

PORTLAND A LEADER

One of Eight Cities of North America Which Shows Increase of Building Permits for January Over Same Month of Last Year.

There were only eight cities in North America which during January showed an increase of building permits over the corresponding month of 1907, and Portland is one of these.

Referring to the statistics a Toronto newspaper says that while that city showed a decrease of building last month it was nevertheless the eighth city in North America in value of January permits with the exception of San Francisco, which was not listed.

The Toronto paper says: Large as was the decrease in building permits in Toronto during January the value of building permits were taken out amounting to only \$474,453, against \$782,166 during the corresponding month last year. This city is last alone in this respect, in fact, also has on the contrary good reason to congratulate herself on the comparatively good showing, being eighth among the larger cities of the continent in the value of buildings, forging ahead of several which previously led her in the race, and showing a percentage of loss less than the majority. Out of 31 cities, the returns from which have been tabulated, those showing gains number only eight. They are: New York, including Manhattan and the Bronx, which had an increase of 5 per cent; Kansas City, 16; Denver, 9; New Orleans, 11; Portland, Oregon, 7; Terre Haute, 3; St. Louis, 2; and Topeka, 98 per cent. The rest show decreases of from 14 to 81 per cent.

Following are the comparative figures:

City	1908	1907	G. L.
New York	\$4,907,575	\$4,627,725	6
Chicago	2,572,059	2,355,999	21
Brooklyn	1,823,155	1,537,371	74
Philadelphia	554,510	3,488,400	61
St. Louis	797,371	1,690,935	50
Portland	625,545	604,476	3
Kans. City	515,380	444,355	16
Toronto	474,453	782,166	39
Newark	383,898	609,871	32
Detroit	197,184	791,900	58
Denver	294,750	270,855	9
Cleveland	371,771	707,773	68
St. Paul	284,901	75,580	379
Albany	375,425	340,965	28
Duluth	38,165	91,535	71
Buffalo	242,000	418,000	41
Baltimore	315,344	352,000	85
St. Paul	197,184	270,855	28
N. Orleans	195,554	311,174	37
Omaha	188,750	170,776	11
Rochester	140,160	187,085	25
Ind'polis	124,476	151,500	76
Milwaukee	122,330	156,749	21
Dallas	108,729	186,371	41
Columbus	93,800	127,575	68
Toledo	85,250	178,575	52
Petersburg	71,435	32,001	123
Birmingham	65,178	87,370	27
Portland	625,545	604,476	3
G. Rapids	32,125	48,395	23
Mobile	21,980	50,375	56

LOCKS CASE MUST AWAIT ITS TURN

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Salem, Feb. 19.—Judge Bean has denied the petition filed by Attorney General Crawford in the supreme court asking that the case of the state against the Portland General Electric company, to compel an accounting to show how much is due the state on the 10 per cent of the net proceeds of the canal and locks at Oregon City, be heard at the earliest possible date so that before the bill, which is at present pending in congress for the buying of the waterway, is passed, it might be known whether the state has any claim against the company for the \$200,000 placed in the project.

Chief Justice Bean, after hearing the argument of counsel, remarked that it was unusual in a case of this nature that had been so long delayed in presentation to the court. Counsel had taken over two years to get in their briefs, and it was not certain that more would come. The docket could not well be arranged anew every time some one wanted the court to hurry its work when there had been so great deliberation on the part of counsel.

Applications may take a year or more to reach the case.

In submitting the matter to the court the attorney-general admitted that there had been unusual delay but denied that the state was altogether to blame.

UNCLE SAM HAS MANY VACANT POSITIONS

The United States civil service commission announces that the following vacancies exist in the departments of California and Columbia:

Four marine firemen, department of California, \$490 per annum, four marine firemen, department of Columbia, \$780; one marine engineer, department of California, \$1,050; one master, department of California, \$1,000; two tinners, department of California, \$840.

Applications for the positions mentioned may be filed at any time with the secretary of the Twelfth civil service district, room 241, Postoffice building, San Francisco, California. For other information apply to Z. A. Leigh, postoffice department.

