BECORDS OF MARCH SHOW PROSPERITY

Building Permits 66 Per Cent Higher Than Last Year; Other Figures Up.

NEW HOMES ON INCREASE

Many Deeds to Smaller Properties Bring Great Total-Shipments of Lumber Largest Since San Francisco Fire.

Gigantic Increases in building per-Gigantic increases in building permits, realty transfers, bank clearings, lumber shipments and postal receipts for March over the corresponding month last year indicate the onward march of Portland and the general prosperity of the city. The returns for the month just ended show an increase in the cost of buildings for which permits were issued of 66 per cent over March, 1909; in real estate transfers of 37 per cent, in bank clearings of 20 per cent, in number of building permits 48 per cent, in postoffice receipts 22 per cent, and in lumber shipments of more than 5 per cent. more than 9 per cent.

These figures are reflected in like Increases for the first quarter of 1910, as compared with the opening quarter of 1909. All along the line new records are approached. In some in-stances new marks far in excess of previous records are established:

Quarters' Record Exceeded.

Building permits lead with the grand total of \$1,471,585 for the month just closed, as compared with \$885,585 for March, 1909. The decrease for the year occasioned by the bad weather in January and February has been made up and the total for the quarter of \$5,091,750 shows an increase of 18 per cent over the figure of \$2,646,540 for the three opening months of 1909.

The largest number of permits ever taken out in a single month were granted through the office of the building inspector last month, when building inspector last month, when 664 permits were given out, an increase of 48 per cent over the figure of 449 for March, 1909, and bringing the yearly total to 1425, as compared with 350 for the first quarter in 1909. The quarterly figure develops an increase of 50 per cent. The mark of 664 established puts to rout the former record of 576 permits issued in a single month, the number granted in April, 1908.

Real estate transfers likewise show a great increase. Last month the total transfers recorded numbered 2663, for a total consideration of \$4,209,863, as compared with 885 transfers, totaling

compared with 885 transfers, totaling \$3,962,350, for March, 1909. The in-crease of % per cent is on a par with the increase shown all year, the quar-terly total of \$40,144,873 being an increase of 35 1/2 per cent over the corresponding figure of \$7,326,736 for January, February and March, 1903.

Many Homes Projected.

The great total arrived at in build-ing permits was not the result of es-pecially large sulidings being started, a permit for \$100,000 being the largest granted all month. A steady influx of homebuilders into the office of the building inspector is the cause of the excellent building figures, while the reality transfers recorded last month are a reflection of the activity in the real estate market which has been noreal estate market which has been no-ticeable on every side since the begin-ning of the year. The real estate trans-fer figures were aided by the filing of several deeds for important down-town properties, but the great totals were arrived at through the filing of hundreds of deeds to smaller proper-ties, showing that the small investor is sharing in the general prosperity. Compared with the same month in 1909, the Portiand postofice will show 1909, the Portland postoffice will show

was at hand to insure that amount as the minimum to be announced. It was estimated by Cashier Hirsch at 4 P. M. that the total receipts for the month would approximate \$76,900, against \$62,-913.86 for the previous March. The increase will be about \$14,000.

Superintendent Holloway, of the malting station on Fifth and Glisan streets, was largely responsible for the unexpected increase, his "turn in" of second and third-class postage for yesterday being the largest in the history of the office. He carried more than \$2900 to the cashier.

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It is confidently believed that Port-It is confidently believed that Port-land will secure a place well toward the top of the list of offices in the United States showing an increase of business for the month, if it does not lead. During the past few months a larger percentage of gain has been made by the local postoffice than has been shown by any city in the North-

"There is no way to account for it, except through the natural increase of except through the natural increase of sales of postage stamps to the business houses of the city," said Assistant Postmaster Williamson, "We notice a larger volume of business at the gen-eral delivery windows and the stamp windows and a larger demand is made from day to day among the city car-riers. There have been no large stamp sales to any particular firm or organi-cation."

An increase of 30 per cent in bank clearings is another striking index to the general prosperity of the city. The figures for clearings for March, 1919, show a total of \$45,343,225.95, compared with \$34,988,801.09 for March, 1909. This increased was arrived at through a steady increase dally, and as far as is shown by the records no one day carried any especial weight in contributing to the total,

Lumber Record Exceeded.

One of the features which was gratifying in a review of the business of the month is the showing made by the lumber shipments. The aggregate of 28.170.828 feet of lumber shipped sets a new record for Portland, the high mark being attributed to the fact that California ports drew on Portland for 13,155,000 feet of lumber, the largest amount sent to California since the months following the San Francisco fire in April, 1906.

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A shortage of wheat caused a decrease in the flour and wheat shipments, the totals being 146,642 bushels of wheat and 15,536 barrels of flour; but while the slight decrease was apparent as compared with March, 1909, the reason is easily found in a dearth of wheat throughout the Northwest.

New Commissioner Named Monday, VANCOUVER, Wash., March 31.— (Special.)—The County Commissioners will meet next Monday to choose a commissioner to fill the vacancy caused

by the resignation of F. C. Smith. While no applications for the position have been filed with the County Auditor, the following men are spoken of for the office: J. R. Nell, Michael Flynn and N. C. Hall, of Ridgefield; O. B. Aagaard, of La Center, and Robert Lowe, of Yacolt, Lowe is an ex-commissioner.

POLICE HAVE BUSY MONTH

About 1500 Arrests Made-Court Receipts Boom.

