

WALLA WALLA REAL ESTATE IS STRONGER THAN EVER BEFORE

Many Improvements Contemplated Will Enhance Values Greatly-- Transfers for First Five Days of Last Week Total More Than \$85,000.00

Building Permits Granted.		
No.	Val.	
January ... 12	\$ 7,765.00	
February ... 31	39,595.00	
March ... 35	62,846	
Total ... 78	\$110,206.00	

Unprecedented in all its history is the record of growth in building throughout Walla Walla in the last three months. Never before has such a remarkable impetus been experienced in the building line. Everywhere over the city new structures are going up with a rapidity unparalleled. Contractors, carpenters, and every line of trade connected with building construction report an activity not known in previous years. "Walla Walla has struck her gait," as one contractor expressed it. The Garden City is growing substantially. Percentage of growth shows a constantly increasing proportion since the first of the year. The record of the three months just about to close gives but a slight indication of the growth that is to come. Reports from builders and contractors are to the effect that they have orders for work in the construction line far ahead. Dwelling houses under construction at the present time throughout the city witness to the expanding needs of the city's population, and the addition of many new buildings in the business section point stronger than mere words to the demands that the increasing population is making on the industrial resources of Walla Walla.

If the present growth of the city is notable, the expansion that is to come with the summer and fall, will be even more remarkable. Projected improvements through the construction of new buildings are many, and rumors of others are in the air. Yet with all the new growth that has come to Walla Walla since the first of the year in a building way, none of it has been forced. It has all ensued as the natural result of a real need. No mere boom this.

Many New Buildings.
At the present time there are under construction in the city of Walla Walla more than 100 buildings of different kinds, including dwelling houses, factories and stores. The record of building permits issued since the first of the year shows a total of 78, having a valuation of \$110,206.00. Many permits for buildings to be constructed, which are now in process of erection, were issued before the first of the year, hence they do not show in the list for the months of January, February and March. Investigation, however, makes it a conservative estimate to assert that there are now building, or about to commence, \$150,000 worth of new structures. Increasing in ratio since January 1, 1909, the record of building permits with the number and value of the buildings under construction is as follows: January 12, buildings with a value of \$7,765; February 31, buildings, valued at \$39,595; March 35, buildings with a value of \$62,846; bringing the combined total up to \$110,206.

Testifying to the solidarity of the municipal growth is the large proportion of residences which are included in the list of permits granted in the three months. Fully 75 per cent of the buildings under construction in the city now, consist of cottages and dwelling houses. The suburban growth is a notable feature of the city's progress.

Too Numerous to Enumerate.
Houses which are building and for which permits have been allowed are too numerous to enumerate in full, but a few of these being built or about to be commenced are as follows: Ernst Knt, a \$2,000 cottage in block 19, Langford's addition; J. F. Shelton, a cottage in Watertown addition; Mrs. John Warren, cottage on Chestnut avenue, near Sprague; Mrs. Frank Myers, cottage in Dandes addition; Henry Lasser, cottage at 210 Willard street; S. M. Cuttney, cottage

at Catherine and Chestnut streets; J. H. Bowden, cottage, 34 South Fourth street, to cost \$2,350; W. D. Casner, cottage, Ninth and Cherry streets; A. V. Murphy, cottage on Roos; Charles Rhinehart, house at Frances and Delmas streets; J. H. Flanders, two-story house at 366 Chase avenue, costing \$4,000; N. Sullivan, cottage near Fourth and Stahl; A. M. Cation, two-story house, Catherine and Wirtman streets, costing \$6,000.

Need Apartment Houses.
According to Secretary Moore of the Walla Walla Commercial club one of the city's greatest needs, is for a number of large and substantial apartment houses. "Walla Walla is headquarters for no less than 70 traveling men," said he. "These men are constantly asserting the need of suitable apartment houses where they may be enabled to leave their families; where light house keeping can be done. Present conditions make it extremely inconvenient." In some degree at least, this need is to be appeased, for Mrs. Cochrane has secured permission to construct a two-story frame apartment house at Spokane and Sumach streets. The building is to cost \$5,200. It is further understood that other houses of similar kind are to be built this coming summer. Mr. and Mrs. Sanborn are also about to build a two-story frame flat at 403 East Main street, at a cost of \$2,800.

Among the industrial enterprises for which permits have been issued, and which are under construction or about to be started, is the factory near Eleventh and Moore streets by the Garden City Milling company. The building is to be of corrugated iron and will cost when completed \$15,000. Fred Glafke of the Interior Grocery company, has secured permission to erect a large brick storehouse in block 2, of Sheld's addition, that will entail an expenditure of \$11,000. There are numerous store buildings costing from \$2,000 upward to be erected at once.

