

PORTLAND SETS RECORDS

Last Year Beaten and Puget
Sound Distanced on
Grain Shipments.

BUILDING PERMITS RECORD

Increase Over April, 1908, Is 68 Per
Cent—Bank Clearings 30 Per
Cent More—Stamp Sales 10
Per Cent Greater.

New high records in Portland's commercial and industrial activity are supplied in the statistics of trade conditions for the month of April.

The month has the distinction of having made the record in building permits issued. The nearest approach to the total in April, 1908, was made in the same month in 1907, when the footing was \$1,626,577. This April the total was \$1,650,250.

In the month just closed there were 18 permits issued for \$1,000 and over, the highest being for the Olds, Worman & King building for \$500,000. Without becoming hysterical over the showing made, it is, nevertheless, worthy of more than passing comment that the month of April taken for a whole year, shows more money to be expended in new building operations in Portland. Compared with previous years, the greatest total for any one month in 1906 was for May, when the total reached \$1,087,709; in 1907, the figures have already been given and last year the month of June had high mark with July, when the total was \$1,038,358.

For the first four months of the year astonishing increase over previous years has been made. In 1906 the first four months totaled \$1,574,661; in 1907, \$3,577,429; in 1908, \$2,501,000, while the first four months of 1909 show \$4,250,000, or an increase of over 30 per cent over the same period last year. This April compared with last year, shows an increase of over 68 per cent, but as a matter of fact, shows a hardly fair to take the Spring of 1908 for comparison, as building operations were greatly hampered out by reason of monetary conditions in the country. These conditions do not exist now, so that the first four months of this year stand out as a record in the building tons of Portland's march forward.

Dwellings Are in Lead.

An examination of the records shows that by far the largest number of permits issued last month were for dwelling houses on the East Side. Without statistics, it is only necessary to take a walk through that district of the city to convince one that the building movement is going forward at a perfectly marvelous rate. Along the car lines extending into the bordering suburbs dwellings are springing up like magic and the number of them fills the observer with amazement.

The same healthy tone in business circles is reflected in the record of bank clearances for the month, which shows an increase of 30 per cent over the same month last year. These clearances for April show \$4,250,000, or an increase of \$771,492.51.

Lumber shipments, foreign, amounted to 3,595,153 feet, representing a value of \$48,061. This record does not measure up to the shipments for April, 1908, agitation for the lumber market, and to current orders. While the local demand remains good, outside shipments have fallen off considerably and will result in lumber manufacturers reducing their output to conform to market conditions.

Postmaster Young yesterday was unable to give an approximate estimate of the stamp sales for the month just closed. Judging from the reports for the early part of the month, however, it may reliably be announced that the increase in this business will reach an average of probably 10 per cent over the figures for the corresponding month last year.

Wheat and flour shipments for the month just ended make a decidedly satisfactory showing in favor of this port. While there were no foreign shipments of wheat during the month, the record of cargoes to California, extending over a year ago. During the month there was shipped from this point to the state on the south a total of 425,222 bushels, as against 347,983 bushels for April, 1908. California shipments from Portland for the cereal year to date aggregate 2,094,320 bushels, as against 1,436,575 bushels for last April.

Wheat Shipments Show Gain.

Portland continues to maintain its supremacy over Puget Sound as a wheat shipping port. Statistics from the Sound cities show a total shipment, domestic and foreign, of 584,702 bushels for April, 1908, and 884,630 bushels for the same month in 1909. The same is true as to shipments of flour. For the month of April these shipments from Portland reached a total of 65,421 barrels, as against 57,625 for the same month last year, while the shipments from Puget Sound for the month of April were only 65,282 barrels, as against 178,698 for the same month last year.

Reducing the flour shipments to a bushel basis, Portland still retains the lead over Puget Sound for April business in both wheat and flour. The total shipments from Portland, wheat and flour, including 38,421 barrels of flour, during the month of April, were 734,716 bushels, as compared with 548,921 bushels from the Sound cities. This latter includes the total of 65,282 barrels of flour which represented the aggregate of these shipments from those ports to both foreign and domestic markets.

To have expended over \$4,000,000 in four months for buildings is an achievement of which Portland may well be proud, and from all indications this record will be continued for months to come.

The following tables show the classification of new buildings by months from the first of the year to date:

January, 1909.	
Under \$1000.	77
From \$1000 to \$2000.	44
From \$2000 to \$3000.	14
From \$3000 to \$5000.	14
From \$5000 to \$10,000.	10
\$10,000 and over.	10
Total.	179

Permits issued for over \$10,000—Southern Pacific, warehouse, \$10,000; Northwest Leachhold Company, Eleventh and Yamhill, \$25,000; Seaside Railway, Council Crest, \$30,000; Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, Jefferson and Front, \$35,000; Harry McCormick, dwelling, \$20,000; Building Investment Company, Couch and Elsie, \$17,000; Market Front and First, \$20,000; City Water office, East Side, \$20,000.

