LIQUOR USE IS CUT ABOUT 95 PER CENT

Analysis of Conditions Under Wet and Dry Regime Is Made by A. M. Churchill.

USE OF BEER ALMOST NIL

April Purchases, Taken as Basis, Show Portland Will Spend Only $281,641 for Liquor in 1916, Against $6,563,326 in 1915.

Portland is spending only $281,641 annually for liquor under prohibition, compared with $6,563,326 spent in "wet" years, says A. M. Churchill, chairman of the legal committee of the Committee of One Hundred, which was instrumental in ridding the state of the liquor traffic.

Mr. Churchill's figures are based on the liquor importations for the month of April, which he believes are fairly representative of what the normal shipments will be for a year.

Since prohibition became effective January 1, Mr. Churchill has compiled the statistics on importations under the dry law and compared them with the figures on liquor consumption and expenditures for liquor before last January.

Based on the volume of April shipments, Mr. Churchill has figured that Portland is spending only 7.5 per cent as much money for whisky as was spent in former years, only 1.9 as much for beer and less than 5 per cent as much for all kinds of liquors collectively.

It would require an ordinary brewery only eight days to turn out all the beer that Portland consumes in a year, at the present basis, says Mr. Churchill.

Rate Thought State Average.

His deductions relating to Portland, he says, probably will apply in substantially the same way to other parts of the state.

Mr. Churchill has obtained from the official records the fact that Portland imported in the month of April an aggregate of 7364 packages of whisky, each package containing two quarts. In the same month an aggregate of 1265 shipments of beer were received.

The value of the whisky shipped into the city in the month of April, at $1.25 a quart, is $18,410. On the basis of the April values the importations for an entire year would be $220,920.

The estimated value of the whisky consumed in Portland in "wet" years, according to Mr. Churchill's figures, was $2,943,050.

The percentage of whisky shipped in, as compared with former years' consumption, therefore is only 7.5.

The value of the beer shipped into the city in April, at an average price of $4 for each 24 quarts, was $5060. At this rate the value of the annual beer consumption would be $60,720.

Beer Drop 92 Per Cent.

The estimated value of beer consumed in Portland before the state went "dry" was $3,120,276, says Mr. Churchill.

The percentage of beer consumption now is only 1.9, compared with the consumption in "wet" years.

Mr. Churchill then combined the figures for beer and whisky shipments, showing that the value of the aggregate importations for the month of April was $23,470, or $281,641 annually.

His estimated consumption of beer and whisky for an average wet year at $6,063,326, he says, does not include a probable additional expenditure of $500,000 annually for wine.

Mr. Churchill's object in making these estimates was to show that the money now being sent out of the state for liquor is trifling compared with the money that was sent out before prohibition went into effect.

Drinking Report Refuted.

"Much has been said about the 'enormous shipments' of liquor coming into the state," said Mr. Churchill yesterday, "and, based on these, a propaganda is authoritatively stated to be in process of organization to permit our Oregon breweries to manufacture to meet this 'enormous' demand. To people who are tempted to be impressed by such arguments the following comparisons will be startling.

"Previous to the state's going dry the annual value of liquor consumed in Portland was variously placed at from $4,000,000 to $10,000,000. Probably $6,000,000 is very conservative. This is arrived at in several ways. One is by taking the annual per capita consumption of the United States, which can be arrived at from the census reports and multiplying by Portland's 250,000 population. A second is based on the fact that Portland had 300 saloons, 16 restaurants and grills paying an $800 license and 21 groceries paying a $400 license. A conservative estimate for the average saloon was $50 business per day. That would likewise show an annual business of nearly $6,000,000. Other estimates of experts, based on the large rents the saloons were paying, the cost of their liquors, bartenders, water, light, internal revenue charge and other expenses, place the total cost of liquor consumed in Portland much higher, reaching even to $10,000,000 a year.

Present Estimate $281,641.

