

FIGURES REVEAL CITY'S PROSPERITY

Business Conditions in Portland Well Advanced During August.

OUTLOOK IS FLATTERING

Bank Clearings for Month Reach Beyond \$24,000,000 and the Movement of Real Estate Continues.

Trade statistics for the month of August show decidedly healthy business conditions locally. In fact, the figures for the month bear a very favorable comparison with the business of the corresponding month last year, when it is considered that 1907 was the most prosperous in the history of Portland.

The prospect for increased activity in all departments during the present month is flattering. In the first place, considerable railroad construction work will be inaugurated. The Harriman officials today resume the construction of the "Lydia" road from Hillsboro to Tillamook, work on which was suspended last November because of the financial stringency. Before the month ends the Harriman interest also will begin a railroad into Central Oregon. It is rumored that Hill has acquired a controlling interest in the Oregon Trunk line up to a line chutes canyon as the initial link in a line that is projected into the central part of the state. Activity in transportation circles will be further increased by the migration of new residents to this state under the 60-day colonist rate schedule over the Harriman line, which goes into effect today. These reduced rates are certain to swell the population of the state by a desirable citizenship numbering several thousand.

A new high record in the wheat export business from this port will be established this month, when at least 2,000,000 bushels of this cereal will be dispatched to the Orient. Seven steamers, with a total tonnage of 21,147 tons, already have been chartered for September shipments, while additional shipments by sail craft will bring this total up to 21,158 tons. Steamers that heretofore have been chartered for Puget Sound ports this season will load at Portland, where an average of 100 carloads of wheat are being received daily.

Postal receipts at the Portland post-office continue to increase monthly, those for last month being estimated at \$51,650.90, as against \$48,924.67 for the same month last year. For the first eight months of this year these receipts have increased \$26,376.22 over those for the same period in 1907, as shown by the following figures:

1907.	1908.
January.....\$ 51,716.62	\$ 58,902.27
February.....54,773.98	55,001.47
March.....48,322.87	57,962.57
April.....45,983.70	55,983.67
May.....48,822.43	54,046.46
June.....51,923.48	55,983.67
July.....48,092.97	51,650.90
Average.....\$402,481.97	\$438,801.89

Foreign flour exports for August amounted to 82,467 barrels of the assessed value of \$329,858. Foreign lumber exports for the month reached a total of 10,699,852 feet, of the value of \$141,487, as compared with 9,803,307 for the same month a year ago, when lumber prices were considerably higher.

Bank clearings for the month reached a total of \$24,328,567.43, while a slight increase is reported in the movement of real estate. The recorded transactions for last month's transfers aggregated \$1,829,888, as against \$1,723,224 for the corresponding month in 1907. Building permits representing improvements of between \$500,000 and \$500,000 were issued during the month.

The following table shows the number of births for the first eight months of 1907 and 1908:

1907.	1908.
January.....61	113
February.....85	110
March.....101	104
April.....87	113
May.....88	107
June.....69	104
July.....128	119
August.....111	97
Totals.....763	882

The following table shows the number of deaths for the first eight months of 1907 and 1908:

1907.	1908.
January.....36	57
February.....55	91
March.....54	74
April.....97	85
May.....82	80
June.....104	70
July.....84	78
August.....82	83
Totals.....732	674

Cupid has not been as busy last month as he was in August, 1907. During that month he brought about the marriage of 223 couples. During the month which closed last night there were only 126 who had taken out marriage licenses in Multnomah County.

LAWYER HAS DISAPPEARED

Bethune, of New York, Vainly Sought in Portland.

Pinkerton detectives in this city have failed to find a trace of Faneuil D. S. Bethune, a prominent attorney of New York City, who is supposed to have started for this city after mysteriously disappearing from his home. He left New York for Buffalo last week and from there it was traced to Chicago. At Chicago he purchased a ticket for Portland but has not arrived here.

Bethune is a member of the prominent New York law firm of Wetmore & Jenner, and is himself the American representative of the Krupp Gun Company. He is said to have had a large sum of money in his possession at the time of his disappearance and it is feared that he may have been mentally deranged at the time of his disappearance.

His wife followed him as far as Chicago and she is critically ill in that city as a result of the shock of his mysterious disappearance. The attorney is said to be interested in many legal matters to which immediate attention must be given, and his presence in New York is greatly desired. The man is supposed to have suffered a nervous breakdown and to be temporarily deranged as a result.

