NOVEMBER BUSINESS BETTER THAN IN 1918

Financial Strength Shown by Bank Clearings.

BUILDING ALSO GAINING

Construction Operations About 50 Per Cent Greater—$150,000,000 Clearings Shown.

Business in Portland during the month of November compared favorably with the fall showing generally in financial strength and development of all kinds, according to bank clearings and building permits. While not equaling October in volume of clearings or building operations the past month showed a strong advance over a year ago, bank clearings being 15 per cent greater and building operations about 50 per cent greater.

Yesterday's clearing house statestatement showed a total of clearings for the month of slightly more than $150,000,000, or $15,000,000 greater than November 1918. Last month's record is about $30,000,000 less than October, 1919, when the highest mark in the history of the city was reached.

The statement yesterday gave the clearings for the day, the week and the month, and in all cases a substantial gain over the similar period in 1918 was shown.

The figures are:

	1918.	1919.
Last Sat. in November	$ 4,482,533.98	$ 5,061,379.82
Last week in November	28,699,328.28	33,096,679.69
Mo. of Nov.	132,049,605.85	151,701,278.39

Building Figures Large.

While there were no buildings begun during the month whose cost ran into six figures, a steady growth was indicated, and the decline in building in November over October was normal with the advance of the winter season. The total value of building operations begun during the month was approximately a million dollars, while the number of permits issued was nearly twice as large as the similar period a year ago.

A garage at 272 Grand avenue being built by the Francis Motor company stood at the top of the list for the month in estimated cost, being $60,000. Other notable pieces of work begun were as follow: Repair of the Multnomah hotel, $48,000 (first permits issued for work which will ultimately total over $200,000); alterations at United States National bank, $10,500; garage at 115 Sixteenth street north, by M. A. Mayer, $32,100; garage at 469 Alder street, by the Portland Elks' club, $33,000; office building at 285 Oak street, by Herbert Gordon, $40,000; office and print shop at 241 Fifth street, by the Portland News, $31,700.

66 Residence Permits Given.

During the month permits were taken out for the erection of 66 new residences in different parts of the city. This compared with 77 similiar permits in October and 34 in November a year ago. The average cost of the dwellings was about $5000 each. Figures for November and October, 1919, and November, 1918, are given below, yesterday's business being estimated in the November, 1919, statement:

	No. permits.	Value.
November, 1918	473	$ 526,770
October, 1919	883	1,616,310
November, 1919	743	916,465

CAROL SING IS PLANNED

VOLUNTEER LEADERS FOR YULETIDE EVENT SOUGHT.

Community Service, Churches, Y. W. C. A. and Y. M. C. A. Fostering Proposal for Christmas.

Community carol singing on Christmas eve will be one of the features of the holiday season in Portland this year, according to plans now being made by the War Camp Community Service, the Y. M. C. A., the Y. W. C. A., churches and public and private schools. The carols will be under the direction of Walter Jenkins, song leader for the community service.

It is proposed to have volunteer leaders throughout the city selected to recruit and train children in groups of 15. The appeal is being made throughout the city, through the churches, the press and civic organizations for volunteer leaders to send their names to the community service headquarters, 436 Northwestern bank building, indicating their desire to obtain a group of children and train them to sing three or four carols. These groups will sing before the houses in all parts of the city where a lighted candle is displayed in the window nearest the street. It is hoped to get 300 leaders, and with this number of groups of singers to cover the entire city.

This is an ancient custom and loved by many as a pretty and significant part of the Christmas exercises. Great interest is already being manifested in the proposed carols, on the part of the children particularly. At the conclusion of the neighborhood singing many groups of children will be brought to the municipal Christmas tree celebration, where carols will be sung by all.

PORTLAND WOMAN DIES

Mrs. Margaret Wilde Resident of Oregon Since 1904.

Mrs. Margaret Wilde, resident of Oregon since 1904, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Julia A. Milahn, 2531 Forty-second avenue Southeast, November 13. Funeral services were held November 17 at the parlors of Miller & Tracey, Rev. E. E. Hertzler officiating.

Mrs. Wilde was born in Burlington, Ia., April 12, 1846. She came to Oregon with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Milahn, and at first settled in Astoria, later coming to Portland.