"Based on the April shipments then we would now be consuming in Portland $281,641 per year, as against a conservative estimate for wet years of over $6,000,000. In other words, the Oregon dry law has reduced drinking to less than 5 per cent of previous years, based on the showing to date. Of course, shipments into the state will doubtless increase to larger proportions as much liquor is still stored from the stocks laid in before January 1, but plenty of allowance can be made for this and still leave the figures most surprisingly low.

"Oregon, in 1910, had .73 of one per cent of the population of the United States. The census of manufactures for 1909 shows the total wholesale value of distilled liquor product at the distillery of $204,699,412; of malt liquor product at the brewery $374,730,096; of vinous liquor $13,120,846. Oregon manufactured $1,875,453 of malt liquor and no spirituous or vinous liquor of enough consequence to be tabulated. Assuming the Oregon per capita consumption to have been the same as that for the rest of the United States we should have consumed (at factory prices) $1,494,306 of distilled; $2,735,530 of malt, and $95,832 of vinous. Deducting from the malt total this $1,857,453 manufactured in Oregon we have $877,077, net imported into the state each year.

Shrinkage Is Shown.

"On the same per capita basis, Portland, in 1915, with 250,000 population, was paying (at factory prices) $568,610 for whisky. Adding to this freight, wholesalers' profits, retailers' expense and profit, would bring the retail selling price, according to the opinion of reliable former liquor dealers here, to five times the factory price, which would be $2,843,050, which represents the price of whisky consumed as against an estimate for this year based on the shipments for April of $220,920.

"In other words, the amount of whisky drunk has apparently shrunk to 7.5 per cent of other years, on this record.

"Beer drinking has about entirely disappeared, based on showing for shipments to date. Placing the retail price of beer at three times that at the brewery (beer averaging the brewer about $8.75 a barrel and retailing at about $26 a barrel), the Portland consumption based on the United States average per capita would have been $1,040,092, at the brewery or $3,120,276 at retail. As against that the consumption based on April shipments would be $60,720, or 1.9 per cent of other years.

Beer Consumption Trivial.

"This can be figured another way: Portland imported 1265 shipments of beer in April, which is 30,360 quarts or 253 30-gallon barrels. For a year at that rate, Portland would consume 3036 barrels. The Weinhard brewery alone probably turned out 120,000 barrels every year when the state was wet. Surely there is no excuse for the propaganda urging that Oregon breweries be permitted to manufacture this trifling amount that is being shipped in from other states. The Weinhard brewery could get just about an eight-day run to manufacture a year's supply at this rate. Obviously, the only argument for manufacturing in Oregon would have to be on the ground that consumption should be increased.

"Certain of the figures which were used as a basis for these estimates, or which served the compiler as a helpful check upon their substantial accuracy, were courteously furnished by the office of the Weinhard Brewery. In the course of this conversation it was developed that this concern is retaining nearly all its employes in manufacturing their temperance drink.

Brewery Employes Few.

"The total number of wage-earners employed in Oregon breweries has always been relatively small in any case. The 1909 manufacturing census gives the total as 204. But it is very encouraging to note that nearly all of the wage-earners of the largest brewery in the state are being employed as usual. At least one other local brewery is likewise manufacturing near-beer, and another Oregon brewery has turned to the manufacture of loganberry juice with a brilliant future apparently ahead of it.

"It will also be interesting to the public to know that, owing probably largely to the splendid fight put up by the Retail Druggists' Association, cooperating with the Municipal Court and the District Attorney's office, the sales of alcohol reported at the County Clerk's office have fallen off about 800 during April, as compared with sales in March.

"In conclusion it should be said that the above figures are only approximate. All statistics are that. Doubtless minor discrepancies can be discovered. But the showing is so startlingly favorable that any such errors cannot substantially change the result."

PRETTY BABIES SCORE HIGH IN EUGENICS

Oregon Congress of Mothers Is Superintending Health Campaign and Markings of Tots Continue to Improve.

NO MATTER how many pictures of handsome Oregon babies have been previously collected, there always seems to be more. Another bevy of pretty, little tots has been photographed at recent contests, beauty shows and programmes. Under the vigilance of the Oregon Congress of Mothers and the better babies movements, the children's scores seem constantly ascending, so that now a large number have almost reached the coveted "perfect mark."

