

BUILDING OPERATIONS
NOT HIT BY HIGH PRICES
 Billion Dollars' Worth of Projects Contemplated for Year of 1919.
MUCH ACTIVITY IN OHIO
 Great Production in Lumber During Past Year—Estimated Thirty-Two Billion Feet Cut.

WASHINGTON, May 3.—Contracts let in March show that building and construction works are getting under way in spite of the talk of high prices. The March record is better than the March record of any year since 1911, except 1917, when government orders made the record abnormal—this comparison being the result of the study of building and construction conditions as just made by the Department of Labor. Nearly a billion dollars' worth of projects are known to be contemplated, and it is confidently predicted that 1919 will prove to be one of the greatest years in American history for building and construction work. Ohio reports the largest number of projects, while Illinois leads in aggregate valuation of private and public construction work. New York is the second state in number of projects, third in valuation.

With references to prices, some builders state that the last year of stagnation in the building industry, due to the war, only served to stimulate further the demand for all classes of buildings which would tend to keep prices high, but they expect to resume operations to meet the increasing demand.

Those who went into detail as to the high cost of materials gave brick as the principal item that was high. Cement was named by the next largest number as high, lumber came next and steel next, but it was pointed out that most of the projects do not require steel in construction, so that this accounts for its high price.

Bricks High in Price.
 As a matter of fact, brick has increased 103 per cent over 1913 prices; cement, 52 per cent; structural steel, 129 per cent; slate roofing, 48 per cent; glass, 88 per cent, while lumber prices have increased only 65 per cent on the same basis.

The principal shortage of labor seems to be in the southern and in some of the Western States, but this condition is gradually disappearing with the return of the soldiers.

Lumber Production in 1918.
 Recent tables, compiled by the United States Forest Service, show that the State of Washington, with a record of more than 3,250,000,000 feet of lumber cut in 1918, Oregon with 2,000,000,000 feet cut and Louisiana with a cut of more than a 1,500,000,000 feet are still the great lumber producing States of the country, with Mississippi, California and Nevada (the two in one division), Wisconsin, Arkansas, Texas and Idaho each cutting more than a 500,000,000 feet each. A total lumber production of 22,750,000,000 feet is the estimated cut for the year 1918, on the basis of partial returns received by the Forest Service from 241 sawmills, each of which cut 9,000,000 or more feet in the years 1917 or 1918.

In 1917, the total production amounted to 25,000,000,000 feet. The decrease in 1918 is not confined to any one region but is general. It is largest in the Southern and Eastern States, and least in the Western States. Maine shows the greatest per cent of decrease.

FORM LAND ASSOCIATION
 Manitoba Farm Property to Be Opened for Settlement by New Organization.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] WINNIPEG, MAN., May 3.—Organization of Manitoba Farm Lands Settlement Association has been completed. It will operate in conjunction with the Federal government in placing settlers on Manitoba land. It is composed of land owners, both corporate and individual, who are organized under the auspices of the government by J. Bruce Walker, Dominion Commissioner of Immigration. Those organizing similar associations in the other provinces.

William Pearson was elected chairman, A. Lobb, vice-chairman, with the following on the executive committee: D. A. Downey, M. J. Scott, C. W. Simpson, Walter Johnson, N. T. McMillan, L. M. Williamson, Robert Tate, Matthew Rogers, C. H. Webb, A. H. Oakes, H. L. Emer and John Flaherty. All land owners in the province are eligible to membership.

Forest Laboratory Door Tests.
 MADISON, WIS., May 4.—Tests to improve door manufacture are being made by the Forest Products Laboratory in this city. Various makes of doors are to be tested for strength and for the effect of humidity in warping the wood.

The Richmond Garden Club
 Will Have Charge of Our Victory Loan Booth, on the Main Floor, Tomorrow.
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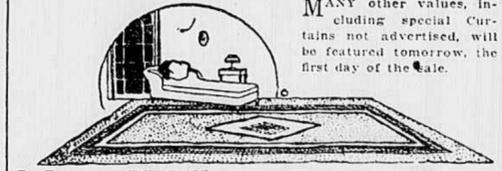
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The One Great Sale of the Entire Year That Is Planned, Inaugurated and Supervised By Our matched Values, Make it Possible for You to Save on Every Home and Personal Need.

