COMPLETE RETURN TO NORMAL BASIS

Renewed Activities Show That Business Conditions in Portland Are Excellent.

GOOD CROPS IN PROSPECT

While Wheat Yield Will Not Be Heavy City Will Receive Great Impetus From Numerous Other Resources.

So many indications of a complete return to normal business conditions have been noticed in Portland during the past week that it is hard to single out any one as an evidence of restored confidence. There has been so much good news of late that one item could hardly be given prominence over another. All mean a greater Portland and point to a brilliant future for this city.

Unlike cities that depend for their prosperity on one or two sources of wealth, Portland's growth does not stop when any one channel ceases pouring dollars into the lap of this favored business center. Many other resources keep up the golden shower. Some cities of the cotton belt bask in the business sunshine only when the cotton crop is good, with prices high. Lumber centers are obscured when the market fails and manufacturing cities are in the doldrums when adverse business conditions shut them off from markets.

Weakness in Single Resource.

Cities whose prestige is based on commerce alone rise or fall with the shifting of transportation currents or the building of railroads that divert traffic. Grain cities of the Middle West have periods of most severe depression when the corn and wheat crops fail. Cities made up of coalminers follow the demand and supply of coal with anxious hearts, for if the mines are shut down there is actual suffering.

But Portland, happily, is not dependent upon any one or two crops or industries. The great Pacific Northwest is so varied and rich in its products that the industries of the three states are many and various. Grain, lumber, fish, wool, livestock and all kinds of agricultural products pour their riches steadily into Portland while the activities of her people in manufacturing, jobbing and commerce keeps this city to the front on the Pacific Coast.

Where Portland Is Strong.

Any one of a dozen crops could fail and Portland would not notice it; any one of an equal number of industrial enterprises could have a bad year, but the forward progress of Portland would not be checked. So diverse are the resources behind Portland that no possible series of untoward circumstances, short of a positive disaster, can displace the city from her commanding position.

First and foremost, a fair average wheat crop is assured that means the pouring of $40,000,000 into the pockets of the farmers of this territory. The lumber trade, now that the vexing question of rates to the East has been settled, is improving and will soon be on in full swing again, beyond a doubt, for Oregon fir is a staple in the markets of the world and the demand for it is widespread.

Great Fruit Crop Promised.

The fruit crop is excellent and means added profits to the growers of the state, while the wealth of dairy products, a never failing but always increasing industry in this state, means much more money for the people of the agricultural districts. Salmon, hops, wool and the other great products add largely to the volume of money to be paid to Oregon this year by the consumers of these varied crops.

Of direct benefit to this city is the $5,225,000 bond issue, voted at the last election and just declared legal by the courts. This large amount of money will be placed in circulation in Portland within the next two years and will have a stimulating effect on general business conditions. Contractors and business men will receive this big amount and will disburse it very largely among the laboring men. It means that employment will be furnished to hundreds of mechanics and laborers while the improvements contemplated by the bond issue are under way.

Benefits From Bond Issues.

The big benefits to the city generally will be the accomplishment of the various public works and the increased values of property that will come as the result. The new Bull Run pipe line and the improvements to the water service will cost $3,000,000, and the supplies for this work will undoubtedly all be bought here.

Much of the $1,000,000 set aside for parks and boulevards will go to laboring men who will be employed to improve the property bought with a part of this fund.

The Madison-street bridge will cost $450,000, and, like the public docks, which will cost $500,000 additional, will be built largely of local materials and local labor will be employed. This is also true of the new fireboat provided for in the bond issue, to cost $125,000. Materials for the reinforcing of fire mains throughout the city will be purchased here.

City's Credit Not Stained.

Cities which vote such large public improvements show they are prosperous and manifest their confidence in the future in a substantial way. Where other cities have spent money for parks and boulevards they have profited largely. Portland people recognize that this city needs more beautiful drives and an extension of the present system of parks. That there will be a ready market for the bond issue is the statement of Portland National bankers. While a bonded debt of 7 per cent of the city's valuation is allowed, Portland has only 2.6 per cent such indebtedness.

