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 presperity, but of rapid strides for-ward, even in alvance 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 first six months of 1907 has set a new standard in com-mercial and industrial life, and it is already certain that statistical figures for the entire year will break all

The present era of development real ly commenced with the Lewis and Clark Exposition year. With 1905 came 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 posi-

expected to reach and the city's position as a place of metropolitan importance was firmly established.

That the years 1305 and 1906 were simply stepping stones to a far larger development is evidenced by the conditions when prevail now when half of 1907 has gone by. Wherever one may turn in Fortland he beholds substantial evidence of this greater progress. tial evidence of this greater progress and evidence no less convincing is to be found in the official records of the

municipality.

Building permits and real estate transfers have advanced by leaps and bounds. Stamp sales of the local postoffice have greatly exceeded the busness done during any equal time in the past. Bank clearings add to the evidence of progress, for in its gains in this particular Portland has led the entire country. The wholesale and reentire country. The wholesale and re-tail business, the shipping of the port and a dozen other factors make up a total which for substantial and rapid progress probably has few equals in the history of the country.

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 sceing this city at the head of the procession that new records and figures surpassing those of other cities have come to be accepted as a matter of course. But they show that Portland is forging ahead faster than any other city in the United States, and the attention of the East towards this city is more

the East towards this city is more general than ever before. Probably no single item that can be cited shows better the progress of Port-land than the expenditures for the building of homes and business blocks. Month by month and year by year the value of by month and year by your the value of new improvements has been going higher and higher. With the large amount that has been paid out 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 move-ment has by no means run its course, but is constantly growing.

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In 1900 building permits issued in Portland amounted to less than \$1,000,000. In 1905 they were a little more than \$4,000,000.

Last year there were \$.207 permits issued, with an aggregate valuation of \$5,927,971. But this showing is to be completely eclipsed during the present year. Already the permits have reached a total of \$5,875,011, or an average of mimost \$1,000,000

entire appearance of Portland. Where there were mere shacks a few years ago there are now standing modern steel busi-ness blocks and the few remaining landmarks of the early days are fast vanish ing from the business district. The build-ing progress by months for the first half of 1907 as compared with the first half of last year is shown in the following

Progress in Building.

Mont	NEW	1906	1907.
Januar		802,057	\$ 614.8
Febru		808,388	\$86,1
March		423,414	600,7
April		550,802	1.640,4
May		1,087,708	1,152.4
June		805,167	874,5
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.....\$3,160,597 \$5,835,011 In the real estate world the progress has been just as rapid. Deals involving \$100,000 each are more plentful 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 salos is not shown in the official records by any means, for many of the large transactions are entered at

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 \$3,500,000 in 1900 and \$7,000,000 in 1902, business last year jumped to an aggregate of more than \$24,000,000. But this showing will be surpassed by probably \$7,000,000 or \$8,000,000 during 1907. The first half of the year has already reached nearly the \$16,000,000 mark, as is shown by the following table:

Month— 1906 1907.

......\$11,820,346 \$15,951,763

Gains in Bank Clearings.

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 is one of which the city may well be proud. This figure was not reached for the same timewoy any other city in the country and for weeks at a time Port-land stood at the head of the list with-

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

The Portland postoffice has sold more

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.

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valiable.

And so it goes in any line that may 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. a boom, but a substantial growth, whose future holds even more of encouragement and promise than the past.

GOOD PROSPECT OF PEACE

Small Confident of Settling Operators' Strike Within Week.

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

HE RESIGNS HIS POSITION

ity Have No Real Control. Feared for License if Not ·for His Life.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 29.—President Small, of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union, so 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

OFFICERS OF THE WILLAMETTE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION



Rev. John Bentzien, Moderator.

Rev. George A. Learn, Clerk.

At the meeting of the Williamette Baptist Association the past week At the meeting of the Williamette Baptist Association the past week in Calvary Baptist Church, East Side, Rev. John Bentzien was elected moderator, and Rev. George A. Learn 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 having been organized through his efforts. Rev. Mr. Learn is pastor of the Sellwood Baptist Church. Many important matters will come up the coming year, which will be under their management, including the raising of \$2000 for missionary purposes and the campaign for alding the \$100,000 endowment for McMinnville College, to which Portland is expected to contribute largely.

affair will be adjusted before another week rolls around."

