

PORTLAND'S MARCH FORWARD NOTABLE

March, 1914, Exceeds March Last Year in Many Statistical Records.

TAXES STRIKE CLEARINGS

Livestock Figures Take Decided Jump Over Same Month of 1913 - Building Permits Take Little Slump.

In virtually every statistical respect the month of March, 1914, in Portland, exceeds March, 1913, so that the month-end review is encouraging.

The volume of real estate transfers and postal receipts, the number of building permits issued and far livestock and grain receipts for the month just closed were more favorable than the same of year ago.

Permits Take Slump. The value of the building permits did not run as high this year and the bank clearings fell a small percentage short of the 1913 showing, but there are circumstances affecting the bank clearings for the respective months which are held to be of pertinent significance.

The livestock market was so active during the last month that all records for March were broken by the showing of figures at the stockyards.

The bank clearings for March, 1914, were \$55,335,019.44, as against \$55,119,796.41 for March, 1913. Undoubtedly the recently revised methods of paying taxes are largely accountable for the difference of \$2,135,223.03.

Last year all those who paid their taxes prior to March 15 received a rebate of 2 per cent, and this invitation encouraged a heavy payment of taxes during the early part of the month, causing a strong flow of checks through the channels of the clearing-house.

No Rebates Permitted.

This year no rebate privileges were offered. Those paying one-half of their taxes before 9:30 o'clock last night were exempted from the 1 per cent month penalty provision of the new tax law, but the rush in tax payment did not come until Monday and yesterday. On account of the great mass of work shoved so suddenly upon the Treasurer's office, by the larger share of these recently paid tax funds have not as yet found their way to the Portland clearing-house, where they would reach the total of the month's clearings in proportion to the enhancement given by the heavy tax payments of March, 1913.

The run of livestock at the Portland Union Stockyards in March was the largest in the history of that institution. A total of 619 carloads was received, which is a gain of 107 loads over the arrivals in March last year.

The total receipts of all classes of stock amounted to \$3,905 head, as against \$4,495 head unloaded in March, 1913. There were increases in all lines, but swine led the list with a gain of 6580 head.

Figures Tell Tales.

The movement in the yards in March of this and last year compares as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Item, March, 1914, March, 1913. Rows include Cattle, Hogs, Sheep, Cows, and Grain receipts.

Realty transfers in Portland for March, 1914, totaled \$1,354,469, as compared with \$1,230,912 for March of last year. During the month just closed 3057 deed and mortgage instruments were recorded, which reflect an active transfer condition.

In March, 1914, 708 building permits, amounting to \$282,885, were issued, contrasted with the smaller number, 616, issued in March, 1913, for the larger aggregate, \$386,740.

An encouraging result is shown in a comparison of the postal receipts for March of the respective years. The receipts for March, 1914, totaled \$104,971.45, or 11.7 per cent greater than the figures for March, 1913, \$94,152.13. The aggregate gain is \$10,819.32, which is among the largest year records.

Lumber Shipments Tally. The shipment of lumber for March of this year and last shows no material margin, both totals being approximately 16,909,099 for the month of both years. The greater volume of this year were not quite as large as last year's.

There are this year 32,247 children in the public schools of Portland as compared with the 30,411 registered this time last year, a parallel, by no means insignificant, in view of the accompanying fact that there are today a considerable number of gas, electric, water and telephone patrons in Portland, as shown on the records of the respective departments, than there were a year ago.

PERSONAL MENTION.

- H. P. Scapham is at the Nortonia. W. B. Fontaine, of Eugene, is at the Benson. Dan Hanrahan, of Hogueham, is at the Oregon. Frank Ewing is registered at the Nortonia. J. W. Kinnear, of Stockton, is at the Multnomah. Walter J. Ball, of Seattle, is at the Multnomah. Mrs. W. Powell, of Eugene, is at the Washington. E. E. Beebe, of Edmondton, Alta., is at the Oregon. T. A. Cornwall, of Spring Water, is at the Nortonia. D. M. Innes, of San Francisco, is at the Washington. W. Haverstick, of Waukegan, Wis., is at the Benson. George Drumbeller, of Walls Walla, is at the Imperial. Dr. John W. Sifton has taken apartments at the Cornucopia. Harold Homes, of New York, is stopping at the Nortonia. I. W. Anderson is registered at the Multnomah from Tacoma. J. C. Mattison is registered at the Oregon from Grants Pass. Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Lowry, of Tenino,