The opening of the North Bank road during the coming month will bring the whole Inland Empire tributary to Portland as never before. The activity of electric lines in and about Portland is a feature that promises much for the city. The starting of work by the United Railways during the past week on its interurban system is encouraging and the Oregon Electric Railway will link Portland and Forest Grove together with a trolley road before the coming Winter.

Awarding of Swift Contract.

The awarding of the contract for the foundations of the main building of the packing plant of Swift & Co. within the week marks the beginning of construction of the big establishment and the locaiton here of a new $1,000,000 industry. The placing of the Swift plant here will build up a great livestock industry in this state that will bring added wealth to Oregon farmers.

Building continues throughout the city unabated. More dwelling have been built or started during the first six months of the year than during any corresponding period in the city's history. During the hot weather of the Summer the construction of homes keeps up without abatement. Building permits this month number 249, with an estimated cost of $657,010. Eighty per cent of the number of buildings are residences.

List of New Buildings.

Among new buildings of an expensive character that are about to be started, or which are under way, are the following:

Meier & Frank, ten-story department store building at southeast corner of Sixth and Alder streets, $300,000.

Y. M. C. A., at Sixth and Taylor streets, $100,000.

Y. W. C. A., at Seventh and Taylor streets, $75,000.

Warehouse and dock of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railroad, at foot of Raleigh street, $100,000.

Parlin & Orendorff warehouse, Southern Pacific and Belmont street, $85,000.

Wallace & Devlin, warehouse, same locality, $45,000.

Cadwell & Burkhart, office building, Second, near Alder street, $75,000.

Oregon Hotel annex, Park, near Stark street, $125,000.

Fenton building, Seventh and Ankeny streets, $50,000.

Pacific Paper Company, Fourth and Ankeny streets, $65,000.

Good Samaritan Hospital, new wing, $90,000.

Chinese office building, Second and Yamhill streets, $50,000.

Union Meat Company, packing plant, Columbia Slough, $1,000,000.

Rosenblatt Hotel, Tenth and Alder streets, $110,000.

Crane warehouse, Thirteenth and Irving streets, $75,000.

Blumauer-Frank Drug Company, West Park and Everett streets, $75,000.

A. F. Fleishman, Chinese building, northeast corner Flanders and Fourth streets, $65,000.

Board of Trade, Fourth and Oak, being occupied, $200,000.

Beck, Seventh and Ankeny streets, being occupied, $100,000.

Homeopathic Hospital, East Second street, $350,000.

Other Blocks Now Projected.

Among the new buildings projected throughout the city are the following: Portland Trustee Company, Pennoyer block, department store for Olds, Wortman & King, $200,000; T. B. Wilcox, Seventh and Stark; Arthur L. Finley, Sixth and Salmon; Gay Lombard, Fifth and Stark; Carman Manufacturing Company, Eighteenth and Upshur, about $45,000; United States Laundry Company, Grand avenue and East Yamhill, $40,000; J. C. Ainsworth, Grand avenue and East Stark.

Real estate transfers for the past week amount to a total of $206,000, and for the month, so far, $700,000 in round numbers. The usual number of deeds filed carry only nominal values, making the totals far below the actual cost of the various properties.

Great Progress in Street Work.

Figures prepared by Acting City Engineer Hanson show that there never was a time in the history of Portland when there was anywhere near the amount of street improvement work under way and projected. At this time last year the improvements under way aggregated approximately $800,000, while at this time contracts let show a total of $1,529,295, with projected plans for an additional $891,350.

The improvements consist of bitulithic, asphalt, gravel, macadam, earth grading, stone blocks and bridges, and is scattered all over the city, the main portion of it being on the East Side, where great progress is being made in beautifying the streets.

Contracts awarded to date are as follows:

Bitulithic, four miles; asphalt, five miles; gravel, six miles; macadam, eight miles; earth grade, 11 miles; stone blocks, 300 feet; bridges, 1300 feet.

Projected street improvements:

Bitulithic, 11 miles; asphalt, four miles; gravel, 15 miles; macadam, 15 miles, earth grade, 23 miles.

