

SPLENDID GROWTH FOR SIX MONTHS

Portland Makes Marvelous Showing During First Half of 1907.

SETS PACE FOR THE NATION

All Records for Increased Prosperity Broken—Competitors Left Far Behind—Every Index Indicates Continued Progress.

The half of the calendar year 1907 that ended yesterday, for Portland was a six months not only of continued prosperity, but of rapid strides forward, even in advance of the marvelous showing that was made last year. According to every criterion by which the progress of a city may be judged, Portland during the past six months of 1907 has set a new standard in commercial and industrial life, and it is already certain that statistical figures for the entire year will break all records.

The present era of development really commenced with the Lewis and Clark Exposition, and since that time a new spirit and greater progress in Portland. When the fair closed the more pessimistic expected to see a retrograde movement, but the result was far different. Instead of going backward, the city advanced along all lines with a rush that surprised her own citizens and soon attracted attention from all parts of the country. When the year closed records had been made which the most confident had not expected to reach and the city's position as a place of metropolitan importance was firmly established.

Cease to Cause Remark.

Although figures may be dry they convey a world of eloquent truth to Portlanders. Just now, so accustomed have citizens become to seeing this city at the head of the procession that new records and figures surpassing those of other cities have become accepted as a matter of course. But they show that Portland is forging ahead faster than any other city in the United States, and in fact that the East towards this city is more general than ever before.

Probably no single item that can be cited shows better the progress of Portland than the building activity. Month by month and year by year the value of new improvements has been going higher and higher. With the large amount of work being done in this way many have feared that the city would overbuild, but the population and business of the Rose City has increased even faster than the improvements and the building movement has by no means run its course, but is constantly growing.

In 1900 building permits issued in Portland amounted to less than \$3,000,000. In 1906 they were a little more than \$4,000,000. Last year there were 3,207 permits issued, with an aggregate valuation of \$6,247,971. But this showing is to be completely eclipsed during the present year. Already the permits have reached a total of \$6,830,011, or an average of almost \$1,000,000 a month.

The building activity is changing the entire appearance of Portland. Where there were mere shacks a few years ago there are now standing modern steel business blocks and the few remaining landmarks of the early days are fast fading from the business district. The building progress by months for the first half of 1907 as compared with the first half of last year is shown in the following table:

Progress in Building.

Month	1906	1907
January	\$202,021	\$1,818,845
February	\$404,042	\$3,637,690
March	\$606,063	\$5,456,535
April	\$808,084	\$7,275,380
May	\$1,010,105	\$9,094,225
June	\$1,212,126	\$10,913,070
Total	\$3,190,507	\$55,823,011

In the real estate world the progress has been just as rapid. Deals involving \$1,000,000 each are more plentiful than those of \$10,000 were a few years ago, and transactions of a half-million or more are of comparatively frequent occurrence. Of course the total volume of sales is not shown in the official records by any means, for many of the large transactions are entered at nominal considerations, but averages go about the same from year to year and these records are therefore a reliable basis of business.

From sales amounting to \$13,000,000 in 1900 and \$7,000,000 in 1903, business last year jumped to an aggregate of more than \$24,000,000. But this showing will be surpassed by more plentiful sales of \$10,000,000 during 1907. The first half of the year has already reached nearly the \$10,000,000 mark, as is shown by the following table:

Real Estate Sales.

Month	1906	1907
January	\$1,254,800	\$2,341,880
February	\$1,673,067	\$3,122,510
March	\$2,091,334	\$3,903,140
April	\$2,509,601	\$4,683,770
May	\$2,927,868	\$5,464,400
June	\$3,346,135	\$6,244,930
Total	\$11,823,005	\$23,765,730

In bank clearings the six months just passed have shown an average gain of 49.9 per cent over the clearings of last year. Such a record for so long a time in one of which the city may well be proud. This figure was not reached at the same time by any other city in the country and for weeks at a time Portland stood at the head of the list without even a close rival.

The total bank clearings for the past six months amount to \$181,878,373. For the corresponding period last year they were \$122,485,184. This great gain resulted without any padding of figures or stopping to any of the fictitious methods employed in some cities. It is

simply a clear gain brought about by the greatly augmented commerce of Portland.

The Portland postoffice has sold more stamps each month for two years past than it did the corresponding month of the year before, with only two exceptions. These exceptions were July and August of last year, which correspond with months during the Exposition, when practically all of the people remained in the city. For the month just ended the business of the postoffice has shown a gain of about 12 per cent, although the exact figures are not yet available.

