

REAL ESTATE ACQUISITION DESPITE HOLDINGS Dealers Assert Business for the New Year Starts With Healthy Tone Much Outside Capital Is Now Seeking Investment in San Francisco

Despite the fact that the last two weeks have been unsettled in a business way there has been considerable business done in real estate circles, and that business has kept up so well it is taken as an indication by real estate men of a healthy tone for the beginning of the year.

The work we have done in the last few weeks is most encouraging, said a well known real estate man, and is such a character as to make any one feel reasonably sure that in the early part of next year there is to be the beginning of a general healthy movement in real estate.

In the first place I am greatly surprised at the number of large buyers within the last few weeks, and the most encouraging sign is that these purchasers are from Spokane, Seattle and Los Angeles. It shows that we are the focus of attraction for the capital.

One of the reasons advanced by them struck me as new. Naturally I told them of our incomparable advantages and they listened politely and said I had not enumerated them all.

It is simply this, they said to me. Portland, Spokane, Seattle and Los Angeles are all fine cities. None could be better. But they have their limitations. They are, in fact, pin bottles, and you can get into them, and that is all. It is different with San Francisco. She is not a quart bottle, either. There is no limit to her expansion. With other cities you soon find the limit of their limitations, especially when property has doubled itself and in some instances tripled itself.

At that point it is time to get afraid. On the other hand, we are learning the lesson that there are only two places in the United States that we consider the highest and best for real estate investment. They are New York and San Francisco.

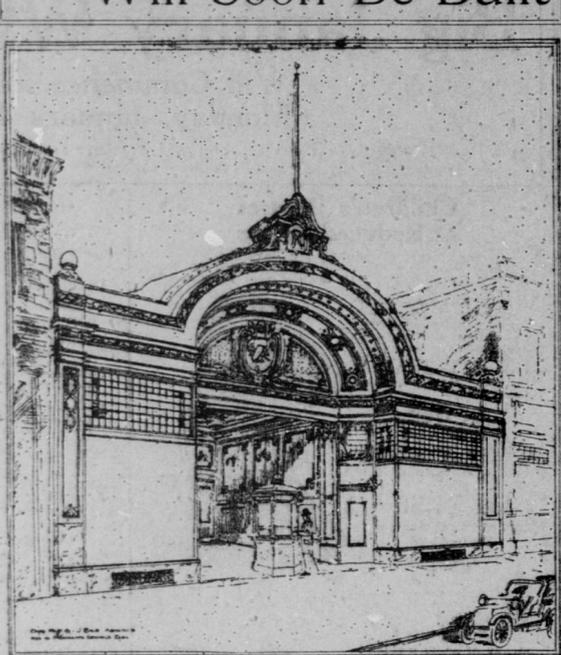
These men back up their opinion with coin, for one of them made a purchase recently of a piece of property for \$70,000 and the other for \$50,000, which will be put on record next week.

Makes Loan of \$125,000 L. W. Hellman, president of the Wells Fargo Nevada national bank, has made a loan for \$125,000 through the agency of Harrigan, Weidemuller & Rosenstrin.

Building for Mission Street The Roberts manufacturing company has the account of Niels C. and Karen Mortensen, the firm sold the lot on the southern line of Golden Gate avenue, 85 feet east of Franklin street.

Quarter Million Business Landgrebe, MacNevin & Jones report a busy week, having closed sales and contracts exceeding a quarter of a million dollars.

Improvements Theater Will Soon Be Built



Architect's drawing of the entrance to the Hippodrome theater to be built in Market street.

The north side of Sutter street, 107-8 feet west of Grant avenue, back to Harlan place, having a frontage of 41.6 feet on Sutter street by a depth of 125 feet, at a total rental of nearly \$80,000.

Three of the lots in the building have been taken by first class tenants. The building will have an excellent front, being constructed largely of glass.

