

PROSPEROUS ERA IS PORTLAND'S LOT

Substantial Class of Citizenship Attracted Here by Good Conditions.

BUSINESS PROGRESS GREAT

Most Noticeable Achievement of Past Half Year Is Increase in Bank Deposits and Clearings Making Record Mark.

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without exception better records were made in June, 1912, than in June, 1911. One of the gratifying features of business was the immense increase by rail and water during the cereal year.

Perhaps the greatest achievement of the half-year is the increase in bank deposits and bank clearings. There was not a bank in the city that did not show a marked gain in deposits, the total increase reaching several million dollars.

In bank clearings Portland made the greatest record in its history. If the same ratio of increase is kept up the annual bank clearings in Portland will amount to \$1,000,000,000 by the close of 1912.

A comparative statement of bank clearings by months for the first half of 1911 and 1912 is as follows:

Postoffice Business Heavy. Business at the Portland Postoffice reached big proportions during the last six months. Stamp sales for this period amounted to \$25,217.40, compared with a total of \$19,853.93 from sales of stamps during the first half of 1911.

For the month just closing the proceeds from stamp sales amounted to \$28,500, compared with \$18,353.39 for June, 1911. This is a gain of \$734.70. While this is the smallest increase for any month of the present year, the showing indicates that there is a steady forward movement here at a time of the year when business is usually the quietest.

Compared with the building operations in the large cities of the country, Portland has attained an enviable position. Many cities twice and three times as large as Portland have fallen far behind in building construction for the six-month period. While Portland did not quite equal the big record for the first half of 1911, the showing that has been made is extremely satisfactory.

Residence Growth Noticeable. An unprecedented movement in the construction of residences has been a feature of the half-year period. It is estimated that there is nearly a gain of 40 per cent in new dwellings over the corresponding period of last year. In office-building construction an excellent showing has been made. With the several plans for large structures now in the large cities of the country, architect and contractor are predicting that the year will close with a record equal to that of 1911, when nearly \$20,000,000 was expended in building construction in Portland.

Nearly 1900 more permits were issued in the first half of the year over the corresponding period of 1911, but the total valuation was not quite equal to the six-month record of last year. From January 1 to July, 1912, there were issued 481 permits with a total valuation of \$8,798,134. The records show that for the same period of 1911 there were issued 2881 permits with a total valuation of \$9,582,364. The decrease, therefore, was only \$784,230.

Portland's exports of lumber show big gains in flour, wheat and lumber shipments. There were dispatched to foreign ports 771,360 barrels of flour, compared with 562,527 for previous calendar year. This is a gain of 208,833 barrels. This is a new record for flour shipments.

Foreign wheat shipments reached a big total, there having been sent from this port 6,830,031 bushels valued at \$5,875,539. This total is 1,036,996 bushels in excess of the record for the previous cereal year.

Lumber Shipments Gain. In coastwise and foreign lumber shipments a big gain was made over the business of the 1910-1911 season. The total lumber dispatched by water amounted to 252,148,129 feet. This is

Table with 2 columns: Category and Value. Includes 'COMPARATIVE STATISTICS SHOWING CITY'S GROWTH' and 'Records for Cereal Year Ending June 30, 1912.'

about 41,000,000 feet in excess of that moved by water during the previous season. The coastwise shipments by rail and the foreign shipments by nearly 77,000,000 feet, caused by the heavy demand for lumber products by California.

Receipts of wheat by rail and boat at Portland during the cereal year just ended were the largest on record, aggregating 16,841,250 bushels. This is a gain of nearly 2,000,000 bushels over the arrivals in the preceding year. The movement of wheat to Portland in the coming year will probably exceed that of last year by a still larger amount.

The receipts of wheat at Portland in the past four seasons were as follows:

Stockyards Receipts Less. Receipts at the stockyards in the past month were less than those in June of last year, owing principally to the falling off in the sheep movement. The total arrivals were 35,175 head as com-

PARSED WITH 49,192 HEAD A YEAR AGO. THE RECEIPTS IN JUNE OF THIS AND LAST YEAR COMPARE AS FOLLOWS:

Table comparing receipts of various livestock (Cattle, Calves, Hogs, Sheep, Horses and mules) for 1911 and 1912.

58 SHRINERS ARE INITIATED

Class Is Largest Ever Taken Into Al Kader Temple.

Fifty-eight candidates of the Mystic Shrine from various parts of Oregon were initiated at the Masonic Temple last night. The class was one of the largest ever taken into Al Kader Temple of Portland.

POLICE DO NOT KNOW WHETHER GIRL IN MURDER CASE IS TALKING TRUTH OR SHIELDING CONFEDERATE.



THREE PICTURES OF HAZEL ERWIN, CHORUS GIRL AND ADVENTRESS, HELD IN CONNECTION WITH MURDER OF RAY WALLACE.

ceremonial session of 1912, was attended by 800 Shriners, including many visitors from various parts of the East.

