

CITY'S GROWTH IS PHENOMENAL

Official Figures Show Astounding Building Record for Portland.

ONLY SIX OTHER CITIES IN UNION DO BETTER

April Operations Here Most Remarkable Ever Published—Continued Activity Attracts Attention of Every Section in United States.

Official records, giving details as to building operations in 40 of the leading cities, give no indication of hard times. The month of April, 1907, was one of the most active months in building operations ever recorded.

The prominent position occupied by Portland among the different cities of the United States is attracting world-wide attention, and the great growth of this city can be appreciated when it is understood that among the 40 cities of the country she is led only by New York, Brooklyn, Philadelphia, Chicago, St. Louis and Washington in the cost of buildings being constructed.

Better to appreciate the great activity here, it is necessary to make a few comparisons. Permits taken out for building operations during April, 1907, were three times as much in cost as those of Omaha, Nebraska, New Orleans, Louisiana, or Louisville, Kentucky; the building operations here for the same month exceeded those of Chicago, St. Paul, and Indianapolis by 100 per cent, and they were almost double those of Cincinnati and Rochester.

Throughout the entire temperate zone building operations are always more numerous during the months of April and when it is understood that Portland leads such cities as Kansas City, Detroit, Pittsburg, Cleveland, Los Angeles and Milwaukee, one gets a better idea of the great activity here than is presented by a plain statement of figures.

The Portland Commercial club, having scattered broadcast over the United States over 300,000 leaflets calling attention to the increase in building operations in Portland, has received a tremendous correspondence regarding demand for granite, steel and other structural material. From the reference regarding building operations in all the vast correspondence it is apparent that Portland's growth is becoming very thoroughly disseminated throughout the United States.

BRINGS SUIT ON POLICY SAID TO HAVE MATURED

Mrs. Swackhamer Makes Order of Washington Defendant in Case.

Suit for judgment for \$1,130 from the Order of Washington was begun in the circuit court yesterday by Clara E. Swackhamer. It is alleged that the order promised to pay \$1,130 in monthly installments of \$50 on a matured life insurance policy, and agreed that the whole should become due if any installments were allowed to default.

The order made the last payment on January 16, according to the complaint, and the plaintiff now asks judgment for the whole amount unpaid.

FORESTERS MEET IN STATE CONVENTION

The state convention of the Foresters of America opens today at Rainier, Oregon, after one of the most prosperous years in its history.

Grand Chief Ranger A. B. Dalgity of Astoria and Grand Sub-Chief Ranger A. L. Brown of Salem are among the delegates. The latter will be promoted to the office of grand chief ranger. A large reception is to be given by the Rainier branch this evening in honor of the grand court officers and the delegates.

There will be an excursion down the Columbia some time before Thursday night, when the convention will close. About 150 delegates will be in attendance when this evening's trains bring in the remaining ones. Many spent a few hours in Portland on the way.



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TRANSFERS OF REAL ESTATE TAKE ANOTHER UPWARD JUMP

Real estate transfers filed for record yesterday amounted to \$148,475, an unusual record for the first day of the week. Two-thirds of this amount was included in the deeds transferring the corner of Front and Madison to Dr. K. A. J. McKenna for \$50,000; the Tompkins flats to Mrs. Gertrude E. Russell for \$7,500 and 12 acres on Portland Heights from Yerex Bros. to W. C. Hawk for \$12,000.

The market opened up yesterday with two important sales; and a large block of residence acreage and the other a valuable downtown corner. D. E. Keasay and associates have taken title to 251 acres belonging to the King estate.

The property embraces Inspiration Point and the surrounding tract, the Kings Heights plat to the north of the City Park and Melinda Heights, a survey to the south and west of the park. It is understood that the purchasing syndicate is to pay about \$3,000 an acre for the entire holding.

Dr. C. W. Cornelius purchased yesterday, a 50 x 50 foot lot at the southeast corner of First and Oak streets for \$20,000. The property was sold by the Metropolitan company of which Scott Brooke is at the head. Dr. Cornelius purposes to put up a four-story business house on the corner within the year.

MINISTERS APPEAL TO CITY AUTHORITIES

The repeated arrest of George Strayer, mission worker, for being out after hours, was brought up yesterday before the Methodist and Baptist ministers' meetings, and action was taken to appeal to Chief Gritzmacher, Mayor Lane and the police commissioner.

The story, as told by Rev. John Bentzen, Baptist city missionary, is that Strayer, who has been crippled for several years, and walks with crutches, holds a permit from the chief to be out after hours in the interests of his work. Sunday night a week ago he was arrested by Policeman Tennant and roughly handled.

"On reaching his rooms after his release," says Mr. Bentzen, "Strayer fell on the floor in a dead faint, and was later found there by his friends. Strayer is an independent worker, but all the Christian denominations of the city are behind him and will look into this matter and look towards the discharge of Tennant."

Chief Gritzmacher made an investigation of the case at the time and said that he thought no violation had been offered and that only Strayer's feelings were hurt.

MINISTERS WILL BOOST MERITS OF ROSE CITY

Presbyterian Rally to Be Held Here During Early Part of Next Month.

The Presbyterian ministers of Portland are planning to do their share toward advertising the Rose City. A committee has been appointed to arrange for a write-up of the city in the "Interdenominational paper of the country, published in Chicago. Arrangements are being made to bring Nolan Rice West here to see the city. He has charge of special articles and recently devoted two numbers to the great Marshall Field store in Chicago.

