

PORTLAND LEAVES SEATTLE IN LURCH

Building Permits of Rose City Greatly Exceed Showing of Sound City.

\$1,500,000 FOR THIS MONTH

General Review of Operations for the Past Week—Work Progresses Rapidly on Many Large Buildings—Fine Homes Going Up.

Without indulging in the boasting that characterizes some of the cities of the Northwest Portland needs only to point to its total of building permits in order to prove its claim to phenomenal growth.

So far this month the total exceeds that of Seattle for the whole month of March, which was heralded hysterically as a wonderful achievement.

The building inspector expects this month will see a total closely approaching \$1,500,000 in building permits. The total at the close of business yesterday was \$1,349,900.

There are several class A building sites about ready for taking out permits, the ground having been purchased and in some instances cleared of the old buildings and ready for excavating.

Work will begin on the foundations for the Rothchild building at the corner of Fourth and Washington this week, as the excavation has been finished.

Board of Trade Site.

The new Board of Trade building at Fourth and Oak will begin to take form in a few days, the steam shovel having about completed the excavation on two-thirds of the site.

The foundations for the new quarter block at West Park and Alder have been in for some days and now bases are being put in the pier work.

The Wiley estate quarter block at the northwest corner of Fourth and Alder is said to have been secured on a long lease by a syndicate of New York capitalists. It is probable a steel skyscraper will rise on the site. The leases of the present tenants expire this summer, so that the property will be available for building.

A new building is to go on the north-west corner of Second and Alder streets, according to report, L. Goringinger is the reputed owner of the lease.

Over \$450,000 was represented in the recorded real estate transfers for the week, yesterday alone showing \$103,000.

The Lafayette Realty Company reports among its sales of the past week an 8-acre tract on Dawson and McKenna avenues to Captain Albert Crowe for \$12,500; also a lot on East Seventy and Davis for \$4500, one on Sellwood, near Williams avenue, \$1200, and a residence on Williams Heights, \$15,000, and other small deals in Upper and Lower Albina.

Two Large Sales Made.

E. J. Daly and W. B. Streeter sold W. H. Nunn two lots, each 30x50, on the north side of Washington, between Eighteenth and Nineteenth, one lot for \$18,000 and the other for \$15,000. There is a two-story residence on one lot, and a cottage on the other. Alexander Kerr and W. E. Prudhomme were the owners.

Among the residences recently completed or under construction are the McPherson home at Thurman and Thirty-second streets; the A. A. Dekum, on Portland Heights, near Myrtle; the Hirsch, at Twenty-third and Washington; the Holmes, at Quimby between Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth; the Schwab, on Northrup, between Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth; and the Rosenfeld at Park avenue and Ford.

The Richard Williams new apartment-house at Fourth and Clay is nearly completed. It is a four-story, with corner bow windows, and presents a handsome exterior.

New apartment-houses are also building at Twentieth and Flinders and at Northrup and Twenty-fourth.

The demand for offices in the new

structures is keeping ahead of the buildings. Directly one of the new office buildings is ready for occupancy the rooms are promptly filled up and in most instances every available room is rented long before the building is completed. The singular feature of the situation is that difficulty is experienced by renters in securing quarters in the older buildings as well. This fact amply proves the marvelous business growth of Portland.

Work on Office Buildings.

The new office buildings nearing completion or in course of construction are the Wells Fargo, 12-story, at Stark and Oak; the Couch, eight-story, at Fourth, near Washington; the Commercial Club, eight-story, at Fifth and Oak; the Board of Trade, 12-story, at Fourth and Oak; the Corbett, ten-story, at Morrison and Fifth; the Downing, six-story, at Alder and Park; and the Beck, six-story, at Seventh and Oak.

Couch Addition property has figured prominently in the past few weeks. Yesterday the transfer of lot 4, block "Y," was recorded. The property was sold by James B. and Mary G. Hart to Samuel B. Schwab et al for \$20,000. There are some small improvements on the piece. The property was bought as an investment and the future plans of the new owners are not formed at the present time.