Pinkerton detectives have searched the city for him but have failed to find a trace.

MAY BE M'KEESPORT SUICIDE

Body Found in River Possibly That of Bethune.

PITTSBURG, Aug. 31.—The authorities are hard at work today in an endeavor to clear up the mystery surrounding the suicide of the unknown

man who, after having destroyed his features with carbolic acid, drowned himself in the Monongahela River at McKeesport one week ago. It is claimed here today that the body is either that of a divorced husband of a niece of the late Marshall Field, of Chicago, or of F. D. S. Bethune, the New York attorney, who has been strangely missing for about two weeks. Owing to the length of time the man has been dead, it is admitted the work of identification will be hard.

Disprove Suicide Theory.

CHICAGO, Aug. 31.—Relatives of F. D. S. Bethune, the missing New York lawyer, are hopeful that trace of him will be found from a clue on which detectives are now working. Mr. Bethune was at theatorium annex in a highly nervous condition. Her brother-in-law, F. T. Foote, of New York, is with her, and declared today that the theory that the mysterious McKeesport suicide, whose identity is unknown, might be Bethune had been carefully investigated and discarded. The only divorced niece of Marshall Field is the former Mrs. Preston Gibson. Mr. Gibson is at present in Washington.

NEED CARS TO CEMETERIES

PLANS FOR TRANSPORTATION TO BURIAL GROUNDS.

Jewish and Oddfellows Societies Unite to Secure Extension of Trolley Road.

Negotiations are under way between the trustees of the Jewish and Oddfellows' Cemeteries and the residents of the nearby suburbs on the heights commanding a view of South Portland, and the Oregon Electric Railway Company and the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, looking to the extension of a trolley road to both those burial grounds. It is expected that either the Fulton line of the latter company will be extended or that the Oregon Electric will run a branch to the district.

A bonus of \$14,000 raised by those directly interested will be used in helping construct the line. Of this amount the Oddfellows have contributed \$10,000 and the management of the Jewish Cemetery \$4,000 more. Citizens of Carlton Heights, Carson Heights and other nearby suburbs have pledged the remainder of the money to be used.

The Oregon Electric management has assured the people carrying on the negotiations that they will build a branch line reaching both cemeteries for \$15,000. The Portland Railway, Light & Power Company is understood to be asking a larger bonus on account of the difficulties of construction of an extension of the present Fulton line, which would probably run up Corbett street to Carson Heights at the crest of the range of hills lying to the west of the river.

Harriman Coming September 10.

E. H. Harriman, "Wizard of the Pacific," will visit Portland about September 10, unless his present plans are changed. It is learned that he will come here on his private car, Adonis, from Pelican Bay lodge, making stops at numerous Willamette Valley stations en route. Just the date of his arrival here is not yet known and depends upon the length of his stay in the valley cities. That he will come out this way and will remain in Portland a few days seems assured. Whether he will go East from here or will go to San Francisco before returning to New York has not yet been learned.

Excursion to Klamath Falls.

A special excursion will be run to Klamath Falls from Portland September 6 to give Portland citizens an opportunity to see what that district is accomplishing in the way of development. The railroads have made a special rate for the round trip and nearly 100 business men are expected to make the trip. Upon arrival at Klamath Falls the visitors will be entertained by the Klamath Chamber of Commerce.

Tale of Man, His Wife and Four Dogs

Husband Asserts Ability to Care for All Five, After Trip to Cafe, but Party Winds Up at Police Station.

THIS is the story of a man with four dogs and a wife, and their troubles yesterday. Police officers vouch for its verity, and records at headquarters may be inspected if there is doubt as to the existence of such a man. He and she were walking along the sidewalk at Nineteenth and Thurman streets yesterday afternoon when she suddenly became faint and fell. He had two of the dogs in his arms at the time, so he was unable either to prevent her falling or to assist her in rising. The two other dogs trotted along in front, but gallantly rushed to the side of the prostrate woman and offered what sympathy they could and refused to take a ride unless the officer consented to let the dogs go also. So he was left alone and the car driven rapidly to St. Vincent's Hospital. There the house physician took one look at the woman, felt her pulse, and smiled. "We have no room for her," he said. "She is simply drunk."

So the automobile, with the woman, the officer and the driver, left the hospital and sped to the Police Station. There the woman was given in care of the matron, and the officer went out in search of the man with the dogs. The man insisted to members of the crowd that he couldn't care for the dogs and his wife at the same time. They had spent the greater part of the afternoon, it is said, in a downtown cafe, and the woman was introduced to a cocktail. It was her first, and she liked it. Then she called for more. The officer failed for a time to find the man.