And so it goes in any line that may be taken up. The jobbing trade of Portland for the last six months has been making great gains and the city is more firmly established than ever as the wholesale center of the Pacific Northwest. The shipping, too, is well in advance of the port's business in the past. In every particular 1907 will be the banner year for Portland—until 1908—for the Rose City is not enjoying a boom, but a substantial growth, whose future holds even more of encouragement and promise than the past.

GOOD PROSPECT OF PEACE

Small Conflict of Settling Operators' Strike Within Week.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 29.—President Small of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union, said tonight:

"The prospects are bright for an adjustment of the trouble between the Western Union and Postal Telegraph Companies and their telegraphers. I am firm in the opinion that the whole affair will be adjusted before another week rolls around."

OFFICERS OF THE WILLAMETTE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

At the meeting of the Willamette Baptist Association held at the Calvary Baptist Church, East Side, Rev. John Bentzien was elected moderator, and Rev. George A. Learns, clerk for the ensuing year. Rev. Bentzien is city missionary, which position he has held for the past two years with much success, a number of new Baptist churches have been organized through his efforts. Rev. Mr. Learns is pastor of the Solloway Baptist Church. Many important matters will come up at the coming year, which will be under their management, including the raising of \$2000 for missionary purposes and the campaign for aiding the \$100,000 new dormitory at McMinnville College, to which Portland is expected to contribute largely.

NEILL CONFERS WITH OPERATORS

NEW YORK, June 29.—Labor Commissioner Neill today conferred with operators from Washington this morning, and this afternoon held a two-hour conference with members of the executive committee of the Telegraphers' Union. After the conference Deputy President Koenenlump stated that both the National and local situation were dispiritedly worn out and discouraged. "The length the matter had been gone into. This evening the headquarters of the union were deserted."

OPERATORS ALL WORN OUT

Operators Say Conditions Bad With Companies at San Francisco. "The eighth day of the telegraphers' strike at San Francisco is still perfectly satisfactory to us," said one of the officials of the local union today.

"Last night I was informed on good authority that the conditions at San Francisco with the two telegraph companies are worse instead of better, and that the two officials of the Postal Company who went South, Manager Dunne, from Seattle, and Chief Operator Durkee, from Portland, are completely worn out and discouraged. We know it to be an absolute fact that business is being received at San Francisco as much as three days' old, in fact some messages are being received in Portland from one to two days old."

"We are told that the Western Union office at West Oakland has more Pinkerton detectives in it than operators. Why the public will stand for detectives scrutinizing their business, in fact why the public does not, under present conditions, use the mails and save money and get just as good results, is more than we can understand."

"The report from Chicago that the Pinkerton detectives in the office had been discharged on a trivial pretext is true, and we fear may possibly lead to serious results in Chicago. We hope, in hopes, however, that this matter will be adjusted without a strike, as we believe President Small is causing the telegraph companies enough trouble at San Francisco, and that they will be compelled to yield before long."

"The Commercial Telegraphers' Union of America is solidly organized, has sufficient funds to handle the situation and has sufficient reasons for carrying on a war against both telegraph companies. And it is going to be a fight to the finish. With us it is a case of now or never."

DECIDE ALL CASES FRIDAY

Argument on San Francisco Graft Indictments Is Finished.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 29.—Arguments on motions to set aside indictments were concluded late this afternoon in behalf of President Calhoun, General Manager Mallaly, Chief Counsel Ford and Assistant Counsel Abbott of the United Railroads, and by the leading jury of bribing members of the Board of Supervisors.

The motions in these and the cases against Louis Glass, Eugene Desaba, John Martin, Frank Drum, Mayor Schmitz and Ruef now stand submitted and a blanket decision as to the setting aside of the indictments may be expected next Friday.

LOUIS M. BUFORD, Mining Engineer.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., June 29.—Louis M. Buford, a mining engineer of Mexico, and father of Charles Buford, a director of the Mexican Central Railroad, died in a parlor car of the Bay State Limited Express for Boston today. Mr. Buford landed in New York from the steamer Galveston last night, accompanied by his sister, Mrs. Ebeon.

FIREBOAT MANNED BY LANDLUBBERS

Engineer Brazeze Charges That No Discipline Is Maintained on the Fire-Fighter.

HE RESIGNS HIS POSITION

Says Men Supposed to Be in Authority Have No Real Control. Feared for License if Not for His Life.

A. L. Brazeze, chief engineer of the freight boat George H. Williams, tendered his resignation to Fire Chief Campbell yesterday, declaring that the state of discipline or lack of discipline aboard the boat has become such that it is no longer safe to remain there. According to Brazeze, incompetency of the rank and file is the chief cause of the trouble.

