

NO ABATEMENT IN CITY'S GROWTH

Building Operations Keep Up
to a Remarkable
Degree.

PORTLAND'S GOOD AVERAGE

East Side Lots Are Being Covered
With Dwellings of Better
Class Than Ever Known
In the City's History.

Contract has been awarded E. P. White
for the general work on the addition of
four rooms to the Sellwood school. His

The permit calls for a building to cost
\$12,000. It is said that Harry L. Keats
has secured a lease on the new building
when completed.

Contract has been let for the erection
of a dwelling at Lovejoy street and
Cornell road for E. L. Harmon to cost
\$1300.

A building permit has been issued for
the erection of a dwelling on the Barr
road for E. Corbett, which is to cost
\$2500.

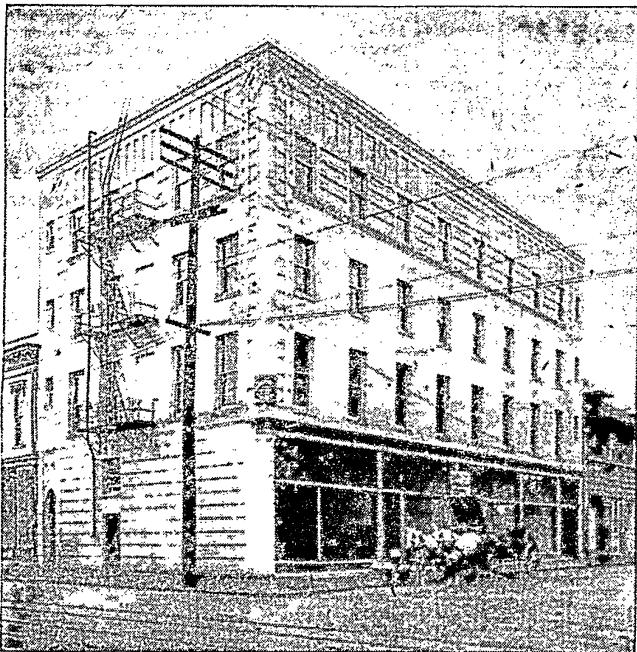
Mrs. J. Yocum is to have built a two-
and-one-half-story house on East Eleventh
street to cost \$4000.

Eight stables are to be built at once on
the grounds of the Country Club. The
stables are to be 20x120 each, and are
to be used for housing racehorses which
will be sent to the tract for training as
soon as the track is ready. The contractors,
Newell & Gosselt, are making
good progress with the work on the
grounds.

The Southern Pacific has removed the
old station at Eugene and will begin the
construction of a new one on the site.

Emil Schacht, the architect, is to remove
from the Commercial building, where he
has been located for 20 years, to the
Commonwealth building. He expects to
make the change April 1.

Work of razing the old frame buildings
at the corner of Fourth and Alder streets
will begin July 1 to make room for the
new hotel to be erected by the Hotel



BUILT BY THE ORIENTAL INVESTMENT COMPANY, SECOND AND SALMON STREETS.

contract embraces construction and was
at \$10,000. Glazing and plumbing were
so awarded to the Central Door & Lum-
ber Company and Rudy Bros.

Bids for the construction of the new
plant for the Star Brewery at First and
Adams streets will be received until
April 1 by the architect, Emil Schacht.

Proposals are being received for the
construction of sewerage extension at
Lawson Barracks.

Building permits last week run to about
\$9,000, the high average of the month to
date keeping up. There is now no doubt
that the month's total will show a com-
fortable increase over the previous one.

The Mrs. P. L. Schmeer flats on Park
street, between Hall and Harrison, a
feature of which appeared in The Sunday
Exponent, called for favorable comment
from all who are interested in seeing
modern buildings among the new under-
takings.

The records of building operations of
the principal cities of the country for
February make a much better showing
than those of the previous month. Ac-
cording to statistics compiled by the
American Contractor, Chicago, the per-
centage of loss compared with 1907 is
coming smaller, especially in cities of
the coast. San Francisco naturally is
a year behind in the comparison for the
reason that a year ago large numbers of
new buildings figured, while operations are
now settling down to somewhere near a
normal basis. Spokane leads Northwest
cities in average gain and Tacoma also
shows a gain. Seattle had a loss of 50
per cent and Los Angeles 46, while
Denver gained 15 and Salt Lake City 63.
Portland broke nearly even, there being
but 5 per cent loss over the record of
last year.

Sunnyside is enjoying a remarkable
building boom, there being more new
dwellings going up at present than for
years past. The class of houses is well
over the restrictions in cost.

Mount Scott reports between 200 and 250
new houses recently erected or now in
process of erection. Average cost is
placed at \$3000.

A dwelling which cost \$2400 in 1906 to
build at Woodstock sold last week for
\$1650. That district is keeping pace with
other localities in the suburban East Side.

H. M. Tomlinson, deputy City Attorney,
is having a handsome dwelling finished
at Fourteenth and Hall streets. The house
is estimated to cost \$4000 and was erected
from designs made by the owner.

E. H. Wemme took out a building permit
last week for the erection of a garage
on his quarter block at the northwest
corner of Seventh and Burnside streets.

Investment Company. The leases will
expire on the date named.

Contract has been awarded for the
steel construction of the new Fenton
building to be erected at Seventh and
Ankeny streets.

The Morgan apartments at Park and
Madison streets are practically com-
pleted. The building is a six-story brick
and is 20x100. The building was started in
September of last year. Mr. Morgan is
both builder and architect of the build-
ing.

The brick stables of Olds, Wortman
& Kling, at East Seventh and East Flan-
ders streets have been completed and
are occupied. The building is 100x100 and
cost, approximately, \$21,000.

Offices in the new Commercial Club
building are practically all let, according
to the renting agent, Donald Woodward.
The club is arranging to move into its
quarters in a few days.

H. A. Heppner takes exception to the
criticism of certain architects as to the
quality of stone used in the construction
of the East Side High School building.
The objection urged was that the stone
was inferior as a fire resistant. Mr.
Heppner says that the Tenino stone used
in the building is of a superior quality
and is used extensively in lining furnaces,
being considered better than fire-brick for
that purpose. He said the Government
had made severe tests of the stone and
had used it as being impervious to the
action of salt water, and that if it were
of that grade it certainly would resist
fire as well.

The furniture and lease of the St.
Phillip Hotel, situated on the north side
of Burnside street, between Fourth and
Fifth streets; has just been sold through
the agency of Devlin & Firebaugh to A.
E. Chisholm, formerly proprietor of the
Hotel Oxford. Mr. Chisholm will make
extensive improvements in the building,
which contains 62 rooms, at once and con-
duct same as an up-to-date hotel.

The contractor for the erection of the
new Forbes' Presbyterian Church on
Gantenbein avenue and Sellwood street
has already started work. Excavations
are being made for the Sunday school
room adjoining the foundation of the
former church. The old foundation will
be retained, which makes a saving of
over \$1000 in the cost of construction. The
whole church building with furniture will
cost about \$15,000.

Work is progressing on the building for
the Yale Laundry Company on East
Tenth, between Morrison and Belmont
streets. It will be 50x200 of brick and
the cost is placed at \$40,000. It is the
most pretentious structure of the sort
under way on the East Side at present.