At the same time there is to be a big Presbyterian rally in Portland. Dr. Hugh K. Walker and Dr. John Willis Esar of Los Angeles and Dr. Van Ogdon Vogt of New York are to conduct the rally, Sunday, June 7. On Monday the ministers will have a banquet for the visitors and later they will undertake a trip to Mount Hood.

GATHER FOURTH FUNDS IN AUTOMOBILES

Committee Wants Eight Thousand Dollars on Which to Celebrate.

Portland's Fourth of July celebration fund will be raised in one day by a finance committee consisting of 20 members, provided the plans of the general committee, which met in the corner East Fifteenth, are carried out. It was estimated that not less than \$8,000, and probably \$10,000, would be necessary to meet the requirements of the committee.

The committee of 20 will be subdivided into 10 soliciting committees, each of which will be equipped with an automobile and assigned to a certain district with instructions to see every business man in that district before sundown. It was the unanimous opinion of the general committee that by means of a whirlwind campaign the money could easily be gathered in the allotted time.

General O. Summers, chairman of the general committee, Len C. Patterson, secretary, A. B. Steinbach and H. E. Newhall were named as a committee to meet tonight and name the finance committee of 20.

The general committee will meet Friday night when the details of the celebration will be gone into. A day will also be named on which the finance committee will make its campaign for subscriptions.

AT THE STOCK THEATRES

"Knobs o' Tennessee" at the Star.

Hal Reid wrote many plays, but none in which there is more absorbing interest than "Knobs o' Tennessee," which is being offered this week at the Star by the new Star stock company. It is a play that abounds in heart interest and has been immensely popular wherever produced.

The story has to do with the efforts of a deputy United States marshal to capture a moonshiner in the mountains of Tennessee. Throughout the piece there is an charming love story and a number of thrilling situations.

The play affords ample opportunity for excellent acting on the part of several individual members of the company. A very unusual feature of the play is the introduction of a character representing the president of the United States.

"Knobs o' Tennessee" is a play that is sure to please and is admirably produced by the Star company. It will be the bill at the Star for the entire week.

"The Counterfeiters" at the Lyric.

Large crowds witnessed the opening performances of "The Counterfeiters," which was presented at the Lyric by the Allen stock company yesterday. It is a melodrama of the thrilling type, the kind that is certain to meet with popular approval.

"The Counterfeiters" has an original plot that is not only interesting but really clever. The stage effects are startling and the comedy situations are funny and up-to-date. The piece is excellently produced by the Allen company, several members of which appear to unusually good advantage.

Miss Verna Felton, a leading woman, has a boy's part this week, a part that is very difficult, but which is handled with extreme cleverness by Miss Felton. She receives admirable support.

"The Counterfeiters" was enthusiastically received yesterday and will likely be accorded the same sort of reception for the remainder of the week.

AT THE VAUDEVILLE THEATRES

A one-act play entitled "The Girl Who Dared," is the headline attraction at the Grand this week.

"The Girl Who Dared," is a complete love story and the ending of the play is decidedly novel. It is presented by Miss Grace Gray, supported by a capable company. Miss Gray is a decidedly clever actress and the play is received with enthusiasm.

"The Waitress and the Cafe Pianist" is the title of a comedy sketch by Margaret Webb and Jack Connelly. It is something of a musical comedy and is offered in a way that arouses considerable interest. Track and Gladden, in their singing and dancing specialties, are another interesting feature, while Arnold and Gardner, in their sketch entitled "The Minstrel," also provide considerable amusement.

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"The Singing Girl" at Marquam.

There is no diminishing in the crowds which flock nightly to the historic theatre. The San Francisco Opera company is strengthened by a musical comedy and is offering in a way that arouses considerable interest. Track and Gladden, in their singing and dancing specialties, are another interesting feature, while Arnold and Gardner, in their sketch entitled "The Minstrel," also provide considerable amusement.

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"A Contented Woman" at the Baker.
At the Baker this week, there are big crowds at every performance because there is an unusually good show. All Hoyt's plays are good, but "A Contented Woman" is especially interesting. It deals with a subject that appeals to every one. The piece affords excellent opportunity for the Baker's actors.

Big Crowds at the Empire.
The last week's engagement of the Seaman stock company at the Empire is proving to be of special interest. One of the very best melodramas of the season is the offering at the Morrison street house for this last week and all the patrons of the Empire are striving to get their seats.

"Knobs o' Tennessee."
When Hal Reid wrote "Knobs o' Tennessee" he painted the Southern moonshiner as he really is and not as he is generally exaggerated. Reid has given to the stage a remarkable play and although a melodrama it is a study of a distinctly American type of moonshiner.

"The Girl Who Dared."
The Grand this week, "The Girl Who Dared," played by Grace Gray and a capable supporting company, is a novelty; for it is one of the few plays in vaudeville wherein there is a plot with heart interest. "The Girl Who Dared" is a racing sketch, with a horse race climax as exciting as the genuine article. The Waitress and the Cafe Pianist is a laughable musical comedy and sells from these acts are several others of equal merit.

UNABLE TO WORK HE ASKS HEAVY DAMAGES
Suit for \$25,000 damages for personal injuries was begun in the circuit court yesterday by Antonio K. Holmes against the Eastern & Western Lumber company. Holmes alleges that through the negligence of the lumber company his right leg was cut off by a band saw and his left leg bruised and mashed in August, 1904.

REV. ELY SPEAKS TONIGHT IN PIEDMONT CHURCH
A meeting of the Presbyterian Brotherhood will be held this evening at 8 o'clock in the Piedmont Presbyterian church. Luncheon will be served by the ladies of the church. The principal speakers will be Rev. B. E. Ely of Calvary church and G. B. Leach.