

Construction of a fireproof community hotel, embodying the most modern features at a cost not to exceed \$600,000 exclusive of furnishings was approved last night by the hotel investigating committee after hearing the report of its finance committee regarding the feasibility of the project.

Organization of a community hotel corporation to handle the building was authorized.

According to the plans accepted last night from \$250,000 to \$300,000 will be raised in Yakima by the sale of stock, the remainder of the money to be secured through the sale of bonds. ...R.M. Hardy, chairman of the investigating committee said today: "If we are going ahead with this matter we want to be sure that it is going to be on a safe and sound basis. None of the members of the committee cares to be connected with a proposition, the stock of which would be worth only 75 to 80 cents on the dollar." Hardy appointed a committee consisting of Alex Miller, Ed McWilliams and James Loudon to conduct a thorough analysis of the situation. They are expected to make recommendations as to the size of a building which can be erected for \$600,000... Yakima Republic, Oct 27, 1900 1925.

Yakima City

Postmistress Loudon of Yakima City is having a new store and office building erected on Main street on the corner north of her present quarters.

The structure is a commodious one and will be christened with a dance--Yakima Herald, July 23, 1891.

Locations

The lumber yard of the St Paul & Tacoma L_umber company will be removed sometime during the present year to block 213 south of Yakima avenue.

The object of moving is to get more room. The new buildings to be erected on the new location will be large and spacious and the facilities of access in the new yards will be the very best. The property on which the yards are now located will be cut up into lots and sold for warehouse purposes-- The Yakima Herald, May 17, 1905.

Federal
building

The elevator in the federal building has been installed by the Otis Elevator company, the finishing touches having been put on yesterday afternoon. It was ready to be turned over to Postmaster W.L. McQuinn at 12 o'clock yesterday but he was not ready to receive it at that hour. Norris Kumler, son of B.F. Kumler, secretary of the school board, has been appointed temporary elevator conductor. The hours of service will be from 8 to 12 in the forenoon and from 1 to 5 in the afternoon. The Yakima Herald, January 16, 1913.

Buildings--Locations

Depending somewhat on the condition of the money market for their immediate fulfillment plans have been made for new buildings on the east side of North Second street between Yakima avenue and A street more nearly commensurate with the importance of that block as part of the central business district.

H.B. Doust, who owns a frontage of 25 feet north of the Miller building on Second street has tentative plans for a building of brick, stone or concrete but said today that the questions whether he would build when he would build, if he decided to build at all and the character of the building would depend largely on the condition of the money market.

E.C. Lum who has an office with Mr. Doust has closed a lease for two years on a vacant lot belonging to W.J. Aumiller on the east side of North Second street, north of the Valley Music company and this morning broke ground for the foundations of a temporary one-story office building on it--Yakima Republic, November 11, 1910.

Patrick Mullins will erect a building on the two lots at the corner of First and A streets and plans are to be made some time between now and spring. The result of the election in which the city voted for license hastened the erection of the building, Mullins said, although it was his intention to build at some time.

The building will cover the two lots making a frontage on First street of 100 feet and extending 150 feet on A street. How high the walls will go Mr. Mullins would not say. It will probably be several stories--Yakima Republic, Nov. 11, 1910.

Locations

Within a year North Yakima may have a new combined theater and hotel building of magnificent proportions on the corner of Second and A streets where the Yakima theater now stands according to a statement of John Cort, the well known theater magnate who arrived here yesterday from Seattle. He estimated it would cost \$250,000 and would be a six story structure and occupy space 125 by 140 feet. It is expected that Yakima people will subscribe liberally for the project.

Mr. Cort is accompanied by his wife and daughter and while here is a guest of his son, E.C. Cort who is manager of the local theater.

The elder Mr. Cort owns an apple ranch of 56 acres between Zillah and Granger which yielded him 10,000 boxes of apples this season...Yakima Republic, Dec. 9, 1910. 16, 1910.

Landmarks.. Clock

The new street clock which is being erected in front of his Yakima avenue store by Edward B. Leckey, the jeweler, will be novel in several respects and will be one of three of its kind on the Pacific coast.

The clock, which will contain a Howard movement will have four faces or dials and will be made available for night as well as day service by the use of eight large incandescent lamps which Mr. Leckey promises will be of greater brilliancy even than those in use on the street between Third and Fourth streets. The wrought iron standard for the dials was shipped in two sections and the total weight of the timepiece when complete will be something over four tons.

A novel feature of the instrument will be the visibility of its interior workings through plate glass doors in the pedestal. It is being installed by the same workmen who installed similar clocks on the coast.

Mr. Leckey said that he is not spending several thousand dollars for the timepiece for its good looks alone but he intends that the time which it displays will be absolutely correct--Yakima Republic, July 8, 1910.

Buildings-Locations
West Yakima avenue

For a little boom all its own the 200 block on West Yakima avenue just at the present time has a front seat in the car of progress.

No less than four business buildings are in course of erection there. One of them a double two-story concrete structure is about completed. Another is to be a three-story building with store room below and apartments in the two upper stories.

Work is being pushed on all of them and the street in that block is full of brick, lumber, mortar, masons and carpenters with a liberal ingredient of unskilled laborers.

On the north side of Yakima avenue at the east end of the block the Moffit building, two stories in height, is being finished. It includes two store rooms on the ground floor and apartments above. One store room will be occupied by the Moffit grocery.