February, 1909.	
Under \$1000.	116
From \$1000 to \$2000.	63
From \$2000 to \$3000.	23
From \$3000 to \$5000.	23
From \$5000 to \$10,000.	13
\$10,000 and over.	12
Total.	322

Permits issued for over \$10,000—Lewis

estate, Fourth and Oak, \$200,000; T. B. Wilcox, Seventh and Stark, \$250,000; Mrs. Warren, Third and Madison, \$20,000; F. V. Holman, warehouse, Fifteenth and Marshall, \$10,000; Jefferson High School, \$100,000; Bolander Investment Company, Fourth and Everett, \$35,000; Weaver & Jaeger, Washington and King, \$14,100; Martin, Winch, Thirteenth and Washington, \$27,000; Mrs. Zan, warehouse, York and Blackstone, \$12,000.

March, 1909.	
Under \$1000.	108
From \$1000 to \$2000.	81
From \$2000 to \$3000.	21
From \$3000 to \$5000.	14
From \$5000 to \$10,000.	10
\$10,000 and over.	10
Total.	449

Permits issued for over \$10,000—John Klernan, warehouse, Gilman and Twelfth, \$20,000; C. B. Sewell, lodgings, East Morrison and East Third, \$20,000; First Christian Church, \$20,000; C. C. Robbins, dwelling, West Twenty-second, \$15,000; Anderson & Kern, King and Washington, \$35,000; W. Prager, store, Killingsworth, \$14,500; Mrs. C. A. Wells, East Gilman, dwelling, \$22,000.

April, 1909.	
Under \$1000.	189
From \$1000 to \$2000.	139
From \$2000 to \$3000.	25
From \$3000 to \$5000.	25
From \$5000 to \$10,000.	25
\$10,000 and over.	25
Total.	560

Permits issued for over \$10,000—Public school, East Thirteenth, \$20,000; school, East Twenty-third, \$15,000; W. R. Union Avenue and Killingsworth, \$30,000; Oregon Hotel (part), \$50,000; Hill estate, apartments, Russell street, \$13,000; Knott Street School, \$30,000; George Clark, Church, East Twentieth, \$45,000; Y. M. C. A., brick work, \$34,000; Trustees Company of Portland, block 217 (Olds, Worman & King), \$50,000; George Clark, apartment, Twenty-fifth street, \$12,000; Mrs. Hummelin, store, Seventeenth and Washington, \$28,000; L. S. Laundry, Grand Avenue, \$20,000; Koshland & Holman, Eleventh and Washington, \$30,000. Really transfers for the month were above the average in the aggregate of valuations represented. During the month deeds were filed showing the transfer of property to the value of \$2,568,194. This total includes only nominal valuations, probably 25 per cent of the deeds recorded, so that the total falls short of the actual value of the property changing ownership.

ANNUAL CONVENTION TODAY

County Sunday School Workers Will
Hear Addresses.

At 2 o'clock this afternoon the annual convention of the Multnomah County Sunday School Association will hold its first session at Taylor-street Methodist Episcopal Church. Rev. Charles A. Phillips, secretary and field-worker, will speak at the forenoon meeting on "Elementary Work." There will also be an address by Professor E. C. Knapp on "Teacher Training." A question box will be opened, there will be music and other interesting features. At 7:45 P. M., Rev. W. H. Phelps will lead devotional services. There will be a brief business session and a social hour. The evening session will be held at the "Organized Classes."

The Sunday session will be held at the



Professor E. C. Knapp, who will speak on "Teacher Training."

White Temple, beginning at 3 o'clock in the afternoon with a brief song service, followed by Scripture reading by Dr. J. H. Whitcomb Brougher; prayer by Dr. J. H. Cudlipp, and an address, "The Pastor's Relation to the Bible School," by Dr. W. F. Reagor. Professor Knapp will deliver an address on "How to Build Up the Sunday School, the Superintendent and the Teacher."

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When a person has used coffee for a number of years and gradually declined in health, it is time the coffee should be left off in order to see whether or not that has been the cause of the trouble.

A lady in Huntsville, Ala., says she used coffee for about 40 years, and for the past 20 years was troubled with stomach trouble.

"I have been treated by many physicians but all in vain. Everything failed to perfect a cure. I was prostrated for some time, and came near giving up. I recovered sufficiently to partake of food and drink I tried coffee again and it soured on my stomach."