She is survived by a son, J. H. Wilde of Portland, two daughters, Mrs. Julia A. Milahn of Portland and Mrs. Louisa Fiege of Burlington, Ia., and a sister, Mrs. Mary Schuler of Burlington. Her husband, Christopher Wilde, who was a member of the First Iowa volunteers in the Civil war, preceded her in death.

MOTHER CHARGES ABUSE

Mrs. Marie Loffler Says She Was Driven From Own Home.

When Mrs. Marie Loffler, 61, came west with $2525 from the estate of her late husband, Christ Loffler, she expected to be taken care of for the remainder of her life in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Margaret Dorr. Instead she finds her money gone, herself abused and threatened with commitment to the insane asylum, she complains in a suit filed in the circuit court yesterday.

The plaintiff asserts that Mrs. Dorr and her husband, George Dorr, bought a home in Sunnyside with the residue of Loffler's estate, with the understanding that the property was to be in Mrs. Loffler's name.

When Mrs. Loffler received notice that $58 was due on the monument for her husband's grave and asked her daughter for that amount, she declares she was assaulted, beaten and told to "leave the house and hunt for the money."

On November 24 her daughter and son-in-law threatened to put her in an asylum and on November 26 she learned that the deed to the property purchased was not in her name, she contends. She seeks possession of the property.

ELKS REPORT PROGRESS

RETURNS SHOW HEAVY SALES OF WAR SECURITIES.

Baker Motto of "Every Member an Owner" May Be Made Slogan Throughout Oregon.

With organization of the Elks' forces completed throughout the state for the raising of the quota in war savings securities in Oregon, the returns are showing heavy sales in all parts of the state. The Elks are concentrating on an effort to dispose of as many limit memberships as possible, these involving the purchase of $1000 maturity value of securities. In addition to the limit memberships a large number of $500 purchases have been reported to Harry G. Allen, president of the Oregon State Elks' association, during the past week.

Arrangements are being completed by members of Portland lodge, No. 142 to attend the Sunset theater in a body to witness the showing of a war savings film which depicts the distribution of war savings certificates through the 12th federal district. This distribution was made by Robert E. Smith, manager of the district, who in order to complete the distribution was forced to resort to a 20th century "pony express."

"Every Elk the owner of war savings securities," is the motto adopted by Baker lodge of Elks where an enthusiastic committee under the leadership of William Smith is laying plans to far exceed its quota. While this committee is carrying out the slogan, effort is also being made to make every resident of Union county the owner of war savings certificates.

It is probable, according to President Allen, the Baker motto will be adopted by the lodges throughout the state.

AD CLUB TO NOMINATE

Tuesday Meeting Also to Consider Problem of I. W. W.

Annual nomination of officers will be just one of the features at the Portland Ad club luncheon at the Benson this week. The meeting has been set for Tuesday instead of Wednesday on account of the joint meeting of civic clubs to hear Harry Lauder on the latter date.

Among the matters to be taken up will be the resolutions on the return of capital punishment, support of the civilian reserve and handling the I. W. W., which were brought up at the last meeting and still await the club's decision.

Guests of honor will be Countess Louise de Ursel of Belgium and Captain H. R. Lyons of the steamer Coaxet, who is prepared to prove that Portland actually has an oriental steamship line. Musical arrangements will be in charge of Percy Campbell, director of Campbell's band.

MILL CITY HAS BANQUET

Loyal Legion Loggers Hold Big Thanksgiving Celebration.

Mill City turned out Thursday for a big Thanksgiving day entertainment and banquet given by the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen, which was concluded with a public dance. Speakers at the dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Phillips, who have recently come from the east to take up legion work in Mill City.

"Pat, the Office Boy," a musical comedy, was put on, Floyd Dunnivan, Fred Horner, Merle Smith, Red Thomas, Mrs. Craven and Walt Trego taking the principal parts. Those in the chorus were Nona McLane, Peggy Jones, Ethel Mason, Verna Haseman, Anna Glenn, Mrs. Mode Davis, Mrs. Dewey Flatman, Mrs. Maude Mason, Mrs. Eva Raines and Mrs. Red Thomas.

JOB DIRECTORS NAMED

City Employment Bureau Officials Are Selected.