At Police Station the woman admitted she had taken one drink, but only one. She was elegantly dressed and gave the name of Mrs. Emma Andros. Late last night the husband was found by a policeman, and he also was taken to the City Jail. The same charge that was entered against his wife rested against him. With him when arrested were the four dogs, which, when he was locked up, stood outside the jail and whined dimly until the captain in charge detailed a special man to care for them.

He gave the name of Charles Andros. When his wife was taken from him, he said, he became so lonely that he sought solace in the bottle.

GET ROBBER'S LOOT

Postal Inspector Recovers Money Taken From Stage.

SHOTGUN FOUND IN VALISE

Postal Inspector Receives From Yamhill County Package of Mail Discovered Near Scene of Crime.

Matt Jackson, alias A. Carlson, alias "The Swede," who held up the Tillamook stage, robbed its three passengers and rifled the United States mails July 2

Inspector Clement yesterday received from Yamhill County another package containing other mail which evidently had been thrown away by Jackson after he had appropriated the valuable paper. These letters were found near the scene of the robbery in Yamhill County. Jackson is known to be a desperate character. Under the name of A. Carlson he was arrested in the Oregon Penitentiary from this city in 1898 for years for holding up a streetcar. Allowing for credit marks, it was possible for him to earn release by reason of good behavior.



Matt Jackson, Under Arrest in San Francisco for Holding Up the Tillamook Stage July 2.

last, is under arrest in San Francisco, as has been announced in dispatches to the Oregonian. Postal Inspector E. C. Clement returned yesterday from the Bay City, where he recovered about \$6000 worth of checks, drafts, money orders and postage stamps, practically the total value of the booty.

Although Jackson is wanted in San Francisco for highway robbery, the California authorities will surrender their charge to the Federal officers in this state when the latter are ready to proceed with the trial. Having used a firearm and endangered the stage driver's life in committing the Tillamook robbery, Jackson will be liable to a life sentence at McNeil's Island if convicted.

When the Tillamook holdup was reported the local postal inspectors sent out notices to all Pacific Coast points. These included a description of Jackson, who was suspected, he having just concluded a sentence of 14 years in the Oregon Penitentiary for robbing a streetcar in this city. Not long afterward Jackson appeared in San Francisco, where he attracted the attention of the police by the lavish way in which he spent money. Automobiles and women occupied the

BUNGALOW AT TRACK

Country Club Directors Decide on Neat Building.

HALF-MILE OVAL PLANNED

Special Committees Report Progress in Construction of the Grandstand, Bleachers and Paddock.

Directors of the Country Club yesterday afternoon voted to erect immediately an administration building to be completed by the time of the opening of the first annual Pacific National race meet and livestock show, September 21.

The building will be a one-story structure, of the bungalow style, 47x71 feet. It will contain the general office of the management, offices for the directors, with committee rooms and space for the entire clerical and executive work in connection with the meet, with public local and long-distance telephones, telegraph and mail service, and reception-rooms for special visitors who may be guests of the Country Club management from similar associations in other parts of the country.

The building will be temporary in character, because of the short space character of the races, but its construction will be such that it can be made permanent, enlarged and furnished to suit all demands of the future.

It was also decided at the meeting to build a half-mile oval inside the official course to be used as a "jogging track," during the race meet, and thereafter as it shall be needed by the harness horses which will be quartered at the racecourse after the present season is over. Contractors who are now at work grading for the bleachers, the paddock and the extra racing stables will stake out the half-mile course, and the dirt removed from the building excavations will be used in construction of this inside course.

A communication was read from the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company advising the club directors that the work of laying the loop from the Sandy road would be undertaken at once, and it would be completed within the next 10 days.

The O. R. & N. Co. was given a deed in easement of a sufficient strip of ground to lay its spur for the main line at Montavilla to the Country Club grounds, and for the necessary sidetracks to accommodate the additional service already announced. The directors agreed to provide a sheltered waiting-room for the convenience of the crowds at the terminus of the railroad spur on the grounds.

Work on Buildings.

Special committees reported on the condition of work on the stockbarn, which are yet unfinished; the large grandstand, the bleachers and the paddock. Chairman F. O. Downing, of the general management committee, reported that many applications are on hand for space in the concession grounds, and that a goodly number of bids for other privileges, had been received.