Those initiated were: Richard Beckler, E. Beach, Portland; Richard Baxter, Portland; Joseph Gilmore Beattie, Portland; Lucian Spencer Bentley, Pendleton; Lewislyn Fay Buck, Portland; Russel Jay Burley, Linnton; Geo. W. Butterworth, Portland; Earl T. Caster, Union; Benjamin F. Corfev, Hammond; William M. Caba, Portland; Albert M. E. Combe, Portland; Allen B. Cutler, Portland; Harry E. Clay, Salem; Joseph Feldman, Portland; Charles Arthur Finley, Portland; Lee Lawson Gilbert, Portland; Joseph L. Gould, Portland; Herbert Greenland, Portland; Charles R. Grism, Portland; James Allen Hill, Portland; Geo. D. Hoyt, Portland; William Y. Hutchinson, Portland; Merton A. Katz, Portland; William J. Kerr, Corvallis; Nellis L. S. Laury, Estacada; James E. McCoy, Mil City; M. G. McCormick, Portland; Charles H. McGill, Portland; John T. McGuire, North Bend; Charles E. Minsinger, Portland; Paul C. Morten, Portland; John R. Newell, Albany; George W. Noble, Prineville; John A. Norman, Portland; John C. Osborn, Portland; Robert Osborn, Albany; John A. R. Pearl, Portland; George A. Petrie, Portland; Herman L. Reid, Harrisburg; John A. Reuter, The Dalles; Walter M. Ridehalgh, Portland; Edwin W. Ring, Portland; George Smith Rodgers, Portland; George V. Rooney, Portland; Frank Edgar Sherman, Pendleton; Joseph H. Seaton, Portland; Allan Smith, Portland; Edgar W. Smith, Portland; Herman F. Suhl, Pendleton; Nicholas D. Swearingen, Pendleton; Henry A. Thompson, Portland; Robert H. Ward, Portland; Edgar H. Waliser, Portland; Leland R. Wattis, Eugene; Carl B. Williams, Dalles; George P. Whitehouse, Watsons Rest; George P. Whitehouse, Watsons Rest; Charles H. Chadbourne, Drain.

OLD WELL IS EXPLAINED

Hole Where Jail Stood Dug by Church in 1854, Says Himes.

George H. Himes, secretary of the Oregon Historical Society, yesterday set at rest all speculation as to the origin of the deep well found under the old police station. The explanation, as given by Mr. Himes, follows:

"In 1853 the lot, 50 by 100, was purchased by officers of Trinity Protestant

GIRLS STAY BY PORTLAND

Eastern Cities Have No Attractions for Oregonians.

Phil Bates Says Maids Who Took Long Trip Gained New Ideas of National Life.

"Portland is the best city on earth," is the verdict of the girls whom Phil Bates took on a trip to the Chicago convention and to New York and who have returned to their home. They occupied their spare moments during their entire absence instilling this information into people of the East and Middle West.

"We were in Detroit and we saw an automobile factory with 7000 employes, that turns out cars at the rate of 55 a minute. We visited Elbert Hubbard, the original Philetine. We saw President Taft and his big White House. We went to New York; to Cincinnati,

where we visited one of the largest zoos in the world; to Indianapolis, and we were there in Chicago when the earth threatened to split and the pieces fall away. Yet the best thing we found back there was a ticket to Portland."

POLICE DOUBT GIRL

Officers Think Hazel Erwin Is Shielding Murderer.

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and obtain from his pockets the keys of the restaurant where he worked?

Or is the girl telling the whole truth when she says that Wallace was slain by William Tanner, her reputed husband, in a moment of frenzy brought about by his finding Wallace in Hazel's room?

If the former is the truth, the girl presents a study in mendacity, for her story, given in detail at a time when she was under great stress of mind and physically weakened from long abstinence from food and sleep, was told in a direct, plausible way with every internal evidence of truthfulness.

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Belief is still entertained that Tanner is not far away, and will be caught before long. Until he is found, unless the time is too long, no court action will be taken in the matter.

