

Across the street from the Ulrich home, Bert Thierolf will build a \$6000 home following the New England colonial style of architecture, and adjoining the Thierolf residence George Porter will erect a \$5000 home. Roland Hubbard expects to erect a \$3500 bungalow on the same street.

Larkin Reynolds plans on building a \$3800 home, following the Pennsylvania Dutch colonial style, and will have French doors instead of windows. The location of this structure has not been decided upon.

Ed Miller has plans drawn for a \$4000 home on the Pacific highway, south near the city limits, and this too will follow the colonial style of architecture, with a 50 foot frontage.

The colonial style of architecture has displaced the California bungalow lines in the minds of local home-builders, according to Mr. Clark who has the designing and planning of the homes mentioned above.

Warren Butler plans to erect a \$3200 home this spring, the location of which is undecided.

C. F. Nichols is expending \$3800 in the construction of a home on South Holly street. It will be of the colonial type.

Homes completed recently are those of C. I. Hutchinson of West Main street costing \$15,000, and the home of Arthur Tye on Ross Court costing \$2200. John M. Root has also recently completed the library, living and dining rooms of his residence on West Main.

The building revival is attributed partly to lack of homes, and the impetus given by the operation of the bonus law for ex-servicemen, many of whom plan to construct residences as soon as their loans are approved.

SEE

MR. and MRS. PUBLIC: Imagine Tom Moore as the people's choice for mayor saying to a howling, applauding mob: "Friends, I'm a Burglar."

H. HUNTINGTON TO LEAVE, SUCCESSOR NOT YET CHOSEN

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 9.—Hollis Huntington, former football star at the University of Oregon, has accepted the position of athletic coach at Salem high school. He is now in a similar position at Medford.

The above dispatch was received this morning and has been verified. Mr. Huntington states that he has accepted the position, but that it was not because of a larger salary or a greater liking for Salem than for Medford that influenced him to do so. He says that he would like to stay here in his capacity of coach at the local high school for at least one more year, but Mrs. Huntington's parents are residents of Salem, which fact has influenced him in making his decision.

Mr. Huntington is well liked by everyone who has made his acquaintance, and it is the opinion of city school officials that he has filled his position here in an unusually satisfactory manner.

The high school students, the alumni and progressive townspeople with the interest of the public schools at heart will regret Mr. and Mrs. Huntington's departure. No definite decision has been made regarding the man for the position next year, but several able coaches with good reputations as such are being considered.

Berghduff Delighted By Recent Banquet

Bert Anderson has received a letter from Captain A. E. Berghduff, state game warden expressing delight at the success of the recent banquet and meeting of the Jackson County Game Protective association, which he and President I. N. Fleischer of the state game commission attended.

"I do not think that the press can say too much about that sportsmen's banquet," writes Captain Berghduff. "It was the best attended affair of the kind I have ever known of, and I think the most harmonious. Certainly the Jackson County Game Protective association should be congratulated on the showing they are making."

Free Seeds Put Back While House Cheers

WASHINGTON, Mar. 9.—The house put back into the agricultural appropriation bill today the \$300,000 item for free seed which was cut out by the committee in framing the measure.

Friends of free seed, satisfied they could win again as they had for twenty years, carried on like a crowd at a carnival during the brief battle which they won by a vote of 145 to 65.

Veterinary Murdered

EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill., Mar. 9.—Mark Larkin, veterinary surgeon and a deputy state inspector of cattle at the National stockyards here, was shot and killed today by John D. Hawkins, chief inspector and Larkin's superior. Hawkins surrendered to police and said Larkin had threatened him.

President's Party Arrives ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla., Mar. 9.—(By Associated Press.) President and Mrs. Harding and their party arrived here at two o'clock this afternoon from Washington for a week's vacation.

Liberty Bonds

NEW YORK, Mar. 9.—Liberty bonds closed: 3 1/2's 99.66; first 4's 97.30; first 4 1/2's 97.20; second 4 1/2's 97.24; third 4 1/2's 98.20; fourth 4 1/2's 97.40; Victory 3 1/2's 100.0; Victory 4 1/2's 100.70.