Wash., are registered at the Washington. W. W. Curtis is registered at the Cornelius from Sandy, Or. F. C. Crisman is registered at the Cornelius from Doty, Wash. Mrs. M. A. Sawyer is registered at the Washington from Seattle. Mrs. Howes A. Rogers, of Parkdale, Or., is registered at the Cornelius. Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Squires, of Marshfield, are registered at the Multnomah. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph W. Smith registered at the Benson from Denver yesterday. Otto Hirsch, of Kansas City, and Ben Hays, of Denver, are registered at the Oregon. Mrs. J. Schieble and Miss B. C. Schieble, of Philadelphia, are registered at the Benson. H. W. Steinhauer and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Steinhauer and children are registered at the Imperial from Parkdale, Or. Mrs. S. B. Esklin, of Eugene, G. A. Epperly, of Lebanon, and U. S. Crow-

FUNERAL SERVICES HELD FOR DEUFER WOMAN.



Mrs. L. G. Hillgren.

DUFER, Or., March 31.—(Special.)—Funeral services for Mrs. L. G. Hillgren, who died at her home near this city Tuesday night, were held Sunday at the Episcopal Church. The interment was in Kingley Cemetery. Mrs. Hillgren had been married five years. She is survived by her husband and a 4-year-old son.

der of Wasco, are among the Oregon people at the Imperial Hotel.

Dr. P. H. Fitzgerald, formerly superintendent of the State Tuberculosis Sanitarium at Salem, yesterday returned to Portland after taking six months post-graduate work in Europe. He visited hospitals in London, Paris, Berlin and Vienna.

Mr. and Mrs. John J. Erkins and their daughter left last night for New York City, where Mr. Erkins will be associated with the McKeefer Engineering & Construction Company. Mr. Erkins is transportation agent of the county clerk in Mr. Coffey's office for 15 months. Before going to the County Clerk's office he was connected with the Portland Gas & Coke Company.

CHICAGO, March 31.—(Special.)—At Chicago hotels from Oregon are: From Portland, James D. Mackie, at Great Northern; Martin Kuhne, Mrs. Jennie Myers and Miss Mildred Myers, at the La Salle.

CHICAGO, March 31.—(Special.)—C. S. Blanchard, of Grants Pass, Or., is at the La Salle Hotel.

Washington Delegates Named.

OLYMPIA, Wash., March 31.—(Special.)—Governor Lister will attend the Washington delegation of five who will attend the Denver irrigation conference called by Secretary of the Interior Mr. Erkins in Washington and who will go are E. E. Benson, of Tenino, representative of the Washington Irrigation Institute; C. E. Arney, of Spokane, general passenger agent of the slumbers of the Northern Pacific Railway; Judge Carroll B. Graves, of Seattle, as appointee of Governor Lister, and Ira P. Englehart, of Talama, as the personal invitation of Secretary Lana.

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ENGLISH IN OPERA IS PLEA OF NOTED SINGER

After Having Sleep Disturbed by "Drunken Sailor," David Bispham Awakens to Sound Note of Warning to Music Lovers.

BY JOSEPH M. QUENTIN. FOR 19 hours David Bispham, the celebrated opera singer, was as carefully guarded from all interruptions and callers at the Hotel Portland as if he were a bit of radium—and all on account of an intoxicated man. Tired out from his work at the Orpheum Theater, where he appears twice a day, Mr. Bispham marched to his hotel Sunday night and about midnight was aroused from his slumbers of the just by a call on the telephone in his room. Bispham—Hullo. What is it? Voice—That you Mr. Bispham-pp-ffm? Heck! What do you want? Bispham—To your room. Can't sleep until I sing you to sleep. Bispham—My friend, you must not come to my room. I am tired out and wish to sleep. Voice—Can't sleep, hic, until I, oh, you know, why— Bispham—My friend, you have been drinking. (Gently, but firmly) Good morning.

So saying, Mr. Bispham hung up the phone receiver, but his thirsty and un-knowing admirer persisted in resuming the conversation. It was then that Mr. Bispham, in self-defense—for he had to sleep—insisted the telephone operator in the hotel not to call him by phone again. The consequence was that all day Monday and until 6 o'clock Monday night that devoted phone operator kept Mr. Bispham's name ringing in the ears of music teachers and parents with phenomenally gifted young musicians told the phone girl that they must see Mr. Bispham to have his opinion on the musical prodigy afforded, but the girl said "Nay." I was also told "Nay." In desperation I addressed a note to Mr. Bispham and he said that a mistake had been made. He was sorry, he added, and asked me up to his room.