College Grounds Beautified.
Whitman college grounds will be further beautified in the near future by the construction of a \$50,000 conservatory of music. This building will be erected on the site now occupied by the young ladies' dormitory. The plans for this building are drawn and provide for the erection of a reinforced concrete structure. Though it is yet too early to give an accurate forecast of the new buildings which will be erected in connection with Whitman college, the plans of the college authorities include the erection of the following buildings as soon as the necessary funds are secured: Three dormitories, each to cost \$50,000; two science buildings, equipped, \$100,000 each; library building, \$50,000; art building, \$50,000; academy building, for Pearsons academy, \$50,000; a central heating plant, \$40,000; and chapel in memory of Cusing Eells, \$50,000.

That Walla Walla will also have a new Elks' building seems an assured thing. Already a committee has been appointed and is at work planning for the construction of a modern home for the local lodge. The lodge at the present time numbers over 300 members and the need of a lodge building is felt. Plans as yet are in an embryonic state. Whether to construct a building for lodge purposes alone or to build a large four or five-story structure so that part of the space could be employed for office and store purposes, is the question agitating the members of the lodge. A definite decision in this regard will probably be reached shortly, according to Secretary Jackson of the local order. The lodge owns a plot of ground at Third and Birch streets, and there is some talk of selling it and buying land in a location better suited to the majority of the members.

Hotel Rumors Rife.
Hotel rumors are rife in the city. It is known that several parties are figuring on constructing a modern hostelry in Walla Walla this summer or fall, but so far their plans have remained in the dark. The need for a new and modern hotel in Walla Walla is great. The hotels in the city

now are taxed to their capacity every day in the year, and another hotel would be a paying proposition, say those in a position to know. Contractors and builders in the city report themselves rushed to the limit in their building operations. The demand for skilled mechanics in the building line is urgent. To secure competent help in their building operations is proving difficult. Laborers in the city are finding work, and the cry is for more able mechanics and tradesmen. The year 1909, though but in its beginning, is witnessing an up-lift in the building activities of the city such as never before and the outlook for the future is rosy with promise.

An Obliging Caller.
When M. Clemenceau was in the French chamber of deputies he became for some reason the idol of the workman, but his popularity, according to the course of nature, brought its penalties. He was besieged by all sorts of people, who came merely to ask questions, and sometimes they were questions of the most trivial sort. He was originally a doctor and used to give advice for nothing at certain hours of the day. One morning a workman entered his room, and Clemenceau said without looking up from his writing: "Take off your coat and shirt. I'll attend to you directly." Three minutes later he found the man had stripped to the waist. "There is nothing the matter with you," said the doctor when he had made an examination. "I know there isn't," returned the man. "Then what did you come for?" "To consult you on a political question." "But what did you bring for?" "I thought you wanted an illustration of the emaciated body of the man who lives by the sweat of his brow." The political question remained unanswered. M. Clemenceau was too exasperated to do more than tell the man to dress and go home.

Why Our Railroads Are Narrow Gauge.
Why are all railroads built on the standard gauge of four feet eight and one-half inches? The makers of the first locomotives thought only of putting their machines upon the tramways already in existence, and from that followed a very interesting and curious result. These tram lines naturally had exactly the width prescribed by the strength of one horse. By mere inertia the horse cart gauge established itself in the world, and everywhere the train is dwarfed to a scale that limits alike its comfort, power and speed. Because there is so much capital engaged and because of the dead power of custom it is doubtful if there will ever be any change in this gauge. Still, it might be worse. If the biggest horses had been Shetland ponies our railway carriages now would only be wide enough to hold two persons side by side and would have a maximum speed of twenty miles an hour. There is hardly a reason aside from this antiquated horse why the railway coach should not be nine or ten feet wide—that is, the width of the smallest room in which people can live in comfort and furnished with all the equipment of comfortable chambers.—Atlantic.

Thiers as a Promoter.
Among the anecdotes related by the Marquis Massa in his "Souvenirs et Impressions" is one about the first president of the French republic. It runs: "A short time after young Thiers had been elected as a legislator a number of us set arranged to give a performance of 'Romeo and Juliet' at the house of a mutual friend. On the evening of the performance our promoter deserted us, and without a moment's hesitation the new fledged deputy volunteered to take the place, and despite the protests of some of the party, who feared that his dignity might be everlastingly injured, he jumped into the box, where he remained ready to help us in time of need until the curtain descended on what proved to be a highly satisfactory performance."

