

GREAT GAIN SHOW Building Expenditure 22 1-2 Per Cent Over 1908.

AUGUST IS BUSY MONTH Increase in Bank Clearings Is \$6,416,309, While Real Estate Is Active, Although Summer Lull Is Noticed.

An increase in actual building activity of more than 25 per cent over the corresponding months of last year...

Figures on file in the office of the Building Inspector show that in 1908 the total amount for which permits were issued up to September 1 was \$6,583,371.

Up to September 1, 1909, 241 permits were issued. During the same time this year the number is 316. It was said at the Building Inspector's office, however, that the apparently slightly smaller number of permits issued so far in 1909 is due to the fact that in 1908 a considerable number of permits were granted for alterations and small repairs to existing buildings.

Figures for the month of August show a like increase. In August, 1908, 412 permits were issued for a total sum of \$72,286, while during the month just ended 478 permits were granted for a total of \$99,345, an increase of \$27,059. This is a very unusual showing, as ordinarily building operations are at their dullest during the summer months.

Bank clearings for the month show an enormous gain. During the month of August a year ago, the Portland Clearing-House Association checked up \$24,327,543 worth of business. This month the grand total was \$30,745,722. In August, 1908, the balance was \$2,907,159.40, while this August it was \$20,838,562.75. The figures thus show a clear gain of \$4,616,309.25 in the amount of money handled by the city August, this year, over that of last.

TALL SMOKESTACK BUILT Tube of 160 Feet Rises in Rear of Marquam Building.

A smokestack, 164 feet tall, has just been erected in the rear of the Marquam building to replace the old stack, which extended only half-way to the top of the building.

Construction of the tall tube was made necessary on account of the smoke blowing into the windows of the building, making it almost impossible at times for anyone to stay in them. The new stack extends seven feet above the top of the building, so that the smoke is carried away by the wind.

CONDENSED NEWS BY WIRE

Knnoxville, Tenn.—Score of waste new into the grandstand here while the game between Knoxville and Chattanooga was being played and cleaned out the grandstand and great excitement.

New York.—One of the most severe decrees ever pronounced by a court in this country was issued yesterday in the case of E. J. Drot, a professional chauffeur and participant in the Vanderbilt cup race, from ever driving a car in New York state.

Pleola, Ill.—Thomas Scott, who escaped from the Elgin prison yesterday after he had created a panic among the villagers by his efforts to kill those who approached him. He was suffering from an aggravated case of pellagra.

New York.—S. J. Koenigskamp, president of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union of America, has issued an appeal to the wireless telegraphers throughout the country in an effort to organize them as a subordinate branch of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union of America.

Chicago.—Willbur Glenn Voliva, successor to the late John Alexander Dowse as head of the Dovey religious cult, is a prisoner in the County Jail at Woodstock, Ill., in default of payment of a \$10,000 judgment in favor of Philip Mottenthal, a farmer of Madison county.

New York.—All records are broken by the New York City directory for 1909, which has been issued, with the names and addresses of 507,439 persons in Manhattan and the Bronx, indicating a population increase for 2-year-olds, distance five furlongs, was won today by Charles Carroll's Washoe. H. P. Whitney's Newcastle II, and Fiscal Fighter ran a dead heat for second place. Speed started.

Prizefight Called Off. MARSHFIELD, Or., Aug. 31.—(Special.) The prizefight which was to have been pulled off next Saturday night by Lupton Carranza and Al Neil, of San Francisco, has been called off owing to some misunderstanding about the guarantee.

Papke Signed for Fight. NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 31.—Billy Papke has agreed to the terms offered him by the West Side Athletic Club and will fight the latter part of October.

Pins and Needles Winner. SHEPHERDSBAY, Aug. 31.—Pins and Needles, at 7 to 1, won the turf sell

Illinois Infantry; Arthur A. Parker, Sixth Ohio Infantry, and William J. Gardner, a Mexican War veteran. Cal White, towing an oil barge to Fort Coosa the tugboat Pirate, of the C. A. Hebbard Launch & Tugboat Company, of Columbus, Ga., exploded, and Captain Webster and Engineer Olsen were badly scalded, and saved their lives only by grabbing the rope and pulling the tug after being thrown into the water. The port light of the tug for some reason exploded, cutting the mast of the tug.

Chicago.—The case of Russia used by the insurance companies to justify their refusal to permit the issue of fire insurance policies for nearly 10 years in Chicago, is being reviewed in the Supreme Court, in connection with the case of the Imperial Ottoman Bank, which was held to be a justly family difference, and the protection to the Ottoman Bank, and the Court O'Connell's verdict, said J. Medill McCormick.