"What will my friends think of me?" asked Mr. Bispham, in a tone of deep regret. "That telephone operator has denied me to every one who called. I only hinted to her not to call me, until I had had some sleep."

Mr. Bispham quickly plunged into an interesting discussion that all opera singers in this country at least, should sing in English.

"Why should they not sing in English?" demanded Mr. Bispham, warming up his chosen theme. "It is time that we stood up for our good, old, honest English tongue. Every year we Americans admit into this country 1,000,000 European peasants who talk their individual tongues. These immi-

grants are slowly but surely changing our mode of speech. We go to grand opera and high-class concerts and listen to such high-priced artists, who warble to us, at high prices, in Italian, French or German, and the majority of the audiences does not understand one word that is said. It is time to call a halt. Go to grand opera in Germany and German is sung. In France artists must sing in French and in Italy in Italian. To do otherwise would cause trouble."

"What about the artists who sing to us in English that cannot be understood?" I asked.

"That is the fault of the singers," insisted Mr. Bispham. "If the dear public would only refuse to listen to slovenly pronounced or carelessly pronounced English, the singers would soon find the remedy, or they would find themselves among the unemployed."

"Are you in vaudeville for good?" "No," said Mr. Bispham. "The opera enterprise for which I was to have been engaged failed, or, rather, the opera managers failed. Next year I am to enter the 'legitimate.' I am to be an actor, but am not at liberty to mention just now what my play is to be."

\$10 TO BE MINIMUM WASHINGTON WAGE

Vote 6 to 3 in Conference After All-Day Session and Both Sides Concede.

APPRENTICE LAW WANTED

Employers Start at \$8.98 and Employees' Representatives as High as \$13.20 Gradually Working Closer Until Deadlock.

OLYMPIA, Wash., March 31.—(Special.)—On a test vote tonight, at the close of an entire day's deliberations, six of the nine members of Washington's first minimum wage conference voted for a \$10 weekly minimum for employees in mercantile establishments. The three employers who were members of the conference voted "no" to the \$10 motion, but each explained that he would vote for the \$10 scale if proper arrangements could be made for the employment of apprentices at less than the minimum wage. Seeing that the apprenticeship question only stood in the way of an agreement, a meeting of the Industrial Welfare Commission was called to take up this matter.

Labor Commissioner Olson, who is chairman of the commission and also presided at the conference, ruled that under the Washington law only the commission had power to settle the apprenticeship question and then only by granting special certificates to apprentices.

The North Bank Railway is being connected with the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company track on East Water street at the intersection of East Main street. The connecting track extends from East Water street between East Main and East Salmon streets on the blocks owned by the company, through to East Water street. The North Bank Railway owns the blocks formerly occupied by the Standard Oil Company. This connection gives the North Bank Railway access to all points along East Water street.

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NEWS ABOUT RAILROADS

MEMBERS of the Portland Transportation Club are preparing to conduct a campaign of education in their own ranks on live questions pertaining to the present railroad situation.

It is probable that a series of night meetings will be held at which practical railroad men will be invited to discuss the financial distress that now confronts the carriers, the plans for general valuation, the apparent necessity of increasing rates, the plan to reduce all railroad bonds to a common standard and other topics that are of a semi-public nature.

It is the theory of the railroad men that the general public now is beginning to appreciate the vital relation that the carriers bear to the prosperity of the country at large and that the public will more readily co-operate with the railroads if their position is better understood. It is for the purpose of informing the railroad men themselves of their position and to inform the public that the Transportation Club members are planning this educational work.

C. E. McPherson, of Winnipeg, assistant passenger traffic manager of the Canadian Pacific was in Portland for a few hours yesterday on his way to Talama, where he will confer with the meeting of the Transcontinental Passenger Association.

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MOTHER! IS CHILD'S STOMACH SOUR, SICK?

If Tongue Is Coated or if Cross, Feverish, Constipated Give 'California Syrup of Figs.'

Don't scold your fretful, peevish child. See if tongue is coated; this is a sure sign its little stomach, liver and bowels are clogged with sour waste.