Hunting With Lighted Crabs.
A group of clubmen seated about an odoriferous cedar fire talked of hunting. "Once I hunted with lighted crabs," said an ex-consul. "It was in the desolate region of France called La Vendee. There is no hunting there but sea gulls (which the French adore to shoot) and rabbits. It was to get the rabbits that we used the crabs. We caught some dozens of small, lively fellows, fastened on their backs lighted candles and shoved them down into rabbit holes. The rabbits, scared to death by those strange moving lights, rushed forth frantically—guth into the very muzzles of our guns. This sounds rather frisky perhaps, but it is a Vendean custom as widespread as coon hunting in the south."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Grant and Sumner.
Concerning the reliability of things in print, it is recalled that Charles Sumner criticised General Grant savagely, and some time after some one was talking to Grant about Athens in New England and remarked, "Even Sumner does not believe in the Bible." "Why should he?" quietly replied Grant. "He didn't write it."

If you have no real estate you will not be at the landing of the Greater Walla Walla. See Classified columns. See the money makers in the Classified columns today.

RECORD OF BUILDING ACTIVITY UNPRECEDENTED IN HISTORY OF CITY

Reports From Contractors Indicate Still Greater Growth During Coming Months.

Walla Walla city and county real estate buildings, although never weak, are stronger today than ever before. Every indication points to a higher market before the year closes as many improvements are contemplated that will enhance the value all over the valley. Some idea of the real estate business can be obtained when the real estate transfers coming from the county auditor's office, amounting to a little more than \$85,000 for the first five days of this week.

With nearly five miles of paving passed upon by the city council to be built this year, with buildings amounting to \$60,000 to be constructed at Whitman college, with 75 miles of electric railway line to be built through the heart of the valley, and with thousands of dollars worth of improvements in buildings in the city, the season of 1909 in Walla Walla will be the most prosperous in her history. Never before has the outside world looked to Walla Walla with so much interest as this year.

Real estate firms are receiving dozens of letters in every mail inquiring about property in this valley while the publicity department of the Commercial club is getting them by the basketful. It is a well known fact that outside capital is coming in this valley to find investments and during the past month or six weeks, several hundred thousand dollars have been left in Walla Walla real estate. To the man who never stopped in Walla Walla before, the possibilities here appeal to him as the best in the country. This has been the report of scores of men this season. When the A.-Y.-P. fair opens and the people have visited the exposition, they will turn their attentions to finding homes. It will be then that real estate in the Inland Empire will become the most active. Home seekers and home builders from the east will come to the agricultural belts.

The large Blalock fruit ranch which is now the home of only a few people will be, when cut up in acre tracts with its unlimited supply of warm water for irrigation from flowing wells the home for several hundred people. Other large tracts are being cut up in acre tracts as rapidly as they can be sold into the hands of the right people.

This year is only a beginner; next year when the principal fruits of the work of the publicity department of the Commercial club will have been realized, the old timer who says "Property is too high now," will wake up some morning and find his "new comer" neighbor richer by several thousand dollars by having invested in the real estate that was "too high."

Walla Walla is making greater strides in manufacturing; it is becoming a place of no little activity in this line. Now and then a new plant is erected; the latest addition is the alfalfa feed meal plant which will increase the alfalfa crop not only in acreage, but will add more to the wealth of the valley. It will be the means of cheaper feed to the stock raiser as well as to the man with a small amount of stock. Not only is a new plant added now and then, but the present plants are each year increasing their capacities which shows that they are dividend paying investments. As has been said, "Walla Walla is not seeking the manufacturing plants that will not pay dividends."

The city park is a source of great pleasure and pride to the citizens of Walla Walla, a tract of land containing 40 acres and beautified by expert landscaping. It is one of the features of the Garden City that goes a great ways towards increasing city property.

To think that the amount of paving will be more than doubled in only one year, is a thought almost too big for even the most enthusiastic publicity man. When West Main street is paved to the O. R. & N. passenger station, and when the company parks around the station with grass, flowers and shrubbery, as has been promised by the railroad company, things will look different in the western part of the city. J. P. O'Brien, general manager of the O. R. & N., is expected here in a few days, and it is understood he will take up the matter of parking around the station and order the work done, but it will not be done until the city paves Main street to the station. This work has already been allowed by the council and bids have

been advertised for. As an evidence of the rapid growth of the city of Walla Walla which is yet a place of about 20,000, during the last year, it has raised by public subscription about \$400,000, completing a magnificent Y. M. C. A. structure. Of this \$400,000, more than \$20,000 has been pledged for the building of the Greater Whitman college.

With a bumper wheat crop staring the farmers in the face and at record breaking prices and with every promise for a big fruit and vegetable year at good prices, assures that 1909 will be the banner year for the people of Walla Walla and Walla Walla county.