AMUSEMENTS

What the Press Agents Say.

"A Celebrated Case" Matinee.

At the Lyric this afternoon the Ervin Bunkall stock company will repeat that splendid costume melodrama, "A Celebrated Case," which has proved to be such a tremendous drawing card since its opening Sunday. The attendance at all performances has broken all records.

Matinee Thursday at the Baker.

Dainty Grace Cameron and the Cameron company are making a tremendous hit at the Baker this week, and no more exciting attraction has ever been seen here at popular prices. There will be matinees of "Little Dollie Dimples" Thursday and Saturday.

COMING ATTRACTIONS.

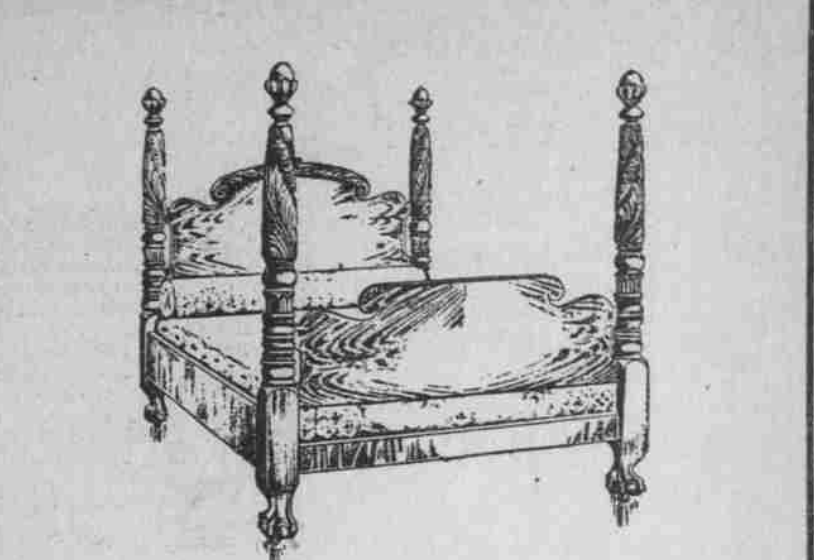
Season Seat Sale Tomorrow.

Things will be doing at the new Bungalow tomorrow morning when the regular annual season seat sale opens at the box office for the always popular Baker Stock Company. The office will open promptly at 10 o'clock as usual, and those in line will be cared for in every possible way to make them comfortable.

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Man Arrested Not C. A. Benbow.

On Saturday night M. C. Benbow, an employe of the Commercial Abstract Company, with offices at 32 1/2 Washington street, was arrested on the complaint of Maimie Reedy, a nurse, who charged him with the larceny of \$300 by embezzlement. He was taken into custody by Constable Wagner and locked up in the County Jail. Benbow denies the charge. Through inadvertent error The Sunday Oregonian announced that A. C. Benbow was the object of the charge brought by Mrs. Reedy.



COLONIAL FURNITURE

The best reproductions of this good, substantial furniture and those that display the true character and beautiful proportion of the originals of the Colonial period, are the designs of Berkey and Gay of Grand Rapids, Mich. These foremost builders of "Forefather Furniture" have reproduced the most famous of the Colonial designs, and their work is admirably set forth in the various pieces which have appeared bearing their shopmark. The splendid workmanship and material conform strongly to the correct character of their designs. We are showing many of the Berkey and Gay productions, including complete suites and odd pieces for bedroom, living-room and library. This beautiful gathering is worthy the attention of admirers of the colonial

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These tenders are being allowed as rapidly as the most favorable ones can be decided on.

The offer of the subdividers of Elmhurst, a new tract, to open Tillamook avenue through for the distance east of Sandy road, where it is still closed, to Cully avenue, where the Country Club will take up the work and grade the thoroughfare to the entrance of the grounds, has been accepted. The Elmhurst people announced that they have let the contract for grading Tillamook for the distance of one-third of a mile, and will have it ready for use by the time the race meet opens. This arrangement will relieve the Country

Club of a considerable burden, and will solve the problem of securing a thorough street from the river out to the racetrack much more easily than was anticipated. The engineers of the Country Club tract have already put a force of men at work opening up Tillamook for several blocks east of West avenue. This will be pushed forward to meet the grade established through Elmhurst.

The long-delayed two carloads of water-pipe to be used for drainage, sewerage and fire protection, in addition to the service already installed, have arrived, and the system will be completed by the opening days of the race week.

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