When listless, pale, feverish, full of cold, breath bad, throat raw, doesn't eat, sleep or act naturally, has stomachic, indigestion, diarrhoea, give a teaspoonful of 'California Syrup of Figs.' and in a few hours all the foul waste, the sour bile and fermenting food passes out of the bowels and you have a well and playful child again. Children love this harmless 'fruit laxative,' and mothers can rest easy after giving it, because it never makes their little 'insides' clean and sweet. Keep it handy, Mother! A little given today saves a sick child tomorrow, but get the genuine. Ask your druggist for a 50-cent bottle of 'California Syrup of Figs.' which has directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly on the bottle. Remember there are counterfeiters sold here, so surely look and see that yours is made by the California Fig Syrup Company." Hand back with contempt any other fig syrup.—Adv.

Fair next year will be required to pay at least \$15 in addition to the regular fare for the trip to the coast.

McPherson anticipates a heavy volume of passenger traffic in this direction. He thinks the movement, even under the \$15 arbitrary, will be heavy enough to tax the capacity of the hotels and the northern carriers. He expects the Coast this year will be light on account of people waiting for the big attraction next year.

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RUFFO CHARMS HEARERS. SEATTLE CRITICS PAY WARM GLOWING TRIBUTE TO BARITONE. Audience at Pallacet Said to Have Been Ecstasied Within Five Heart Beats From Opening. Titta Ruffo, with the Chicago Grand Opera Company, who is hailed as the world's greatest baritone took Seattle by storm, and thrilled a large audience which repeatedly encored him when he opened the season there Monday night. Ruffo appeared in the role of "Tonio" in Pagliacci and the critics yesterday in the Post Intelligence said: "In his greatest role, Seattle heard the newest of the great baritones last night, heard him and welcomed him with a heart warming welcome. Grotesque, ludicrous as the play demands, this Tonio won Western hearts five heart beats after his first note of that thrilling prologue which invites one to view comedy and tragedy of the humble life of strolling players. A brilliant audience of many minds and many temperaments turned its eyes for a few moments on one man and for a few moments turned its thoughts on one big theme, told by the passionate throbs of a splendid voice. His voice has the appeal of a universal language, and his appearance was a triumph. Indeed it was something greater than a triumph because of the handicaps in the way."

SYNOPSIS OF THE ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE MASSACHUSETTS MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE CO. Capital. Amount of capital stock paid up... \$1,000,000.00. Total premium income... \$10,981,282.81. Interest, dividends... 2,354,124.63. Income from investments... 1,532,022.38. Total income... \$14,867,430.82. Disbursements. Paid for losses, endowments, annuities, etc... \$4,946,212.04. Commissions and salaries paid... 2,078,191.47. Total disbursements... \$7,024,403.51. Net assets... \$7,843,027.31.

CAROLINA WHITE. Famous Soprano and one of the most beautiful American singers, with the CHICAGO GRAND OPERA CO. Writes Concerning the Mason & Hamlin PIANO. MASON & HAMLIN CO., Gentlemen:- I am commencing my third operatic season with my "Mason & Hamlin" as my closest and most constant companion and I have found it to be the only piano made which is always and unfailingly in perfect pitch and unrivaled for beauty of tone. Very sincerely yours, (Signed) CAROLINA WHITE.

HOW TO TAKE GOOD CARE OF YOUR HAIR. Nothing spoils your good looks so much as a lousy hair—stringy, dull-colored, harsh. Nothing adds to good looks so much as beautiful hair—soft, silky, wavy and glossy. No matter how beautiful your hair is now, you can improve its good looks by using Harmony Hair Beautifier. If your hair is homely and ugly now, Harmony Hair Beautifier will make it softer, silkier, glossier, more beautiful in every way, and easier to put up and "stay put." Its rich rose odor hides the unpleasant odor of the hair. It is richly named; it beautifies the hair. Very easy to apply—simply sprinkle a little on your hair each time before washing it. It contains no oil, and will not change the color of the hair, nor darken gray hair. To keep hair and scalp dandruff-free and clean, use Harmony Shampoo. This pure liquid shampoo gives an instantaneous rich lather that immediately penetrates to every part of hair and scalp, insuring a quick and thorough cleansing. Washed off just as quickly, the entire operation takes only a few moments. Contains nothing that can harm the hair; leaves no harshness or stickiness. Both preparations come in odd-shaped, ornamental bottles, with spring-top. Harmony Hair Beautifier, \$1.00. Harmony Shampoo, 50c. Both guaranteed to satisfy you in every way, or your money back. Sold only at the more than 7000 Retail Stores, and in this town only by us, The Owl Drug Co.—Adv.

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