Neill Confers With Operators.

NEW YORK, June 29.—Labor Com-missioner Neill came to New York from Washington this morning, and this afternoon held a two-hours' con-ference with members of the executive committee of the Telegraphers' Union. After the conference Deputy President Konenkamp stated that both the National and local situation were discussed, but refused to say to what length the matter had been gone into. This evening the headquarters of the union were deserted.

OFFICIALS ALL WORN OUT

Operators Say Conditions Bad With Companies at San Francisco.

"The eighth day of the telegraphers strike at San Francisco is still per-fectly satisfactory to us." said one of "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 orficials of the Postal Company who went South, Manager Dunne, from Scattle, and Chief Operator Durkee, from Portiand, 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.

"For example I had five men under me in the engineroom. I was supposed 40 be in charge there. But if I told a stoker to bank a fire or perform some other duty he would say he didn't have to do what I said as he took orders from some one else. And though I had flow was responsible for everything that happened. If a boiler had been burst through failure of some one to carry out instructions, I would have had to pay the consequences and possibly have lost my license.

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"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 detec-

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 one of the oldest men in the office had been discharged on a trivial pretext is true, and we fear may possibly lead to serious results in Chicago. We are in hopes, however, that this matter will be adjusted without a strike, as we believe President Small is causing the telegraph companies enough grief at San Francisco, and that they will be compelled to yield before long.

"The Commercial Telegraphers Union of America is solidly organized, has

of America is solidly organized, has plenty of money 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

DECIDE ALL CASES FRIDAY

Argument on San Francisco Graft Indictments Is Finished.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 29.-Arguments on motions to set aside indict-ments were concluded late this after-noon in behalf of President Calhoun, General Manager Mallally, Chief Coun-sel Ford and Assistant Counsel Abbot, of the United Railroads, accused

by the grand jury of bribing members of the Board of Supervisors. The motions in these and the cases against Louis Glass, Eugene Desabla, John Martin, Frank Drum, Mayor Schmitz and Ruef now stand submitted and a blanket decision as to the set-ting aside of the indictments may be expected next Friday.

Louis M. Buford, Mining Engineer. NEW HAVAN, Conn., June 39.-Louis nand stood at the head of the list without even a close rival.

The total bank clearings for the past
six months amount to \$181.878.379. For
the corresponding period last year they
were \$122,485.184. This great gain resulted without any padding of figures
or atooping to any of the fictitious
methods employed in some cities. It is

order prevails in the management and handling of the boat and for this reason he is unable to remain longer, attrac-tive as the place might be, under other

"I felt that my license, if not my life, was in danger, "said Engineer Brazee, following his resignation. "Incompetency of the rankest kind is shown in the handling of the boat and that there have not been serious mishaps before now is a matter of good luck and nothing more. I thought the people at large ought to known where their money has gone and what the taxpayers are getting out of

what the taxpayers are setting out of their fireboat.

"I wish to say that there is a total lack of discipline. The boat is in charge of a lot of landlubbers. Captain Whit-comb is supposed to be in charge, but he in fact has little to say. Everyone with the least authority takes a hand in with the least authority takes a hand in issuing orders. It is necessary to take orders right and left. There are so many orders and rules that they offset one another and serve as no rules at all.

Gives Startling Example.

"For example I had five men under me

thing and I intend to let engineers know of this condition, so that they will realize the risk they are taking in going into the boiler rooms of the fire

"The way they have of dodging blame when things go wrong should be men-tioned. One man will pass the blame to another and so on until a joke is made of attempting to effect discipline Many times when one of the crew is given orders by a superior some other superior will say. Ton't pay any attention to him. He don't count here. Take your orders from me.

Poor Showing Explained.

"What can you expect with discipline of this kind? It is little wonder the fireboat has made a poor showing of late at waterfront fires. It will con-

late at waterfront fires. It will continue to be of no account unless present conditions are remedied.

"Knowing these conditions, I have been intending to resign for some time. 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 wrong, at least in the way they are carried out."

Brazee leaves today for Lewiston, Brazes leaves today for Lewiston, where he will take a job as engineer of the Government's snagboat.