9x12 Japanese Matting Rugs at \$4.75
 The new head of the Rugs and Draperies Departments is expected to make a wonderful showing in this sale. Hence, he has taken a big lot of these handsome, durable, high-class heavy stenciled Japanese Matting Rugs, perfect in every respect; will offer them while they last at...



New Willow Grass Rugs
 Better wearing summer Rugs are not obtainable than these new effects in Willow Grass, shown in Greens, Browns and Blues, presenting the latest patterns. The 9x12 size will be a feature of the Buyers' and Managers' \$12.45 Sale, at

Willow Grass Runners
 —The 27-inch Width, this sale, per yard \$1.00
 —The 36-inch Width, this sale, per yard \$1.25

Genuine Crex Rugs
\$7.45

We will also include a showing of the famous Paramount Fiber Rugs in all colors, 6x9 size. Wonderful values at this price.

Special Filet Nets
49c

Note the splendid range of good patterns and all favored colors to choose from in these 8-point Filet Nets at this price.

In Figured Denims
59c

The 36-inch width in these Heavy Woven Figured Denims in Greens and Browns, much wanted for Portieres or Box Coverings.

New Art Tickings
65c

A wonderful range of colors and patterns, with stripes predominating. Very heavy and suitable for Slip-Covers or Draperies.

Shirt Bands
 6 for **25c** for 6

A full range of sizes in these Gentlemen's Cambric Shirt Bands to sell on the opening day of the Buyers' and Managers' Sale at 6 for **25c**

Infants' Feeding Bibs, in various styles, including silk rubbers, each **10c**

Corset Supporters of extra heavy rubber are shown in Flesh and White, **10c** at

Cabled Garter Webbing, in Red, Blue and Gold—1-inch width, per yard **10c**

Rust-Proof Dress Fasteners, in all wanted sizes, will sell tomorrow at **3 1/2c**

BUTTONS—Fresh Water Pearl Buttons, in the Fish-eye effect, in medium and large skirt sizes, card **7c**

1,000 Cards of Ocean Pearl Buttons, including skirt pearls, in plain and carved styles, per card **10c**

White & Wash Goods & Linens

Striving hard to emulate the great volume of business established by this sale last year, our Buyer for the above named departments has exerted his best efforts for the opening day of the Sale. Note especially these values:

Silk and Cotton Poplin
 The regular \$1.00 value, that comes a yard wide, in Reseda, Marine, Delft, Belgian Blue, Battleship, Plum and Black. A wonderful value Monday at... **79c**

Superior Longcloth
 The name is synonymous with good quality and the well-known chamois finish. The standard 10-yard bolts will be sold, very special Monday... **\$2.87**

Special Table Cover
 The beauty about this special offer is the fact that you may choose from Hemstitched or Scalloped Covers, 58x58 inches in size; \$1.29 values... **98c**

Choice Yd. Silk and Cotton Tussah
 Why pay 98c a yard for these handsome Printed Silk and Cotton Tussahs? 36 inches wide, in good colors dominated by fancy foulard printings. **79c**

Princess Nainsook
 What woman is not familiar with the quality of Princess Nainsook? 10-yard bolts, made of fine combed thread; soft and of desirable weight. **\$2.87**

Sale of \$1.39 Scarfs
 Piano and Mantel Scarfs of the above value will both be included in the special values to sell Monday at 98c. 21x81 inches, lace trimmed. **98c**

Special Colonials

Queen Quality SHOES
 Either Brown Kid or Cherry Calf—as Illustrated at **\$6.85**

This remarkable offer for Monday and Tuesday, the first two days of the Buyers' and Managers' Sale, offers a decidedly new model in all sizes and widths. Although we are showing them with Leather Buckles attached, the Buckles may be removed, if desired.