"I finally concluded coffee was the cause of my troubles and stopped using it. I tried tea and then milk in its place, but neither agreed with me, then I commenced using Postum. I had it properly made and it was very pleasing to the taste."

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CONTRACTS ARE LET

Barber Asphalt Company Will
Pave Hawthorne Avenue.

BID OF \$171,000 ACCEPTED

Decision Reached by Executive
Board After Long Debate—Bel-
gian Block Firm Gets North
Portland Job.

The Barber Asphalt Paving Company yesterday afternoon received the contract for laying asphalt on Hawthorne avenue from East Third to East Forty-first streets at the sum of \$171,000. The Montague-O'Reilly Company was awarded the contract for laying Belgian blocks on various streets in the North Portland wholesale district at \$90,000. Both corporations had to fight hard for the work, as each had competition, and it was only after a session of the Executive Board lasting from 4 to 8:30 o'clock that final action was taken in regard to the Hawthorne-avenue improvement. The result is a local concern, Mr. Davis contended that the biggest victory ever achieved by the asphalt company in Portland, as it had a keen and exceedingly active competitor in the Cascade Construction Company, a local concern, of which I. N. Day is the leading spirit.

Dan J. Mularky, counsel for the Barber company, made a strong plea for his concern, and largely against peculiar circumstances that combined to make his work difficult. There was the open charge that the Barber company's bid was unbalanced; that it bid on the Belgian blocks, a local concern, Mr. Davis contended that the bid was irregular, in that the members of the present corporation put in their bid as a partnership, but are getting the contract as a corporation. E. W. Montague, representing the local concern, replied by saying there is no irregularity whatever in the bid.

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Lotan's bond, when his arrest is effected, will probably be fixed at \$1000. That amount was required of Breslau and Reinstant when they were arrested in the day following the mutilation of the Excelsior Bond petition. It is not believed a larger bond will be required of them when they are rearrested on the bench warrant. The charges of forgery now resting against them in the Municipal Court will doubtless be dropped and their trials taken up under the indictments direct with the Circuit Court.

It was upon information supplied by Lotan that the other two men were arrested. When the petition in question was found to have been removed from the Auditor's vaults and tampered with during the night of April 19 Lotan was called on the carpet by City Auditor Barbur and questioned. He had been seen by a watchman leaving the City Hall late on the night of the crime. He at once admitted having given Reinstant and Breslau, employees of the Portland Brewing Company, access to the petition. But he insisted that they had called him up by telephone and asked him to go to the office with them in order that they might check over the petition to see if the names were regular. Giving them the petition, he busied himself with two personal letters and had no idea anything wrong was going on, so he said. He was immediately suspended from the office, but was not arrested pending an investigation. Mr. Barbur being willing to give him the benefit of a doubt.

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When the vote was taken, Messrs. Eterly and Swett voted to reject all bids, while Messrs. Greene, Montag, Sullivan and Newell voted to let the contract to the Barber company.

The Cascade company was represented by W. C. Bristol, who said that he believed the report of the committee should be adopted, and new bids be

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sought. This company may receive some other contracts, as it bid on several streets for bitulithic, Hassam and asphalt. It has no plant here as yet.

When the matter of the laying of Belgian blocks in North Portland's wholesale district was under consideration Attorney W. M. Davis, who formerly represented a Seattle brick company, protested against the award of the contract to the Montague-O'Reilly company, a local concern. Mr. Davis contended that the bid was irregular, in that the members of the present corporation put in their bid as a partnership, but are getting the contract as a corporation. E. W. Montague, representing the local concern, replied by saying there is no irregularity whatever in the bid.

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recalled by Mr. Barbur that Lotan inquired the combination of the vaults Monday forenoon. This was a suspicious circumstance in itself and tended to discredit his story of having been called up casually Monday night. The janitor and watchman told of seeing him leave the City Hall at 11 o'clock Monday night with the brewer's key.

The numerous forgeries found in the petition afterwards and attributed to those who circulated it, is not referred to in the final report of the inquirers. That subject likely will be taken up by the May grand jury when it is impeached. The April jury was unable to act in the matter because of the long task of checking over the Excise Board petition.

Employment agencies are given a hard rap in the final report. Revocation of the Hansen company's license is recommended. On this subject the report says: "We would recommend that more stringent laws be passed by the City Council governing employment agencies. The number of complaints that have come up before us show that poor laboring people are mulcted of their hard-earned money and sent to different parts of the state, only to find that there is either no employment for them or that it is difficult work or less wages than they had agreed upon when they paid their fee, and they are usually out of time and expenses, as well as their fee. We believe that the members of the G. A. R. believe that the usual visits and patriotic speeches at the public schools might be omitted this year."

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The final report is very brief, and that

The Tenderfoot Farmer

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