Marion Gilbert, who for a number of years was in charge of the employment bureau of the Winchester Arms company of New Haven, Conn., has been named director of the women's division of the municipal employment service to open on Monday. The women's division will be located at 202 Beck building.

A. W. Jones, formerly associated with the United States department of labor, will be in charge of the men's division, with A. B. Brown, ex-federal director of employment in Portland, as assistant director. The men's division will be located on the second floor of the Flatiron building at Sixth and Ankeny streets.

HEILIG GETS CONCESSION

Chairs on Stage Permitted for Harry Lauder Performance.

By special permission from the city council, the management of the Heilig theater will install 150 chairs on the stage of the theater for the afternoon and evening performances given by Harry Lauder on December 3. Before granting the request the council asked Fire Marshal Grenfell if such action would create a special fire hazard. Mr. Grenfell promised to send one of the fire inspectors to the theater and thus handle the situation.

City Commissioner Bigelow insisted upon a special ordinance granting this concession, which was drawn and passed by unanimous vote of the council.

Little Girl Falls in Fire.

Attempt of Lucile Draper, 2½-year-old granddaughter of Mrs. Eva J. Smith, 624 East Morrison street, to place some wood on the fireplace blaze yesterday afternoon brought her serious burns about the head. The child fell forward into the fire, and before she could get out had the hair entirely burned from her head and her forehead was badly seared. Mrs. Smith is an experienced nurse, and is taking care of the child in her home.

EDITOR OF OREGON JOURNAL IS DEAD

George M. Trowbridge Passes Away After Long Illness.

SISTER HERE AT END

Connection With Portland Paper Dates From 1903—Journalistic Career Long One.

George M. Trowbridge, editor of the Oregon Journal, died at St. Vincent's hospital at 5:40 o'clock yesterday afternoon following an operation performed on August 30, 1919. Mr.

George M. Trowbridge, editor of the Journal, who died yesterday.

Trowbridge was first stricken ill in January, 1916, when an operation was performed at St. Vincent's hospital. After nine months' illness, he recovered and returned to his office at the Journal.

In August of this year, a recurrence of the first illness took place and although his illness was serious, he recovered sufficiently to return to his home at the Arlington club.

Three weeks ago his condition made it necessary for his return to the hospital, where he remained until the time of his death.

Mr. Trowbridge was 58 years of age at the time of death. He was born in Dubuque, Ia., in 1861, his parents being the Rev. and Mrs. James H. Trowbridge. He spent his boyhood in and around Chicago.

Law First Vocation.

He was a graduate of Amherst college in the class of 1883 and later studied law in Northwestern university of Evanston. For several years Mr. Trowbridge practiced law in Chicago and Arizona, but this practice was abandoned more than 20 years ago, when he entered newspaper work, which endeavor he had since followed.

He was associated with the Los Angeles Herald in the capacity of city editor, and later was political writer on the San Francisco Bulletin, prior to his coming to Portland.

It was six months after C. S. Jackson took over control of the Journal in the fall of 1902 that Mr. Trowbridge joined the reportorial staff of that paper. Until April, 1906, he served as political writer on the paper, reporting several sessions of the legislature and covering the land fraud trials. In the spring of 1906 he was made editor of the Journal, in which capacity he served until his death.

Mr. Trowbridge Unmarried.

Mr. Trowbridge was unmarried. He is survived by one sister and two brothers. His sister, Miss Cornelia Trowbridge, arrived in Portland last Saturday, having been called when it became known that her brother was in a critical condition. The two brothers reside in New York. James R. Trowbridge is with the Franklin Trust company and Mason Trowbridge is an attorney for Colgate & Co.

George M. Trowbridge was a member and director of the Arlington club, and a member of the University club and of the Chamber of Commerce.

The funeral services will be held Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the Unitarian church at Broadway and Yamhill streets, Rev. W. G. Eliot officiating. The body will be sent to Chicago for burial. Because of this fact it is requested that friends omit flowers.

SCIENTISTS OBEY LAWS

Writer Asks Why Mistaken Diagnosis Gets Much Publicity.