St. Paul.—Walter B. White was fatally injured when the eastbound North Coast Limited train on the Northern Pacific road ran into a work train while crossing a trestle a half mile east of Detroit, Minn. The limited was two hours late on account of the accident. The baggage and mail cars turned turtle and landed in a swamp in which the water was three feet deep. The engine and the passenger cars were badly damaged. Three mail clerks are said to have been injured.

Chicago.—James Allen, of Aurora, Ill., believes he has discovered a cure for cancer. The cure is a matter of life and death. He said he has asked an Eastern cancer specialist to graft a cancer upon him for the test. The cure is a matter of life and death. He said he has asked an Eastern cancer specialist to graft a cancer upon him for the test. The cure is a matter of life and death. He said he has asked an Eastern cancer specialist to graft a cancer upon him for the test.

Chicago.—The Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad and seven other railway companies interested in the order of the Interstate Commerce Commission instituting a new proportional rate between Chicago and Des Moines are protesting against the order.

BOSTON YACHT WINNER HONORS GO TO AMERICANS IN SECOND CONTEST. Ellen, Owned by Charles P. Curtis, Makes Pretty Race and Beats Germans Hopelessly.

MARBLEHEAD, Mass., Aug. 31.—The honors in the second day's race of the international contests between the German and American yachts were won by the American yacht Ellen, owned by Charles P. Curtis, of Boston, and sailed by his son, Charles P. Curtis, Jr.

The German challengers were hopelessly beaten. The Seehund II dropped out of the race when it was one-quarter of the race because she fouled a flag mark. The Wolf finished a close second, while the Joyette, winner of yesterday's contest, was third, 45 seconds behind the Wolf.

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KETCHEL TO FIGHT LANGFORD. Boat Not Off, Only Postponed to September 20.

NEW YORK, Aug. 31.—The announcement that the Ketchel-Langford fight, to be held in this city in September, has been abandoned by the Fairmont A. C., because of the interference of Governor Hughes, was premature. The officials of the club announce the contest will be held as planned, the only change being in postponing the bout from September 13 to September 20.

REGULARS WIN RIFLE CUPS. National Guardsmen No Match for Marines and Infantry.

CAMP PERRY, O., Aug. 31.—The National Guard marksmen got the worst of it again today at the tournament of the National Rifle Association. Both of the national teams concluded with regulars. The handsome \$1500 cup, which officers of the United States Marine Corps gave to the National Rifle Association to be held by the riflemen making the highest score in 30 shots at 600 and 3000 yards, was won by Captain D. C. McDougal, U. S. M., of California.

Whitney's Horse in Dead Heat. DERBY, England, Aug. 31.—The Byrle Maiden plate of 100 sovereigns for 2-year-olds, distance five furlongs, was won today by Charles Carroll's Washoe. H. P. Whitney's Newcastle II, and Fiscal Fighter ran a dead heat for second place. Speed started.

NEW LOCATION This Company will soon occupy its new banking room in the Merchants Trust Building at Sixth and Washington streets, the very center of business of the city, with new and modern equipment throughout.

With the best of facilities for the transaction of its business the patronage of the public is solicited. The maintenance of four distinct departments, Commercial, Savings, Trusts and Realty—enables offering a broad and comprehensive service.

Your patronage is solicited.

MERCHANTS SAVINGS & TRUST COMPANY 247 Washington Street.

Ohio Male Chorus at The Baker

BY JOSEPH M. QUENTIN. IN HONOR of the state of Presidents.

Ohio, an interested audience, largely made up of former residents of Ohio and Wales, gathered in the Baker Theater last night and welcomed to town the Ohio Male Chorus of about 40 voices, under the direction of Professor Hugh W. Owens, of Chicago, Ill. The varied programme was most enjoyed and enjoyed by many.

The versatile press agent would have us believe that the Ohio Male Chorus is the best male voice organization in the United States. I have no wish to roast the chorus, but candor compels me to state that its singing is only ordinarily good. For excellence of vocalism, for instance, it does not reach the stately height achieved by the Boston Apollo Club. As for local comparisons, there is no use at this time for making any. Suffice it to say that, generally speaking, the work of the Ohio Male Chorus shows faithful training, and a desire to excel in all that is best in music, and that already a high ideal has been reached.

The chorus singers belong to several small towns near Lima, O., and they rehearsed for several weeks to capture the honor of the contest at the Pacific Exposition, which they won—and Professor Hugh W. Owens came from Chicago, once a week or so, to instruct them. Many of the songs were of Welsh descent. They dressed in dark coats, white duck pants, and neckties and shoes of various hues. The piano was used to accompany the songs, and baritone and tenor speaking. The tenors being weak in tone production in the upper register above F but they were hearty singers, and for their earnest, hearty singing, they were well received.