Just south of the Moffit building L.J. McKinney, proprietor of the Rainier grocery is putting up a two-story frame building and when it is completed will move his store into one of the two ground floor rooms.

On the same side of the street, still further west, T.A. Davis is erecting a three story brick which will have a store room on the first floor and apartments in the upper stories.

G.C. Mitchell is putting up a one-story brick store building at 208 Yakima avenue on the south side of the street.-
Yakima Republic, Nov. 11, 1910.

Locations

An open air arena to seat more than 1,000 people will be erected by Fred Schaefer, proprietor of the Schaefer Sign Service on lots owned by W.W. Dooly at Walnut and South Second streets. While the completion of the structure will probably not be effected until next spring, the enclosure will be built immediately/

When done the stadium will serve as headquarters for a variety of attractions including carnivals, athletic sports, political meetings and open-air gatherings in general. It will be such an amusement resort as few cities of the northwest can boast.

Workmen are now engaged in cleaning the lots and erecting a 10-foot high sheetiron fence. It will enclose a space 100 by 120 feet. Seats in seven or eight tiers will be run from the inside to the height of the fence. Over these will be stretched cancas to ward off rain and sun. Movable platforms will be built so that almost any sort of attractions can be accommodated--The Yakima Republic, Sept. 23, 1910.

Locations

Historic buildings

Dan Hackett's shoe shop is moving again, This means another brick building for the city.

Whenever Dan Hackett's shoe shop leaves a site and takes a new one that abandoned is soon occupied by a brick structure. This is fact and history.

But a few years ago the little wooden building with its one room where Mr. Hackett piles his trade as a cordwainer, seated on his throne of leather, was the only business structure west of the tracks if those abutting the Northern Pacific right of way be excluded.

It occupied the site where the West Side saloon was erected and which has now become the headquarters of the street railway company. To make room for that building the shop was moved across Yakima avenue to the opposite corner from which it was ejected to make way for the Rio Grande. Then it moved further west and for a year was at rest until someone decided to erect the Savoy hotel when it moved again to Fifth and Yakima avenues. It has been there for a year but like the cork leg, "is up and at it again," this time moving south to the rear of that lot to make way for a brick building to be erected on the avenue corner.-- Yakima Herald, March 15, 1911.

Landmarks...Hops

The hop house on the old Shannon place north and west of town burned Wednesday night. This was the first hop house under the Sunny-side canal, east of Parker and was erected in 1892. The place had changed owners several times. The house was used for storage of apples and the renters were enabled to save only 400 boxes, a large number of boxes burning with the building-Granger News, Feb. 13, 1913.

Yakima
Construction

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The Yakima Republic, Oct. 30, 1924.

Commercial Hotel

Approximately \$35,000 are being expended at this time by Manager Hatchings of the Commercial hotel and John J. Miller, proprietor of the building, in repairs and alterations which will add the fourth and fifth floors to the hotel and increase the number of rooms to its accommodations to seventy or more rooms.

Announcement of the proposed alterations was made sometime ago in the Herald. The repairs have been well under way. One of the results is that the hotel people have been compelled to seek temporarily sample rooms elsewhere and have found more room in the Masonic Temple, permission for which was granted Friday. Yakima Herald, May 8, 1912.

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Construction--Concrete

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Johnson Hotel

When the improvements under way and those contemplated by Mr. and Mrs. N.S. Johnson of the Yakima are completed that will be the finest hotel in Central Washington.

The large waiting room is now being remodeled. The four small double windows that formerly gave light to this room have been replaced by four large plate glass openings that now reach to the floor.

The entrance doors will be new and the whole interior will be repapered and repainted. A large tile fire place with a beautiful mantle will take up space in the east wall and instead of an ungainly stove an open grate will shed cheer and warmth throughout the room.

Plans are now being drawn for a 100-foot addition to the rear of the building. This new structure will take the place of the sheds of various kind that now blight the rear of the place, extending from Third street along the alley adjoining the west wing to the rear. The room now occupied as a bar will be extended back about 30 feet and the floor of the court will be left in the center and centered. There will be a basement the full length of the new addition. When all the improvements are completed the whole building will be painted a slate color.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have just purchased a lot from Senator Baker fronting on Third street in the block extending from the alley to Chestnut street. They formerly owned 9 of these lots. The new purchase will give them possession of the whole frontage in the block from Yakima avenue to Chestnut street. Their intention is to erect some small cottages for the accommodations of guests who come here to stay with them a definite period for health or recreation. -The Yakima Herald, April 15, 1902.

The town clock received from east and installed in the clock tower
of Larson's theater. Placed and regulated by D.N. Keene, May 12, 1900.

Work on the Kershaw & Taft block on Yakima avenue has begun and dirt will fly on the Schlodtfeldt building, two doors east of the above-named block in the cvery near future. 10-4-94

Two dwelling houses in a knocked down condition were received at Yakima from Tacoma this week. They were consigned to J.A. Stone and will immediately be put in a habitable shape. *April 18, 1889*

Without a word of warning or the preliminary telegraphic ding-dong with which some towns herald the erection of a brick building, Messrs L.S. Howlett and J.H. Thomas on Tuesday contracted for 120,000 bricks and the same day broke ground for a two story brick building to be put up on the southeast corner of Chestnut and Second streets. The ground dimensions of the building will be 25 by 80 feet and it will be of attractive architectural design with plate glass front. The upper story is intended for the use of the U.S. land office and ground floor for a store room. *Herald Feb 14-1889*