DECIDED INCREASE IN BUILDING SHOWN

8782 Permits Issued in 1919; 5610 in 1918.

FURTHER GAINS FORECAST

Showing for Present Year Promises to Be Favorable Despite General Advance in Costs.

During 1919 a total of 8782 building permits was issued by the department of buildings, with a valuation of $9,463,258, as compared with 5610 permits issued in 1918 with a valuation of $5,950,302, according to the annual report of H. E. Plummer, chief inspector of the bureau of buildings, made public yesterday.

The showing for 1919, as compared with that of the preceding year, discloses an increase in the number of building permits of 56 per cent and an increase in valuation of 59 per cent.

The year 1919 was notable, according to Mr. Plummer's report, for the fact that, although few large buildings were constructed, yet the total for the year was gratifying, and was due to the large number of medium-sized buildings. An increase in building operations in 1920 over 1919 is predicted by Mr. Plummer, despite the increased cost of labor and materials.

One Big Permit Issued.

In a comparison between building operations in the city in 1918 and 1919, Mr. Plummer shows that buildings of reinforced concrete construction increased in number, but decreased in value. This decrease in valuation was due to the permit issued in 1918 for the municipal grain elevator at a cost of $1,400,000. Aside from this one permit, construction was inactive in 1918, while in 1919 permits issued for this class of construction totaled $228,700.

In semi-fireproof construction there was one permit issued for a valuation of $250,000 in 1919, while in 1918 no permits for this construction were issued.

In mill construction there was a considerable increase, according to the report, there being 24 permits issued in 1919 for a valuation of $897,000, as compared with five permits for a valuation of $33,000 in 1918.

Ordinary Construction Grows.

A large increase in ordinary construction is shown in 1919, when 129 permits were issued with a valuation of $1,590,000, as compared with 28 permits issued in 1918 for a valuation of $215,000.

Frame construction also showed a large increase, the number of permits issued in 1919 being 4306 for a valuation of $4,031,000, as compared with 2883 issued in 1918 for a valuation of $2,499,000.

In alterations and repairs there was a considerable increase, 3963 permits being issued in 1919 for a valuation of $1,522,000, as compared with 2575 permits in 1918 for a valuation of $1,011,000.

In the construction of docks there was little variation, as in 1919 there were eight permits issued for a valuation of $655,000, as compared with ten permits in 1918 for a valuation of $617,000.

SUGAR MAY RISE CENT

RETAILERS ASSERT 2-CENT MARGIN TOO LOW.

Federal Attorney Calls on Grocers to Submit Figures on Cost of Selling.

Because a number of Portland grocers have complained they cannot sell sugar at the 2-cent margin now alowed under federal regulation, Hall S. Lusk, chief assistant United States attorney, announced yesterday he will call upon all grocers complaining of the present margin between wholesale and retail costs to submit authoritative figures showing the actual cost of selling sugar at the present time.

If he finds that sugar is actually being sold at a loss under the present 2-cent scale he intimated he would permit a 1-cent increase. Mr. Lusk was communicating with grocers yesterday requesting them to submit their figures at once.

Since the resignation of Will H. Daly as fair price commissioner, the department of justice has delegated the work to the office of United States Attorney Humphreys, and Mr. Lusk has taken over all the duties of the commissioner, together with the powers of the office.

He received a communication yesterday from Attorney-General Palmer stating that the local office is to prosecute with all vigor any jobber or broker who is round to be exacting an excess profit on sugar sales.

The attorney-general states that there is every indication that the present serious sugar condition will be relieved within a short time and that a downward trend in price may be expected within the next two or three months. He gives the coming of national prohibition as one of the causes for the present high price of sugar, as people formerly addicted to intoxicating liquors are now using an excessive amount of candy as a substitute.

And Now Prohibition May Divest Man of Pants.

Delicate Question as to Whether Apparel May Be Considered Containers and Thereby Liable to Confiscation Is Propounded by Lawyers.

IT IS Ellis Parker Butler who stands sponsor for the statement that "pigs is pigs," but whether or not "pants is pants" is a mooted question which United States Attorney Humphreys is unwilling to decide.

As elastic as they may be, federal statutes will not construe pants as being a "vehicle or conveyance," but, opines the federal prosecutor, there is a chance that courts might, under certain circumstances connected with the prohibition act, asseverate that pants is or are containers.