CHOICE OF TAFT ACTS AS TONIC

Business in East Shows Remarkable Revival Since Chicago Convention.

CONFIDENCE IS GAINED

Manufacturers and Merchants Regard Republican Success at Polls as Assured — Good Times Sure to Follow.

CHICAGO, July 11.—A birdseye view of business conditions East, West, North, and South shows a remarkable favorable outlook, according to the Chicago Tribune. This in spite of the regular mid-Summer dullness and the Presidential campaign. The most encouraging reports come from practically every commercial and industrial center in the country. Expanding trade, growing payrolls, increasing business, are the messages that come from every city. Confidence in the election of Taft seems to be the mainspring of the growing confidence of the business interests of the country. The possibility of the election of Bryan does not seem to be conceded anywhere in business circles. Some of the messages of prosperity sent to The Tribune are given below:

Boston, Mass.—The great textile centers, Fall River, Manchester, N. H.; Lawrence, Mass.; Saco and Biddeford, Me., and the Pawtucket Valley towns in Rhode Island, struggled along for months after last Fall's panic with their chief industry paralyzed. Thousands upon Thousands were out of work, but it was these same centers that six weeks or thereabouts ago revived the courage of the country in a way by starting up again, many of the great factories going immediately on full time. The surplus stock had been worked off and a renewed demand set the wheels to turning.

Report From St. Louis.

St. Louis, Mo.—The Southwestern, Southeastern and Western railroads have been increasing the work in their shops, and this means that many thousands of mechanics and laborers who have been working on short time for seven months are employed again on full time. More than 95 per cent of the manufacturing and mercantile concerns in St. Louis and in the St. Louis districts have put their employes back at work and are running their plants and shops and stores full time again.

Pittsburg, Penn.—In September and August of 1907 the payroll made up in the Pittsburg banks aggregated $1,000,000. In February, March and April of 1908 the payroll made up in Pittsburg proper had dwindled to $300,000 a day in some instances, and it had gradually increased from this figure until the figures for June and July of 1908 will approximate $650,000 a day. Fully 50,000 men find employment today within Alleghany County, whereas less than three months ago 25,000 of these were idle.

Milwaukee, Wis.—This city, the Pittsburg of the West, shows evidence of the return of prosperity. It is not a matter of the future with Milwaukee, but of the immediate present. According to President Walter H. Whiteside of the Allis-Chalmers Company, the biggest individual iron-working concern of the city, the orders received during June show an increase of from 30 to 50 per cent over those of May, and the plant is now running at about 70 per cent of normal. The Thomas Furnace Company has resumed full force. Other plants which shut down in part or entirely last Fall are now working big forces. The Milwaukee road shops, which cut the force to 1500 men in October, are now working nearly the full complement of 5000 men on cars and locomotives for the Pacific Coast Extension.

Make More Locomotives.

Philadelphia, Penn.—The Baldwin Locomotive Works, Cramp's Shipyard and other big industrial plants where thousands are employed all report a healthier business state, and the concerns' heads are almost unanimously optimistic in tone, and declare that they believe things are rapidly on the mend. After long idleness the Great Dobson Mills, giving employment to about 3000 persons, have started again and several others are preparing to follow suit. The wholesale and retail markets on the whole are holding their own, and considerable activity is felt in some lines.

Omaha, Neb.—All factories and workshops are running full time, and several large new undertakings are being pushed steadily ahead. These include the erection of large warehouses for the storage, drying and cleaning of wool from the West and Northwest, the establishment of shops for the manufacture on a large scale of the McKeen gasoline motor-cars by a company organized by E. H. Harriman, and the development of a new manufacturing suburb, where locations have been secured in the last few weeks by a large car repair company and a stove company.

Minneapolis, Minn.—The increase in all lines of business in Minneapolis during June over the previous month is plainly shown in the report of the freight movement to and from Minneapilis. This report, issued by Wallace G. Nye, chairman of the public affairs committee, shows a decided increase in every department. The only falling off shown in the entire report is a slight decrease in amount of flour shipped, which is attributable to the difficulty of obtaining wheat, owing to recent floods.

