

314 NEW HOUSES TO COST \$1,069,650

March Permit Record Not Equaled Since 1916.

PRICE DROP HELPS BOOM

Pipes Argues State's Failure to Cause Revival of Interest in Home Building in City.

The home-building movement in Portland, which is gathering impetus, was the outstanding feature of activities in the city during the month just closed.

Building permits amounted to \$1,069,650, making it the best in Portland in five years. Three hundred and fourteen permits were issued with an aggregate cost of \$1,069,650.

Officials in the department said the record had not been equaled since 1916.

The increase in building was declared to be due to reductions in the cost of lumber and other materials. The total number of permits amounted to 1300.

In January of this year permits aggregating \$303,835 were issued, and in February \$1,512,750. H. E. Plummer, chief building inspector, estimated that more than 600 houses were now under construction in the city.

Business conditions were declared to have shown marked improvement during the month. A revival of buying was declared to have followed the settlement of income and excess profits taxes.

Bank clearings amounted to \$123,284,276, compared to \$172,172,975.98 for the corresponding month of last year. The clearings, however, showed an increase over February figures, which were \$105,266,620, and over January clearings, which were \$122,492,999.

EILERS CITED TO APPEAR

Head of Music House and Others Charged With Contempt.

H. J. Eilers, president of the Oregon Eilers Music House, bankrupt, Mabel LeVanway, secretary, Thomas Manly, attorney, and the Spokane Eilers Music House were cited to appear April 6 and answer a contempt order issued by Judge Bean in federal court yesterday.

The order was based upon a petition filed by H. W. Sitton, trustee in bankruptcy, in which it was recited that repeated orders of Judge Bean and A. M. Cannon, referee in bankruptcy, seven in number, have been disregarded by the defendants. These allegations relate to the failure charged in the petition to show books of the concern and to release certain property to the referee.

The order of yesterday directed that the defendants appear and show cause, if any, why they should not be punished for contempt of court.

Attorney Mannix set up the contention that the orders of the United States district judge were in violation of his authority in making them. He held that the piano concern is within the jurisdiction of circuit court of appeals at San Francisco.

TOTS MUST BE RETURNED

Warning Ordered Sent to Father Who Kidnaped Children.

Mrs. Edgar Smith, mother of the two children who were kidnaped by their father from the jurisdiction of the court of domestic relations, one being taken from Lebanon Saturday and the other from the Boys and Girls Aid society home Monday, was brought before Judge Kanzer yesterday. She denied any knowledge of the whereabouts of the children or their father.

It was admitted that one person in Portland knew where Smith had gone and the judge instructed the mother to see that word reached the father that unless he returned the children to the jurisdiction of the court legal steps will be taken to compel him to bring them back.

Mrs. Bessie Boyles, who desires to adopt both children, appeared in court. Both the boys have signed an agreement consenting to adoption of the youngsters by Mrs. Boyles. Judge Kanzer declared that no adoption proceedings would be permitted unless the children were produced.

At the Theaters.

Hippodrome.

GLADYS WALTON, formerly a Portland girl who leaped to fame and popularity almost overnight with the Universal Film company, is the big attraction at the Hippodrome on the new bill. Miss Walton, who is not yet 18, appears in a remarkably keen picture play called "All Dolled Up," which has been called by reviewers one of the most fascinating romances for young folk and their elders who have kept young hearts. It isn't all romance, for part of the story concerns an account of a highly exciting blackmail plot and its frustration.

The top-line attraction is a musical

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"My face broke out in large, red pimples, and they feasted and scaled over and then dried up. They itched so badly that I could not sleep at night, and my face was a mass of sore eruptions.

"I tried everything I saw advertised but nothing did me any good until I got Cuticura Soap and Ointment. Now my face is clear and smooth, and I only used one cake of Cuticura Soap and two boxes of Cuticura Ointment to heal me." (Signed) H. Williams, 297 Cordonia Ave., Detroit, Mich.

