

PORTLAND, THE METROPOLIS

CIVIC AND COMMERCIAL PROGRESS OF THE WORLD'S FAIR CITY OF THE OREGON COUNTRY

PORTLAND'S guests in the great year of the Fair will find her in good condition to entertain them. Always progressive, as becomes a city in the vanguard of the westward march of the American people, the city has been making an extra effort to put her house in order for this great occasion. The principal business streets have been permanently paved in the last few years; cement sidewalks have been substituted for those of wood as fast as the latter have worn out or new streets have been graded; water and sewer systems have been extended into the new suburbs; street railways have been extended up the Heights and to the surrounding country for a distance of over 20 miles; a new steel bridge has been built across the Willamette River at Morrison street at a cost of nearly \$400,000; steel bridges have been stretched across the deep gulches which intersect the southern part of the city where it was not practicable to fill them with earth, and in the latter case fills have been made; the Fire Department has been put on a fully paid basis and provided with an up-to-date fireboat and other new apparatus; the Police Department has been materially improved.

While the municipality has thus been doing its part, individual citizens have not been idle. In the business district large stone and brick buildings have taken the place of many old frame structures which remain as relics of pioneer days. In the residence districts the streets have been converted into solid roadways of macadam or gravel at the expense of property-owners. Thousands of new houses have sprung up, each surrounded by a velvety lawn, dotted or lined with abundant, ever-blooming rose beds. Rose bushes in many places line the parking on the edge of the sidewalks, and everywhere trees of bright foliage cast their shade on warm summer days. Portland is fortunate in the fact that

FACTS ABOUT PORTLAND.

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| Population, estimated..... | 135,000 |
| Area, square miles..... | 40 |
| Assessed valuation..... | \$50,872,135 |
| Actual value, estimated at 2 1/2 times assessed value..... | \$127,180,337 |
| Paved streets, total length, miles..... | 11.5 |
| Paved streets, pavements in 1904, miles..... | 1.71 |
| Sewers, total length, miles..... | 123.8 |
| Sewers built in 1904, miles..... | 13.11 |
| Cement sidewalks laid, total length, miles..... | 114.7 |
| Board sidewalks laid in 1904, miles..... | 13.7 |
| Total cost of street, sewer and sidewalk improvements in 1904, partly estimated..... | \$940,233 |
| Water mains, miles..... | 267 |
| Daily supply of water, gallons..... | 24,000,000 |
| Steel bridges built in 1904, cost..... | \$473,000 |
| Total cost of all permanent improvements made in 1904, partly estimated..... | \$1,542,907 |
| Ordinary municipal expenses for 1904, including interest, partly estimated..... | \$1,302,715 |
| Interest on municipal bonds at par, per cent..... | 4.140 |
| Interest on local improvement call bonds, per cent..... | 5.285 |
| Number of firemen..... | 183 |
| Number of policemen..... | 85 |
| Street railway, miles..... | 103 |
| Marriages in 1904..... | 1,481 |
| Births in 1904..... | 1,239 |
| Deaths in 1904..... | 1,345 |
| Public Schools. | |
| School population, between ages of 4 and 20..... | 24,427 |
| School accommodation..... | 15,258 |
| School pupils..... | 15,000 |
| School teachers..... | 374 |
| New buildings and additions in 1904..... | 6 |
| New accommodation in same..... | 1,380 |
| Volume of Business. | |
| Number of business firms, according to Bradstreet's..... | 2,101 |
| Rating of business firms, according to Bradstreet's..... | \$107,627,750 |
| Bank clearings in 1904..... | \$188,829,947 |
| Lumber shipped by rail in 1904, feet..... | 179,150,000 |
| Lumber shipped by sea to foreign ports, feet..... | 41,491,737 |
| Lumber shipped by sea to domestic ports, feet..... | \$6,483,627 |
| Wheat exported, July 1 to December 31, 1904, bushels..... | \$2,461,282 |
| Imports, fiscal year ending June 30, 1904..... | \$7,874,772 |
| Exports, fiscal year ending June 30, 1904..... | \$2,297,280 |
| Customs receipts, fiscal year ending June 30, 1904..... | \$373,400 |
| Postoffice receipts from stamp sales..... | 14,238 |
| Number of telephones in city..... | 189,124 |
| Number of telephones on long distance circuits connecting with city..... | 189,124 |
| Cost of new buildings erected in 1904..... | \$3,000,287 |

of imports, exports and sales of its manufactures and raw materials at home, with good crops and good prices in all the tributary country, Portland

of progress the stamp sales alone may approach \$500,000 in the year 1905. The payment of money orders is one of the best tests of business activity, for in that form large numbers of small remittances are made in payment for purchases in the city by residents in the tributary country. The volume of this business in the first three quarters of 1904 was \$18,220 money orders, amounting to \$1,880,529.96, as compared with \$14,502 orders for \$1,836,900.96 in the same period of 1903. This was an increase of 9718 orders for \$45,628.94, or 25 per cent.