Riley and the Scotchman.
Eugene Field was fond of relating the following story of James Whitcomb Riley: "To beguile the tediousness of the return voyage from Europe it was proposed to give a concert in the saloon of the ship, an entertainment to which all capable of amusing their fellow passengers should contribute. Mr. Riley was asked to recite some of his original poems, and of course he cheerfully agreed to do so. Among the number present at this midocean entertainment, over which the Rev. Myron Reed presided, were two Scotchmen, very worthy gentlemen, en route from the Land o' Cakes to the land of biscuits upon a tour of investigation. These twain shared the enthusiasm with which the auditors applauded Mr. Riley's charming recitations. They marveled that so versatile a genius could have lived in a land reputed for uncouthness and savagery. "Is it no wonderfu', Donald," remarked one of these Scots, "that a tradesman suid be sic a bonnie poet?" "And he is indeed a tradesman?" asked the one. "Indeed he is," answered the other. "Did ye no hear the dominie intrjue him as the Hoosier poet? Just think of it, mon—just think of sic a gude poet dividing his time making hoosery!"

Walla Walla real estate will make the wealthy people of the future.

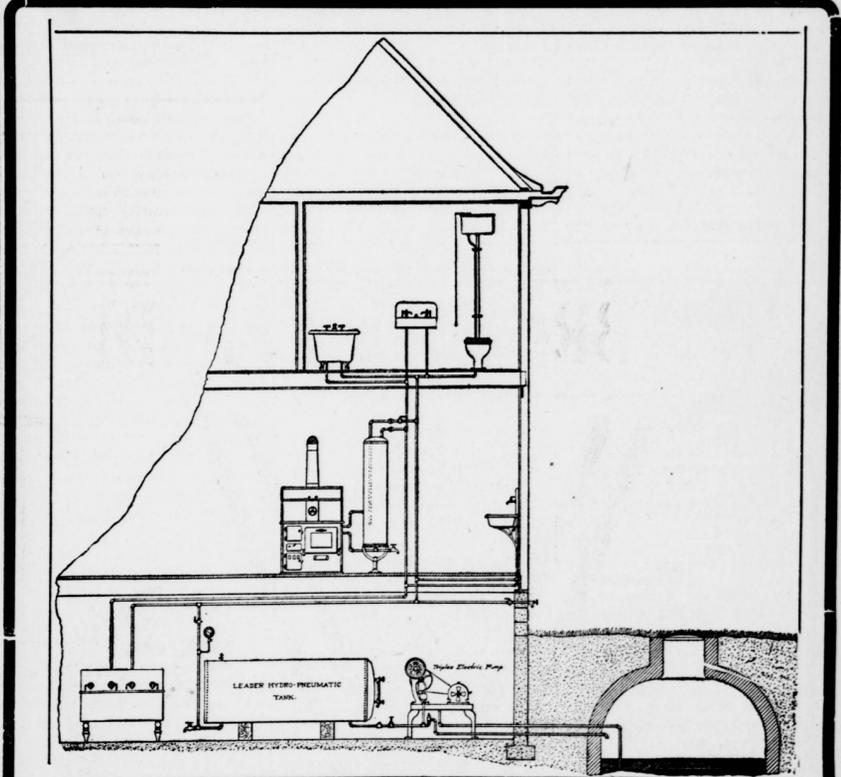
Latest Photograph Of Madame Helena Modjeska, The Famous Actress, Now Critically Ill



The latest photograph of Madame Helena Modjeska, the famous tragic actress, who is reported to be very ill at her home in Los Angeles, Cal.

Madame Modjeska's doctors and attendants are reported as having very little hope of her recovery. She is suffering with a serious heart trouble complicated with other ailments.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.		The Watertown addition to Missionary Society of Evangelical Assn., deed March 23, 1909, \$500, lot 1, blk. 7, Watertown addition.	
James D. Stewart to George W. Peffley, deed, Feb. 26, 1909, \$10, SW 1-4, S 1-2 SE 1-4, 4-8-33.	George W. Peffley et ux to James D. Stewart, deed, Feb. 26, 1909, \$5000, land in 21-7-36.	George E. Kellough et ux to Oscar Cain, deed, March 24, 1909, \$28600, NE 1-4 13-7-32, also land in sections 7 and 18 all in 7-33.	C. A. Mott et ux to Fanny Dantzschler, deed, March 19, 1909, \$2000 part of lot 12, block 2, Hoyer Grove Addition.
M. C. Moore & Sons to Grant Copeland, deed, July 11, 1906, \$1, lot 8, blk. 2, Langfords addition.	Lincoln Meador et ux to B. L. Archer, deed, March 11, 1909, \$1700, lot 4, blk. 6, Bryants addition.	Anna M. Walter to Frederick Schmidt, deed, March 25, 1909, \$1100, lot 13, block 1, Chase addition.	



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