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BUILDING BOOM TAKES SPURT

NOTICEABLE ACTIVITY IN BUTTE'S REAL ESTATE CIRCLES DURING THE PAST WEEK—NEW STRUCTURES GOING UP IN MOST ENCOURAGING MANNER.

Building operations and real estate transactions in Butte took a spurt last week that brought the boom in those lines to its old-time form. More building permits were issued by Building Inspector Charles Lane than for several weeks previous, and important announcements were made regarding the erection of several more prominent structures.

An important feature of news in building circles was the statement that working plans for the new seven-story structure that is to house the State Savings bank are expected to arrive tomorrow, and no time will be lost in tearing down the bank's present building, Park and Main, to make way for the new building. It will be pleasing to West Park street merchants to learn that the sidewalks on the east and north sides of the building are not to be obstructed during the building operations, and the walks will be roofed over so that traffic will not be impeded.

Making Good Progress.

Splendid progress is being made in the erection of new structures in different parts of the city. Handsome new residences are springing up as if by magic, and little time is being lost in the construction of new business buildings. The framework of the sixth story of the splendid Symons building on West Park is being built, and some idea can be had of what an imposing structure it will be when completed.

Excavations for the new Wetzstein building on West Park, and the King building on West Broadway, have almost been completed.

The foundation work for the Silver Bow club's new home, Granite and Alaska streets, is well under way. Big iron beams figure prominently in the foundation of the proposed clubhouse, insuring one of the most securely built structures in the northwest.

New Buildings.

One of the important building permits issued last week by Inspector Lane was that granting Architect George DeSnell permission to erect a three-story brick building two doors west of Renshaw hall, on Park street. The building will be owned by Frank Beck. It will contain sixteen rooms, and have a splendid basement. The first floor will be used for store purposes. The building will cost $16,000. The site of the proposed building was formerly occupied by a one-story frame shack, and its demolition is in accordance with the determination of Butte property owners to make the great copper city one of the most beautiful in the west.

Other Permits.

W. O. Hess was granted permission to erect a dwelling at 1233 West Granite.

Charles W. Palmer was given permission to move the old Baptist church building, Montana and Broadway, to make room for the handsome new $20,000 church edifice.

Grover McDonald obtained permission to build a five-room brick-veneer residence in the Donahue addition, to cost $3,000.

C. M. Prentis was given permission to build a fifteen-room brick-veneer building on the northeast corner of Copper and Montana streets, to cost $7,000.

Passmore & Co. also were given permission to erect a four-room brick-veneer residence in the Hope addition, to cost $1,200.

Joseph Grenon was given permission to build a twelve-room dwelling at 151 West Aluminum street, to cost $4,000.

R. Mattock was given permission to build a four-room frame residence at 613 South Colorado street, to cost $1,500.

Remodeling Them.

Under direction of Architect George DeSnell, of the firm of Passmore & Co., work was begun last week in clearing away the interior ruins of the Butte Annex and Southern hotel buildings caused recently by the settling of a defective party wall. The new party wall to be put up will be as secure as expert architectural skill and competent workmanship can make it. The exteriors of the buildings were not damaged, but their interiors were badly wrecked. The structures will be remodeled and made more up-to-date than ever.

Property Transfers.

Among the interesting sales made last week were the following:

J. F. Hughes, acting for J. M. Beebe, of Missoula, to Judge J. B. McClernan, the lots on the northeast corner of Excelsior and West Mercury streets; consideration $2,500. Judge McClernan is said to contemplate the erection of a handsome brick residence there to cost about $10,000.

John M. Barber to Dr. H. M. Hall, the residence at 771 West Broadway, $3,500.

Passmore & Co. to Thomas F. Stephens, forty-foot lot on West Mercury street; $1,000.

J. B. Halford, of Boulder, has purchased the flat at 442 South Wyoming street formerly the property of Michael Jennings; $5,000.

Mrs. Maggie Shipley to Reynolds & McDowell, four compartment flat on the southeast corner of Nevada and Platinum streets; $5,000.

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