Finances of Exposition

How Corporation and State Commission Co-Operate in Enterprise.

THE fair is the result of the joint efforts of the Lewis and Clark Corporation, which was organized by citizens of Portland and the stock of which was subscribed by citizens of all parts of Oregon and of the State of Oregon, acting by an appointive commission, which serves without salary.

At the inception of the scheme the corporation secured the site and had a plan for laying it out prepared. It then carried out this plan, grading the grounds, laying out Centennial Park and the Ex-

PORTLAND STREET RAILWAYS.

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| Miles of track..... | 169 |
| Passenger cars in use..... | 156 |
| Employees..... | 1,254 |
| Payroll for 1904..... | \$1,043,138 |
| Passengers carried in 1904..... | 475,773 |
| Passengers carried in 1903..... | 3,000,000 |

STAMP SALES FOR THE YEARS 1904 AND 1903.

| MONTH. | 1904. | | 1903. | |
|----------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| | Amount. | Increase over 1903. | Amount. | Increase over 1903. |
| January..... | \$1,229.25 | 3,108.75 | \$8,220.00 | 3,674.27 |
| February..... | 28,004.11 | 4,530.39 | 23,073.72 | 4,252.41 |
| March..... | 32,284.26 | 2,911.11 | 29,373.15 | 3,560.07 |
| April..... | 30,717.17 | 3,232.91 | 27,484.26 | 4,908.19 |
| May..... | 28,156.74 | 1,901.65 | 26,255.09 | 4,666.36 |
| June..... | 29,528.58 | 4,826.86 | 24,701.72 | 4,400.59 |
| July..... | 28,735.34 | 903.87 | 27,831.47 | 4,107.16 |
| August..... | 29,187.35 | 3,556.25 | 25,631.10 | 4,676.78 |
| September..... | 28,475.25 | 2,826.25 | 25,649.00 | 4,261.71 |
| October..... | 32,648.00 | 4,641.78 | 28,006.22 | 2,120.81 |
| November..... | 34,782.25 | 7,588.38 | 27,193.87 | 2,779.89 |
| December..... | 35,258.45 | 5,000.00 | 30,258.45 | 3,155.98 |
| Totals..... | \$374,400.51 | 45,104.93 | \$333,295.58 | 49,306.77 |

BUILDING PERMITS FOR FIVE YEARS.

| Year..... | Number. | Value. |
|-----------|---------|-------------|
| 1904..... | 2,015 | \$3,690,287 |
| 1903..... | 1,611 | \$2,552,786 |
| 1902..... | 1,589 | 2,750,132 |
| 1901..... | 445 | 1,529,142 |
| 1900..... | 387 | 736,585 |

NEW BUILDINGS ERECTED IN PORTLAND.

| DESCRIPTION. | 1904. | | 1903. | |
|---|----------------------|------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| | Number of buildings. | Estimated value. | Number of buildings. | Estimated value. |
| Brick, stone and steel..... | 41 | \$906,315 | 60 | \$1,294,500 |
| Frame business..... | 38 | 430,320 | 37 | 211,500 |
| Frame dwellings..... | 1,542 | 2,022,920 | 1,120 | 1,513,545 |
| Repairs, alterations and additions..... | 245 | 241,222 | 250 | 378,507 |
| Totals..... | 2,015 | \$3,690,287 | 1,611 | \$2,552,786 |

POSTAL BUSINESS GROWS.

Healthy Increase in Money-Order Dealings and Stamp Sales.

IF THE money order business of the Portland Postoffice continues to increase at the same rate as during the last months of October and November, the aggregate amount of business done in the year 1904 will exceed \$5,000,000. The business of both this department and sales of stamps expanded rapidly during the last three months, the increase being much greater in October than any preceding month, still greater in November than October, and continuing in the same ratio in December. At the present rate

More Mail Matter Handled.