"Merry Widow" Music for the Pianola

For over a year it has been in the Pianola Library. Every once in a while a big hit is scored abroad by some musical production—perhaps of a serious character or perhaps a light operetta. It is often a year or two before such successes are publicly given on this side of the Atlantic.

It's usually a fact that such music is obtainable in the form of Pianola sheet music is placed on sale. A case in point is the reigning success, the "Merry Widow," which made its first New York appearance October 21. Pianola owners have been enjoying this music for over a year.

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Drinking Men Not Wanted

The above sign is now seen in many shops and offices in this city, because drinking men are unreliable.

Competition is too keen and life is too strenuous for an employer to keep men on his payroll whose nerves are unsteady and whose brains are not clear. Every line of business is beginning to close its doors to drinking men.

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CONVICTS' DUDS ARE PLENTY WARM

Walla Walla Warden Explains Shivers Noted by Accusing Preacher.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Walla Walla, Wash., Feb. 19.—Charges made by Rev. Van Horn, a Seattle minister, that the convicts at the state penitentiary are not properly clothed has created considerable feeling against the preacher on the part of the prison officials, who assert that the statements attributed to Mr. Van Horn are without foundation.

Mr. Van Horn spent several weeks in Walla Walla last month holding revival services. One Sunday he visited the penitentiary and held services for the convicts. The penitentiary is not provided with a chapel and the meeting was held in the main hall.

Being a cold, raw day the convicts, compelled to stand still during the services, felt the chill air. Mr. Van Horn observed "ague-like" symptoms in the prisoners and concluded they were not provided with suitable clothing, which he charged in a sermon before his congregation at Seattle last Sunday morning.

Warden Reed denies the charges and says the convicts are as warmly clothed as the inmates of any prison in the United States.

The principal charge of Rev. Van Horn is that the convicts are not provided with underclothing, but this is denied by the warden, who states that the convicts are supplied with 200 suits with 200 pairs of drawers and several lots of underclothing furnished the prison recently.

WALLA WALLA WARDEN EXPLAINS SHIVERS NOTED BY ACCUSING PREACHER.

CONTRACT TO CUT TIMBER IN SIBERIAN FORESTS PROVES LUMBER SHORTAGE.

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.)
Washington, D. C., Feb. 19.—An Australian corporation has just received a concession from the Russian government to take out 20,000,000 feet of timber a year from a forest in Siberia, 300 miles from Vladivostok, to be delivered in Melbourne, Australia, approximately 8,000 miles away, and nearly three times the distance from New York to San Francisco.

It is likely that no lumbering operation of recent years more strongly illustrates the pinch in the timber supply in all parts of the world. In the news of the concession, told in an American Lumber Journal, is the suggestion of the difficulty of getting the wood which they need in the future. Every year timber cruisers are going further and further afield and cutting trees which in former times of abundance they passed because of the inaccessibility of the forests.

In taking out the Siberian timber the Melbourne lumbermen will have to ship the entire year's cut in July, August, September and October. During the remainder of the year there is no open water at the point of shipment. What makes this unusual feature of transporting bulky logs 8,000 miles quite feasible is that such unmanufactured stock is admitted free, while there is heavy duty on all manufactured products brought into Australia, the duty on lumber, for instance, being nearly \$5 a thousand feet. At Melbourne, a new mill is being erected to manufacture there into dressed stock, such as flooring, ceiling and other products, as well as into lumber.

These Siberian operations differ from the lumbering methods in the United States, in that in this country it is possible and customary to have sawmills conveniently situated near the place of production, though with the continually decreasing supply, the larger mills find it profitable to haul their timber by trains and railroads many miles away from their saws. Forest experts of this country say that the hope of the New Zealand scheme, which supply of timber lies in the application of forestry to all timber lands, private and public, and the careful study of the economic and better utilization of product. Even so, a severe shortage in 10 to 25 years must be expected.

BOSTON'S BIGGEST DOG SHOW.