Women's Underwear

The Buyer for Knit Underwear has scored a triumph in merchandising, so far as securing special values for this sale is concerned. For instance, one of the largest manufacturers with whom she does business consented to co-operate with her effects by making a price concession on Union Suits of the usual 65c quality; shown with a loose knee and neatly finished. These will be offered Monday at... **50c**

Gauze Vest 38c **Union Suits \$1**
 If we had three times as many of these good Mercerized Gauze Vests we would not have enough to meet the demand. They are finished with a linen tape; extra special... **38c**

Women will find these fine Lisle Union Suits of summer weight in Loose and Tight Knee styles, some of which are finished with lace. Regular \$1.50 values for... **\$1.00**

Note—\$1.00 Vestees

75c

In addition to the Vestees, we shall also include Pique Collars and Collar and Cuff Sets; also a lot of Satin Collars, in the season's newest shapes.

Collars & Collar & Cuff Sets
 The assortment includes new confections of Dainty Organdy, Hemstitched and Lace Trimmed... **39c**

Look at These Laces

These Val. Laces, Edges and Insertions as well as Beadings are in matched sets and come in various widths, worth double the price advertised for the opening of the Buyers' and Managers' Sale.

Washable Blonde White Nets that come 72 inches wide, with a very fine mesh — \$1.35 kind, per yard **\$1.15**

Very Special: 85c Washable Blonde Nets for foundations or linings—72 inches wide, **65c** 10c and 12 1/2c Mercerized Cluny Laces in various widths, per yd. **8c**

40-In. Voile Flouncings
 The large showy styles that are in evidence in these 40-inch Embroidered Voile Flouncings comprehend the most favored effects for Summer Frocks. Very good evidence of the importance of "First-Day" Values, yard, **50c**

Embroidered Edges and Insertions, Beadings and Corset Cover Edges in various widths, yard **5c**

Embroidered Flouncings, Corset Cover Embroideries, Edges and Insertions, extra special **12 1/2c**

Look at These Night Gowns to Sell at \$1.95

The price advertised for the opening of the Buyers' and Managers' Sale would scarcely pay for the materials represented in these fine Nainsook Night Gowns. They come in the Slip-over style, and some are sleeveless. Trimmings include Laces, Embroideries and Ribbons. Some have a touch of colored Hand-Embroidery. Better ask for these as soon as store opens... **\$1.95**

Drawers at \$1.00

For Stout Figures, made of good nainsook and finished with embroidery ruffles. Cut circular. Big values.

For Kiddies 19c

A lot of Children's Cambric Drawers, shown with a tuck above the hem, in sizes to 8 years at above price.

Chemise at \$1.25

These Corded Band Chemise, made of good cambric, are especially suited to elderly ladies. Very special.

Petticoats \$1.50

Think of being able to obtain such White Satine Petticoats, finished with a satin ribbon on edge of ruffle.



Glorietta Silk Hose 35c

Only by getting here very early will it be possible to secure any of these celebrated "Glorietta" Silk Lisle Hose at this price. You will have choice of Black or White, shown with reinforced Double Soles and High Spliced Heels, as well as a Deep Garter Welt. An extra special value indeed.

Special Blouses
 Considering that values range up to \$7.50, you will more fully appreciate this opportunity to secure new Crepe de Chine and Georgette Waists Monday at... **\$4.00**

Juvenile Dresses
 No mother would think of making her little girl a dress when she can buy such good Gingham Frocks in various styles—sizes 8 to 14 years—for only... **\$1.95**

Fine Kid Gloves
 A sensation in every sense! Women's fine quality French Kid Gloves in Black or White, finished with Self or Contrast Stitching; worth \$2.75, for... **\$2.00**

For the Little Tots

In seeking values for this sale the head of the Infants' Department discovered a manufacturer with a large stock of Infants' Dresses on hand—dainty little garments, in sizes 2 to 6, made of Good Gingham and Solid Color Chambrays, combined with White and Solid Color Trimmings. Usual \$1.98 values that you will be quick to buy **\$1.59** tomorrow at

Slip-Over Gowns
 How many of these Children's Slipover Nainsook Night Gowns will you want at the price advertised. Sizes to 10; plainly made, with kimono sleeves... **39c**

Slumber Garment
 The trade-name "Little Princess" on Gauze Knit Sleeping Garments stands for good materials and fine workmanship. Sizes 5 to 10 in these at... **50c**

Limited Lot of Infants' Bibs
 There are many other values in Infants' Wear that have not been mentioned here... **5c**