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comedy of big proportions called "Fickle Frailer," a rollicking mixture of fun, songs, dances and girls. Jack Fine sponsors the turn and it lives up to his last name. A quintette of pretty maidens in clever costumes along with two talented men contribute action in song and steps to "Fickle Frailer."

Pearl Abbott with her company creates interest with "Silver Threads," in which Miss Abbott plays the part of a charming girl. J. Ferguson and Dulcie Hall, as a married pair of homespun country estimables, form the background against which the clever Miss Abbott flings her comedy.

Two comedians are Sam Carlton and Murray Belmont, one of whom is a Hebrew comedian of a very amusing type. They present an amusing act called "Bundles of Non-sense," and that exactly describes the collection of chatter and jokes the two exchange.

A whistling doughboy is Bob White, who imitates, among various other things, the firing shot and shell which he heard overseas. His act has an appeal of personality and originality, and won big applause.

Spectacular western antics are offered by Cowboy Williams and Daisy, whose gun-twirling and juggling is quite out of the ordinary. The bill will change on Sunday.

STANDARD PLANE WANTED

FEDERAL HEADS PLAN UNIT BUYING OF AIRCRAFT.

Views Exchanged at War Department May Be Basis of Harding's Aviation Policy.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 31.—Views which may become the basis of the Harding administration's aviation policy were exchanged at the war department tonight when Secretaries Weeks, Hays and Hoover and Acting Secretary of the Navy Roosevelt met to discuss the aerial activities and needs of their departments.

It was also concluded that the interests of economy, standardization of certain types of machines to be used by the war, commerce and postoffice departments and unit buying could be inaugurated without injury to the services. At present each department does its own buying and experimental work, it was also concluded that a standardized plane, suitable for the postal air service and commercial work, could be developed along lines that would permit its use as an army bombing plane.

The question of unification of all government aerial activities under one bureau or separate department was discussed.

Secretary Hoover is understood to have presented the need of national aviation laws and regulations and is regarded as probable that a bill incorporating the ideas will be presented to congress.

Secretary Hays called attention to the number of accidents in the postal air service and suggested that one way to reduce them would be to submit a bill for mail flyers to the regular army aviation examination and to require them to enter the army aviation reserves.

In addition to the heads of departments, there were present to explain technical questions Major-General C. Menoher, chief of the bureau of aviation, Captain W. A. Moffett, director of naval aviation, and W. S. Stratton of the bureau of standards.

The department heads will meet again next week.

'Colonel' Sylvester Simmons 80 Years Old Today.

Superintendent of City Hall on Job More Than Score of Years.

COLONEL SYLVESTER C. SIMMONS, familiar to generations of Portland city officials, and superintendent of city hall, will celebrate his 80th birthday today. For more than a score of years the "colonel" as he is affectionately known to all city officials, has been in the employ of the municipal government.

A handful of mayors have each ascended to power, reigned, and passed on to oblivion in the two decades or more during which the "colonel" has held sway over municipal seat of government. Mayor Mason was in office 23 years ago when the "colonel" Simmons first went to work for "Pa" Portland. Four years later the "colonel" was made head janitor, and four years after that he had served in that capacity for 15 years, city council changed his title to that of "superintendent of city hall."

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Students to Exhume Bones of Elephant.

History Classes From Agricultural College to Study Fossils.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, March 31.—(Special.)—Part of an elephant which lies buried 14 miles south of Corvallis will be exhumed by the Oregon history classes of the college under Professor J. B. Horner, together with representatives from other schools and any other persons interested in the study of fossils. The classes will also visit the prehistoric burial mounds near Tangent April 23.

Professor Horner's expeditions have been popular events of the school year. The party will leave the college at 9 o'clock Saturday morning, April 19, under the guidance of Professor Horner, George Kable, agricultural agent of Benton county, and Professors George F. Sykes, William E. Lawrence and Douglas C. Livingston.

The elephant bones, already exhumed, were buried three feet beneath the surface, and hence it is believed by Professor Horner that a large party equipped with shovels will be able to complete the work. The party will also return to the college athletic games in the afternoon.

