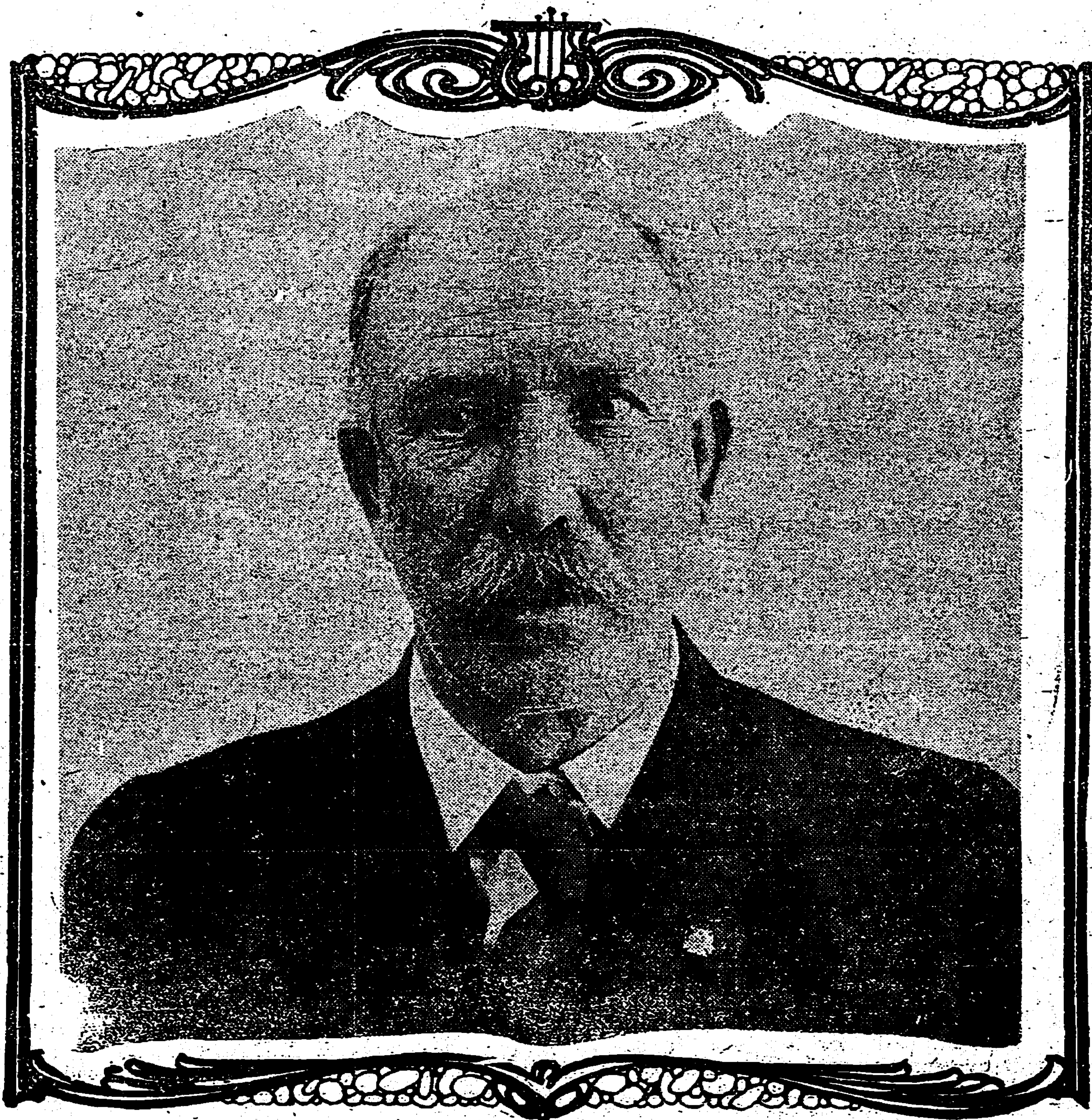


T. RYAN & CO., PIONEER BUILDERS

Senior Member of Firm of Street and Building Contractors Has Been in Business in Seattle Twenty-Eight Years—Served as County and City Official—Some of the Important Work Done



TIMOTHY RYAN

OF all the large contracting and building firms in Seattle, none is better known than T. Ryan & Co., general builders and street constructors. Some of the best examples of high-class construction work in Seattle are found in contracts performed by this firm. Ability to do what it contracts to do and the performance of that agreement in specified time, are some of the elements that have brought success in business to T. Ryan & Co.

The senior member of the firm, Mr. Timothy Ryan, is one of Seattle's staunchest and best known citizens. He has been in business in this city since 1881, a period of twenty-eight years, and therefore may be classed as one of the Queen City's pioneer builders.

Mr. Ryan started in the street grading business under the firm name of Branigan & Ryan, grading Denny Way, then Division Street. He continued in that vocation, adding much to the beauty and importance of the city until he was elected a city councilman from the Third Ward. As a councilman Mr. Ryan was one of the men who started to make the Third Ward what it is today. He was always found ready to vote in the interests of Seattle

in any public improvement that would advance this city. As such he was a valued city official.

A County Official.

Later on Mr. Ryan became a member of the Board of County Commissioners of King County and in that official capacity worked with the same degree of efficiency for the county as he did for the city.

For a considerable time Mr. Ryan was a street commissioner in Seattle and as such did much in laying out and improving the thoroughfares of the city.

When he gave up his official positions, Mr. Ryan reentered the street and building business, and from the start was identified with some of the most important of the building construction in the city.

Some of the best known examples of his building operations are at the Puget Sound Navy Yard at Bremerton. On the government property there he constructed the boat shop, the joiner shop, the store house and two sea walls, all of which reflect credit on the builders and which gave eminent satisfaction to the federal authorities. To do anything for Uncle Sam that work must be performed properly. That Ryan & Co. did their work according to contract and to the satisfaction of government officials, is well known, for future contracts followed.

Another government contract obtained by Mr. Ryan is the construction of eight

magazine buildings at Ostrich Bay, near Bremerton. These buildings are not yet completed, but work is being rushed with the greatest possible haste.

Seattle Buildings.

Some of the most notable buildings constructed by Ryan & Co. in Seattle are the J. M. Frink warehouse, the E. E. Caine Building, the Crane Building and the Hambach Buildings.

The firm at this time is engaged in the construction of the new buildings for the packing plant of Armour & Co., at Third Avenue South and Washington Street.

For the past few years the firm of T. Ryan & Co. has been active in addition to its many street grading contracts, in the building of cement sidewalks and miles of the best walks in Seattle today were constructed by this firm under the personal direction of Mr. Ryan. The construction of buildings is superintended by Mr. Matt Branigan, to whom much credit must be given. The Branigan & Smith Building and the Gill & Gill Building are some of the structures put up several years ago by this firm.

In street improvement work Mr. Ryan is one of the best liked men who does business at the city hall. He is regarded as especially prompt in fulfilling all contracts and city officials would have little trouble with contractors if all were as careful to live up to every provision of their contracts as is Mr. Ryan.