Little Master William Connell Dyer, Jr. besides being a bright little chap and ranking high eugenically, claims distinction as being the great-grandson of two early Oregon pioneers, Samuel A. Clarke, and Solomon Durbin, of Salem. William is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Connell Dyer, of Salem.

With a score of 98½ and happy smile, George Edwin, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Basil P. Edwin, 1175 Rodney avenue, won honors at a recent contest. He was born in Portland and is eight months old.

Edwin Oliver Raundsep, the 23-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Raundsep, 878 Oregon street, recently scored 99 in the rating of the Congress of Mothers bureau. He is also a Portland baby.

Little Miss Gertrude Donery, a petite and dainty dancer, has figured in many an entertainment. Recently she danced in costume at a play given at St. Francis' Academy. She is a clever child performer and lives on Grand avenue.

Mignon Martin Davis, a wee year-old miss, and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. I. Davis, of Hermiston, Or., carried off the first girl honors in a eugenics contest at Pendleton, Or., and was judged a perfect baby.

A recent visitor in Portland was G. W. Donald Weed, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Weed, of Condon, Or.

Willard Edward Buckley lacked only half a point of being a perfect infant. He is the 12-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Buckley, 527 Sumner street.

TRIBUTE IS PLANNED

Military Pageant to Feature Memorial Day Exercises.

GRAVES TO BE DECORATED

Patriotic Programme, in Which All Veterans' Organizations Will Participate, Has Been Prepared by Committee.

General services in honor of the dead soldiers of the country and a grand military pageant culminating in a patriotic programme in the German House will feature the Memorial day observance in Portland Tuesday, May 30.

Plans for the observance of the day were tentatively outlined at a gathering at the Grand Army of the Republic headquarters at the Courthouse yesterday, representatives being present from 21 military and patriotic organizations in the city.

General C. E. Burton, past commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, was selected as the orator of the day.

Graves Will Be Decorated.

The plan is to send out delegations Memorial day morning to decorate the graves of the soldiers. There also will be a programme at Lone Fir Cemetery at 10:30, conducted by Tillman H. Stevens, commander of Sumner Post. Outlying localities in the city, including Lents, Sellwood and St. Johns will also probably have programmes in the morning, although definite arrangements have not yet been made. Services in memory of sailors and marines will be held on the training ship Boston at 10:30 A. M.

Previous to the principal programme of the day at the German House, the grand parade will be held. Details of the parade are still in a tentative state, although it will probably start at the Courthouse at 2:30, and some of the principal streets will be included in the line of march.

The programme to be given at the German House will consist of the following numbers:

Prayer, Rev. David Drew, chaplain; selection, string band; Memorial day orders, Adjutant T. Brouellette; music, veteran quartet; address, "Women's Relief Corps," Mrs. Minnie T. Horseman, department president of the Relief Corps; song, "Star-Spangled Banner," Mrs. Fred Olson; reading, "Bay Billy," Mrs. Wyona Scott; Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, Elmer Lundberg, commander of Scout Young Camp; song, Mrs. Beale H. Stowers; address, General C. E. Burton; song, "America," and "taps," by a bugler.

Many Organizations Represented.

T. B. McDevitt will be marshal of the day. H. C. Lattigar is chairman of the parade committee.

The various organizations represented at yesterday's gathering included the nine Grand Army posts, Scout Young Camp, Spanish-American War Veterans, seven Women's Relief Corps, Ladies Auxiliary of the Spanish-American War Veterans, Sons of the Veterans and three circles of the Ladies of the Grand Army. The gathering organized with the following officers: William M. Hendershott, chairman; Mrs. Mary E. Chamberlain, vice chairman; A. E. Borthwick, secretary; Henry E. Dosch, assistant secretary, and J. L. Mizenhimer, treasurer.

Morton Mill Site Considered.

MORTON, Wash., May 13.—(Special.)—While there is nothing definite that may be said at this time concerning the matter, it is possible and may be probable that within the next 60 days Morton will see the construction start on a 150,000 capacity sawmill. This week there have been Milwaukee officials here negotiating for a site and options were taken out.

