

COMING REAL ESTATE ACTIVITY IN SPOKANE

That Spokane is on the eve of the most important real estate period of its history is vouched for by every prominent realty dealer in the city, and the air of suppressed excitement that pervades the offices where city property is bought and sold gives eloquent testimony of the sincerity of the assertion.

"No," said E. F. Graves, in speaking of the matter, "the real estate men do not look to any heavy industrial activity in forecasting the boom. Spokane is an accessible and logical center, whose radius would reach 300 miles of mines just into the timber regions just being opened and of fruit and wheat lands whose output is just beginning to come this way.

ALASKA OIL.

Illuminating oil carrying 70 per cent has been struck at Katala, Alaska, opposite Kayak Island. Clarence Cunningham of Wallace, who has just returned from the district and visited his brother here yesterday, brought a sample can of the oil with him and will proceed with its testing.

LABOR.

The stonemasons' union meets this evening at Central Labor hall. The electricians' union meets this evening in its room at Central Labor hall.

WINTER.

FLAMMARION, THE FAMOUS FRENCH ASTRONOMER, SAYS THIS WINTER WILL PROBABLY BE A TRIFLE TARDY, BUT MIGHTY COLD.

It is very long since we have had as severe a winter; the last, indeed, was that of 1895-96, when the mean temperature for December, January and March was below the freezing point. It is high time for real cold to return, and the winter now beginning promises to do its duty by us.

daughters and of a high degree of schooling for their children. "What move has already been made by the dealers?" was asked. "There are very few pieces of city property to be had, in the first place," was the reply. "Those who have purchased are holding on to them with a tenacity that causes despair to the man really wishing to buy. The holders of unimproved property here are nearly all wealthy men, who simply will not sell, their intentions being to improve the ground themselves and in a fashion to suit themselves."

Don't Forget the Hardware Man When Shopping for Christmas

Look over this list

- Flexible Filer Sleds
- Union Hardware Skates
- Striking Bags, Foot Balls
- Boxing Gloves
- Rifles, Jack Knives
- Safety Razors-Star and Gem
- Andirons and Fire Sets
- Chafing Dishes
- Five O'clock Tea Kettles
- Carving Sets
- "Rogers" Silver Ware

Holley, Mason, Marks & Co.

RAILROADS.

Train No. 3, westbound, on the Northern Pacific, due here yesterday at 10:45 p. m., did not arrive until 4 o'clock this morning.

Surveyors who are fixing the route for the proposed Alaska Central railway claim to have discovered the greatest hard coal field in the world.

Contracts are being let on the new branch which the Great Northern proposes to build from Curlew, Wash., to Midway, B. C. Most of the subcontracts are now let.

Contractor George S. Deits is building a brick addition to the Northern Pacific depot, which will probably be completed early in February. Its dimensions are 50x10 feet. The lunch counter will be removed from its present location in the waiting room and fitted up in the new building.

The statement is made by coal dealers that the Southern Pacific has decided to change from oil to coal on all of its coast branches now using oil. Orders for 30,000 tons a month have been placed for Caribou coal. It is said that oil burns and warps the locomotive boilers so that they leak.

The Baltimore & Ohio has completed the installation of block signals on the main line between Baltimore and Pittsburg. The signal stations are located at a uniform distance of 2000 feet apart in the thickly settled districts. This will greatly facilitate the movement of traffic, as the company will not only be able to handle more trains, but will be able to maintain faster schedules and make better time.

Portland, Ore.—The Northern Pacific will establish a grain port at some point on the north bank of the Columbia in opposition to Astoria. The Oregon Railway & Navigation company will run its grain trains to the mouth of the Columbia on the south bank and thence through Portland and the Puget sound cities will lose the export grain trade.

The wheat trains will be run through Portland without stopping. Common point freight rates will be extended to the new ports.

The officials of the railroad officials have not kept their intentions secret and engineers have for some time been engaged in making extensions of the system to the lower Columbia.

Local railway men are most interested in the general movement for an increase in wages among western railway employees.

Indications are that this movement is rapidly approaching a crisis, as representatives of four of the largest employees' organizations are in conference over the subject in Chicago.

The organizations represented are: Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, with a membership of 60,000; the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, with a membership of 47,000; the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, with a membership of 41,000; and the Order of Railway Conductors, with a membership of 22,000.