Galveston, Tex.—Within the last 30 days 33 lumber mills in East and South Texas, employing 25,000 men, including the crews in the lumber camps, resumed operation on full time, after a two months' close-down. Ten more mills will resume full time on July 15, and reports from the lumber districts are flattering for the Fall and Winter trade.

Birmingham, Ala.—When the Tennessee Company, a subsidiary of the United States Steel Corporation, started up its various big plants last month 8000 idle men returned to work in one week. The resumption of the mills and mines last month means the first payrolls will be made up this month, and the prospect of turning thousands of dollars loose in the district has stimulated every branch of industry.

IT IS AL GREEK TO HIM

John Bull Worries Over Meaning of Lallapaloosa.

LONDON, July 18.—(Special.)—London is stirred over another American slang word, "lallapaloosa." After "rubberneck" had been satisfactorily explained and thoroughly digested by the English, it was, of course, in order to bring forward a new word, with the view of continuing the education of the Londoners. A Daily Express reporter was sent out the other day to interview some Americans now here on the meaning of the term "lallapaloosa." He scoured the city in search of an explanation, and was repeatedly baffled by the flippancy of the solutions offered. An American actor who was supporting one of the facades in Bedford street expressed contemptuous surprise at the question.

"Why, I thought every one knew what a 'lallapaloosa' was," he said. "It's the female species of your own gazeka family. Sure!"

Other explanations were equally unsatisfactory. A Maori war dance, a new temperance drink and a patent medicine were some of the futile suggestions made. Eventually an intelligent American was found in the Haymarket offices of the American Express Company, who declared, with some emotion, that the word had no British equivalent.

"It is the latest catchword in New York," he said. "It expresses astonishment at any strange sight or object. It might apply to a street accident in which a cab horse, a coster cart and an automobile were tangled up together, or to a very tall story. I heard an Englishman say the other day, 'Well, that's a knockout,' and I guess that's a good translation for 'Well, that's a lallapaloosa.'

"For instance, if I spied a stout lady in a directoire gown with a market garden on a three-foot hat, I should say, 'Well, that's a lallapaloosa.'"

PAINTED ROOSTER WINS

Eagle in Disguise Vanquishes Champion at Cocking Main.

Hermosillo (Mexico) Dispatch to the New York World.

On the Fourth of July a year ago Andrew Crenshaw, Thomas A. Halloway, Bert Graham, and C. B. Jameson, members of a Texas syndicate owning land near El Molino, went to the town to celebrate. The most exciting thing they could find was a cocking main. They put up their money on the favorite and lost. The performance was repeated, and they lost again. Then they discovered that they were betting against the entire crowd of Mexicans, and that after their bets had been placed the birds were "switched."

Full of wrath, and bent on getting even, they agreed to meet again on the company's ranch, each in the meantime to try to concoct a scheme of revenge. Crenshaw had heard of the fighting qualities of the eagle and he communicated with the others his scheme. They advertised for and procured a young eagle last Winter and preserved it for their purpose. This year when they met at the ranch they painted the bird and trimmed his feathers so as to make him look like a rooster, and with the disguised eagle in a sack they rode into El Molino and landed at the cocking main. The authorities refused to enter their bird without first seeing him, but the ranchmen refused to disclose more than his tail feathers. They offered tempting odds that their bird could whip anything in Mexico, and the Mexicans took them up for more than twice what the Americans lost the year before.

A beautiful thoroughbred gamecock was pitted against the American offering, which was dumped from the sack into the pit when the main was called. The eagle squatted calmly in the pit, blinking its eyes and stretching its clipped wings, while the cock pranced around it with lowered head.

Twice the cock lunged at the eagle and the crowd roared and shouted "Bueno!" when the eagle would stagger to its feet and again squat in the pit. The third lunge ended the main, for the eagle reached out with one powerful claw and grabbed the gamecock and choked it to death.

The Mexicans raged, but the ranchmen got their winnings, and then replacing the eagle in the sack, together with the dead gamecock, which was still held in its talons, they fought their way to the exit, mounted their ponies, and rode to Guadalajara.

Eight Injured by Car Smash.