Coos Schools to Have Field Day.

MARSHFIELD, Or., May 13.—(Special.)—The Coos County schools have chosen Saturday for the annual high school field day, and the events will take place on the county racetrack at Myrtle Point. The schools that will be represented are North Bend, Riverton, Bridge, Bandon, Powers, Myrtle Point, Coquille and Marshfield.

AGENTS HERE TODAY

Transportation Men to Visit Columbia River Highway.

CHAMBER WILL ENTERTAIN

Rose Festival Association Plans to Help and Luncheon Will Be Served at Chanticler Inn Before Return.

Plans have been completed for the tour of the Columbia River Highway today by representatives of the transportation lines of the Northwest. The passenger and ticket agents will be the guests of the Rose Festival Association and the Chamber of Commerce.

The plan to bring the railroad men to Portland originated with the transportation committee of the festival, of which W. C. Wilkes, assistant general freight and passenger agent of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railway, is chairman.

The guests will be received by E. J. Jaeger, vice-president of the Rose Festival and chairman of the highway dedication committee. The railroad men will assemble at the Chamber of Commerce between 8 and 9 A. M., and the trip for the highway starts promptly at 9:30 A. M.

The railroad men will be shown the beauties of the highway, and a stop will be made at Multnomah Falls, where the National dedication takes place the afternoon of June 7, opening day of the festival.

Luncheon will be served at Chanticler Inn, and the return will be made late in the afternoon. Addresses will be made by prominent Portland railroad officials and directors of the festival.

The list of railroad men to make the trip, as reported late yesterday afternoon, is as follows:

Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway—W. P. Warner, assistant general freight and passenger agent, Spokane; A. P. Chapman, general agent passenger department, Seattle; E. K. Garrison, district freight and passenger agent, Portland; G. R. Webster, city passenger agent, Portland.

Spokane & Inland Empire Railroad—A. H. Eldredge, agent, Colfax; J. A. Patton, agent, Rosalia; G. E. Richardson, agent, Genesee; E. H. Frazer, agent, Palouse; M. Hoenfeld, agent, Coeur d'Alene; E. D. Nye, agent, Garfield; E. R. Cottle, agent, Oakesdale; R. S. Brown, traveling freight and passenger agent, Spokane; W. P. Johnson, chief clerk, Spokane; Waldo G. Paine, vice-president and traffic manager, Spokane.

Southern Pacific Company—A. S. Rosenbaum, agent, Medford; J. M. Isham, agent, Grants Pass; A. J. Gillette, agent, Eugene; A. A. Micket, agent, Salem; S. T. Johnson, agent, Woodburn; D. R. Livingood, agent, McMinnville; L. N. Wood, agent, Dallas; L. L. Graham, agent, Corvallis; C. C. Pattison, ticket clerk, Portland; C. C. Thompson, ticket clerk, Portland; L. Driscoll, ticket clerk, Portland; A. B. Stratton, ticket clerk, Portland; L. B. Moore, agent, Roseburg.

Canadian Pacific Railway—A. L. Welsh, ticket clerk, Portland; W. S. Newburn, ticket clerk, Portland.

Spokane International Railway—C. C. Tourgee, city passenger and ticket agent, Spokane.

Great Northern Railway—H. Dickson, city ticket agent, Portland; F. H. McDonald, ticket clerk, Portland; A. T. MacRae, ticket clerk, Portland; W. H. Lupin, traveling passenger agent, Seattle; H. E. Stephens, city ticket agent, Everett; J. O. Richards, city freight and passenger agent, Bremerton; K. Hatfield, ticket clerk, Seattle; R. A. Preston, solicitor, Seattle; S. P. Herbert, city passenger and ticket agent, Tacoma.

Santa Fe Railway—E. W. Zamzow, traveling passenger agent, Portland.

Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation Company—H. H. Atkinson, soliciting passenger agent, Portland; E. D. Walker, ticket clerk, Portland; A. L. Arnold, ticket clerk, Portland; F. L. Davis, ticket clerk, Portland; A. C. Martin, acting general passenger agent, Portland; A. C. Jackson, advertising agent, Portland; J. H. O'Neill, traveling passenger agent, Portland; J. L. Miller, traveling passenger agent, Portland; F. S. McFarland, city ticket agent, Portland; H. H. Hart, ticket clerk, Portland; J. E. Smith, Lewiston, Idaho; Maurice Smith, Vancouver, Wash.; J. H. Rafferty, Spokane, Wash.; M. G. Welch, Seattle, Wash.; H. J. Bailey, Aberdeen, Wash.; Norman Hall, Tacoma, Wash.; C. L. Spear, Seattle, Wash.; F. S. Smith, Hood River; W. A. Tenney, The Dalles; Roy R. Reed, Pendleton, Or.; L. M. Bramwell, La Grande; William Radtke, Baker, Or.; R. I. Leonard, Walla Walla, Wash.

Denver & Rio Grande Railroad—E. P. Duffy, Portland; W. A. Stitt, Portland.

Northern Pacific Railway—L. E. Leach, Portland; W. J. Rush, Portland; P. J. Finley, Portland; James Magson, city passenger agent, Olympia; A. O. White, agent, Coeur d'Alene; P. W. Green, agent, Palouse; H. H. Nagle, Sand Point, Idaho; J. H. Marcotte, agent, Winlock, Wash.; R. W. Morris, agent, Moscow, Idaho; W. J. Dalzell, freight and passenger agent, Port Townsend, Wash.; F. E. Bunney, agent, Puyallup; M. A. Berg, traveling passenger agent, Lewiston, Idaho; A. Tinling, acting general freight and passenger agent, Seattle; G. B. Foster, city passenger agent, Tacoma; Mr. Toler, Tacoma; Mr. Coy, Tacoma; L. A. Peterson, agent, Sumner; A. F. Lee, freight and passenger agent, Bremerton, Wash.; Thomas D. Sharp, agent, Hoquiam; C. O. Martin, general agent, Everett, Wash.; J. O. McMullen, city passenger agent, Seattle; E. L. Cary, ticket clerk, Seattle; Orville Neer, ticket clerk, Seattle; Charles Beck, ticket clerk, Seattle; R. W. Markin, ticket clerk, Seattle; C. B. Harvey, ticket clerk, Seattle; H. S. Labisky, ticket clerk, Seattle; William Laird, agent, Pullman, Wash.; F. M. Ritter, traveling passenger agent, Willamette Valley; J. W. McKee, agent, Auburn, Wash.; J. L. Finley, agent, Kent, Wash.; W. F. Slater, traveling passenger agent, Tacoma; W. G. Wood, district traveling agent, Spokane; W. H. Ude, city passenger agent, Spokane; E. F. Baird, ticket clerk, Spokane; G. A. Page, ticket clerk, Spokane.

New York Central Railroad—Tom Dickson, Portland.

Chicago & Northwestern Railway—C. C. Coman, Portland.

Grand Trunk—Robert L. Burnap, freight traffic manager, Chicago; J. W. Burgis, general agent passenger department, Seattle; F. L. Nerney, general agent, Seattle; George Kirth.

Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railway Co.—R. H. Crozier, acting general passenger agent, Portland; G. R. Johnson, general agent, Astoria; G. L. Tabke, traffic, freight and passenger agent, Astoria; J. A. Moore, ticket clerk, Spokane; D. C. Freeman, advertising agent, Portland; J. J. Hoydar, agent, Astoria; A. B. Jackson, general agent, Spokane; H. W. Wagner, ticket clerk, Spokane; R. J. Cornell, Portland; F. J. McShatko, Portland; Kit Carson, Portland; E. R. Mathews, Portland.

Oregon Trunk Railway—D. Keller, agent, Redmond; A. F. Shugert, agent, Madras.

Oregon Electric Railway—F. S. Appleman, agent, Corvallis; J. W. Ritchie, agent, Salem; H. S. Logan, agent, Albany; G. H. Mason, agent, Hillsboro; J. E. Farmer, agent, Forest Grove.

