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The first snow arrived on time as usual.

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But anyway the days will commence to lengthen within a month.

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Never let it again be said that Portland is not a manufacturing city and does not cater to smoke stack and other things industrial.

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Seriously though, did you ever stop to consider what Portland really would be today, commercially, industrially and financially, had she been a part of Canada, rather than the Northeastern tip of the Union.

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That was a generous and public spirited tender of Luther B. Roberts to give outright a splendid \$10,000 land sight providing the Board of Trade secured a suitable manufacturing industry to be installed thereon. The property is well located in the suburbs of Portland, with ample spur track facilities, and should indeed prove a big incentive to some shoe factory or similar proposition seeking a new location in one of the largest shoe states in the Union.

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Despite the census report, Portland is forging ahead in great shape and at the last meeting of the Board of Trade it was announced by a large manufacturer at Deering Junction, that at least one hundred new tenements should be provided in that immediate vicinity at once, to properly house the present employes in the several establishments at that point and the additional ones who will shortly be installed in other plants now in source of construction. Get busy Mr. Investor.

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Now that Portland is going to consider a change in form of the city government it might be advisable for the committee having the matter in charge, to embody in their recommendations some of the methods in vogue in Germany.

It is conceded that German cities are the best governed in the world. How far apart the ideas of Germans and Americans on the subject of city government are may be seen from reading an advertisement which lately appeared in a number of German papers:

The place of mayor of Magdeburg is vacant. The salary is 21,000 marks (\$5,250) a year, including the rental of a dwelling in the city hall. Besides his salary the incumbent will receive 4,000 marks (\$1,000) for his official ex-

News Notes About Portland

Excellent progress in the construction of the City hall, Masonic building, the new Chase house on Congress near Temple street and the Pythian temple on Cumberland avenue near Preble street is being made.

The schedule of sailings of both the Allan and Thomson Lines of steamers to European ports, were recently given out, the former for the entire winter season, and the later for the month of December. The Thomson Line will maintain a weekly service from Portland to London during December and there will also be out sailing of the steamer Tortona from Portland to Naples, Italy.

The Manxman will be the first liner of the service to reach this port for she will sail from Avonmouth on Saturday, Nov. 19, and will leave here on the return trip with a Christmas cargo on Dec. 8. According to the schedule made public the Manxman will be the last steamship of the service to leave here for she will sail from Portland on her last trip April 13.

Besides having a weekly service between this port and Liverpool the Dominion Line will have a bi-weekly service between Portland and Bristol and Avonmouth England, and the schedule of sailings for this service has been announced at the local office of the Dominion Line. The schedule shows that there will be ten sailings from this port to Bristol and Avonmouth and that the liners to be used in the service are the Manxman, the Englishman and the Turcoman.

Mr. Carl Rust Parker, who for the past nine years has been connected with Olmstead Brothers of Brookline, Mass., the famous landscape architects, has opened an office in the Fidelity Building, Portland. Mr. Parker has during the past few years been in charge of much of the outside work done by the Olmsteads, both private and public, and consequently is in a position to guarantee patrons the very best service at a minimum cost. Mr. Parker offers his services to private individuals, land companies, park and cemetery commissions, and civic societies, wherever located. He is prepared to give his attention not only to large work, but to the smallest problem requiring the services of a landscape architect, basing his charges entirely on the amount of work undertaken.

Another large apartment house will soon be added to the many that have been built in Portland during the past few years. Ground has been broken on the large lot opposite the Lafayette Hotel, at the corner of Congress and Park streets, on the Marshall lot, so called. The building will be six stories in height and will cover a surface of 10,924 square feet. It will have a frontage of 89 feet on Congress street, with a depth of 111½ feet, and will have accommodations on the first or ground floor for six large stores, two of them facing Park street. It is planned to rush the building to completion as early as possible.

The work of demolishing the buildings on the site of the proposed new building to be erected on Forest avenue by the New England Telephone & Telegraph Co. has been

completed. The new building will be a model of its kind, and when completed will eclipse anything in the way of an up-to-date telephone exchange and division and district headquarters thus far erected by the company. Each building exceeds in completeness and type any previously built, in order that the business of the company may be conducted with the greatest facility and the public given the best service. This thought has been kept in mind in the plans for the building to be put up on Forest avenue, and the architectural design and the character of the equipment will bear this out even to the finest details. Portland being the location of the division and district offices of the company, as suggested the new building will include offices for the officials of these departments, as well as extensive provision for the toll and city telephone service. The floor dimensions will be approximately 90x100 feet, and the building will be four stories in height. On the street floor will be the big terminal room, where all the cables from the underground conduits will come in.

THE LOCAL EXCHANGE

The second floor will be given up to the local telephone exchange, which will serve upward of 8,300 and more subscribers, and allow for prospective increases in the number of telephones, based on the growth of the city and the service in past years. It is interesting to note that the company in figuring on future business and providing for the same gives no place to guess work, but estimates accurately, and in this particular shows the precision with which its business is managed and plans for the future development of its districts planned for. The growth in the number of telephones used in the city and the district which the Portland exchange serves shows that the telephone is no longer a luxury, but a necessity. January 1, 1900, the number of telephones used in the city was 1,462. The same date five years later this has jumped to 3,459, and on January 1, 1910, to 7,897. The number of telephones in use at the present time, ten months later, is given as approximately 8,308. It can be seen that to provide for possible increases in the number of telephone subscribers, and to give all the best service the company has no light task on his hands. This cannot be done in any hit or miss estimating, but must be determined with the greatest possible accuracy. It is this accurate figuring which is involved in the plans for the new building, not alone as regards the local business, which is increasing, but the toll business as well, while the division and district offices must be taken into consideration in providing amply for space for the business administration of these departments. The fourth floor will be given up to the toll operating room, and to a school for the training of operators. The third floor will include retiring and locker rooms for employees. The company will conduct a business office and salesroom on Congress street, after moving from its present quarters on Exchange street to the new building, this down-town office being planned for the accommodation of patrons. Ample provision will be made for conducting business with the greatest facility for the company and its patrons.