PLAUSIBLE STORY IS TOLD

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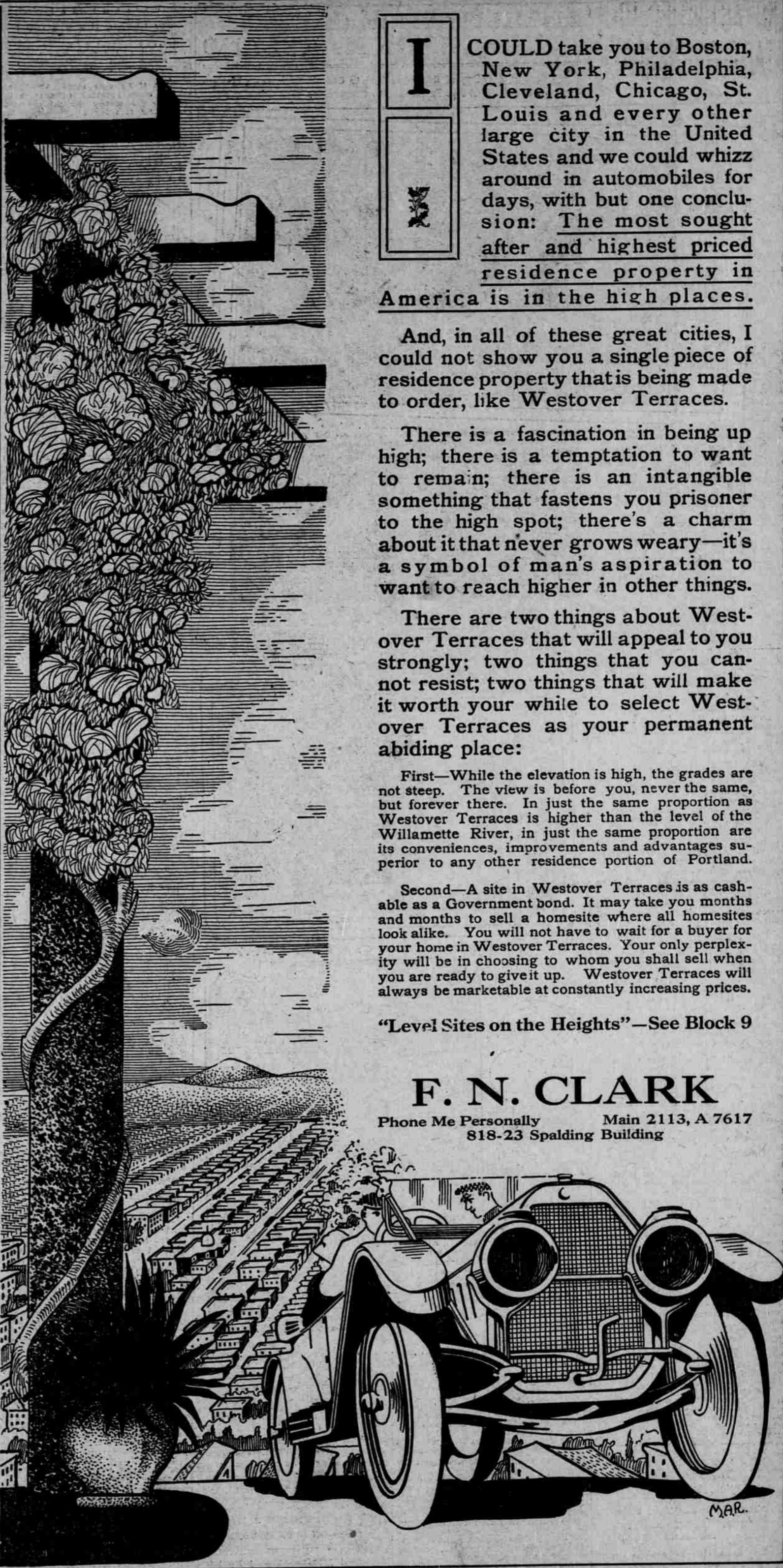
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COULD take you to Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Cleveland, Chicago, St. Louis and every other large city in the United States and we could whizz around in automobiles for days, with but one conclusion: The most sought after and highest priced residence property in America is in the high places.

And, in all of these great cities, I could not show you a single piece of residence property that is being made to order, like Westover Terraces.

There is a fascination in being up high; there is a temptation to want to remain; there is an intangible something that fastens you prisoner to the high spot; there's a charm about it that never grows weary—it's a symbol of man's aspiration to want to reach higher in other things.

There are two things about Westover Terraces that will appeal to you strongly; two things that you cannot resist; two things that will make it worth your while to select Westover Terraces as your permanent abiding place:

First—While the elevation is high, the grades are not steep. The view is before you, never the same, but forever there. In just the same proportion as Westover Terraces is higher than the level of the Willamette River, in just the same proportion are its conveniences, improvements and advantages superior to any other residence portion of Portland.

Second—A site in Westover Terraces is as cashable as a Government bond. It may take you months and months to sell a homesite where all homesites look alike. You will not have to wait for a buyer for your home in Westover Terraces. Your only perplexity will be in choosing to whom you shall sell when you are ready to give it up. Westover Terraces will always be marketable at constantly increasing prices.

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EXPERIMENT FARM URGED Dr. Withycombe Tells How Oregon Could Increase Wealth. OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, June 29.—(Special.) Dr. James Withycombe, director of the Agricultural Experiment Station at Oregon Agricultural College and the five sub-stations at Moro, Hermiston, Union, Burns and Talent, in his address before the ranchers who attended the Farmers' Roundup at Moro today, emphasized the value of demonstration scientific methods of farming.

adding a square rod of ground to the present farm acreage. Dr. Withycombe said in part: "Denmark has made phenomenal agricultural progress under this system of instruction. With an area equaling one-sixth that of our own state, Denmark exports 2,690,000 people and annually supports more than 1,000,000,000 worth of butter, eggs and bacon. This result is accomplished under adverse agricultural conditions, much of the country being so bleak as to necessitate the blanketing of the cows to keep them comfortable while at pasture during the summer season."

PARK CONCERTS TO START Arrangements for 40 Programmes at Various Points Are Made. Oxfords, Half Price. Men's and ladies' Oxfords half price at our Clearance Sale now going on. Goodyear shoe Co., 116 4th.