Pacific Coast Steamship Company—R. O. Osburn, city passenger agent, Portland.

Rock Island Railroad—M. J. Geary, traveling passenger agent, Seattle.

San Francisco & Portland Steamship Co.—H. A. Mosher, city ticket agent, Portland.

Pennsylvania Railroad—E. W. Mosher, city ticket agent, Portland.

Father and Ten Sons Elks.

ROSEBURG, Or., May 13.—(Special.)—As a result of the initiation of R. C. Markee, commandant of the Soldiers' Home, and son, Max, into the mysteries of the Elks' Lodge here Thursday night, 11 members of the Markee family are now connected with that order. Mr. Markee has 10 sons, all of whom joined the Elks' Lodge as soon as they became of age. Two of the boys are living in Portland and three are in New York.

Pastor and Bride Entertained.

ROSEBURG, Or., May 13.—(Special.)—Members of the congregation of the Baptist Church tonight entertained the pastor, Rev. W. H. Eaton, and his bride at a reception here tonight. Rev. Mr. Eaton was married at Ottawa, Kan., to Miss May King and returned from his honeymoon Wednesday.

MISS DEMARCE AND HER WILD PETS WITH CIRCUS

Zippo Is Favorite Educated Baboon and Often Takes Breakfast With His Fair Trainer—Show Is Coming to Portland.

Miss Bertha de Mearce And Her Trained Talking Ape

HAVE you brushed your teeth this morning?"

"U-r-g-h."

"And your linen—is it clean? Let me look at your finger nails—have they been manicured?"

"U-m-p-h."

"Hungry, Zippo?"

"G-l-g."

"All right, come on; let's go over to the cook tent and see what the commissary department has provided for us this morning. Never mind Mike—he's a bad monkey and can't go along."

Almost any morning during the circus season you can witness this scene if you happen to be on the circus lot of the John Robinson's ten big shows. The time is just before the hour for the line-up of the big street parade, the place is in the menagerie tent and the conversationalists are Miss Bertha DeMarce, the fair trainer of two of the most wonderfully educated baboons ever exhibited, and Zippo, the favorite of her pair of Simian proteges.

Breakfasting with Zippo is one of the several pleasant details of Miss DeMarce's daily routine, so she declares, and as for "Zip," he likely welcomes the opportunity to get away from the tiresome monotony of the menagerie for a stroll with his fair mistress. The latter's teammate, Mike, appears content to remain behind in the wild animal atmosphere and probably prefers it, were he able to say so in some language other than the monkey lingo.

The intelligence of Zippo and Mike is said to be so extraordinary as to border closely on the uncanny. In fact there are plenty of people employed in the various departments of the John Robinson circus who openly vow and declare that Miss DeMarce does actually actually converse intelligibly with Zippo. It is further contended that Mike understands clearly nearly every word that the fair trainer utters, but that the latter animal has such a grouchy disposition that he simply will not be sociable.

Miss DeMarce and Zippo and Mike will be conspicuous features here in the street parade of the Robinson shows on the morning of the opening date of the circus in Portland.

PORTLAND RANK HIGH

Exhibit at Reed Shows City Has Many Advantages.

DEATH RATE VERY LOW

Wages for Labor Among Best Paid, While Cost of Living Comparatively Small; Poorest Showing Is in Church Going.

Portland is the city for people who wish to live a long and healthy life amongst intelligent people, according to the exhibit of social statistics on American cities, now on view at the Oregon State Conference of Social Agencies which is meeting at Reed College.

Statistical charts showing the social conditions of Portland in comparison with from 50 to 60 other leading cities of the United States have been made by students in the Reed College sociology department and the majority of them show that social conditions in Portland are well above the average.

Only two cities have a lower death rate than Portland, according to the charts. The mortality rate per annum is only 12.6 to each 1000 population, while some cities like Charleston, S. C., have a yearly toll of 31.7. Seattle is the only city to have a lower percentage of illiteracy than Portland and is only able to show a tenth of 1 per cent less ignorance than is reported for Portland's phenomenal average of 1.2 per cent of the population. Charleston again appears as the most striking contrast, with an average of 15.3 per cent of illiterates.