Tenants of the buildings on the east side of Sixth street, from the corner at Alder, are renting month by month, which would indicate that Meier & Frank have in contemplation the building of their addition in the near future. Mr. Frank, of the firm, is absent in Europe and it is likely upon his return home definite information of the firm's intentions will be given out.

New Real Estate Firm.

A new firm of real estate men has been formed and will begin business this week in the Labbe block, Second and Washington streets. The firm is composed of Edward Labbe, son of Blaise Labbe, one of the owners of the building, that bears his name; Harry F. Copland, well known in railroad circles, and William H. Thomas, for five years an employe of The Oregonian.

The style of the new firm is the Labbe-Copland-Thomas Realty Company, and it is the intention to conduct a real estate, renting, mortgage loan and insurance business.

The young men start out with the good will of a number of influential people, and they have every assurance of speedy building up a good business.

They have adopted the swastika for a trade-mark, with the words "good luck."

RAILROADS TOOK A HAND

Denial They Shared in Cotton Rate Conference Is Disproved.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—The production of the minutes of the 1906 conference between the Suez and Pacific Ocean steamship lines, which resulted in an alleged agreement on rates on cotton fabrics to the Orient, resulted in reopening the case in which these rates are complained of before the Interstate Commerce Commission today. It had been claimed by the representatives of the railroads that they were not represented at the conference. To show this, they agreed to furnish the minutes of the conference today.

These minutes were produced by William Boyd, of New York. He submitted that the complainants should not be allowed to inspect them, but the Commission might examine and submit as a part of the record such portions of the minutes as it might deem pertinent.

The minutes were signed by several of those present at the conference, and in answer to questions Mr. Boyd admitted that a Mr. Burnham, one of the participants, represented the Northern Pacific and Great Northern railroads; Mr. Spence represented the Southern Pacific and the Pacific Mail Steamship Company; Mr. Stubbs was assistant to Mr. Spence; Mr. Dunlap was the general freight agent of the Houston & Texas Central Railroad; Mr. Ten Broeck was the general agent of the Union Pacific Railroad and the Vancouver Steamship Company; E. B. Skinner and W. F. Stevenson represented the Canadian Pacific Railway and its connecting lines.

The Commission set May 15 to hear the arguments.

Refuses to Enjoin Two-Cent Fare.

INDIANAPOLIS, April 20.—Judge Anderson of the Federal Court, today denied the application for a temporary injunction in a case brought by Anna M. Boyle against the Railroad Commission of Indiana and others. The complainant, who is a bond-holder of the Louisville, New Albany & Corydon Railroad Com-

A SOUND INVESTMENT

The Realty Associates of Portland, Oregon, is a co-operative corporation formed for the purpose of buying, improving, managing and selling at a profit high-class, centrally-located business real estate. There is a vast number of investors who understand and appreciate the value and exceptional advantage of investments in this high-class security, but have not sufficient capital to handle it on their own account. It is to this class of investors that the Associates wish to announce that they are now forming a pool of \$500,000.00. This fund will be invested under the supervision of the board of directors of the company in

BUSINESS BLOCKS

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Subscribers Share in All Profits

This pool of \$500,000.00 is but the foundation upon which the Associates will build a \$10,000,000.00 realty company. Those who subscribe to this fund are getting in on the ground floor, and will continuously participate in the profits. This plan has been successfully tested by a number of Eastern and Coast companies, which have paid to their ground-floor investors dividends ranging from 10 per cent to 30 per cent per annum. With Portland's exceptionally advantageous field for business real estate investment, the Associates will doubtless be able to show equally as good results. The officers and directors of this company receive their remuneration from a small share of the profits, out of which they also pay all salaries, advertising and office expenses.

The Associates made their first purchase of property at the southeast corner of Second and Yamhill streets, which is within two blocks of the city's retail center. It is improved with a three-story brick, and the rentals alone will insure bondholders good dividends. Should this property be sold before June 1st, the bondholders will receive a dividend in excess of 30 per cent per annum. Another valuable piece of property, situated in the path of the city's growth, is under contract, and will be purchased at an early date. Contributions to this fund are now being received at the offices of the Associates in amounts from \$100.00 to \$10,000.00, either in cash or on the monthly-payment plan, at the rate of \$5.00 per month for each \$100.00 subscribed.

