

MODERN HOSPITAL WILL BE BUILT NEXT SPRING

Sisters of Charity to Erect New Building and Public Will Be Asked to Lend Financial Assistance.

Structure Will Entail an Outlay of \$75,000 to \$80,000, Will Be Four Stories High and Provided With Every Up-to-Date Convenience—Will Have Accommodations for One Hundred Patients.

The Sisters of Charity are to build a new and modern hospital, and will call upon the people of Astoria and vicinity for financial assistance. The present hospital is inadequate to the needs of the city and surrounding country and must be replaced with a larger establishment for the care of the sick. It is the intention to get the work of construction under way within a few months, and by January 1, 1906, the new building will be ready for occupancy.

St. Mary's hospital has rendered excellent service under the management of the self-sacrificing Sisters, and for many years has been an indispensable adjunct. It is capable of accommodating 50 patients, but frequently the Sisters find it impossible to care for all who seek admission. Nearly always the hospital is crowded, and for some time past the need of a larger hospital has been felt. Astoria has outgrown the old hospital and a new and larger one must be provided.

Will Be Four Stories.

The new hospital will be modern in every sense of the word. It is proposed to erect a structure four stories in height. The basement will be of stone and the upper portion of the building of brick or wood. This question has not yet been decided. The Sisters are desirous of securing the finest building possible, and brick will be used if the response for funds is generously met. It is the purpose to erect a substantial structure, to which additions may be made as occasion necessitates. For this reason a brick building is desired.

The new hospital will be located at the eastern end of the block bounded by Fifteenth, Sixteenth, Duane and Exchange streets. The property is 300 feet in length and 125 feet deep. It is beautifully located, and with completion of the Duane street improvements, now under way, the property will be surrounded by first-class streets. In selecting the eastern portion of the block as the site for the new building, the Sisters have had in view the construction of wings at future dates. As Astoria grows additions will be made, until eventually the hospital will extend from Sixteenth to Fifteenth street.

Its Cost and Size.

It is the present intention to erect a structure that will entail an outlay of \$75,000 to \$80,000. However, by the time the building is ready for occupancy, the cost may reach \$100,000. The floors throughout will be of tiling, and all of the latest appliances used in the larger hospitals of the country will be secured for Astoria's new hospital.

The new building will have accommodations for 100 patients. The Sisters believe that a building of this size will be ample for four or five years to come, although, of course, the structure will be enlarged to meet the needs of the community. It will be

heated by the hot-water method, lighted by electricity and in every other essential detail will be modern and conveniently arranged.

Old Building Must Go.

The old building will be torn down to make room for the new. The present eastern wing of the hospital will be used as a laundry, but the main building will be removed. The present structure is very old and not at all convenient in its arrangements.

While plans for the new building have not yet been prepared, it is announced that the main entrance will be on Sixteenth street. There will also be an entrance on Duane and Exchange streets. It is the present intention to commence construction work early in the spring, and, once started, it will be hastened to completion.

Will Attract Invalids.

A commodious, modern hospital at Astoria will be the means of bringing many outside invalids to this city. Astoria's climate is not surpassed elsewhere in the United States, and it is confidently believed that hundreds of patients will come here yearly from other places for attention. When the new building is finished, they will be able to secure the best attention, and the delightful and healthful climate will make St. Mary's a popular place for invalids from all parts of the northwest.

Even at the present time many invalids come annually to the coast to benefit by the ocean breezes. They are unable, however, to secure the attention that is necessary, but with the completion of the new hospital this difficulty will be removed.

Public Will Be Called Upon.

The public will be asked to assist the project. At the present time the Sisters are without funds, but they have already received many encouraging offers of financial assistance. Considering the worthy cause at issue, Astorians will undoubtedly lend the Sisters their hearty support and provide a fund great enough to permit the erection of one of the finest hospitals in the northwest.

While St. Mary's is now, and will continue to be, a Catholic institution, religion will have absolutely nothing to do with its conduct so far as its patients are concerned. Protestants and Catholics will be treated alike, as at present. The hospital will be built for the sick, and there is every reason to believe that Protestants will lend their support quite as energetically as Catholics. Patients who are received at St. Mary's are not questioned as to their religion, except in cases of seriousness illness, and then only for the purpose of providing spiritual consolation for the sufferers. The hospital is a refuge for the sick, and it will continue to be conducted upon broad principles.

A Work of Charity.

The Sisters are engaged in a great work of charity, without reward or ex-

pectation of reward. The Astoria hospital has never earned anything, for its surplus funds are expended for the benefit of the patients. Practically every dollar of the receipts are expended with Astoria merchants, the expenditures aggregating about \$10,000 annually. It frequently happens that patients are unable to pay for treatment, and in such instances the Sisters willingly bear the burden. The new hospital, twice as large as the present institution, will necessitate the expenditure of about twice the sum named.

If all goes well, Astoria's new hospital will be in service in a little more than a year.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Frank Johnson, of Spokane, is in the city.

W. S. Paige, of Portland, was in the city yesterday.

Captain A. L. Pease came down yesterday from Portland.

Police Commissioner Cook returned last night to Portland.

Benjamin Sweet, of Milwaukee, Wis., was in the city yesterday.

F. C. Davis, of Portland, is among the late arrivals at the Occident.

Lem Howells, who is taking his vacation, went to Grays river yesterday morning.

F. A. Voklander, G. J. Parsens and John S. Runkle, a party from Osage, Ia., are in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Long, of Hillsboro, are visiting in the city. Mr. Long is editor of the Hillsboro Argus.

A. M. Simpson, the well known lumberman, came over yesterday from Knappton, where he had been visiting for a few days.

Rev. W. S. Grim and Mrs. Grim and Miss Nellie Busey will go to Portland today to attend the annual convention of the Epworth League to be held in that city tomorrow.

JOINS BOSTON COMPANY.

Flattering Offer Is Accepted by Edwin Hobson, of Astoria.

The Portland Journal has the following to say of Mr. Edwin Hobson, of this city:

"Edwin Hobson, whose impersonation of a woman in the Multnomah Club's production of 'The Ameer' last year was the talk of the town, has been engaged by Managers George Kingsbury and Sam Rork to create a part in the new musical comedy, 'The Filibusters,' at the Tremont theater, Boston, on February 4. The new work is by William Lorraine, composer of 'The Sultan of Sulu,' and John E. Wilson, a California librettist, and it will first be produced by the American Bankers' Association in their big blow-out in the Hub.

Mr. Rork happened to be in Portland at the time of Mr. Hobson's hit as Constance, and when he learned that a similar part had been written into 'The Filibuster,' he at once thought of the Portland man for it. The result was an exchange of terms by telegraph and Mr. Hobson will leave about the first of the month for the bean city to begin rehearsals.

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Next week's bill is likewise going to be a money-getter. Mr. Houston and his juggling girl are popular favorites wherever they go; Harry Walton is the king of Chinese impersonators; the Cramer sisters are the best singers in the business and carry the swiftest wardrobes; Thelma Wheeler is a buck-and-wing dancer whose equal has never appeared here.

The bill for this week is a strong one and the house is packed nightly.

Confessions of a Priest.

Rev. Jno. S. Cox of Wake, Ark., writes, "For 12 years I suffered from yellow jaundice. I consulted a number of physicians and tried all sorts of medicines, but got no relief. Then I began the use of Electric Bitters and feel that I am now cured of a disease that had me in its grasp for 12 years." If you want a reliable medicine for liver and kidney trouble, stomach disorder or general debility, get Electric Bitters. It's guaranteed by Chas. Rogers. Only 50c.

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