This increase was naturally accompanied by an increase in the quantity of mail matter handled, which caused the addition of four clerks and two carriers to the staff during the year. But with an increase in the volume of business has come also greater accuracy in handling it, as the following figures show:

| | 1904. | 1903. |
|---|------------|------------|
| First-class mail distributed, pieces..... | 16,261,866 | 15,805,156 |
| All other classes distributed, pieces..... | 12,335,988 | 11,234,379 |
| Special delivery distributed, pieces..... | 9,256 | 6,770 |
| Total distributed, pieces..... | 28,607,110 | 27,046,305 |
| Errors in distribution and dispatch, first class..... | 510 | 756 |
| Errors in distribution and dispatch, other classes..... | 149 | 127 |
| Pieces correct to each error, first class..... | 32,004 | 20,907 |
| Pieces correct to each error, other classes..... | 85,901 | 88,561 |
| Made-up mails received, pouches..... | 31,140 | 33,724 |
| Made-up mails received, sacks..... | 96,233 | 84,603 |
| Made-up mails dispatched, pouches..... | 33,835 | 32,725 |
| Made-up mails dispatched, sacks..... | 64,229 | 78,919 |

Better Carrier Service.

The administration of Postmaster John

Ours Never Breaks

USE THE BEST MISSION ROPE

WE MANUFACTURE all kinds of hard-fiber cordage, such as Manila and Sisal Rope and Harvesting Twine. Also every variety of American hemp goods.

WRITE US FOR OUR 1905 CATALOGUE

Portland Cordage Company

PORTLAND SEATTLE

PORTLAND CAPITAL IN BUSINESS, RATED BY BRADSTREET'S.

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| 1907 firms rated at \$ 50,000 or less..... | \$11,134,250 |
| 71 firms rated at 50,000 to \$ 100,000..... | 5,362,500 |
| 45 firms rated at 100,000 to 250,000..... | 4,975,000 |
| 38 firms rated at 250,000 to 500,000..... | 14,006,000 |
| 9 firms rated at 500,000 to 1,000,000..... | 6,730,000 |
| 33 firms rated at 1,000,000 and over..... | 61,500,000 |
| Total..... | \$107,627,750 |

the Fair falls in a year following a long period of prosperity, when her people do not need to count their nickels. With over \$100,000,000 as act-

CLEARINGS OF PORTLAND BANKS FOR FIVE YEARS.

| Year. | Amount. | Increase. | P.C. |
|-----------|------------------|-----------------|-------|
| 1904..... | \$188,829,947.76 | \$12,242,755.25 | 7.59 |
| 1903..... | 176,587,192.51 | 20,822,512.30 | 12.47 |
| 1902..... | 154,764,116.25 | 32,615,761.34 | 28.79 |
| 1901..... | 122,127,349.91 | 15,306,323.41 | 14.22 |
| 1900..... | 106,819,077.43 | | |

*Partly estimated.

ive capital engaged in business, with business transactions as shown by bank clearings which aggregate nearly \$188,000,000, with a growing volume



The A. A. Averill Machinery Co.

PORTLAND OREGON

ENGINES
BOILERS
SAWMILLS
THRESHERS

THE MINES BUILDING

Commission and corporation jointly. The law which appropriated money for this and the St. Louis exposition provides that not to exceed \$50,000 of the amount shall be on this building, provided that the corporation shall appropriate at least an equal sum and that a site shall first be donated. The question as to the site remains undecided, the corporation having offered one in the Fair Ground, while the commission wishes to have the building erected on some site in the center of the city.

GROWTH OF PORTLAND'S POPULATION.

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| U. S. Census 1860..... | 821 |
| U. S. Census 1870..... | 2,574 |
| U. S. Census 1880..... | 5,382 |
| U. S. Census 1890..... | 17,577 |
| U. S. Census 1900..... | 46,385 |
| U. S. Census 1900 (including East Portland and Albina, which were annexed in 1882)..... | 61,720 |
| U. S. Census 1900..... | 90,426 |
| Directory Census 1901..... | 115,491 |
| Directory Census 1902..... | 121,285 |
| Directory Census 1903..... | 131,182 |
| Directory Census 1904..... | 140,359 |

The directory census includes the suburbs of Mount Tabor, Montavilla, Russellville, St. Johns, Whiteburg, Milwaukie, Lents and Mount Scott, which have a population of at least 10,000. These places are not within the corporate limits of Portland, but in every other respect are part of the city. To the directory census are added 7500 each year as the number of Chinese, Japanese and others whose names are not in the directory. There are fully 5000 Chinese alone in Portland.

THE MINES BUILDING

THE building for exhibits of minerals and metallurgy is of the same general character as the Machinery, Electricity and Transportation Building. Its main front is towards the Plaza of States, and the three doors are approached through a colonnade of four Corinthian columns. Above each door is a circular window, tastefully ornamented. A long, high latticed window is in the main wall on each side of the entrance, and there is a plain doorway in the center of each other wall,