PORTLAND, Nov. 29.—(To the Editor.)—The report of the case of a child of a Christian Science practitioner having attended school while broken out with smallpox has received so much publicity that one naturally wonders if this is the only child that has gone out in public while affected with what the health officer might call contagion. This case has been featured in the newspapers in a way likely to give the impression that only a Christian Science child will do such a thing.

Little, however, has been said of where this child contracted the disease, or of the large number of similar cases of contagion that have developed during recent months in Portland. Several other schools have been closed and fumigated because smallpox was discovered in them, but these cases have only received passing mention, while the one case affecting Christian Scientists has received the widest publicity.

When one case of smallpox is mistaken for a case of poison by a Christian Scientist, large headlines appear in the newspapers. This one case is heralded far and wide, while not a word is spoken concerning the fact that about half of all the diagnoses made in our finest hospitals, under the eye of the most skilled physicians and under the most favorable circumstances obtainable, are acknowledged by these same skilled physicians to be incorrect.

Now, it is not the purpose of this article to ask for special favors for Christian Scientists or to pose Christian Scientists as martyrs. On the other hand, if a Christian Scientist fail to show a wholesome respect for the rights of other people, he should be held to answer for his neglect just the same as any other citizen, but no more so.

Christian Science demands of its followers a wholesome respect for, and obedience to, law and order, just as it demands of them a full and fair appreciation of the rights of all men. The fundamental rule in the teaching and practice of Christian Science is the golden rule, "Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them."

That Christian Scientists do live up to this teaching is attested by the statement of the city health officer when he declares in effect that during the two and a half years he has held that office "the Christian Scientists have rendered loyal support in reporting contagious diseases and in observing general health laws and regulations."

Christian Science asks no favoritism. It is ready and willing cheerfully to accept entire responsibility for the result of its teaching. It points with much satisfaction to a notable record of good work. Through its loving ministrations the sinning are reformed, the sick are made well, and contagions are healed. In fact, Christian Science uncovers and destroys evil of whatever name or nature.

In the words of our revered leader, Mary Baker Eddy, on page 97 of Science and Health: "Those who discern Christian Science will hold crime in check. They will aid in the ejection of error. They will maintain law and order, and cheerfully await the certainty of ultimate perfection."

A. O. FREEL.

LINN ROADS ARE TOPIC

GEORGE QUAYLE IS SPEAKER AT MEETING IN LEBANON.

Best Use of $400,000 Bond Issue Is Discussed—County Desires Funds Matched.

George Quayle, secretary of the state chamber of commerce, was the principal speaker at a good road meeting held at Lebanon last Wednesday evening, at which were present about 75 of the leading citizens of Linn county. The meeting was called for discussion of plans to secure the co-operation of the state highway commission and federal forestry and good roads bureaus in the plans for development of the Santiam highway.

Linn county has voted $400,000 bonds for road improvement, and it is the desire of the people to have this matched with state and federal funds. There were present two members of the Linn county court, Senator Cusick and Frank J. Miller and other Albany men who had active part in the road bond campaign and are anxious to secure the best possible use of the money derived from sale of the bonds.

Mr. Quayle was invited to be present because of the active interest the state chamber is taking in general road improvement. He outlined the procedure necessary to secure the fullest possible co-operation, and acquainted the Linn county citizens with the plan for the Oregon skyline roads that will link the Mount Hood loop on the north with the Crater lake roads at the southern extremity of the state.

The value of the Santiam road in linking the Willamette valley with the low passes that may be open to travel for the greatest length of time each year is favorably regarded by the officials of the forestry service.

Intrinsic worth of the highways in opening to the Linn county people easy access to the region on the other side of the Cascades, and the tourist travel that will be attracted, were portrayed as potential assets in repayment of the investment. A committee of Linn county citizens will present the plans for the proposed road to the state highway commission at its next meeting. A general road meeting has been scheduled for December 13, at which Mr. Quayle has been asked to address the people of the county.

A. G. Clark, manager of associated industries, also spoke at the Lebanon meeting upon the topic of what the payroll dollar means to the people of Oregon.

IDAHO FAIR HEAD IS OUT

PERSONNEL AND ACTIVITIES OF BUREAU ARE SUSPENDED.

Commissioner Cannon Puts Action Up to Governor—Control by State Is in Question.