MAIL ROBBERS AT WEED ARRESTED

YREKA, Cal., Mar. 9.—George Temple, 19 of Yreka, Cal., and A. H. Brown, 25 of Seattle were arrested in Dunsmuir, 45 miles south of here, today on a charge of theft of the United States mails in connection with the disappearance of a mail pouch from the depot at Weed, March 8. The riddled pouch later was located in Dunsmuir. It contained no registered mail.

TAX STATEMENT KILLS DR. BROWN

DAVENPORT, Iowa, March 9.—Dr. M. P. Brown, 75, walked into the county treasurer's office this morning to pay his taxes. The deputy had just informed him of the amount when Dr. Brown reeled and fell to the floor dead.

DEFENDANT CRIES IN COURT

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"Oh, my Madalynne—do not judge harshly. Can you not hear the wolf cries, far far out on the desert's yellow sands where the blood red sun is dipping now to sleep.

"God bless you, Talapha. "Talaphone." "H" is False.

"If I could die tonight, 'T' is false." The foregoing phrase was read by Mrs. Obenchain from her diary as of about July 17. She said "H" meant Helen, Kennedy's given name. This entry was made during her visit to Los Angeles within three weeks of the death of Kennedy.

This was written after Kennedy's mother was said to have made slanderous statements about her and visited Mrs. Louise Wilson, Mrs. Obenchain's confidante, in an effort to prevent a marriage between Kennedy and Madalynne. Kennedy did not see her for several days and failed to keep a promise to telephone to her, this prompting her to make the notation in her diary, she testified.

She testified concerning many letters she said she received from Kennedy while she was in Chicago between May and June last year, and which she said were in her trunk at the time of her arrest. Prosecuting attorneys denied they were in the trunk. In these letters, she said, Kennedy advised her to stay in Chicago and wait for him, that he was planning to get away from everything here and going abroad until his parents would become reconciled to the marriage.

Later in these letters she testified, Kennedy said he had arranged for their marriage at San Francisco, June 14. She went to San Francisco, she said, and July 3 came to Los Angeles, where she met Kennedy every day until July 11, when the break occurred when Kennedy's mother visited Mrs. Wilson.

Kennedy telephoned and apologized and said he did not believe he should see Madalynne for several days, but would telephone soon, she testified. He did not telephone until July 17, when she hung up the telephone on him, believing that he was false, she said. It was about this time, she said, that she made the entry in her diary.

Mrs. Obenchain then testified that Kennedy urged her, during the summer of 1921, to go to Santa Ana and marry him. This was after she had obtained her divorce. She said she refused, telling him that she wanted to talk to his parents. She said that during this time, early in the summer of 1921, she corresponded from Los Angeles with Arthur Burch, her co-defendant, who was then in Chicago.

Mrs. Obenchain said she also received two letters from Burch during that time and that these letters, were to the best of her belief, in her trunk at the Alexandria hotel when she was arrested after the shooting. She said she never had seen them since. These were not offered in evidence by the state and the defense then began to try to prove their contents by Mrs. Obenchain's evidence.

This attempt precipitated a heated wrangle between the attorneys, which Judge Reese halted by excusing the jury until two o'clock and then letting the attorneys discuss the admissibility of the evidence in the absence of the jury.

Mrs. Obenchain said her letters to Burch told him of the "slanderous" statements Mrs. Kennedy was reported to have made about her to Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Demand. An effort to prove the contents of these letters also was being made.

Only Friend to Burch. Mrs. Obenchain, in testifying concerning her correspondence with Burch, said she was at that time in friendly relations with the Burch family and with Burch himself, but had never been Burch's sweetheart, or his lover. She said she knew that Burch intended coming to Los Angeles during the summer of 1921, but did not know the exact date. It was at this point that she was halted and the jury excused. It was expected by counsel that the court also would rule on the admissibility of the first letter the defense had sought to offer.

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