As told in two letters written in Portland yesterday, the yarn comes to light in this wise:

In his morning mail yesterday United States Attorney Humphreys received this letter from Ernest W. Hardy, a local lawyer:

"Dear Major—A day or two ago, in the course of a casual conversation with one of the federal prohibition officers, I was informed that if one undertook to transport a case of intoxicating liquors from his place of business to his home by automobile, not only was he subjecting himself to a penalty, but was subjecting the automobile to confiscation.

"This led me to examine the statutes wherein I find this provision for the confiscation of the vehicle or conveyance used for the unlawful transportation of intoxicating liquor.

"Upon reflection I am led to inquire whether or not the department has had occasion to consider the application of this statute to a matter which comes home to many of us: Assuming that a man were in some manner to acquire a pint and were to undertake to carry it home on his hip, would his pants be subject to confiscation? There are many of us who would be relieved to know whether the department has had occasion to rule upon this question.

"You will understand that I am only academically interested in the predicament of the owner of the car and the case, for I own no automobile and can hardly imagine myself investing at one time in a whole case of hooch. But in the problem of the pants and the pint I take more personal interest, for I have fortunately a pair of pants and I can imagine that some time, somehow, I might acquire a pint."

After a lengthy persual of all prohibition statutes, Federal Prosecutor Humphreys penned this reply:

"After having considered the question propounded in your letter it is my opinion that pants in the circumstances you describe cannot be held to be a 'vehicle' or 'conveyance,' and therefore, I do not believe that confiscation could be made under the statute to which you refer.

"I feel, however, that I would be wanting in candor if I did not call your attention to a danger which might arise under the internal revenue statutes, in which confiscation would not be limited to the pint, might arise under the internal revenue statutes, in which confiscation cation not only of the container, but also of the premises. In the moot case I would not care to commit myself on the question whether pants might be properly held to be a container."

KOHL FUNERAL IS TODAY

MEMBERS OF OLD FIREFIGHTING UNIT TO ATTEND.

Comrades Recall Device for Engine Which Prevented Many Serious Portland Fires.

Philip Kohl, who died Sunday at Oregon City, aged 66, was one of the first members of the old Multnomah engine company No. 2, one of the first volunteer fire-fighting organizations in Portland. The funeral will be held at the Elks' temple, Oregon City, at 2 o'clock this afternoon, and services will be conducted by the lodge, assisted by surviving members of the pioneer fire-fighting organization.

Mr. Kohl joined the Multnomah engine company No. 2 in 1868, when but 14 years old, and was No. 67 on the rolls of the company. It was while he was a member of this company that he helped to revolutionize the fighting of fires locally, when he conceived the idea of fixing a small stove inside the engine boiler in order to generate steam while running to a fire. Pioneers who were fellow members of the company said yesterday that this plan was the means of stopping many serious conflagrations in the early days.

Of the 95 members of the pioneer company who were living when it went out of existence in 1884, but 18 are living today, and nearly all of these will go to Oregon City today to attend the services.

Charles H. Dodd, one of the charter members of the company, announced yesterday the Miltnomah Engine Company Benevolent association will provide transportation for all members who desire to attend the funeral. His address is 580 Front street, and the telephone number is Marshall 3976.

SUGAR REACHES SEATTLE

Cargo of 500,000 Pounds Ready to Unload; More Due Today.

SEATTLE, Wash., May 4.—With a half million pounds of sugar awaiting unloading 900,000 pounds due and 1,500,000 pounds having left San Francisco for Seattle last night, Seattle saw prospects for a break in semi-famine conditions obtaining in the local market for the past fortnight.

The most unpleasant feature in the situation is the possibility of the longshoremen's strike preventing distribution of the new sugar supply.

SALVATION DRIVE OPENS

$150 of $500 Quota Pledged at Meeting at Cove.

COVE, Or., May 4.—(Special.)—The Salvation Army drive for $500 opened Saturday with $150 in the hands of the leaders, Miss Eunice Ramsdell, prominent Red Cross war worker; Ralph Hancock, overseas Cove soldier, and Grover Duffey, reserve soldier.

Mrs. Alice Allen heads the list of contributors with $35 of the $150 pledged Thursday night at a meeting held in Maccabee hall under the auspices of the local American Legion.