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

acreage cultivated and total quantity of wine produced and in stock, and whether it is intended for sale or otherwise, the government beling 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 sugaring.

The measure restricts the market for alcohol produced from grapes and beets, which resulted in the introduction of a bill providing for an increase in the duties on petroleum with the object of stimulating the use of alcohol for illuminating purposes.

The Finance Minister is also prepared, as an inducement for the winegrowers to abandon grape-growing in favor of other crops, to remit the land taxes in such cases for five years. The government advises the organization of winegrowers to regulate the output and discontinue the manufacture of poor wine and urges the growers to assist the government to suppress outside frauds by themselves exposing wholesale buyers who refuse to purchase products unless adulterated to suit the market.

SHELVES MANY BIG MEASURES

Clemenceau Will Adjourn Parliament Before It Deposes Him.

PARIS, June 29,-After the prestige of last night's victory in the Chamber of Deputies, Premier Clemenceau 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 work-men's pension bill and the purchase of the Western Railroad, inscribed on the Cabinet's programme when it assumed

Agitate for General Strike.

PARIS. June 29.—The general com-mittee of the General Federation of Labor, in retaliation for the govern-ment's decision to prosecute members, of the Federation who signed the manifesto felicitating the Seventeenth Regi-ment on the mutiny, has begun to agi-tate for a general strike through-out France as a protest against the "arbitrariness of the government of

WAR ON NEW YORK FILTH Health Department Attacks Work

Left by Garbage Strikers. NEW YORK, June 29 .- An attempt to

NEW YORK, June 28.—An attempt to settle the strike of garbage collectors by arbitration falled tonight. By action of the civil service law 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 clean the strets of the piles of fifth and garbage which have piles of filth and garbage which have accumulated. There were a number of clashes between the strikers and strike-breakers during the day, none of which, breakers during the day, none of which, however, assumed serious proportions.

Conditions in some parts of the congosted district may be imagined when the piles make the streets impassable. Several doctors, 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.

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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 garrage. Dr. Bensel called for and is receiving ample police protec-tion.

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, and all 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 conven-

tion tomorrow. The new ritual was then taken up, the The new ritual was then taken up, the proposition for the unions to hold open meetings being the principal topic of discussion. Joseph Cannon, of Biabes, 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 th vention was consumed in-considering that part of the acting president's 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 took occasion to condemn the executive board of the Federation for supporting the course of the magazine and its promulgation of Socialism.

Bricks at Cars.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 29.-The nine SAN FRANCISCO, June 22.—The nine men indicted by the grand jury for throwing bricks at streatcars and for attacking a car near the Chutes recently, were brought into court today. In the absence of Judge Cook, who is out of the city, Judge Gaddis, of Yolo County, postponed the cases until July \$, when the men will be arraigned.

One of the prisoners wept bitterly during the brief proceedings in court. The men were brought in handouffed.

NEW YORK, June 29 .- Ten thousand NEW YORK, June 28.—Ten thousand carpenters have made a demand for an increase in wages to go into effect today. The carpenters in the employ of the Western Carpenters' Association, about 6000 in number, will have their request granted. On January I their pay was increased from \$4.50 to \$4.50 a day with a promise of \$5 a day July I. The employers will keep faith with them. On the other hand, the \$600 carpenters in the employ of independent firms have been refused the increase and they will go on strike at the increase and they will go on strike at

Talk Meter for Telephones.

rect 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 admirably in gas, electric and water make an annual declaration at the Mayoraity of their commune of the

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

Golden Oak Continuing our Three-Day Special Sales and the lib-

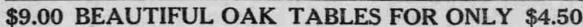
eral policy of according to our customers the benefits of special bargain lots picked up at different times by our Eastern buyer, we place on sale for three days this week a new shipment of these beautiful Golden Oak and

Mahogany Rockers at Nearly Half Price.

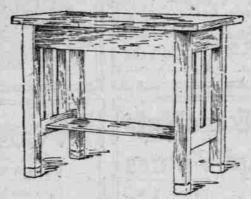
SEVEN STYLES TO CHOOSE FROM

These Rockers have quarter-sawed golden oak backs and seats, and they are all handsomer than the cut shows them to be. See our window display. Examine these Rockers and you'll acknowledge that here is "another Gevurtz Bargain." Sold on easy

\$1.00 DOWN, 50c A WEEK



Like the cuts; size 18x36 inches; handsomely finished weathered oak. On sale Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.