Many changes were made from the printed programme, the best songs choruses being Dudley Buck's "On the Sea," Prothero's "Andorra," and "Comrades in Arms" by Adams. Great enthusiasm was created by the singing of "America" and "The Star Spangled Banner." In rendering the latter selection the singers waved small American flags. D. O. Evans, who sang "Make New Friends but Keep the Old," has an ordinary baritone and he doesn't sing easily. Dr. Shaw, who joins the chorus from Cincinnati, O., has a clear tenor but boyish voice, and it hasn't grown yet, but he sang two love songs well. W. J. Winemann, tenor, is one of the best singers in the chorus. He shows ease and quality of voice, his selection being "I Am Waiting Near Thy Chamber" and "I Am Waiting Near Thy Chamber." E. C. Humphreys, bass, is possibly the best solo singer with the chorus. His deep, thick tones are of remarkable beauty and strength. His offering was Ballard's "The Kavanagh."

Haydn Jones was piano accompanist, and he also gave two piano solos, a Liszt Chopin and a Grieg waltz. Mr. Jones is amateurish but promising.

The Ohio concerts are on a tour which includes centers in Oakland, Cal., Salt Lake City, Utah, Denver, and other cities in Colorado en route for Chicago, where they hope to be by September 12.

Bishop Scadding's Appointment. The Right Reverend Charles Scadding leaves tonight for his annual visitation of the Episcopal churches in Coos and Curry county missions, and has announced the following appointments for this month:

September 5—Marshfield, morning and evening service. September 6—Coquille. September 7—Coquille, preaching morning and evening. September 8—Bandon, lectures, "The Bible and How to Study It." September 12—Coquille, morning and evening service. September 13—St. Matthew's day. Gardiner, evening service. September 14—Scottsburg. September 15—Drain. September 16—Perrymouth, confirmation in evening. September 17—Meeting of board of missions at Bishopport. September 18—St. Michael and All Angels, Pro-cathedral sermon and special intercessions for missions. September 19—Board of hospital trustees at Good Samaritan Hospital.

Judge Considers Alimony Case. County Judge Webster took under advisement yesterday the suit of W. E. Buffum against his wife to have a court order for \$35 a month alimony for their child's support rescinded. Buffum says his wife is unfit to have the child's custody.

DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT. PORTLAND, Aug. 31.—Maximum temperature, 65.3 degrees; minimum, 53.2 degrees. River gauge at 8 A. M., 2.5 feet; change in last 24 hours, 0.1 foot rise. Total rainfall 5.75 inches. Wind, light variable; gusty September 1, 1909, 26.11 inches; normal, 45.13 inches; deficiency, 9 inches. Total sunshine, August, 16.15 hours 21 minutes; possible, 12 hours 24 minutes. Barometer (reduced to sea level) at 3 P. M., 30.12 inches.

During the last 24 hours the barometer has fallen decidedly over the North Pacific States, but no rain has fallen, except September 1.—Observer and in Southern Idaho, Nevada and Utah. The changes in temperature since yesterday have been unimportant.

The conditions are favorable for showers

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Apples will pay twice the dividend that you can secure from any other Oregon product. This is doubly true if you purchase one of our

10 Acre Roseburg Home Orchard Tracts These tracts can now be secured at a price that will seem ridiculously low a few years hence. They are located in the famous Umpqua Valley. To the business man or salaried man a payment each month for one of these tracts for a few years will place you in a position of comparative independence. We will care for it for three years, when the peach trees which we place between the apple trees will bear fruit.

We Don't Ask You to Take a Chance

The revenue and the increase in value of your land are just as certain as life and death. As the population of the state increases, and it is increasing rapidly, the value of your land will be enhanced accordingly. If the state did not increase in population, there is still the same demand for apples in the Eastern states, the supply not being nearly equal to the demand. It seems strange that it is necessary to urge a man to

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such as this, in which risk has been entirely eliminated and success is a foregone conclusion. No irrigation is necessary, the climate and soil being perfect and will produce the finest quality of Spitzenberg and Yellow Newtown apples.

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AUCTION SALES TODAY. At Wilson Auction House, corner 2d and Yamhill. Sale at 10 A. M. J. T. WILSON, Auctioneer.

MEETING NOTICES. HAWTHORNE LODGE, NO. 117, A. F. & A. M.—Stated communication this (Wednesday) evening, 7:30, East Eighth and Burns streets. M. M. degree. Visiting brothers welcome. C. E. MILLER, Secy.

WASHINGTON LODGE, NO. 48, A. F. & A. M.—Stated communication this (Wednesday) evening, 7:30, East Eighth and Burns streets. M. M. degree. Visiting brothers welcome. J. H. RICHMOND, Secy.

SAMARITAN LODGE NO. 2, I. O. O. F.—Regular meeting this evening at 8 o'clock. Initiation. Visitors always welcome. H. OSVOLD, Sec.

