

ST. JOHN BUILDING IS UNPRECEDENTED

All Former Records Broken and Payroll Is Being Increased Daily.

BIG MILL BEING REBUILT

Construction Crews Are Busy on Peninsula, Where Large Factories Are Being Erected for the Coming Season.

St. John building permits for the first ten days of March amounted to \$20,000, making a total in round numbers of \$22,000 since January 1. This is almost half the amount for the whole of last year and judging by present indications is a very small part of the probable total for the present year.

The most important construction work now going on is the rebuilding of the Portland Manufacturing Company plant, which was destroyed by fire not long ago. Peter Autzen, who owns all the stock in this concern, is hard at work getting new buildings erected and new machinery in place with which to resume business.

The new buildings will consist of a drum-room 32x100, where coffee drums and other barrels will be made; a tin top (fruit basket) room 32x100; a dry kiln 20x80; a panel room 40x100, main building 60x80, where the bulk of the machinery will be located, including saws, peeler and veneer cutters; main warehouse 32x100; excelsior cutting-room, in which the present capacity is to be doubled 36x60; excelsior warehouse 24x 60; stock-house, 60x60; dry shed and dock, 100x160, and a power-house 26x80. The boilers in the power-house will be 160 horsepower and the engines 100 horsepower; there will also be one 50 horsepower electric motor and several smaller ones distributed through the various departments. A sprinkling system will be installed for fire protection and the entire cost of building and machinery will be \$60,000. The construction work is being done by C. W. Bohlen, contractor of St. John, who with a large force of men is using up lumber at the rate of 7000 feet per day.

The rebuilding of this plant and the probable addition a little later of a large door factory means much to St. John and especially to the 75 former employees who have had to seek other employment after the fire. The payroll averages \$900 per week when the place is in full operation and its loss is even now greatly felt in St. John.

The Marine Iron Works is working hard on the dredge Chinook, and has the work on the dredging machinery about completed. It will be ready to claim its second payment of one job in a very few days. Mr. Maher expects to complete the work considerably ahead of contract time. One of the large boilers is out of the ship and the other one nearly so, and men are at work making the necessary repairs. These two boats are the largest ever handled north of San Francisco.

The St. John Lumber Company now employs 400 men and is running night and day to finish its contracts, and is at the same time using a large force in making up the mill. The output of these is a \$2500 stable and a 75-foot tower for a water tank to secure pressure for a fire protection system.

The Collapsible Iron Company is increasing its output each day under its new management.

The other waterfront industries are growing rapidly and enlarging their plants. Special activity is shown by the St. John Laundry, the Modern Machine Works, Gillen & Chambers Asbestos Products plant, the Jones Milling Company, the St. John Shipbuilding Company and the Douglas Planing Mill.

Plans are being perfected by which it is expected to secure three improved streets up the hill from the waterfront this season. This will benefit materially the many industries located along the railroad and the river. It is hoped.

STUDEBAKER COMPANY BUYS Site on Killingsworth Avenue to Be Improved. Two corners on Killingsworth avenue and Burt street changed hands last week, calling attention to the great amount of realty activity in that section of the city. These two properties are on a block east of the corner of Killingsworth avenue and Albina street, which at present seems to be the hub of that district.

One of the properties transferred is the northeast corner of Killingsworth avenue and Borthwick street, a quarter block, which was bought by R. L. Weaver, manager of Studebaker Bros. Company, for \$8000. It is intended that if the development of this district continues as now expected that a portion of the lot will be covered with a suitable building for the establishment of a branch Studebaker house for wagons and vehicles generally, to take care of the trade now developing on the north end of the Peninsula.

PRELATE'S DEATH SUDDEN

Bishop H. W. Spellmeyer Dies at Hotel After M. E. Conference.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., March 12.—Bishop Henry W. Spellmeyer, of St. Louis, who was here presiding over the annual New Jersey Methodist Episcopal Conference, died suddenly at the Hotel Dennis today. Death was due to heart disease.