\$9.00 for \$4.50

\$9.00

Do you know the value of these little tables? If you do, you'll not be long in ordering one if you have use for it. They are good values at \$9.00 each, but the price is reduced to \$4.50 for these three days' selling. Many are covered with imitation leather, as shown in cut. They are well worth \$9.00, but will be sold special three days this week for



Clocks \$6.90

\$12 Ebony

Mantel

These handsome parlor clocks cut to nearly ONE HALF during this sale for Monday and Tuesday They are very ornamental and at the same time standard time-keepers. There are several styles to choose from; all are richly ornamented with gilt rococo sash, and imitation onyx columns, gilt capitals, embossed swing side ornaments, etc. Regular \$10 and \$6.90 \$12 values; special

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Exclusively by Gevurtz & Sons The qualities sought for in a refrigerator are preservation of perishable food and an economical use of ice. The principal causes of decay in meats and fruits are dampness and varying temperature, causing the expansion and contraction of tissues. Thus a DRY ATMOSPHERE and UNIFORM TEMPERATURE are conductive to preservation. These results can only be obtained by a perfect circulation of air in a refrigerator, and condensation in ice chamber. Low temperature and inevitably obtained in the ALASKA. Its provision chamber is free from odor. It is FILLED with CHARCOAL, the ONLY SANITARY FILLING.

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consists in perfecting a satisfactory meter. The devices now under consid-eration are unsatisfactory, but their defects will probably soon be remedied. STREETCAR RIOTERS IN COURT

Nine Men Indicted for Throwing

and its promulgation of Socialism.

A telephone meter would serve to regulate telephone bills more justly, and do away with some of the worst evils that at present hinder efficient service. If a young man were paying by the minute, as in long-distance service. ice, he would not spend hours "chin-ning" with his girl friends, while peo-ple with something to say clamored vainly for the wire.

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The talkative young woman would spend less time gossiping with her friends, while the exchange operator grew red in the face from yelling "Line's busy!" and the city's business waited.

Ontario Wants New Land District. ONTARIO, Or., June 19 .- A petition is being circulated in Ontario and numersigned asking the Government to create a new land district for this section and the appointment of a register and receiver, the office to be located at Ontario or Vale. At present parties hav-ing land office business to transact have Ontario or Vale. At present parties hav-ing land office business to transact have to go to Burns, a distance of 150 miles.

TELEGRAPHERS'

Improvement in Morse Key Working Began Two Years Ago.

Technical World. Although thousands of telegraph operators have been forced out of the profession through paralysis of their hands and fingers in the manipulation of the Morse key, it is only within the past two years that improvements in this crude instrument have begun to be made. Dynamos hav; been substituted in place of the old chemical batteries in the making of the telegraphic currents, and with the coming of dynamos a greater study of

With this study of mechanics came a hand. The rise of automatic sending marealization of the waste of energy in the manipulation of the old-fashioned Morse lever key. It was found that two Morse lever key. It was found that two motions of the hand were required to make the single dot or the single dash and that the Morse letters, having an average of four dot and dash characters, required an average of eight movements chance to show his metal.

"From Maker to Player"

who were ambitious to become chiefs of

NERVES of the hand and arm in their forma-

A rapid sender-a sender who could average as good as thirty words per minute -it was found, was required to move his arm up and down at the rate of 1200 to 1500 times per minute. Many men were compelled to continue this rapid springlike movement for many hours at a stretch and when the figures were considered, electricians marvelled that the arms of fine operators held out as long as they did. Many of the first-class men have been known to maintain a speed of fifty words a minute for several consecutive hours. This means that they operate their arms like delicately poised springs at the rate of between 2300 and springs at the rate of between 20 and 2509 vibrations per minute, or nearly 40 strokes in a single second. Telegraphers throughout the country recognized the advantages of a device that eliminated the making of dots by

chines was, therefore, rapid and the re-suit has been that dozens of these inven-tions the old mechanical principle of a vibrator in some form or another.

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