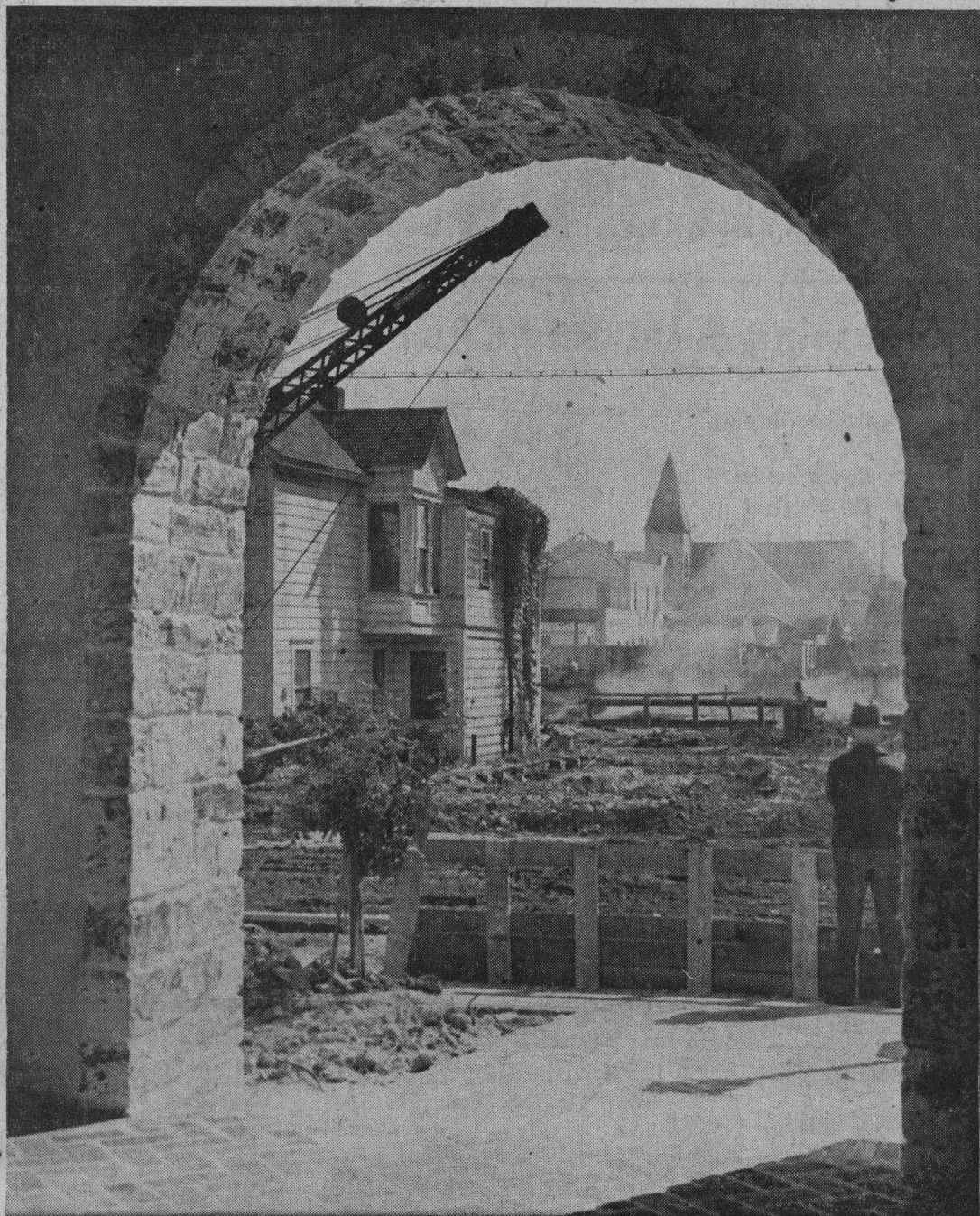


Santa Cruz Yesterdays



OLD HOMES GAVE WAY TO AUDITORIUM

(From the Preston Sawyer Collection)

An arched entry to the new city hall made a frame for the photographer's shot of activities clearing ground for the municipal auditorium in 1938.

The wreckers had already cleared away a house which stood on part of the present parking lot at the auditorium.

Under attack was a two-story residence which the city had just bought from E. F. Varozza, which had been built about 68 years before by Alfred J. Hinds.

Zaro Estate Is Valued At \$215,136

The Theresa E. Zaro estate is valued at \$215,136.19 in the certificate of the inheritance tax appraiser filed late last week in the superior court.

The estate includes \$3486.29 in cash, \$1150 in real property, \$62.40 and \$206,200 in jointly held property, \$2430 in tangible personal property and \$1740 in other property.

Presbyterian Church Receives Money From Estate

The trustees of the First Presbyterian church of Santa Cruz filed a receipt in the superior court here Friday afternoon showing they

The building had not always been two stories high. When Hinds, son of the Rev. T. W. Hinds, built it for his bride, the former Sarah Lee Howe, it was a modest one story cottage.

Father Early Minister

Rev. T. W. Hinds was pastor of the Congregational church when it was organized in 1851, the year he arrived in Santa Cruz. His son, born in Iowa, was long a real estate and insurance broker in Santa Cruz, combining those activities for a time with a music store.

Hinds, the son, did not live long in the Church street cottage. He moved to Locust street, on the hill, and later built the imposing two-story home on the flat, which still stands on Chestnut street facing Church street.

The cottage of about 1870 was raised and another story added under it by Michael Varozza, who bought it in the 1880s.

Christian Hoffman Place

Adjacent to the old Hinds house, on the east, also razed to make way for the auditorium, stood the square-fronted Christian Hoffman house which had earlier been the home of Charles Bern, whose widow married Hoffman in 1900.

In the background are three of the four buildings on Walnut avenue either razed or moved last year to clear the area for the forthcoming telephone building.

Looming in the far distance is the familiar outline of First Congregational church, a proud landmark since its erection in 1890.

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