

BUILDING RECORD FOR JUNE SHOWS LARGE INCREASE

Since First of Month 361 Permits Are Issued, Calling for Value of \$776,440; Equals Last Year's Figures.

Building operations in Portland continue on a magnificent scale. At the close of business Thursday last—the half month—361 permits had been issued since June 1, calling for the expenditure of \$776,440. In June, 1910, 359 permits were issued, valued at \$1,487,135, making the total for the year to date, \$1,478,326. When the generally quiet condition of the country is taken into consideration, this showing of Portland is little short of remarkable.

Inspector's Prediction. Building Inspector Horace E. Plummer is confident that this lead will be maintained for several months. He does not look for a marked falling off before December, which month last year broke all records, new construction to the value of more than \$4,000,000 having been authorized by permit.

The blocks surrounding the Olds, Wortman & King block have developed into a storm center of activity.

Investors Buoy. It is probably an exaggeration to say that every lot in the four blocks surrounding the big O. W. & K. structure is being sought by numerous investors, speculators and would-be lessees. Gilbert H. Durham closed a deal last week for a 50-year lease on the Hume-Hamilton property at the northwest corner of Tenth and Alder. Under the lease contract Mr. Gilbert is to pay \$800 a month rental for the first five years with increases at the end of each five year period until the monthly rent amounts to \$2000, which is the amount to be paid for the last five years. It is probable that a six-story business building will be erected on the lot with a foundation to carry a 10 or 12 story structure.

Four Story Building. Strong Bros. are completing a four story building on the quarter block at the northeast corner of Tenth and Alder and one block to the east, the Woodard-Clark Drug company will soon begin the erection of a seven story structure for its own occupancy.

On Morrison street between West Park and Tenth, opposite the big department store, negotiations are in progress which may lead to a change in the ownership of the entire half block. The westward march of business along Alder and Morrison has already caused sensational advances in property values on those streets and those in touch with the situation look for a greater activity in that district before the end of the year.

New Structure Planned. The announcement was made last week that John S. Beard, one of the vacant corner at Fourth and Washington streets has commissioned a local firm of architects to get up the design for an eight story fireproof building to be erected on that site.

Gordon & Korrill owners of the triangle formed by the junction of Washington, Morrison and Ella streets, are preparing to build a "flatiron" structure covering their holdings at that point. The structure is to be a three story brick, with a frontage of 140 feet on Washington, 146 feet on Morrison and 7 feet on Ella street. There are eight stories with solid plate glass fronts on the ground floor, and the upper floors will contain a 40 room hotel. The estimated cost of the structure is \$40,000.

County Buildings. On the remaining portion of this block the owners will also build a three story brick building, which is to have a frontage of 63 feet on Washington street, 45 feet on Morrison and 42 feet on Stout. This structure will be similar to the Gordon-Korrill building and will be so arranged that the two structures can be connected and rented to one tenant. There will be seven store rooms in this building and 32 rooms on the upper floors.

Architects Bridges & Webber have drawn plans for a two story brick building to be erected by the county at the Poor Farm and to be used as a nurses' dormitory. The house will be 40x75 feet and will contain 14 bed rooms and other necessary apartments.

PANAMA CANAL WAS BARGAIN AT \$40,000,000

(United Press Special Wire.) Washington, June 17.—Contrary to usual custom, Uncle Sam's general inquiry into full knowledge of values before making a purchase, bought the French Panama canal property, and then ascertained its value afterward. The appraisal has just been completed by a special board, and their report has the approval of Colonel George W. Goethals, engineer in charge of canal construction.

The French company was paid \$40,000,000 for its property and work done on the isthmus. This figure was based upon estimates of the isthmian canal commission, and the latest report shows that the United States got a bargain. The total valuation of the purchase is now declared to have been \$42,709,825.

This sum is made up of the following items: Excavation toward the canal, \$26,389,240; Panama railroad stock, \$9,644,430; maps, drawing and records, \$2,000,000; material and equipment, \$2,112,063; buildings, \$2,054,303; lands, \$1,000,000; use of Pacific ship canal, \$500,000; and roadmaking and clearing, \$100,000.



Residence of Mrs. D. H. Jones, East Twenty-ninth and Skidmore streets, Alameda Park.