While the report of Chief of Police Cox for March will not be entirely completed until today, it is known that about 1500 arrests have been made through the Police Department. Of this number, 60 were women and 47 were minors. As usual, the greatest num-

minors. As usual, the greatest number of arrests was made for being out after hours, 120 facing this charge.
"Nick" Beutgen, clerk of the Municipal Court, finished compiling his monthly report yesterday afternoon, and it showed an unusual amount of business transacted. The total receipts were \$3154.50, showing an increase of nearly \$2000 over the corresponding month of 1909. Fines, forfeitures of ball and costs went to make up the fools which costs went to make up the total, which comes close to cutting the record.

From the records of the Police Station the following list of arrests and crimes charged is taken:

No. people arrested Charge. orgery

ottery tickets in possession. Lottery tickets in possession.

Larceny
Minors in saloon
Obtaining money under false pretenses
Opium in possession
Resisting an officer,
Runaway children
Refuse to move on. ing profane language.

Violation city ordinance..... Speeding automobiles PRINTERS' TRUST HUNTED

Kennedy on Its Trail and Independent Promises Evidence.

Mayor Simon was assured yesterday that there is a printing trust, while Secretary Kennedy, of the Civil Service Commission, was advised by various printery proprietors that there is none; that it died two years ago and that it has never been rovived.

The Mayor's "tip" was given to him by an independent printer, who declared that he "can tell a lot of interesting things." He will be given the opportunity, as the Mayor will instruct Mr. Kennedy to investigate.

That there is a printing trust, a combination of firms which dictates prices for work and which restrains trade and competition, was declared to be a fact at the meeting of the Civil Service Commission Wednesday afternoon. The com-mission instructed Mr. Kennedy to in-vestigate the situation and to report his findings at the next session at 4 o'clock next Wednesday. He is now making this

Astoria March Rainfall Heavy.

ASTORIA. Or., March 31.—(Special.)—
According to the records in Weather Observer Gilmore's office, the rainfall in
Astoria during the month of March was
8.34 inches, or .71 of an inch less than
the average for the corresponding month
in previous years, which is 9.05 inches,
The greatest precipitation during any 24
hours of the month was 4.25 inches on
March 1.

WOMAN WOULD DIE 21/4 POUNDS

Traveling Salesman's Wife Attempts Suicide.

BULLET PIERCES

Mrs. Jessie Seydel, Despondent Through Ill-Health, Seeks to End All in Death--Telephones Husband, Then Shoots to Kill.

Despondency, brought about through ill health, caused Mrs. Jessie Seydel wife of a traveling salesman, to attempt last night to end her life by shooting at the Drexel Hotel. The woman is now at the Good Samaritan Hospital suffering from a wound which will not

prove fatal, although the bullet passed through her body.

The would-be suicide and her hus-band came to Portland from Olympia, Wash., last October. Her health has been impaired for several years. Re-

been impaired for several years. Recently she became despondent and several times threatened to end her suffering by suicide.

Yesterday her husband returned to the city from a business trip through the state. He was engaged in work in the offices of his employers in the Wells-Fargo building last night. A few moments before his despondent wife fired the bullet into her body she summoned him by telephone and asked that he come to their apartments in the Drexci Hotel immediately. She did not intimate that she contemplated suicide.

Arriving at the apartments a few mo-nents afterward, Seydel found the doors locked. His presence caused the woman to ask who desired to enter. Seydel had no more than informed her as to his indentity than a pistol shot rang

his indentity than a pistol shot rang out in the room.

The woman had fired a 38-caliber builet into her body just below the heart. It plowed upward, puncturing the left lung and emerging at the right arm plt. Seydel did not wait to unlock the door, but smashed the glass panel, inflicting hand lacerations, which required the attention of a physician after the woman was removed to the hospital in an ambulance.

The couple were married in Iowa seven years ago and have one child 5 years of

TAXES SOON DELINQUENT

First Half Must Be Paid Before Next Monday to Avoid Penalty.

Property-owners of the state who do not pay at least the first half of their taxes on or before next Monday will be obliged to pay in addition to the tax a 10 per cent penalty. De-linquent taxes bear interest at 12 per cent annually, and three years' failure on the part of the owner to pay his taxes means in many cases the loss of

taxes means in many cases the loss of the property, as anyone may pay the tax after it becomes delinquent. If a person other than a property-owner pays the delinquent tax upon a piece of property, the owner may buy up his receipt at any time within the three years limit. But failure for three successive years to any more the successive years to pay means the sale of the property by the Sheriff at auc-

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collected by Deputy Sheriff Martin, \$1,-670,036.70 has been turned over to County Treasurer Lewis. The last re-mittance was made yesterday, when \$520,331.55 was placed in Mr. Lewis keeping. The turnovers are made by Deputy Sheriff Martin as fast as the tax money is distributed. Mr. Martin will keep the tax department of Sheriff Stevens' office open tonight, Saturday night and Monday night until midnight.

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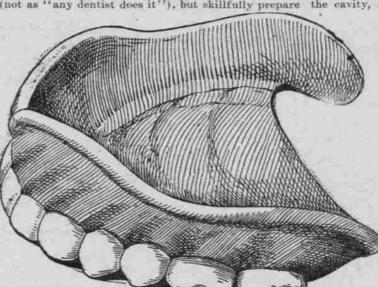
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