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BUCHANAN BUILDING, WASHINGTON STREET, NEAR FIFTH, ERECTED BY CAPTAIN D. E. BUCHANAN.

pany, had asked that the railroad be restrained from reducing its fare to 2 cents a mile as provided by law and that the other defendants be restrained from endeavoring to enforce the provision of the law against the railroad.

WIFE SAYS GIMBEL CRAZY

Protests His Innocence and Says Blackmail Is Attempted.

NEW YORK, April 20.—Charles Gimbel, of Philadelphia, a brother of Benedict Gimbel, the Philadelphia merchant, whose arrest was followed by an attempt at suicide, said today that his brother had recovered within a reasonable time. Mrs. Benedict Gimbel, who was at the hospital at Hoboken, N. J., with her husband, said today:

"My husband has been crazy for a year and was insane when he attempted to kill himself. I did not want Mr. Gimbel to come to New York this time because I realized that he had been acting queerly for a long time. We know that he is absolutely innocent of the charges, and we will stand by him to the end. It is evident that blackmailers were informed of his mental condition, and preyed on him for money. This evening it was reported that Benedict Gimbel was resting quietly. It is expected he will recover. The court has fixed his examination for May 4."

Lone Girl Traveler Goes Insane.

STOCKTON, Cal., April 20.—A young woman, traveling alone, en route from St. Louis to San Francisco, was taken off a Santa Fe train last evening by officers and removed to the detention hospital. She could not give her name, but the name upon her ticket is Julia F. Manion. She was violently insane and fought for her liberty. On her person was found \$25 in coin and currency. Her trunk was being held here pending a disposition of her case.

Art Treasures Sell for \$670,750.

LONDON, April 20.—The sale of the artistic effects of the late Mrs. Sam Hill came to an end today. The collection housed \$670,750.

CIRCUS A GREAT SUCCESS

NO CITY OF PORTLAND'S SIZE EVER DID BETTER.

Envious Seattleites Try to Arrange for Its Production in Their Town but Are Turned Down.

The Society Circus is no more.

It is not saying too much that no city in the United States, the size of Portland, could have put on such a show as has been given for four performances at the National Guard Armory. In no American city could so much good talent have been brought forth.

From a financial standpoint the circus was also a success, but not as great as was anticipated. The cost of putting on the show was something over \$4000. Not all of the receipts were turned in last night, but those who were in charge of the financial end of the affair were of the opinion that the receipts all told would be less than \$3000.

When it is considered that over 500 people took part in the Society Circus, some idea of the magnitude of the undertaking can be realized. Only three persons besides the hustlers who removed the apparatus received any pay.

The enterprise was such a success that two Seattle business men called on the managers of the circus and volunteered to pay all expenses and salaries of all who took part if the circus in its entirety would go to Seattle. These men hunted up Professor Robert Krohn and Lincoln Hart and made this proposition to them and at the same time told Messrs. Krohn and Hart that they had never seen a better show, professional or otherwise. They were told that it would be impossible to get even one-third of the Portland people who took part in the circus to even consider such a proposition.

Last night's performance, if anything, was better than any of the former ones. Every seat in the Armory was occupied and every act on the program

given and it was after 11 o'clock when the audience was dismissed.

Children See Society Circus.

Through the kindness of the management it was made possible for the children from the "Home" in South Portland to enjoy the "Society Circus." At 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon 40 youngsters, attended by the matron and two uniformed nurses, boarded a Third street car for the Armory. All were met at the door by Major McDonald, who most kindly found seats for them, from which, as was promised, they had the very best view of everything, including the side-splitting antics of the clowns. During the performance Robert McCracken made a gift of a box of popcorn to each boy, and a fan incased in circus confection to each little girl. The afternoon was thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated as only innocent childhood knows how to enjoy and appreciate. F. L. Fuller very generously gave free transportation to the little folks.