MAN HAS NARROW ESCAPE

Vern Baldwin Struck by Electric Train at Gaston.

GASTON, Or., May 4.—(Special.)—Vern Baldwin, a young farmer of Scoggins Valley, a few miles northwest of Gaston, had a narrow escape from death this morning when his automobile was struck by the Southern Pacific electric train as he tried to cross the track near the Gaston mill. The attending physician reports two ribs broken and some lacerations on the head and unless internal injuries develop his injuries are not serious.

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Save Your Stamps—They Represent a Direct Cash Saving on the Money You Spend at This Store

Best Butter $1.25
—No deliveries except with other grocery purchases. Glenwood Butter on special sale today, 2 lbs. for $1.25

The Standard Store of the Northwest

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Reliable Merchandise—Reliable Methods

Buster Brown and "Tige"
will entertain the children at this store Thursday and Friday afternoons. Every child will be given a Buster Brown Souvenir!

Waist Sale Extraordinary in the Basement Store

Basement Silk Sale

36-Inch Messalines Black and Colors $2.75

Basement—High-grade Messaline Silk in black, navy, maroon, Alice blue, gray, pink, flesh, maize, white and apricot. Very desirable for waists, skirts and dresses. Specially priced for today's selling at, the yard—only $2.75

Black Silks $2.69

Basement—Black Taffetas and Messalines of excellent quality for Spring frocks and skirts. These are full 35 inches wide and have beautiful soft finish. Take advantage of this opportunity to save. Priced very special, yard $2.69
—SALE OF REMNANTS AT REDUCED PRICES.

Children's Dresses Special $1.59

Basement—Children's Wash Dresses specially priced for today. Made up in good quality percales in pink, blue or tan. Nicely trimmed with pockets, fancy collars, belts, etc. Sizes for girls 7 to 12 years. Basement sale $1.59

Other Special Offerings

—GIRLS' DRESS APRONS of blue chambray or fancy percales. Pretty styles. Sizes 2 to 6 years; at 69c
—CHILDREN'S ROMPERS of pink or blue chambray and striped galatea. Trimmed with white piping and hemstitching. Sizes range 6 months to 6 years. Sale price 89c
—CHILDREN'S Brown Cotton Hose, priced special, pair 39¢
—BOYS' WAISTS—odd lines. Sizes 6 to 15. Sale price 39¢

—1560 Waists $2.98 | —1120 Waists $3.98

—THE BASEMENT STORE announces for today a sensational underprice offering of 2780 new Spring Waists. Beautiful models—this season's best styles from leading makers. Excellent quality Georgette Crepe and Crepe de Chine materials—many dainty silk embroidered effects or richly beaded. Were we to purchase these waists today they could not be sold under $5.00 to $7.50. Shown in white, flesh and a good assortment of the darker shades suitable for street and business wear. If you have need for a new waist don't miss this remarkable Basement Sale.

Women's Coats and Dresses

$12.95—$14.85—$25.00

—You can save many a dollar by choosing your new Spring Wearables in our Basement Store. Our prices are invariably the lowest in Portland. Today we shall feature a special sale of Women's Coats and Dresses at above prices. Over 500 garments in the three lots and every garment is a real bargain at the price. Latest Spring styles and dependable materials.
—Dresses at $12.95—Dresses and Coats at $14.85 and $25.—Basement Underprice Store.

Toilet Paper

Special 12 Rolls 75c

Basement—Good grade Crepe paper. No telephone, C. O. D. or mail orders accepted. Limit 12 rolls to customer, 12 rolls 75c

Banded Sailors $3

Basement—New Rough Straw Sailors, Mitzi sailors with streamers, basket weave hats, droops, roll brims and many other good styles. Black and desirable colors. Priced special—at $3.00

Crib Blankets At 89c

Basement—32x40-Inch Crib Blankets with pink or blue borders. On sale today—only 89c
—Boys' Khaki Play Suits with hat and leggings. Sizes from 6 to 12. Special $2.75
—Odd lines Women's Handbags and Purses at $1.00

Women's Oxfords $4.98

Basement—Black Kid Oxfords—Patent Pumps—Brown Calf Pumps—Gray Kid Shoes with gray cloth tops, and Black Shoes with white tops. Odd lines. Specially priced; the pair $4.98