It is understood that an increase of 12 per cent has been decided upon by members of the committee. The employees of the roads which have voluntarily advanced the wages of their employees are not represented. The employees represented are mainly from those roads which have their terminals in St. Paul, Minneapolis, St. Louis, Kansas City, Indianapolis and Omaha. Among the roads thus interested include the Northern Pacific, Great Northern, Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, the Chicago & Northwestern, Wisconsin Central, Illinois Central and several others.

If the railroads do not make the required advances, a convention representing 200,000 men will be called for January 5 in St. Louis and a general federation of all railway employees formed.

NEW RATES.

Chicago.—In pursuance of the agreement reached last month a general restoration of freight rates, except those on packing house products and cattle, was put into effect today by the western lines. This action is probably the most important from a traffic standpoint taken by the western roads in years, and will have a marked effect on next year's revenues, provided it develops that the traffic can be maintained. It is estimated that this restoration of rates to the basis of January 1, 1902, will add fully 25 per cent to the revenues received in commodities affected, and fully 10 per cent to the aggregate gross revenues received by western roads.

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to sell farm property, so we must dispose of some of our city snaps.

Nine large lots, close to car line, good soil, not far from river; price, \$400.

Good eight-room house, full basement, three lots, on corner, bearing fruit, 2000 feet hothouses, including crop of lettuce worth \$300, close to car line; a nice home for retired farmer; greenhouses will bring an income of \$700 a year; price, \$2000; terms.

Four-room house, on car line, city water, nice lot on graded street, close to car; price, \$500.

Six-room modern house on Cannon hill, corner, 60x100, on car line, fine location; price, \$2200; terms.

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HOMES AT \$850 TO \$2200 are just the thing for you. Take your wife to look at them. She will be delighted with the prospect of owning one of them.

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20 LEVEL LOTS

NEAR CAR LINES, \$125 TO \$175 EACH.

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Palouse Land Co.

We have the best bargains and surest returns in Palouse lands that have been offered. Two miles north of Diamond, 160 to 640 acres, heavy black loam, well watered, easy terms, \$25 per acre.

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New five-room modern house, furnished; built for a home; close in; rents for \$351 price, \$2200; easy terms.

J. MONROE HEATON, 31-32 Jamieson Bldg.

3 1/2 to 10 acre tracts of good garden and fruit land, near car line; part cash, balance time.

4 acres, on Sprague st. car line; a bargain.

12 lots, 50x125, on Sprague ave., \$20 cash; part cash.

450 acres, join city, for \$7.50.

120 acres in southern Oregon, \$5 per acre.

HERKELRATH & SMILLIE, 818 Riverside Ave.

GET MARRIED

and buy this neat new, modern, up-to-date four-room cottage, with large attic, furnished complete, including gas stove, electric lights. Bring your trunk and \$800; balance \$25 per month, no interest.

RAY, BARETT & CO., 3 Post St.

STANDARD OIL DECLARES DIVIDEND.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Stockholders of the Standard Oil company today received Christmas presents in the shape of a \$10 dividend on each share of their holdings. This is \$2 a share in excess of the dividend declared at the time last year, but, on the other hand, the total amount of the company's dividends for this year falls slightly below the total for last year.

Professor T. Heney of Harrington is visiting in the city.

BISHOP WELLS' ANNIVERSARY.

Tuesday will be the tenth anniversary of the consecration of Right Rev. Dr. Wells to the office of bishop of this diocese of the Episcopal church, and the day will be set apart for services in his honor. Communion services will be held in All Saints' cathedral at 10 o'clock and in the evening a reception will be tendered Dr. and Mrs. Wells in the parish house.

C. W. Davey, a prominent mining man of Grand Forks, B. C., is in the city on business.

Gardner & Gardner, Real Estate and Insurance,

8 MARBLE BANK BUILDING. Tel. Red 4421.

L. K. MONFORT

322 FERNWELL BLK. Tel. Red 1786. Res. Tel. White 229. \$200—Fine corner and inside lot, Union Park; abstract furnished.

\$900—A block of five lots, all large lots, adjoining Cobain Park, on water main. Will sell the whole block or divide to suit you and give very easy terms.

\$1000—Good five-room house, corner and inside lot on graded street, at good terms.

I have some nice lots in Forest Park addition in block joining Monroe st. Fine location for a home. Come and see them.

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