Bishop Spellmeyer was not feeling well last night and told friends he did not expect to attend today's session of the conference. When he failed to appear about the hotel, inquiries were made for him and the manager went to his room. The door was found open and the body was found lying partly on the bed, partly on the floor. It is thought that when he felt the heart attack coming on he tried to summon assistance, but died before reaching the room telephone.

The news of his death created consternation in the conference, which was adjourned for the day. Bishop Noelley, of New Orleans, will preside over the remaining sessions. Bishop Henry Spellmeyer was born in New York, November 25, 1844. He was a graduate of the New York University and Union Theological Seminary.

He married Matilda M. W. Smith at Haverstraw, N. Y., who survives him. Bishop Spellmeyer held pastorates in Newark, N. J., and vicinity for 26 years. He was elected bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1904. His official residence was in St. Louis.

SUFFRAGE HITS SEATTLE

Miss Millholland to Organize Yet Another Branch of Movement.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 12.—(Special.)—Universal suffrage in a new garb is to gain a foothold in Seattle, if the plans of Mrs. Clarence H. Mackay, of New York, are carried into effect. Mrs. Mackay has decided to make this city headquarters for a state branch of the Equal Franchise Society, and for that purpose will soon be reorganized here by Miss Inez Millholland, National organizer.

In addition to various organizations of women, including a subordinate society of the National Council of Women and the Federated Clubs, the state already has the Washington Equal Suffrage Association, of which Mrs. Emma Smith DeVoe is president. The Suffrage Association membership includes women who demand the ballot, and pro-

SAFE PLANT LARGE

Factory at Kenton Planned to Supply Entire West.

PAYROLL TO BE OVER 200

Within 60 Days Davis Safe & Lock Company Will Have Buildings Completed at Cost of \$211,000. Patent Filler Is Featured.

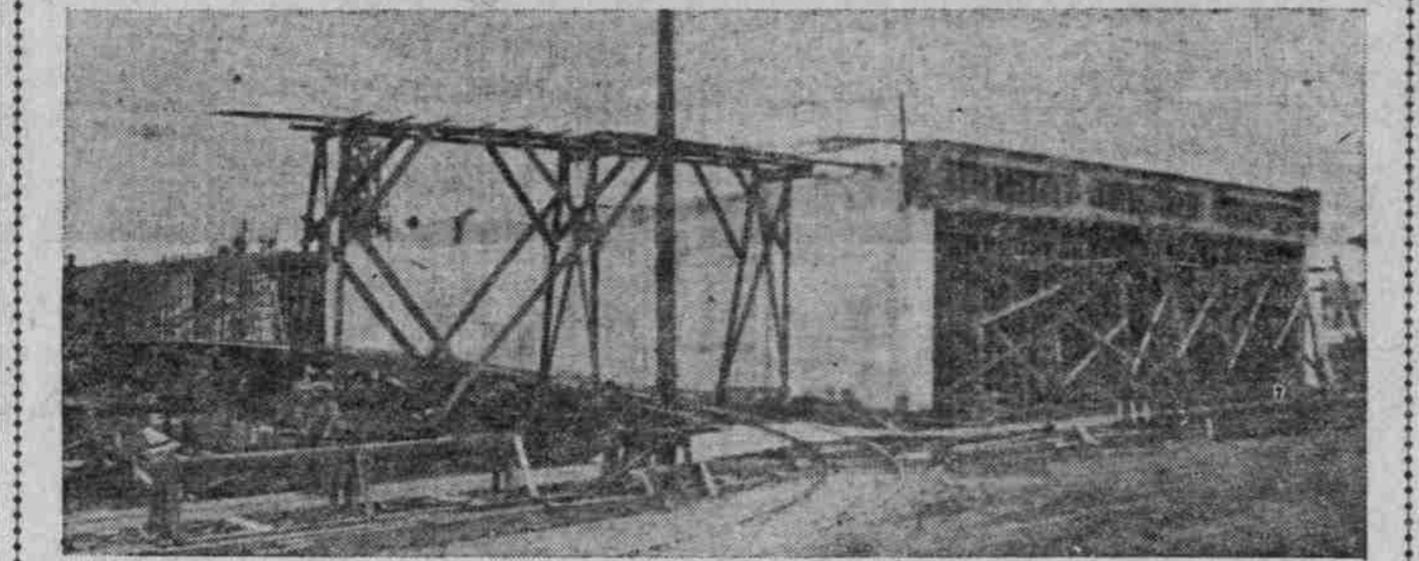
Work is going ahead rapidly on the plant of the Davis Safe & Lock Company, which is being built at Kenton at a cost of \$210,000. This, the only safe

classified it definitely. It is absolutely impervious to heat, and very light, which makes it a desirable substitute for cement, with which the ordinary safe is filled. Mr. Housner says:

"We shall be able to build our safes so they will weigh about one-third what an ordinary safe weighs. Instead of a cement filler we use this patent filler, which we have protected by 17 patents. Cement makes the safe as heavy as lead and on that account large safes cannot be taken into many of the office buildings on account of the ordinances. Our safes will be so much lighter than the other safes that it will be possible to take almost any safe into any building. Another effect of their being light is that a fall will not injure them as much. It is well-known that in great fires the safes are damaged more through the fall than by the fire. This is because they are so heavy that when they crash down through several stories they are likely to break open.

"We have had tests made of the filler which prove it to be absolutely impervious to heat. A sheet one inch thick, has been held for hours against the hottest blow pipe obtainable and on the side away from the flame no trace of heat could be felt. Acid tests have also been made and we believe that now we have a safe really fire-proof as well as burglar proof." The officers of the company are:

NEW CARBARN ON EAST SIDE WILL BE HURRIED TO COMPLETION FOR USE.



STRUCTURE AT EAST ANKENY AND BURNSIDE STREETS. Walls are up for the east section of the reinforced concrete carbarn under construction for the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company on East Twenty-eighth street, between East Ankeny and Burnside streets. It will be 200x100 feet, but the first part will be 50x300 feet. It is announced that the old carbarn at the corner of East Twenty-eighth and Couch streets will be replaced with a modern structure in the near future. This building is a frame structure, covered with replaced with a modern structure.

pose to take an active part in public affairs as soon as they are given the chance. The Equal Franchise Society recruits its membership from the exclusive and fashionable sets, who presumably are indifferent to the privileges of the ballot and do not care to shoulder its responsibilities.

300,000 CONCERNS TO PAY

Corporation Tax May Exceed \$25,000,000 Estimate Slightly.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—Approximately 300,000 corporations amenable to the law imposing a tax of 1 per cent on their net incomes above \$5000 have made returns to the Internal Revenue Bureau. Additional returns are expected to swell the number to 350,000 which will be in keeping with the estimate made by the officials before the law became operative. There are 409,000 corporations listed in the United States, but a large number have for some time been generally regarded as "dead" and existing in name only. It is now generally believed from the reports of collectors thus far at hand that the estimate of \$25,000,000 revenue from the corporation tax this year may be exceeded slightly.

Largest Factory in North. Now the factory is being built. It consists of two large buildings, one being the largest factory north of San Francisco. The site is within a few hundred feet of the end of the Kenton carline and consists of a tract 272 by 120 feet. The main factory building is a brick and concrete structure, two stories high and 100x 400 feet. It is of modern construction, practically fireproof and equipped with all the necessary machinery for assembling the safes, vaults, etc. Here are located the offices, the storage rooms, the machine shops, and all the principal divisions of the factory.

PHONE GAIN \$30,000,000

American Combine Would Make Capitalization \$500,000,000.

NEW YORK, March 12.—A recommendation that the capital stock of the American Telephone & Telegraph Company—the so-called telephone trust—be increased to \$500,000,000 is contained in the company's annual report, made yesterday, but other than to say that the company desired to be "reorganized" no reason is given for the requested increase of \$300,000,000.

Wall Street believes the company purposes still greater expansion, though the report states "none of this increase will be needed during the current year for ordinary capital expenditures." The company had a net revenue for 1909 of more than \$30,000,000, while the Bell system earned net \$45,367,500.

Within a radius of 75 miles of Tampico there exists the most abundant and valuable petroleum and asphalt deposits yet discovered in Mexico.