CHICAGO, July 18.—Eight persons were severely injured and a number of others suffered minor injuries in an accident on the Jackson Park branch of the South Side Elevated Railroad, at Stoney Island avenue and Sixty-third street, today. A train of three cars crashed against the bumpers at the terminus of the road, tearing loose the front trucks of the motor-car and allowing the car to slide over the bumpers for about ten feet. Catherine Jasmecka, 17 years of age, had her lower jaw broken and her head, face and body cut and bruised.

No Use.

"Are you feeling very ill?" asekd the doctor. "Let me see your tongue, please?"

"What's the use, doctor?" replied the patient; "no tongue can tell how bad I feel.—Roseleaf.

Japanese Win at Ball.

HONOLULU, July 18.—The Keio baseball team from Japan today defeated the Kamehameha team, a local club, by a score of four to one

CONDITION OF PORTLAND NATIONAL BANKS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON JULY 15

Figures have been compiled by the Portland National banks showing their status on July 15, in response to a call from the Controller for the usual periodical statement. Portland has a new National bank at this call, the Lumbermen's National, formerly the Bankers' & Lumbermen's Bank. This adds to the totals of the local National banks. However, deposits in most of the institutions reporting have slumped since the last call, May 14, due to the fact that it is between seasons and customers of the various institutions have been drawing against their balances, as is always the case during the Summer months. On the whole, the showing is very satisfactory. The latest reports of the Portland National banks, compared with the figures of May 14, follow:

Assets—	—First National Bank—		—United State National		—Merchants' National—		—Lumbermen's National—	
	May 14.	July 15.	May 14.	July 15.	May 14.	July 15	*May 14.	July 15.
Loans and discounts	$ 5,306,760.53	$ 4,787,325.14	$3,746,648.99	$3,888,732.19	$2,076,800.31	$2,032,681.12	.....	$ 816,187.24
U. S. bonds to secure circulation	500,000.00	1,500,000.00	500,000.00	500,000.00	250,000.00	412,000.00	.....	50,000.00
Other bonds and securities	1,187,601.38	1,174,413.88	878,149.20	910,181.08	791,551.69	648,035.56	.....	76,632.81
Real estate and fixtures	70,000.00	70,000.00	125,000.00	125,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00	.....	3,500.06
Cash and due from banks	4,510,269.81	4,762,614.98	3,772,194.22	3,678,108.59	1,050,747.41	873,832.74	.....	496,897.02
	$12,599,637.72	$12,294,354.00	$9,021,992.41	$9,102,021.86	$4,177,099.41	$3,974,549.42	.....	$1,443,217.07
Liabilities—								
Capital stock	$ 500,000.00	$ 500,000.00	$ 500,000.00	$ 500,000.00	$ 250,000.00	$ 250,000.00	.....	$ 250,000.00
Surplus and undivided profits	1,137,556.19	1,129,226.90	471,597.27	496,827.17	315,210.83	300,497.55	.....	12,572.83
Circulation	486,000.00	427,000.00	500,000.00	487,400.00	249,950.00	246,950.00	.....	.....
Deposits and due to banks	10,476,087.53	10,228,117.10	7,550,395.14	7,616,448.19	3,361,938.59	3,177,101.87	.....	1,180,644.24
	$12,599,637.72	$12,294,354.00	$9,021,992.41	$9,102,021.86	$4,177,099.41	$3,974,549.42	.....	$1,443,217.07

*This bank nationalized during past month.

WARDS OFF MOB WITH GUN

Hoquiam Crowd Chases Sailor Who Criticises Union Laborers.

ABERDEEN, Wash., July 18.—(Special.)—Through the efforts of Watchman Buchanan, of the Grays Harbor Electric Company, a sailor member of the crew of the steamer Frances H. Leggett, now loading at Hoquiam, was saved from mob violence at midnight last night.

After attending one of the theaters the sailor drifted into a saloon on F street and there made a few uncomplimentary remarks on union men, sailors and longshoremen in particular.

A crowd soon collected and the sailor took refuge on a streetcar. The car was run to the company's barn. The crowd followed. At the barn, however, Buchanan drew a revolver and warned the angry men away from the company's property. The men made no attempt to enter and the sailor was left in peace.