Boston, Mass., Feb. 19.—Aristocratic dogs of all varieties, several thousand of them, are in the hands of the judges at the twenty-fourth annual show of the New England Kennel club, which opened in Mechanic's building today. It is the most extensive exhibition of dogs ever shown in New England. Included in the list are prize-winning specimens from many parts of the United States and Canada. Boston terriers lead the list in numbers, but other varieties also are well represented, including the St. Bernard, collies, Dalmatians, bloodhounds and the various breeds of terriers, bulls and spaniels.

NORTH END RESTAURANTS ARE UNDERGOING CLEANING PROCESS.

Deputy City Health Officer Dr. H. G. Parker and City Market Inspector Mrs. Sarah Evans have been inspecting the restaurants in the North End and have found a woeful disregard for city ordinances regulating the standard of cleanliness for such places. Efforts to compel the owners and occupants of the buildings to clean up have resulted in many cases of brusque refusals and amusing revelations.

One Greek flatly refused to refrain from dumping garbage and refuse in a small space between his restaurant and the adjoining building. He had little knowledge of the law on the subject and was told the official to see the owner of the building. However, the law refers only to the occupants and when Dr. Parker and Mrs. Evans finished their explanation of the law's meaning, he changed his mind and promised to be good.

A Frenchman has a lunch counter on North Seventh street, the Frenchman has to jump over it to get inside and wait in line with customers. Inside the counter was stored an unbelievable quantity of filth.

MUSEMENTS

Last Time at Hellig Tonight.

Tonight at the Hellig theatre, Fourteenth and Washington streets, last performance of Klav and Erlanger's production of George M. Cohan's musical play, "Fifty-Five Minutes From Broadway," will be given. This will afford your only opportunity to see and see this tawny and merry comedy. Frances Gordon is playing the lead.

"Buster Brown" Tomorrow Night.

The attraction at the Hellig theatre, Fourteenth and Washington streets, for three nights beginning tomorrow (Thursday) at special prices and with a popular-price matinee Saturday afternoon, will be the musical cartoon comedy, "Buster Brown." Master Reed will be seen as "Buster."

"Parsifal."

Society is turning out to see "Parsifal" at the Marquam, and the production is the talk of the town. It is a dramatized version of the Wagnerian opera, and as every one who has heard of the opera, they want to see it. The play, "Parsifal," is a play for the ages, and as every one who has heard of the opera, they want to see it. The play, "Parsifal," is a play for the ages, and as every one who has heard of the opera, they want to see it.

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Preparations are going forward which will make the card party to be given next Friday by the federated clubs of the city one of the principal social affairs of the winter. The party will be given in the handsome auditorium of the new Masonic temple, which will be used for the first time on this occasion.

The committee that have the affair in charge have every arrangement complete. The rooms being so large there will be no crowding and ample accommodations will be provided for every one. Refreshments will be a feature of the party.

The chairmen of all committees are requested to report at the Woman's club headquarters, Women of Woodcraft hall, Tenth and Taylor streets, at 10 a. m. Thursday, and all those who have taken tickets to sell theirs also requested to report at that time and place.

The patronesses are Miss Helen F. Spalding, Mrs. Frederick Eggert, Mrs. Helen Selling, Mrs. Dazion, Mrs. Stiles, Miss Matthews and Mrs. C. M. Carwright.

Those wishing table reservations can have them by notifying Mrs. E. M. Eblmauer, 146 North Seventeenth street.

PADEREWSKI SEAT SALE BEGINS FRIDAY

Tomorrow (Thursday) will afford your last opportunity of ordering tickets by mail for Paderewski before the sale opens at box office the theatre next Friday. This world-renowned artist will be heard in a grand concert next Monday evening at 8 o'clock at the direction of the Hellig theatre management. Address letters and make checks payable to W. T. Fangle, 1000 Broadway, New York City. Enclose a self-addressed envelope to help insure safe return. These orders have been coming in for the past week, and are being filled in order of their receipt and will be returned today. No order seats in the balcony, as it has been entirely sold out. Good seats may still be had in either the lower floor or the gallery.

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Albert Angermayer writes from Alameda, California, to District Forecaster Edward A. Beals of the weather bureau for information concerning the climate. His intention being to secure a tract of 1,000 acres of land or more for a German colony.

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