Will Erect New Theater One of the important real estate transactions of the week was the leasing by Turner & Dahnen of property in the south side of Market street, between Fifth and Sixth streets, owned by Maurer, Rosenthal, Kohnlein & Kohnlein acting for both parties.

Good Financial Condition Reports received by the California Promotion committee indicate a healthy financial condition throughout the state and an increased interest in California investments throughout the eastern states and Europe.

Increased Prosperity in the State During the coming year is indicated by reports from the last tourist travel will be heavy. Thousands of acres of land will be subdivided into small farms and special efforts made to have them worked by the home industry.

Evangelist Bilhorn Coming to the Coast Revivalist Will Conduct Series of Meetings in This City P. P. Bilhorn, the author of many well known gospel songs and a singer of prominence, is coming to the coast on an evangelistic tour.

Buy in Wholesale District Thomas Magee & Sons announce that Nat Raphael has again made a purchase in the wholesale district from Mrs. Mary A. Tobin, being the lot in the north line of Brennan street, 175 feet east of Second street, 7 1/2 feet front by 150 feet deep to De Boom street, less a small "L" Raphael expects later to improve this property.

Time and Money Saved By insuring real estate titles in the Standard Title Insurance Company. No delays. Mills building, ground floor.

Association is Working for Better Lighting, Streets and Sanitation Branch Library and Branch Postoffice Are Also Wanted in the District

Prominent among the organizations which have worked earnestly and faithfully for the upbuilding of their respective sections of San Francisco since the great disaster of 1906 is the Devisadero street improvement association.

The work of the association is in charge of an executive committee composed of the officers and the chairman of the standing committees on streets, lighting and illumination, on accommodations and service, stores and trade, advertising, publicity and literature, and finance.

Among the improvements which this association has brought or is seeking to bring about are: The illumination of Devisadero street from Market to California; the repairing of the pavements, sidewalks and sewers of Devisadero and adjacent streets; the sanitation of the entire district; the installation of modern attractive store fronts; the establishing of a branch free public library and also of a branch postoffice; the betterment of the public school buildings within the district.

One of the most important improvements which this association has been working for is the granting of a street railway franchise for the construction of a line to connect the Mission and Western addition sections with Devisadero by a route to intersect Market street at or near Sixteenth and Noe, and designed to relieve the congestion of traffic in Fillmore street and thus enable the residents of the Mission and southern sections of San Francisco to more directly and safely reach the Western addition, Golden Gate park and Richmond district.

Like many other improvement associations of San Francisco, the Devisadero street improvement association is a member of the Civic League of San Francisco and co-operates with the latter in matters affecting the welfare of the city at large. Its dues are nominal, and its members are all property owners, businessmen and residents of or near Devisadero street who are eligible to membership and may at any time avail themselves of the privilege of joining an organization which has done and is doing good work toward the upbuilding and improvement of that portion of the city.

The association holds its regular meetings on the first Monday evening of each month at Palmer's and Decorators' hall, corner of Devisadero and Fulton streets. Further information concerning this association may be obtained from either its president, William Crocker, 925 O'Connell street, or its secretary, M. S. Blanchard, at his office, room 822, Mills building.

Army Captain A. Benedick DENVER, Jan. 1.—Captain Richard Rifenberck, stationed at Fort Douglas, Colo., who was killed in action at the battle of the Marston, near the city of New York City at the home of mutual friends in this city last night, was married here before he left for the front. The bride was Miss F. McKittick.

Weekly Review of Trade NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—R. G. Dunn & Co.'s weekly review of trade tomorrow will say: "The market for goods is generally quiet and jobbing trade, traveling salesmen preparing for the coming year. Confidence in good spring business is not exaggerated. Cotton is firm, but not active. Wool is steady but not active. The same influence operates on the other hand to facilitate outdoor work and estimating rooms are busy with the construction of new plants which will resume next week with larger scale of work than during the year.

Mrs. J. B. Hume Will Address Clubwomen She Will Speak on "The Bible as Literature" The feature of the "Sunday assembly" of the California club, which this month falls on January 3, will be an address by Mrs. J. B. Hume, president of the state federation of women's clubs on "The Bible as Literature."