Genuine Turkish Rugs

A SPECIAL SHIPMENT ON TEMPORARY DISPLAY

A HALF-PRICE SALE

These fine Oriental Rugs were especially ordered for a customer. His selections have been made, and the remaining rugs will be returned within ten days to the New York importer, unless sold. Among the lot are: Kirmanshah, Sarouk, Afghan, Mahal and Gheorevan.

Rather than pay the return freight on these rugs, we shall accept actual cost on any one or the entire lot.

We invite Oriental rug-fanciers to call and inspect these handsome weaves. Here is a rug bargain that seldom presents itself.

Extra Value Brussels

Room-Size Rugs, only $12

These are imported rugs, made in Scotland. Extra grade of Brussels, and will hold their colors; seamless; in red, green, tan and combination colors. Very attractive and of extra good quality. Gevurtz special price..... $12

Genuine Leather Couch

$60 VALUE FOR $32.50

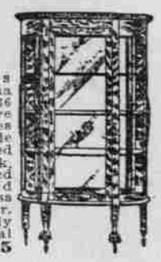
No. 1—Solid oak frame, quarter sawed and polished, covered with best genuine leather; best steel spring upholstering—32 oil-tempered springs. The regular value of these couches is $60, but we are making a special sale of these couches at only..... $32.50

Printed Linoleum 49c

Best "D" grade printed linoleum—three patterns left in the lot; to be closed out at only, per yard .... 49¢

Also inland Linoleum greatly reduced in price.

$35 China Closet $25



No. 815—This handsome China Closet is 36 ins. wide by five feet four inches in height; made of best selected Eastern oak, quarter-sawed and polished front; bent glass ends and door. Priced regularly at $35.00, special price only... $25

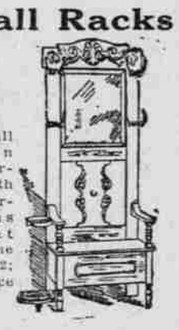
$30 Oak Table $19.50

No. 672—A very beautiful quarter-sawed oak table extends to six feet; has hand-polished top; pedestal is handsomely ornamented; made of best Eastern oak, perfectly seasoned. A table worth $30, for only $19.50

No. 402½—Here is another handsome table, solid quartered oak, round top, 6-foot, ornamental pedestal; worth $35, sale price only $22.50

$12 Hall Racks

$7.50



No. 100—Oak Hall Racks, golden oak, quarter-sawed, fitted with 12x12-inch mirrors and brass hat and coat hooks. A fine rack, worth $12; special sale price $7.50

$7.50

Polished Oak Princess Dressers $13.95

No. 210—This is a little gem in polished, quarter-sawed oak, bevel French plate mirror 18x36 inches; two drawers fitted with polished brass pulls; worth $22.50, a big special at $13.95.

Turkish Rocker $35

No. 300: These rockers are included in our leather goods sale this week. They are like the cut, covered with genuine leather, best spring construction. Regular price is $60. Gevurtz' special sale sale price.... $35.00

Buffet $21.50

No. 505—A Buffet that will meet with general favor, as it is both moderately priced and beautifully built. The wood is solid golden oak, quartersawed, highly polished. There are three commodious silver drawers, while the linen cabinet is very roomy; a large plate-glass mirror across the entire top gives it the appearance of a $35 Buffet, while our price is only... $21.50

Lowest Prices in City

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MAY FOUND SCHOOL

Brethren Discuss Plan for Bible Institution.

ALSO HOME FOR THE AGED

Sect Formerly Known as Dunkards Decides to Invite General Conference to Meet in Portland in 1911.

Among the items of business transacted at the session of the district conference of the Church of the Brethren, for Oregon, Washington and Idaho, held yesterday in the First Church, Killingsworth avenue, was the unanimous invitation to the general conference to meet in Portland in 1911, the movement to establish a Bible school in Portland and the movement to establish homes for old folks and for orphans in the Northwest. L. E. Keltner, moderator, presided.