BOISE, Idaho, Nov. 29.—(Special.)—Miles Cannon, state commissioner of agriculture, has notified Governor Davis that he has suspended the personnel and activities of the state fair bureau, including the services of O. P. Hendershot as its head.

In a statement concerning the affair, Mr. Cannon set out that he is unable to determine the fair bureau's legal connection with his office and that Hendershot has failed to report properly as to receipts and disbursements of fair funds.

A report submitted by Hendershot, giving a general outline of the fair's financial status, is in such form that it "will not admit of a thorough legal auditing as contemplated in a contract" held with the association, Cannon says in his letter.

The matter has been submitted to Governor Davis for approval or disapproval, Mr. Cannon said. Hendershot is out of town on official duties, and his side of the controversy could not be learned.

That he intends to give the matter a thorough hearing before approving or disapproving Cannon's summary action, was indicated by Governor Davis today in the following brief statement:

"I have nothing to say on this matter. I intend to ask Mr. Hendershot for a detailed statement before taking up the matter for definite consideration."

Mr. Cannon said today that the supervisory control his department is supposed to exercise over the state fair has been so vague that he deemed it best to suspend the bureau until it can be decided whether the state fair is a private institution, or whether he has the power to control it, as he presumes he has.

That he will be able to enforce his decision to oust Hendershot seems quite probable, since the state contract with the fair association provides that the association will employ whoever Cannon employs as fair director.

MOONSHINE TRIAL FACED

Companion of Man Asphyxiated by Still Is Bound Over.

Jack Raspolich was bound over to the grand jury as an alleged moonshiner after a preliminary hearing yesterday before United States Commissioner Drake. Raspolich, with Tony Zoneda, recently deceased, is alleged to have distilled whisky at a house near Palatine hill. Zoneda, according to revenue officers, became drunk while in the act of distilling liquor. While intoxicated it is alid the still boiled over, putting out the gas, and Zoneda died from asphyxiation.

Jack Raspolich, who has been in jail since the death of Zoneda, attempted at the hearing yesterday to fix the blame on his dead companion by asserting he knew nothing of the whisky-making operations. Internal revenue officers found the still buried near the premises after Zoneda had died.

MAUD POWELL IS BETTER

Telegram From St. Louis Thanks Portland Friends.

Miss Maud Powell, the American violinist, is recovering from her nervous attack. A telegram received yesterday from St. Louis, Mo., reads: "Nurse says Maud Powell's condition is good and prospects for an early recovery favorable. She asks that her love and gratitude for being remembered be conveyed to all, and says that she is resting comfortably."

AUTO SALESMAN ACCUSED

Medford Man Charged With Using Canceled Postage Stamps.

MEDFORD, Or., Nov. 29.—(Special.)—R. J. Rowen, a local automobile salesman, was arrested today by Deputy United States Marshal Mass of Portland on a charge of using canceled postage stamps in mailing out matter February 25 last. The warrant was issued by John O. Veatch, assistant United States attorney of Portland, and the affidavit sworn to by S. L. Kidder of Roseburg, United States postoffice inspector.

Rowen waived examination before United States Commissioner F. Roy Davis here and was taken to Portland tonight.

Gresham Block Opens.

GRESHAM, Or., Nov. 29.—(Special.) Gresham building vacated by these firms have been leased to the McMurray brothers, formerly of Barton, who have installed an up-to-date grocery; Walter Adrian, who opened a motion picture show on Thursday, and C. E. Osburn, who has enlarged his automobile accessories store.—The Duane Ely building, new brick business block on Main street, has been completed and all three stores leased by Walrad Mercantile company, L. L. Kidder Hardware company and the Hessel Machinery company. The stores in the Bank of

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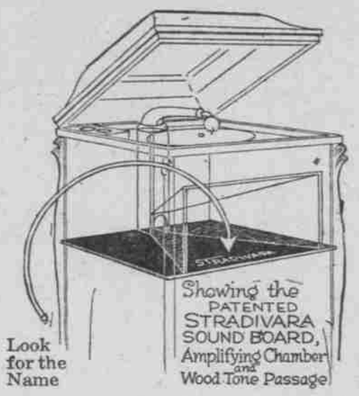

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