FUNERAL NOTICES. EDMARK—At 758 Montana ave. Aug. 31. Helen Marie Edmark, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Edmark. Private services will be held from Zeller-Byrnes Company's parlors this morning (Wednesday) at 10 A. M. Interment Lane St. Cemetery.

FORECASTS. Portland and vicinity—Probably fair; northwesterly winds.

Deadly Danger in Diseased Kidneys. Few People Really Know What Kidney and Bladder Diseases Lead To.

They frequently become incurable, if neglected. And they often terminate fatally, where the neglect is continued. Serious and dangerous disorders of the bladder and kidneys, cannot receive attention too quickly, once they are attacked.

Chronic inflammation of the kidneys, bladder and passages, inflammatory rheumatism, dropsy, gravel and gallstones, chronic nerve disorders, diabetes, Bright's disease, etc. DeWitt's Kidney and Bladder Pills very quickly eliminate from the system every trace of the deadly uric acid poison. They accomplish this by reason of their well known antiseptic, cleansing, curative, heating and stimulating action upon the kidneys, bladder and liver.

DeWitt's Kidney and Bladder Pills are put up in airtight, sanitary glass containers (to preserve full strength and curative qualities), and are sold by all druggists. E. C. DeWitt & Co., Chicago, Ill., want every man and woman who have the least suspicion that they are afflicted with kidney and bladder diseases to at once write them, and a trial box of these Pills will be sent free by return mail postpaid. Do it today.

BASEBALL Recreation Park, Corner Vaughn and Twenty-fourth Sts. SPOKANE VS. PORTLAND AUG. 30, 31, Sept. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. Games begin week days 3:30 P. M.; Sunday, 2:20 P. M. Admission—Bleachers, 25c; Grandstand, 50c; Boxes, 25c extra. Children: Bleachers, 10c; Grandstand, 25c. Ladies' Day Friday. Boys under 12 free to bleachers Wednesday.

Only 3 Days Left Do You Want \$50? Want \$100? Picking it up on Washington street would be no easier than buying a lot at Westmoreland and taking advantage of the withdrawal of the 10 per cent that has been available for the past two months. September 3d Marks the End Are you going to be one of the gainers? Can you afford to miss such an opportunity? Look over the property at your leisure, if you will, but make it a part of your business before the close of the day, Friday. You'll never regret it. There's no stopping half way—Westmoreland gets her introduction to real city usefulness at a jump. No wading in the mud. Graded streets, cement walks and curbs, shade trees, etc.—it all comes at once, and THROUGHOUT THE TRACT. Only Three Days Left—It's Your Move Columbia Trust Company BOARD OF TRADE BLDG.

Seat Sale Opens Today To purchasers of One or more Operas International Grand Opera Co. Bungalow Theater All Next Week.

Opheum THEATRE 15-25-500 WEEK AUG. 30—Circumstantial Evidence, Ed Wynn and Al Lee; The Billiken, Charles Kenton; The Crouch and Welch; Harry H. Richards and company in Love a La Mode; Musical Johnstones, Best Street; Musical; Orchestra.

Get In Line Early THE GRAND WEEK OF AUGUST 30. Edwin Currier & Co. in "Tals." Billy Cook, Fred Bauer, Grand Spectacular.

PANTAGES THEATRE Advanced Vaudeville—Stars of All Nations. Europe's latest sensation, Hanson and Joseph, Musical Entertainers; Theatrical added attraction, Marinetti and Gross, European novelty artists; Hamilton and Lonsdale, Musical Entertainers; Theatrical, Daniel, comedians; Leo White, illustrated ballad; Shelby, Musical Entertainers; Theatrical; Nada, Musical Entertainers; Musical; Curtain, 2:30, 7:15 and 9.

LYRIC THEATRE Phone—Main 483, A 1024. Prices—30, 20 and 10 cents. Musical Entertainers; Theatrical; Pink Tea Matinee Thursday. Week commencing Sunday Matinee, Aug. 29. "The Ranch King"

Star Theater OH, YOU NEW PICTURES! Entire Programme Changed Today. The Hunchback of Notre Dame, 25c; French Battleships, Little Street Singers, Sam Not Wanted, Niagara in Winter. WRESTLING EDWARDS, London Music Hall Singer as an Extra Feature.

THE OAKS PORTLAND'S GREAT AMUSEMENT PARK EXTRA! EXTRA! THIS WEEK DESPERADO Greatest Act of Its Kind in the World. Donnell's Famous Band. Trolley Quartet. Big Double Ed Edwards. Cars every five minutes from any part city, 5 cents.

DIED. MAGEE—At Graham, Or., August 28. Henry J. Magee, aged 70 years, husband of Ellen Magee and father of Mrs. S. W. Blakely, Mrs. J. H. Steinman, May C. Magee and Joseph T. Magee.