A year ago Mrs. Harry Shannon was displaced with the bones of an elephant's head. She employed a laborer, who dug up the bones of the elephant's head. The purpose of the research party is to bring to light the remains of the great beast. The visitors will provide their own transportation.

MAYOR SAYS VOTE BONUS

American Legion Post Is Host at Public Entertainment.

"We promised the boys everything when they went away to war and now is the time for us to keep our promise," said Mayor Baker last night at the auditorium at the entertainment given by the American Legion for the public of Portland.

"When it comes time to vote on the

Robbery Suspect Caught.

When John Quinn, alias John Lee or Joseph Kelly, fled from Patrolman Burdick after his arrest at Fourth and Davis street last night, he ran just far enough to drop three watches, packages of morphine and cocaine and a needle. The articles were recovered by the policeman. Investigation disclosed that Quinn was the man who yesterday morning robbed the store of Phyllis Snyder, 43 North Second street, of ten watches, the police said, while the proprietress was in a rear room.

Theft of \$50 Bill Reported.

Ernesto Montenegro, Mexican and member of the West Kader crew, was arrested last night by a countryman last night. Montenegro had only a \$50 bill. The stranger suggested that Montenegro wait while he had it changed at the Multnomah hotel. He was still waiting an hour later when he decided to report to the police. He told Montenegro that the other Mexican had probably left the hotel by another entrance.

PILES SEEKS CHILE POST

SEATTLE MAN CHANGES MIND REGARDING DIPLOMATIC JOB.

Washington Congressman Propose Thomas Sammons for Minister to Chinese Republic.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 31.—Samuel H. Piles of Seattle, ex-senator from Washington, has been withdrawn as a candidate for ambassador to Brazil, for which post he was endorsed by the Washington delegation of Thomas Sammons, as minister to China. Mr. Sammons is present consul-general at Melbourne, Australia.

Oregon has known candidates for five separate diplomatic appointments, while Washington has eight. Idaho, so far as is known, only has one active candidate.

Walter F. Brown of Toledo, O., who was Harding's floor manager at the Chicago convention, has offered the post of ambassador to Japan, and it is understood will accept.

Frank C. Lowden of Illinois is expected to be tendered the ambassadorship to France, and it is thought he will accept.

Postmaster-General Hays has been besieged in the last few days by senators and representatives to define his policy with reference to the appointment of postmasters. These congressmen are about equally divided on the question of urging the president to revoke the Wilson order of March 1917, which threw all postmasters into the civil service. Many would like the opportunity of naming postmasters in the old political patronage plan, but those who oppose revocation of the civil service order are putting in the most effective licks.

OUTCAST DEFENDS ACTS

GOD DIRECTED HIM IN DREAM, SAYS MORMON EX-ELDER.

Moses Gudmundson, Said to Have Taught Wife-Trading, Issues Statement to Public.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, March 31.—Moses S. Gudmundson, formerly a president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, and who, with his followers, was excommunicated from the church recently when it was found that practices were being followed which were against the laws of the church, has issued a statement defending his action. Gudmundson and several men and women were defilewhipped when it was found that they had practiced "wife sacrifice," which provided for the man taking the wives of others.

Following the announcement of the church decision, District Attorney Higginson declared today that Gudmundson and his followers probably would be prosecuted.

Gudmundson, in the statement, said that he and his followers founded a colony in West Tintic, Utah, as a result of dreams which he claimed formed God's way of bringing him to his will. The colony was supposed to till the soil which it was thought would provide sufficient food for its needs. The irrigation was poor and the colony, as an agricultural one, was a failure, according to persons who joined in the co-operative scheme and later deserted Gudmundson.

Whisky Robbery, Charge

Americans Accused of Outlawry in British Columbia.

HUNTINGTON, B. C., March 31.—Complaint has been lodged with the police here by John Jarbek, Columbia valley, that he was held up by an armed force of men, who, he said, were Americans, and robbed of ten cases of whisky.

Other complaints of similar character have been made here, the police said.

Girl, 4, Is Hit by Auto.