AGITATE FOR GENERAL STRIKE

PARIS, June 29.—The general committee of the General Federation of Labor is preparing to hasten the adjournment of Parliament, which is now placed for July 7. This means shelving till next session the income tax bill, the vote on which opens Monday, and other measures like the workmen's pension bill and the purchase of the Western Railroad, inscribed on the Cabinet's programme when it assumed power.

WAR ON NEW YORK FILTH

Health Department Attacks Work Left by Garbage Strikers.

NEW YORK, June 29.—An attempt to settle the strike of garbage collectors by arbitration failed tonight. By action of the city's health department the men who have failed to report for five days are no longer in the employ of the city. The Health Department took heroic measures today to clear the streets of the piles of filth and garbage which have accumulated. There were a number of clashes between the strikers and strikebreakers during the day, many of which, however, assumed serious proportions.

Conditions in some parts of the congested district may be imagined when the piles near the streets impassable. Several rats, who have visited the districts where conditions are worst, say that a great deal of sickness and many deaths must necessarily follow as a consequence of this disastrous strike.

It is a curious fact that the people whose health and very lives are menaced by the prevailing conditions, yesterday aided the strikers in an attempt to drive away workmen who had been sent to remove the garbage. Dr. Bessel called for and is receiving ample police protection.

OPPOSE SECRET MEETING

Miners Say No Use, as Pinkertons Attend Anyway.

DENVER, June 29.—The list of acting President C. E. Mahoney's reports, which includes the matter of whether or not the Western Federation of Miners shall continue to affiliate with the Industrial Workers of the World, was temporarily sidetracked in the Federation convention today at pending motions in regard to it were referred to a special committee. After an hour's discussion it was decided to hold a session of the convention tomorrow.

The ritual was then taken up, the proposition for the unions to hold open meetings being the principal topic of discussion. Joseph Cannon, of Blake, Ariz., claimed that if the unions and the Federation had always held open meetings, "there would now be no trial going on at Boise, Idaho."

He said that Pinkerton detectives attended all the meetings, and in order to hold their jobs, they made false reports. The entire afternoon session of the convention was consumed in considering that part of the Cannon report which refers to an attack made on the miners' magazine and its editor, John M. O'Neill. During the discussion some of the members of the committee on the executive board of the Federation for supporting the course of the magazine and its promulgation of Socialism.

STREETCAR RIOTERS IN COURT

Nine Men Indicted for Throwing Bricks at Cars.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 29.—The nine men indicted by the grand jury for throwing bricks at streetcars and for attacking a car near Sutter street, yesterday were brought into court today. In the absence of Judge Cook, who is out of the city, Judge Gaddis, of Yolo county, postponed his case until July 3, when the men will be arraigned.

One of the prisoners wept bitterly during the brief proceedings in court. The men were brought in handcuffed. The opportunity to get another position coming yesterday, I notified Chief Campbell, who said that unless I gave five days' notice, my pay for five days back would be withheld, under a provision of the city charter. As I was not willing to stay, he kept \$20.85 out of my pay check. As there is another engineer to take my place, I hardly think this was fair. However, this is the smallest part of my grievances. It is the lack of discipline I object to and if that is the result of civil service rules, then the rules must be broken at least in the way they are carried out."

Brazeze leaves today for Lewiston, where he will take a job as engineer of the Government's tugboat.

SEEK TO CORRECT ABUSES

Wine-Fraud Bill Passed by Senate Promulgated.

PARIS, June 29.—The government today promulgated the wine-fraud bill, which was passed by the Senate last evening, and is designed to correct a number of things complained of by the discontented winegrowers of the South of France. The bill, it is hoped, will go a long way toward removing the feeling of discontent in the recently disturbed district.

The new measure requires, among other things, that all winegrowers make an annual declaration to the Mayor of their commune of the acreage cultivated and total quantity of wine produced and in stock, and whether it is intended for sale or otherwise, the government being of the opinion that when in possession of this information it will be in a position to keep track of the wine from the growers to the dealers, thus preventing watering or adulteration.

3-Day Rocker Special

Another shipment of those splendid Rockers, received last week, enables us to renew our special offer of a month ago. They are regular \$6.50 and \$7.50 values; you'll only need to see them to realize that. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday they will be placed on special sale at only \$3.85

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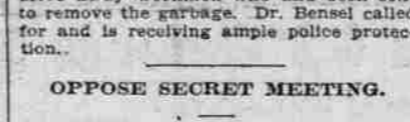
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