

### GAIN ON LAST YEAR

February Business Shows Increase Over 1908.

### LEGISLATURE NO HAMPER

Uneasiness Regarding Measures to Be Enacted Did Not Materialize and Bank Clearings and Realty Transfers Are Greater.

Despite the session of the Legislature, that directed the attention of almost everyone from business, February proved a good month for Portland commercially. The transactions during the short month ending tonight exceed in volume the corresponding business of last February, and the conditions are such that the outlook for March is excellent.

There was more or less uneasiness throughout business circles that the legislative session might disturb conditions by enacting measures that would prove harmful to business. On this account the ordinary transactions were lessened somewhat because investors held off until the session was ended and they might know the conditions they had to meet. However, the Legislature did not, apparently disturb the business balance to any extent. Some deals that were pending may have not been closed until the Legislature was ended, and if this supposition is true, they will add to the March totals. But enough business was transacted to make February a good month, considered solely from the commercial side.

Rumors from the East that money is being tightly held pending the settlement of the tariff question, appear not to have hurt the local financial situation, for bank clearings for the month just ended exceed in volume those of February, 1908. The total clearings for February, 1909, amount to \$2,406,225, while the total for the corresponding month of 1908 was \$2,125,356.32. Yesterday, too, showed the advance of business over the same day last year, yesterday's clearings showing a total of \$826,322, as against the clearings of the corresponding Saturday, 1908, of \$821,492.

Realty transfers show a good gain over February of last year. Business cannot be said to be unsettled when buyers are in the market for property to the extent they have been during the past month. Much Portland property changed hands all through the month. The total transfers numbered 132, and their combined value was \$2,982,338. During the corresponding month of 1908 the value of realty transfers was \$1,306,820.

Building has been active during February. On every side new dwellings and business blocks have been rising. This activity has been so marked that visitors to the city have commented upon this proof of the striking prosperity of the city. Permits issued by the Building Inspector's office during the business month closing last night numbered 223 and represented building of the combined value of \$1,328,146. The value of the buildings authorized by permits during February, 1908, amounted to \$835,809.

### HIGH HONOR FOR OREGONIAN

GEORGE N. WOLFE, DIRECTOR OF PHILIPPINE PRISONS.

Government Selects Him to Have Charge of Penal Institutions in Islands.

George N. Wolfe, recently appointed director of all Government prisons in the Philippine archipelago, is a native of Oregon, son of Mrs. M. F. Wolfe and the late Rev. J. T. Wolfe, a pioneer minister of Portland.

George N. Wolfe was born in this city in 1864. He was educated in the public schools and at the State University at Eugene. He was a member of the National Guard, and at the outbreak of the Spanish War he went to Manila with the Second Oregon Volunteer Infantry, as Second Lieutenant. Upon the surrender of Manila, Mr. Wolfe was made ordnance officer, in whose charge the captured arms were consigned. Later he was appointed assistant to Major Rogers, superintendent of Bilbilid prison. At the close of the Philippine insurrection Wolfe was chosen warden of that prison, a position he held for several years. In addition to his duties as head of the insular prisons, he is also in charge of detention prisons and tuberculosis hospitals. He has made several visits to his home, his last visit being in the summer of 1907.

In an article on the methods of administration in Bilbilid prison, the correspondent of the Washington Post has the following to say of Mr. Wolfe:

Who is Wolfe? Well, he comes from Oregon and he was an officer in the volunteer regiment from that state. When the Americans got hold of Manila and Bilbilid was found to be in a deplorable condition, they told Wolfe to go down there and make an up-to-date job of it. He had never been inside a state prison but once in his life. He knew nothing of penology. He does now; he learned.

He is square jawed, of medium size, has courage and brains. He took hold of things. He believed in the good in men. His works testify him. Never had trouble? Oh, yes, but Wolfe dealt with it. There was a mutiny once. The Gatling guns came out and in seven minutes nearly a score of the mutineers were dead and wounded like two score wounded. There's been no trouble since. This stern, kindly man has put his force discipline, which is making real men in the Philippines. He keeps track of the men as far as he can after they leave. He tries to get them jobs. He is the friend of all he has charge of and when the full story of what the United States has done for the Philippines and the Philippines in return, the name of George N. Wolfe will be in the high place. He is a credit to America. Hats off to Wolfe!