Comes to Join Husband But is Denied Landing Russian Woman Arriving on Siberia Suffers With Trachoma Mrs. Helena Beregov Kowa arrived on the Siberia yesterday, but was refused landing because she is suffering from trachoma. She is from Russia and speaks only Russian. She came here to join her husband, who settled in Oakland about two years ago. He saved his money and a few months ago sent for his wife. Unless the immigration officials relent or find some loophole, the woman will have to go back to Russia.

Will Welcome Mrs. White Mrs. Lovell White, who is now in Washington, will be given a large reception upon her return. Mrs. White is expected to arrive here within a few weeks, and the members of the Outdoor Art league are making preparations for an elaborate reception to be given at the bungalow on Telegraph hill.

Financial and Industrial Figures for the Port for 1908

Table with columns for various categories like Variety, Apples, Cherries, Grapes, Peaches, Pears, Plums, and other fruits. It shows quantities and values for 1907 and 1908.

Table titled 'CALIFORNIA CURED FRUIT OUTPUT' showing quantities and values for various fruits like Apples, Apricots, Peaches, Pears, Raisins, and other varieties for 1907 and 1908.

Table titled 'ALMOND AND WALNUT CROPS' comparing the 1908 crop with the 1907 and 1906 crops. It shows quantities and values for Almonds and Walnuts.

Table titled 'THE BEAN OUTPUT' showing quantities and values for various types of beans like Lima beans, Blackeyes, Snap beans, etc., for 1907 and 1908.

Table titled 'THE HOP CROP' showing quantities and values for hops for 1907 and 1908.

Table titled 'CANNED SALMON PACK' showing quantities and values for various types of salmon for 1907 and 1908.

Table titled 'BOND AND STOCK SALES' showing sales figures for bonds and stocks for 1907 and 1908.

Table titled 'DIVIDENDS PAID BY ACTIVE LISTED OIL COMPANIES' showing dividend payments for various oil companies for 1907 and 1908.

Table titled 'Exports of Merchandise' showing export values for various goods for 1907 and 1908.

Table titled 'Exports of Flour' showing export values for flour for 1907 and 1908.

Table titled 'Eastern Livestock Market' showing market prices for various livestock like cattle, hogs, sheep, etc., in Chicago.

Table titled 'SOUTH OMAHA' showing market prices for various livestock in Omaha.

Internal Revenue

Table showing internal revenue collections for various months in 1907 and 1908.

The collections of internal revenue in the district of California, which includes San Francisco, for the first 11 months of the last two years compare as follows:

Table showing coal importations for various months in 1907 and 1908.

The importations of coal at San Francisco last year were smaller than in 1907 by over 100,000 tons, the overstocked condition of the market having caused the movement from all sources of supply except the western states to be restricted.

Table showing lumber trade for various months in 1907 and 1908.

The demand for building material in San Francisco was less in 1908 than in 1907 and the receipts of lumber were accordingly smaller. The following tables show the receipts of lumber for the first 11 months of the last two years:

Table showing dairy produce receipts for various months in 1907 and 1908.

While a large portion of the arrivals of butter, cheese and eggs in the San Francisco wholesale market during the first 11 months of the last two years came in from eastern and middle western states, the bulk of the arrivals were of home production.

Table showing California wine shipments for various months in 1907 and 1908.

The exports of California wine from San Francisco by sea from January 1 to November 30 of the last two years were as follows, the shipments being given in gallons:

Table showing customs receipts for various months in 1907 and 1908.

The United States civil service commission announces that the following examinations will be held in San Francisco at an early date: Civil and hydraulic engineer, reclamation service; local and assistant inspector of harbors; steamboat inspection service; superintendent of construction, expert freight rate clerk. For application blank and further information concerning these examinations address secretary twelfth civil service district, postoffice building, San Francisco, Cal., indicating the particular examination interested in.

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