Women's Shoes For $2.39

Basement—Women's Shoes of patent leather with white or gray cloth tops. Laced and buttoned styles. Only a limited number of pairs. Special $2.39

Men's Shoes $4.98

Basement—Men's Dress Shoes of vici kid, gunmetal and calf leathers. Black or tan. Laced and buttoned styles. Broken range of sizes from 5½ to 11. Priced for quick clearaway; at $4.98

Women's Knit Vests 39c

—Basement Underprice Store

Basement—Women's Sleeveless Vests in extra large sizes. Plain yoke style and excellent quality white cotton. Large women should supply their needs. Priced special 39c
—WOMEN'S Fine Lisle Hose in black, white and brown, at 59c

Basement—Women's Sleeveless Vests of fine quality elastic ribbed white cotton. Plain yoke. Medium weight. Sizes 34, 36, 38, 40, 42 and 44. Special for today's selling, each 50c
—WOMEN'S Jersey Bloomers in black, white, pink—a pair 69c

Women's Corsets 89c

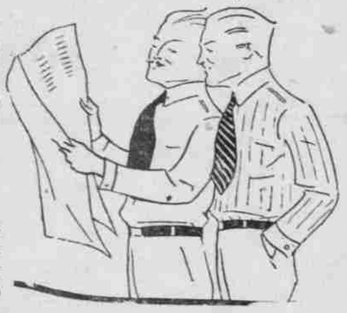
Basement—Women's Corsets of coutil with rust-proof boning. Excellent styles with medium bust and long or short skirts. All sizes from 19 to 30. On sale today at 89c

Brassieres Special 59c

Basement—Bandeau Brassieres of pink material. Back or front lacing styles with elastic insets—also front fastening Muslin Brassieres. Sizes from 32 to 44. Sale price 59c

$2.50 and $3.00 Shirts $1.49

—Basement



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Men's Pants $2.85

Basement—Men's "Cottonade" Pants in neat striped patterns. Very serviceable. Why buy overalls! Sizes from 31 to 42 waist. Special—a pair $2.85

63-Inch Sheeting 69c Yard

Basement—Full Bleached Sheeting of good firm quality. Free from filling or dressing. No telephone orders filled at this price. 63 inches wide. Special; yard 69c

New Spring Wash Goods

Special 39c Yard

Basement—Striped and Figured Voiles, Batistes, Flaxons and other dainty fabrics for Summer Dresses. Thousands of yards to select from. This is the most important sale of Wash Goods the Basement Store has ever announced. Mostly light grounds. Supply your needs. Special, yard 39c

—Dress Ginghams 25c Yard
—Plisse Crepe at 39c Yard

Basement—27-inch Plaid Ginghams in many beautiful patterns for women's and children's dresses. We reserve the right to limit quantity. Priced special, a yard 25c

Basement—Pink and white Plisse Crepe—especially adapted for underwear. Easily laundered and very serviceable. On sale in the Basement—special, a yard 39c

—10 Yds. Fine Nainsook, $2.98
—Scrim Curtains a Pair $1.98

Basement—Fine quality Nainsook for summer underwear and baby garments. Put up 10 yards in a neat box. 300 boxes on sale today in the Basement; at $2.98

Basement—Only a limited number of pairs in this lot of Scrim Curtains offered for today. Plain ruffled border and lace edge. Extra good values—a pair $1.98

9c Specials In Basement

—Talcum Powder of good quality, on special sale today; a can 9c
—Purity Castile Soap in medium size cakes, on sale today at 9c
—Ol-O-Palm Toilet Soap priced special in the Basement Store, at 9c
—Glycerine Toilet Soap; 300 cakes on sale today at, the cake 9c
—Writing Tablets; choice of two different sizes. Priced special at 9c

Odd Neckwear At 19c

Basement—Clean-up Sale of odd lines Women's Neckwear selling formerly at much higher prices. Large assortment of styles. On sale 19c

Beads 39c

Basement—At this special low price for one day only. 300 strands of Neck Beads in every wanted color. Priced very special at 39c

Demonstration of One-Minute Electric Washers

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—Garden Hose at $7.50 up to $15.00

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—Itsoezi Trouser Hangers, only 17¢
—Hair Pin Cabinets, assorted sizes 7¢
—Defender Safety Pins at, a card 4¢