### OLD FIRE COMPANY MEETS

Multnomah Engine Company No. 2 Enjoys Banquet.

The annual banquet of Multnomah Engine Company No. 2, Benevolent Association, was held at the Richards Hotel, Thursday night, and was attended by 56 members and invited guests. The menu card had a picture of "The Old Coffee Pot," the first steam fire engine used in Portland and the first north of San Francisco. C. H. Dodd was toastmaster and performed his duties with his usual adaptability, keeping up the interest to the close. After the paid department went into service the volunteers retired and Multnomah Benevolent Association maintained its organization and has \$25,000 in money and property. Annual banquets are held to keep fresh the memories of the old days when practically every citizen

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of Portland was a member of some volunteer fire company, and when rivalry among the companies was intense.

Joseph Buchtel, who has occupied every position in the Portland Fire Department, serving as Chief of the Volunteer and Paid Departments, responded to "Early Athletics," pointing out that in the early days of Portland the volunteer department was the center of interest and developed many fine athletes. He neglected to say that he stood at the head of athletes, especially when it came to running. Mr. Buchtel's talk carried the company back to the early days and many an eye was moist as he recounted past events and told of many of the actors in those events gone to their long homes.

"Portland—the Old and New," was responded to by George L. Story, in a most affecting talk.

"Our Flag, Old Glory," was responded to by Frank Motter, a guest of the evening, in an eloquent address, giving the company an amusing sketch at the close. Mr. Simmons spoke on "Our Guests," and Fred G. Buchtel on "The Ladies." Music was by Professor Weber's band. The banquet closed by singing "Auld Lang Syne. Multnomah is the only volunteer company that has preserved its organization since 1856. J. P. Burkhardt, G. Castenack and F. G. Buchtel were committee of arrangements.

### Nine Decisions Are Announced.

Nine decisions were announced yesterday afternoon in minor civil cases by Circuit Judge Cleland. The findings are as follows:

Mary A. Stark vs. J. H. Epler; motion for new trial denied, 30 days allowed in which to file bill of exceptions.

Peter Johnson vs. S. E. Watts; objections to cost bill sustained.

George L. Warren vs. Mary Bears; findings for plaintiff.

J. L. Wigle vs. E. M. Smith; findings for plaintiff.

W. J. Stanley vs. H. H. Gaulty; findings for plaintiff.

Newton W. Smith vs. Benjamin Hobkirk; findings for plaintiff.

F. W. Leachter vs. R. R. Benham; findings for plaintiff.

Joseph Buchtel vs. M. R. Smith; findings for plaintiff.

Charles F. Johnson vs. S. Yankovitz; findings for plaintiff.

Gregory—the worker's friend. See Page 8, Section 2.

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### In the Decorative and Drapery Departments Are Now Being Shown New and Exclusive Creations in Wall Papers and Fabrics

Correct home interior decorations are here specialized in treatments new, novel and exclusive. The new Spring fabrics have arrived and are abundant in their suggestion of pleasing schemes, enabling us to demonstrate a number of entirely new treatments in various popular shades of color.

Wall Papers and Fabrics A choice stock of new creations selected to harmonize with laces and hangings, and also furniture, all of which combine to complete every detail of our decorative department, enabling us to show a room complete and in perfect harmony in various periods and color schemes. Before planning or building your new home, it will pay you to learn what can be accomplished through our decorative department in completing same.

### New Spring Patterns in the Hodge's "Hofi" and "Kaba" Rugs

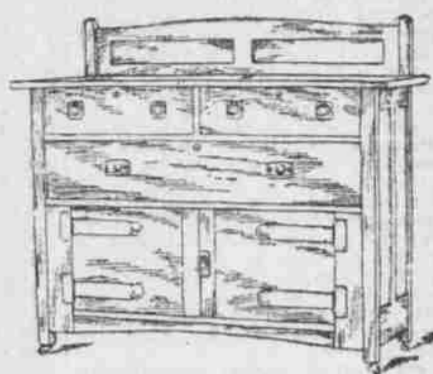
The best we have ever shown in this deservedly popular line. The striking feature this season is the "Art Moderne" design and colorings, giving these rugs all the advantages of the more expensive floor coverings, as foundations for simple or elaborate decorative schemes. The tan and brown combinations are particularly effective and will appeal to the most fastidious. The "Kaba" is especially adapted to dining-room, library, living-room or den, and where dainty and delicate colors are needed the "Hofi" is most effective. The Carpet Department—sixth floor.