Library Rating Given.

Portland ranks ninth amongst cities having the lowest number of foreign-born population who cannot speak English, the percentage being only 9.9. In its library circulation this city stood 17th. Only 48.5 per cent of Portland's residents are reported married.

Although the Pacific Coast has been considered a place where the cost of living was exceptionally high, only eight other cities were shown to have a lower living cost than Portland. Wages paid in Portland were also shown to be the third best offered in the country, statistics taken from 10 common trades showing an average wage of 67 cents an hour.

In public park area Portland ranked 32d, with 49 square feet to each resident. Other cities varied, from Charleston, N. C., with 245 square feet, down to Newark, N. J., with only 49. Next to Los Angeles, Portland expended most money on public playgrounds, spending 16 cents per capita each year.

Few Children Are Employed.

Child labor is shown to be less prevalent in Portland than in any other city excepting Minneapolis. Only 3.9 per cent of Portland's children between 10 and 15 years old are employed in any kind of regular labor.

The value of school property in Portland ranked 21st. In the school attendance of children from the ages of 6 to 20, Portland stood 36th, with 60 per cent; in paying teachers, 18th, with an average salary of $990; in the adequacy of the teaching force, based on the number of pupils to the teacher, only eight other cities could show better records than Portland's, of 23 pupils to the teacher.

The per capita average value of Portland's municipal utilities was shown to be $63.55; excess of assets over liabilities, $7.68, and water rates, 13 cents per capita. Fire loss in Portland for the last five years was shown to be fifth in the United States, with a cost per annum of $4.33 per capita.

Portland's lowest average, shown in any of the problems dealt with on the charts, was in the matter of church membership. Out of the 57 cities investigated, Portland ranked 56th. Only 272 people out of every 1000 are church members in Portland.

BIG RE-UNION IS PLANNED

Ex-Residents of Douglas County to Hold Picnic June 22.

At a meeting of the executive committee Friday night, in the office of Lon L. Parker arrangements were completed for the annual picnic and reunion of the former residents of Douglas County, who now reside in Portland and its environs.

As has been the custom of this unique association, the annual meeting will be held in the auditorium and grounds at Peninsula Park, permission already having been obtained from the city for the day. The session will immediately follow the pioneers' reunion, which is to be held June 22. There are a large number of the pioneers who have expressed their desire to attend.

The association publishes a current yearly "blue book," and this issue contains several hundred names, giving the addresses and telephone numbers of the members who reside in Portland. The membership of this association includes many favored sons of the Southern Oregon hills, who are high in the affairs of the state and Nation.

Seattle Orpheum Sold at Auction.

SEATTLE, Wash., May 13.—The Orpheum Theater building and four lots at the corner of Third avenue and Madison street, formerly owned by the theatrical firm of Sullivan & Considine, was offered at auction under mortgage foreclosure today, and was bid in by the New York Life Insurance Company, the mortgagee, for the full amount of its claim and court costs, amounting to $388,000.

Whitman Debate Letters Awarded.

WHITMAN COLLEGE, Walla Walla, Wash., May 13.—(Special.)—Debate letters were awarded at Whitman College to Elizabeth Starr, '19; Rossella Hamilton, '19; Alma Smith, '19; Arthur Lee, '17, and Clarence Ludwigs, '16. Hazel Milligan, '18; Earl Stimson, '18, and Emory Hoover, '17, received second awards.

Albany School May Be City Hall.

ALBANY, Or., May 13.—(Special.)—Plans toward converting the old Central School building, of this city, into a City Hall are taking form rapidly now. The City Council has authorized the preparation of an ordinance providing for the improvement. It is estimated that the contemplated work can be done for $5500.

During the past year Senators and Representatives in Washington used nearly 40,000,000 envelopes.

GREATER PORTLAND IS VISION PICTURED

Henry E. Reed Portrays Past and Present With Glorious Prediction for Future.

NEW EFFORT IS ADVOCATED

Glance at City's History Declared Sufficient Stimulus for New Incentive in Carrying Out Plea Made by Commercial Body.