President, C. B. Mitchell; vice-president, James B. Kerr; chairman of the board of directors, George D. Housner and secretary, John E. Davis. The building was designed by Christian Spies, architect, of Detroit. Mr. Spies is now here superintending the work.

BUILDING RISES RAPIDLY

VAN SCHUYVER BLOCK WILL SOON BE READY.

Structure at Twelfth and Washington Will Be Used for Store and Hotel Purposes.

Rapid construction has been the feature of the erection of the Van Schuyver store and rooming-house at the northwest corner of Twelfth and Washington streets. This three-story brick building was started but two months ago, and now the shell is entirely completed and the interior finishers have started to work. The plans for the building were prepared by Dennis, Hendricks & Thompson, architects.

The site is 100x100 feet, the entire lower floor being devoted to store purposes. On the second and third floors a central light-courtyard has been put in which is so arranged that every room will have outside light. The building, owned by W. O. Van Schuyver, is to cost \$50,000 when completed. It is of red pressed brick, mill construction, and the arrangement of the light-courtyard is such that it presents an appearance somewhat at variance with the ordinary building of this type. This courtyard is 3x50 feet, and is located in the exact center and front of the building, instead of in the rear.

On the first floor are being installed six large stores, four fronting on Washington street and two on Twelfth. There is also a large lobby for the hotel, which will be conducted on the two upper floors. These floors have been taken under lease by Gevitz & Co. The basement is waterproof and of concrete, and in addition to the heating plant has large storage rooms.

On the upper floors there will be 37 rooms to the floor, each with hot and cold running water and large closets. Three suites on each floor have tiled baths. There are also two tiled common baths on each floor. Practically every

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THREE-STORY BRICK ON UPPER WASHINGTON STREET BUILT IN RECORD TIME.



W. O. VAN SCHUYVER BUILDING AT TWELFTH AND WASHINGTON.

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PORTLAND TRUST COMPANY

S. E. CORNER THIRD AND OAK STREETS

Agent on the Ground Afternoons

room in the building is an outside room, owing to the arrangement of the light-courtyard in the front. The majority of the rooms front on either Washington or Twelfth street.

VINEGAR COMPANY WINS

Accusation Against Ingham of Selling Fluid, Misbranded, Fails.

The trial of the pure food case in the Federal Court against the Ingham Vinegar Company, which has been in progress all week, came to an end Friday with a verdict of not guilty. The defendant was accused of selling vinegar that was misbranded.

The government chemists charged that since the vinegar would not precipitate under the acetate of lead test it was not pure cider vinegar. The Ingham Vinegar Company maintained

that a great deal of the pure cider vinegar made in Oregon by the modern quick generator process would not respond to the acetate of lead test and that the test was not a fair one.

Vinegar manufacturers from Hood River, Salem and Portland, besides Professor Stafford, chemist of the State University, and Dr. Victoria Hampton, a chemist of this city, testified in favor of the defendant, declaring that the vinegar was pure and that the tests relied on by the Government experts were not reliable.

LILLIS, BETTER, GOES HOME

Banker Slashed by Cudahy Is Removed from Hospital.

KANSAS CITY, March 12.—It became known today that after a week spent at St. Mary's Hospital, waiting for the knife

wounds inflicted by John P. Cudahy, the packer, to head, Jere F. Lillis, president of the Western Exchange Bank of this city, was removed to his home last night. A nurse at the Lillis residence this morning said over the telephone that the banker was getting along "splendidly."

It developed today that the directors of the Country Club, one of the most exclusive clubs in the city, adopted a resolution on Thursday night last, citing Jere Lillis to appear before the club and show cause why he should not be dismissed from its membership. The resignation has not yet been acted upon. Officers of the club declined to talk of the matter.

Lillis and Cudahy are members of the Kansas City Club also. The officers of that organization have taken no action. It was stated that Mr. Lillis intends to take a long rest from his duties as president of the Western Exchange Bank and that he may go to Europe for a year.

BEAUTIFUL BUILDING SITES

Adjoining Westmoreland to the south, will be placed on the market in the next few days. Make your reservations NOW as these lots will go rapidly at the present prices. For particulars see

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