Elder George C. Carl, who presented the resolution for asking the general conference in the Northwest, was delegate at the last session of that body, and is confident that the body will come in 1911, which, he says, will mean from 5000 to 7000 people, representatives from all over the United States. Mr. Carl also said that the general conference was of sufficient importance to get the support of the commercial bodies and business men of Portland, financially and otherwise. There was some discussion on the resolution to invite the general conference to come to the Northwest, but it was finally adopted unanimously and will be presented to that body at its next meeting by the district delegate, who will be Elder J. S. Secrist, who was elected representative to the general conference after the adoption of the resolution. D. B. Eby was elected alternate.

The matter of establishing homes for old people and for orphans at some point in the district had been pending before the conference for several years. Some work has been done in caring for and educating children in Christian homes, but a larger work is proposed.

Incorporation papers of a board of charities of the Church of the Brethren were read by George C. Carl, chairman of the committee, setting forth the scope and purpose of such joint institution, which provided for an organization of a board of three members, one from each of the three states, Oregon, Washington and Idaho. The report of the committee was adopted and the incorporation papers will be filed, when the organization of the board of charities will be effected on a business basis. Portland is the location specified in the incorporation papers.

There was considerable discussion of the school question. Heretofore the movement contemplated establishment of a secular and Bible school combined, but at the meeting yesterday the idea of a secular school was eliminated. It was held by Elder Carl, Elder Eby and Elder Stover that the conference could not hope to establish a secular school to compete with the public schools, which were backed with unlimited means. It was finally carried to establish a Bible school in the district modeled after the Bethany Bible School of the Church of the Brethren in Chicago. It is expected that a beginning will be made in Portland.

D. B. Eby, representing the mission board, asked for $2500 for the general work for the coming year, and the request was granted. The apportionment was made on a basis of nearly 1300 members in the three states of $2 per member.

J. H. Stover was elected a member of the mission board to serve for five years. George C. Carl, who has been in charge of the Portland church for two years, on recommendation of the mission board, will remain in charge.

The name Powell Valley Church was changed to Portland Church of the Brethren, because the members reside in Portland. There will be services this morning in the church and a missionary meeting at night. Most of the routine business was closed up yesterday, but the conference will remain in session Monday and Tuesday.

Faith and Practice of the Church.

The Church of the Brethren, as it is now called, was formerly known as the German Baptist Church and as "Dunkards," because of its belief in trine baptism. It has a simple faith. It believes in "God, the Father and Creator of all; Jesus Christ the Son and Savior, into whose hands has been given all power of heaven and on earth." Faith and repentance are necessary and the baptism of the believer, placing him at once with fellowship with the church as in the days of the Apostles. Trine immersion is a required rite. The candidate while kneeling is immersed three times. The ceremony of washing of feet is practiced as an example of humbleness followed by Christ with his disciples on the night before the crucifixion. No member ever resorts to the courts to settle a dispute over money or property. Disputes are settled by arbitration. The church opposes secret societies. In the matter of dress, plainness and neatness are practiced. The women wear a covering for the head during meetings. This covering is a simple white cap.

Is Democratic in Forms.

There are no bishops in this denomination. It is a democratic organization. It has a number of prosperous homes for the aged and for orphans in the East, where it is quite strong. The members resent the common belief that they are a peculiar and ignorant class, and point to their schools, institutions for charitable work all over the United States as showing they are intelligent Christian citizens. It is the testimony of those who come in contact with them that they are kind, hospitable, charitable and intelligent people. In the Northwest district, comprising Oregon, Washington and Idaho, they have 1200 members. They expect to gain largely by the coming of the general conference in 1911. They desire to counteract as far as possible the report that was sent broadcast throughout the country that the women of the church were in open rebellion over the dress requirement. At the conference in session in Portland the women are wearing the "covering" for the head and otherwise conforming with the church regulations, which is shown in the picture taken by an Oregonian photographer yesterday forenoon.

Castaways Reach Manila.

MANILA, July 18.—Forty more passengers of the launch San Gabriel, which foundered two days ago while on its way from Manila to Corregidor Island, were landed here today by the steamer Buena Suerte. They are mostly women who refused to leave the wreck.

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