"If Portland will grasp the opportunities which now present themselves and join hands with the Chamber of Commerce on the lines along which co-operation is sought, a new day is in store for it. Its destiny rests with itself, and it is up to every person to do his or her part."

This was the essence of an address given before the members of the Royal Arcanum Lodge at a luncheon at the Hazelwood early in the week by Henry E. Reed, County Assessor.

The address of Mr. Reed was elicited by the earnest appeal that has gone forth to the people of the city from members of the Chamber of Commerce asking for co-operation in the great forward movement toward the industrial and commercial popularity of Portland.

"Coming, as it does, upon the eve of the 25th anniversary of the consolidation of the two cities bordering upon the Willamette, this appeal offers us special opportunity to part the curtains of history, familiarize ourselves with the achievements in the past, study how best to promote our future welfare and determine what substantial results may be expected to flow if we but concentrate our efforts upon a definite programme," said Mr. Reed.

"Croaker" Is Assailed.

"We shall need a little time—not much—to get our bearings. Then we will give the Chamber of Commerce, with its 4000 members, this answer characteristic of Portland: we are not going to stand still; it is not our style. We are going to vitalize the Portland spirit of progress and draw all the elements of the city together into a compact whole and make them work in unison."

In Mr. Reed's address the "croaker" was scored as an obstruction to prosperity or legitimate endeavor.

The history of Portland, Mr. Reed says, has been one in which civic betterment has been possible through the unceasing efforts of those interested in the city's welfare, and he declares that "such a thing as a standstill or a lie-down is absolutely out of the question at this stage of the game." He asserted that, from Portland's earliest beginning, men had contributed largely from their private resources for its upbuilding. He said that Johnson, Overton, Pettygrove and Couch had represented the basic industries of agriculture, manufacturing, commerce and navigation, and since Portland had been chosen as a natural site for the development of these industries nothing should be left undone to push to the limit the growth of the city along these lines.

Stimulus Found in Sentiment.

The natural advantages of Portland, combined with the efforts of its pioneers to make it the best city on the Coast, should impel Portland business men and those interested in its growth to rally to its support. The building of the Canyon road, the dredging of the channels of the Willamette and Columbia rivers, the financing of the Lewis and Clark Fair for the advertisement of Portland and other enterprises initiated by private capital, in the opinion of Mr. Reed, all bespoke the true spirit of co-operation that should not be lost sight of in the present turmoil of business interests.

"Can a city with such a glorious record throw up its hands and quit?" asks Mr. Reed. "Not unless it should prove false to the traditions of three-quarters of a century," is his answer.

Mr. Reed would supplement the appeal of the Chamber of Commerce for larger payrolls and more factories with an appeal for an increase in agricultural enterprise all through the state.

8-MONTH TERM URGED

MINIMUM SCHOOL YEAR IS DECLARED TOO SHOT.

Civic League Hears Discussion of Amount of Effectiveness and Development of System.

Extension of the minimum school year from six to eight months was pointed out as an essential step in the development of school systems to insure the greatest effectiveness, at the Civic League yesterday. Assistant State School Superintendent Carlton spoke on this subject in the place of State Superintendent Churchill, who was not able to be present. Mr. Carlton advocated a change in the school laws of the state to provide for the longer school year in all districts.

President C. J. Bushnell, of Pacific University, spoke on the place of the school in community activities and the importance of developing it as a community center and grouping the playground activities around it. District Attorney W. E. Evans spoke on the problem of the insane and urged that new laws should be enacted dealing with the treatment of insane persons and with the educational treatment of sub-normal children.

"There are fully 1000 insane people in Portland at large today who are as dangerous as the majority of insane people in the State Asylum," he said. "Oregon needs a change of system in caring for mental delinquents."

Academy Pupils to Give Play.

The pupils of the Academy of the Holy Child Jesus will give a dramatic entertainment entitled "Boy Blue" at the Rose City Park Clubhouse, Fifty-seventh street and Sandy boulevard, on Friday at 8 P. M. The proceeds will be devoted to the improvement of the convent grounds, which are in a wild state.

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