FIND STROWHUN'S CLOTHES

Labor Organizer Believed to Have Jumped Into River.

CAIRO, Ill., April 20.—A coat and vest belonging to P. H. Strohun, a general organizer for the American Federation of Labor, whose home is at Murphysboro, Ill., was found today on the Mississippi River bank, below the Holiday Hotel. Strohun is well known in labor union circles over the country. Search is being instituted for him.

The belief predominates that while delirious he jumped into the river.

Confer With Hague Delegates.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—In response to a call from Secretary Root, all of the American delegates to the second Hague Peace conference, with the exception of Judge U. E. Bose, of Arkansas, assembled at the State Department today and spent several hours in consultation with the Secretary and Assistant Secretary Bacon relative to their share in the work of the approaching congress.

IN AMBUSH OF INDIANS

MINING MAN OF BOISE TELLS OF BATTLE WITH YAQUI.

Two Men With Winchester's for Three Hours Keep Savages at Bay Until Rescued.

BOISE, Ida., April 20.—(Special)—David E. Coughanour, a well-known mining man of this section, is back from Mexico and relates a narrow escape from the Yaquis in the southern part of Sonora. With Sam North of New Mexico and Charles Hall of California, Coughanour was making a trip with a four-horse team, a Mexican driver and two Mexican outriders. In a mountain pass they were ambushed and the Mexicans bolted. Hall was killed in the early part of the fight and North and Coughanour, who were left alone, tried to run the team out of reach of the Indians, but one of the wheelers was soon killed. The two men then got into the brush, where they could cover the team and their supplies, and for three hours kept the Indians at bay. At the expiration of that time they were rescued by a band of Mexican rurales. Four Indians were found dead, and several wounded had been carried away.

Coughanour says the Indians were well armed with high-power rifles, but were deficient in marksmanship. Had they been able to shoot well, there could have been none left to tell the tale. Coughanour and North were armed with Winchester's.

NORTHWEST DEAD.

P. B. Whitney, of Ashland.

ASHLAND, Or., April 20.—(Special)—P. B. Whitney, one of the best known officials of the old Oregon & California Railroad Company which had now formed part of the Southern Pacific system, died here Thursday. He suffered a stroke in paralysis about ten days ago and a second attack rendered his condition very critical. Mr. Whit-

ney was formerly traveling freight and claim agent for the O. & C. and was associated with the early history of the railroads in Oregon during construction periods.

Charles Kerr, Horseman.

BAKERSFIELD, Cal., April 20.—Charles Kerr, well known over the Pacific Coast as a breeder and raiser of horses, died at his town residence tonight. He was the owner of the extensive Antrim farm, four miles from this city. The veteran horseman had been ill for some time, but an iron constitution held off the end for many weeks.

Indian War Veteran.

ASTORIA, Or., April 20.—(Special)—Jonathan T. Gerow died at his residence in Clatsop Thursday of old age after a long illness. Deceased was a native of Pennsylvania, 79 years of age, had resided in the Lower Columbia River district for 24 years and was a veteran of the Indian War. He left a widow, five daughters and four sons.

Find Body Hanging to Tree.

HOQUIAM, Wash., April 20.—(Special)—Coroner Girard late tonight received word that the body of a man had been found by the postmaster hanging to a tree near a crossroad at the forks of the Wishkah River, about 20 miles from Aberdeen. The body will be brought to Aberdeen in the morning, where an inquest will be held.

Examination for Postal Clerks.

Through the efforts of Postmaster Minto an examination for postal clerks will be held in Portland some time in May. The examinations will be conducted by C. C. Snyder, of San Francisco, secretary of the Civil Service Board for the Twelfth District. Owing to the fact that the business of the local postoffice is growing so rapidly Mr. Minto is anxious to have a large class take the examination, so that vacancies can be filled without long waits.

Examination for Postal Service.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, April 20.—A civil service examination for letter-carriers and postal clerks will be held at Astoria and Albany May 1.