Mary, 4-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Matoba, 32 North Second street, sustained a broken leg last night when struck down by an unidentified automobile. Mrs. Matoba says her child was crossing Third street at the Couch-street intersection when the automobile struck the little girl. Police said the motorist was at fault.

Still on Columbia Raided.

HOOD RING, Or., March 31.—(Special.)—Officers tonight raided a well-concealed wild-cat distillery on the Columbia bluff a mile west of the city, and captured Marion Wells and Roy Ruel, about 21. The moonshine outfit was discovered several days ago and officers kept it under surveillance until the pair appeared.

Daughters to Change Name.

ALBANY, N. Y., March 31.—A bill designed to change the name of the National Order of the Daughters of Israel to the Catholic Daughters of America was adopted by the assembly today.

bonus, mark 'Yes' for the bonus," he said. "While the boys served their country, many here were able to live in luxury. The soldiers stood between us and danger. Those boys still stand between us and danger from without and within."

The work which the legion has accomplished during the last few months in providing for the unemployed was explained by T. H. Boyd, commander of Portland post No. 1, of the legion. He said that the legion had obtained work for 4000 men and had assisted 2000 others. Of these 6000, one-third were ex-service men, he declared.

Mrs. Henry T. Bohman sang the "Star-Spanangled Banner" before moving pictures of the American troops in action were flashed upon the screen.

The entertainment was given to instruct Portlanders about the work of the legion and to give a graphic picture of life overseas.

UNCLE SAM MUCH RICHER

INCOME TAX PAYMENTS EXCEEDED EXPECTATIONS.

Treasury Prepared for Early Redemption of Certificates of Indebtedness.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 31.—Government finances are in much better shape as a result of tax payments of March 15 exceeding expectations, treasury officials said today in announcing nearly complete figures for the first quarter, showing slightly more than \$700,000,000 received.

The treasury is able to begin redemption of approximately \$125,000,000 in treasury certificates of indebtedness which will not mature until April 15.

In connection with the announcement of the plan for retiring certificates not yet matured, Mr. Mellon called attention to the steady market for this class of government securities. Federal reserve board reports reveal that less than \$100,000,000 of \$2,500,000,000 in certificates outstanding are now pledged with reserve banks of security. This indicated, he declared, that investors have absorbed millions of dollars' worth of the short-term government obligations and that future issues will be quickly taken up.

The treasury also has begun retirement of certificates of indebtedness issued under the Pittman act as a war-time measure to conserve the gold and silver stocks. Certificates of that issue totaling \$5,000,000 were retired February 23 and a like amount March 29, Mr. Mellon reported. Two million dollars in these certificates were retired today.

Approximately \$250,000,000 in Pittman act certificates were sold by the treasury in 1918 after passage of the act enabling the treasury to use federal reserve notes.

Chicago Explosion Traced to Illegal Combination.

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the Portland Chinese North China Relief society. This society has been active in soliciting contributions for relief work in China.

MRS. McWHORTER COMING

Chief of Ladies' Auxiliary of Hibernians Due Sunday.

Mrs. Mary F. McWhorter, national president of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, will arrive in Portland Sunday evening at 9:30 in the course of a tour of the west, and preparations are being made for her entertainment here. She will be in the city until Tuesday morning and will make her headquarters at the Portland hotel.

A programme has been arranged to provide for an informal reception upon her arrival Sunday night. Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock she will address a special meeting of the ladies' auxiliary in Hibernia hall. At this meeting it is hoped to organize a chapter of the Celtic Cross association. A dinner will be given in honor of the visitor Monday night at the Portland hotel.

Mrs. McWhorter's principal local address will be delivered in the Lincoln high school auditorium Monday night at a mass meeting called in commemoration of the Easter week martyrs of 1916.

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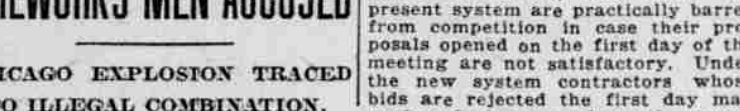
Table listing various records and their prices, including titles like 'My Mammy', 'Underneath Hawaiian Skies', 'Look for the Silver Linings', etc.

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