### Special Sale

### Mission Buffets

It is with the intention of closing out a number of odd and sample pieces that we have made such decisive price reductions in these six patterns selected from our line of quaint dining-room furniture in the fumed oak. These buffet bargains are worthy of investigation by those who contemplate adding a good, substantial piece of this character to the furnishings of their dining-room. Sale Monday and Tuesday.

\$ 57.00 Buffet in the fumed oak—reduced to.....	\$34.75
\$ 59.00 Buffet in the fumed oak—reduced to.....	\$36.50
\$ 75.00 Buffet in the fumed oak—reduced to.....	\$44.25
\$130.00 Buffet in the fumed oak—reduced to.....	\$67.50
\$125.00 Buffet in the fumed oak—reduced to.....	\$67.50
\$150.00 Buffet in the fumed oak—reduced to.....	\$69.00



### Reducing Our Sample Lines of Go-Carts

Preparatory to displaying a number of new go-cart models for the '09 season, we have selected several of last season's styles in both go-carts and carriages and have not hesitated in marking them at a price so much below the regular as to prove attractive to those who are prepared to make selection at this time. These are all high-grade vehicles—dependable in gear and construction, and embodying the best and most up-to-date features in design. Sale Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

\$16.00 Reed Go-Cart, reduced to.....	\$7.75	\$23.50 Go-Cart with reed body, upholstered, reduced to.....	\$13.50
\$29.00 Go-Cart, with green fiber body, reduced to.....	\$8.25	\$27.00 Reed Go-Cart, upholstered, reduced to.....	\$15.00
\$19.50 Go-Cart with black enameled body, reduced to.....	\$10.25	\$34 Go-Cart with enameled body, upholstered, reduced to.....	\$16.75
\$19.50 Go-Cart with enameled body, upholstered, reduced to.....	\$11.75	\$40.00 Go-Cart with reed body, upholstered, reduced to.....	\$19.75
\$21 Go-Cart with enameled body, upholstered, reduced to.....	\$12.50	\$35.00 Go-Cart with enameled body, reduced to.....	\$21.00



### Our Line of Dressers in the Medium Grade

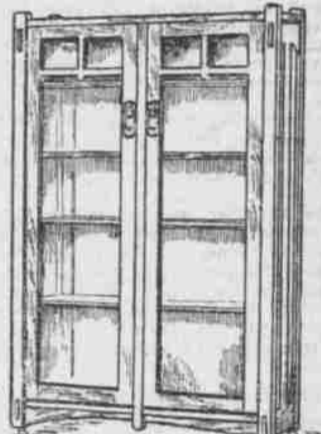
—is a strong representation and a careful selection of the best dresser styles and values in the medium grade. The pattern shown here is one of the new Colonial Princess styles, entirely in the quarter-sawn golden oak, with large plate mirror, 18 inches by 36 inches. This design has carved claw feet and the drawers have the wood knobs in place of metal trimmings. Very reasonably priced at.....\$27.50



### Five Patterns in China Cabinets

have also been selected from our line of quaint designs in dining-room furniture in the fumed oak, and each will show a liberal price reduction in a special sale tomorrow and Tuesday.

\$25.00 China Cabinet in fumed oak, spl.....	\$17.50
\$27.50 China Cabinet in fumed oak, spl.....	\$17.75
\$30.00 China Cabinet in fumed oak—special.....	\$19.50
\$43.00 China Cabinet in fumed oak—special.....	\$26.50
\$75.00 China Cabinet in fumed oak—special.....	\$47.50



### MONDAY TUESDAY Specials IN THE Drapery Dept.

Art Burlap—in all colors—36 inches wide, special, yd.....	12½¢
White Curtain Swiss in dots and figures—36-inch width—special, per yard.....	18¢
Figured Art Taffeta, 32 inches and 36 inches wide, regular 40c and 50c quality—pieces in lengths of from 5 yards to 18 yards, special, per yard.....	25¢
Roman Stripe Drapery Material—50-inch width—regular values 60c and 75c yard—special, per yard.....	35¢



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