MUNICIPAL ISSUES KEEP SEATTLE'S INTEREST FROM LAGGING

Thirty Lines of Police Department Is to Be Alred Again—Taxpayers Have Chance This Week to Spend \$30,000,000—City Lighting Plant May Reduce Cost to Consumer—Mayor Dilling Runs Police Department to Suit Himself—University of Washington Turns Out Girl Star.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Seattle, Wash., June 17.—Commencement week at the university has been devoid of startling news features, although it was an event in the lives of 211 young men and women who graduated from Washington's educational center. This is the largest class the institution has turned out. The baccalaureate sermon was delivered by Mayor W. J. Hindley of Spokane, and this initial event was followed by the usual ceremonies. Ten post graduate students received degrees of master of arts or science. In the large class of graduates there was one girl who left behind her a record of scholastic work that has been equaled but three times in the 49 years' history of the university. There were 13 other members who won distinction by graduating with "cum laude" honors, but Miss Dorothy Clark Mason far outstripped her fellow students and left the university with "maagnum laude." Miss Mason is daughter of Rev. H. C. Mason of Seattle, pastor of the University Congregational church. During her four years at the university she has never passed in a subject lower than the highest grade an instructor can give. Miss Mildred Loring, also a Seattle girl, who has another year to serve prior to graduation, is said to have broken scholastic records of the university. The figures in the recorder's office show that in the three years this young woman has attended the university she has never received a grade less than 96 out of a possible 100, this done while pursuing the most difficult studies.

After nearly three weeks of the Wappenstein trial, Seattle faces the ordeal of more of the same sifting of municipal lines. The prosecutor has decided to retry the recent case on which jury disagreement was shown. The case in which police were accused of accepting a \$1000 bribe for allowing C. J. Gerald and Gideon Tupper to operate a disorderly house. The trial has been set for June 26. Two other indictments have been returned to allow a retrial of the first case, which is believed to be the strongest the state has. Wappenstein's counsel is making a strong plea for a change of venue, alleging that a fair trial is impossible before the jury. The motion for the court had denied a motion for a change of venue. The defense hopes to score this time by virtue of a new state law, which has become effective in the meantime. This law is more explicit than the former statute and provides for the disqualification for prejudice of any judge. It states that such prejudice can be established by a motion supported by affidavits. However, a judge before whom the action is pending is prejudiced against the defendant or attorney so that they believe they cannot have a fair trial. The previous effort to disqualify Judge Main was on the ground that the latter is a member of the First Presbyterian church, of which Rev. M. A. Matthews is pastor. Dr. Matthews having made a public statement accepting the responsibility of bringing William J. Burns to Seattle to clean up the town. Further, the defense exposed because C. W. Corlies, foreman of the grand jury, belonged to the same congregation. Judge Main denied the motion in strong language. It is believed in some circles that it might be the snail for the state to agree to a change of venue. The Gill-Wappenstein faction is strong in Seattle, and it is argued that it will be difficult to secure 12 men who are utterly unbiased. A rumor has been in circulation that the recent jury had two men on it who were friendly to Wappenstein, but what ground there is for this statement is not known.

It is generally believed Puget sound port will witness a strike of longshoremen, following the meeting here this week of the Pacific Coast Association of Longshoremen. Since 1908, when the shipowners decisively defeated the stevedores, the open shop has prevailed. It cost the owners a large sum to down the men at that time, and the owners now have a strong organization. They have received delegations from the Longshoremen's association, but the owners are firm in the declaration that they will not officially recognize the union. They deny that they discriminate against union men, and that complaints have been made about the methods of handling cargo here. However, they are firm in the declaration not to recognize the union. The men are equally determined and they have been conserving their munitions of war for three years. There is little likelihood of a compromise.

City Engineer R. H. Thomson has been granted a leave of absence to go to Washington, D. C., for the purpose of presenting the city's case in the matter of the Lake Washington canal. Thomson, who is one of the highest priced men in his profession in the country, has heretofore been in the habit of taking frequent out of the city trips as consulting engineer and thereby earning considerable pocket money. So much objection has been raised that he no longer does as he pleases. However, in the present case the request was made by the commercial organizations and as Thomson has made a study of the Washington canal, he is expected to win the case before the department. It appears that the war department is not certain that the government is protected against claims for damages and Thomson will attempt to show that the city and county have given ample guarantee.

The Seattle Chamber of Commerce has elected for the third successive term J. D. Lowman as its president. Mr. Lowman is a successful banker, manufacturer and above all a public spirited citizen. In reviewing the year's work he stated that the chamber had not simply worked for Seattle but had recognized the claims of other cities, referring particularly to efforts made in behalf of San Francisco in the fight for the Panama Exposition. During the last year the chamber has added 404 new members.

The new law limiting to eight hours the working day for women is also about to be tested. The first arrest for its violation is that of the superintendent of a paper box factory in Seattle and that it will be taken to the higher courts is certain as both sides are determined to get a ruling that will stand. Those not in sympathy with the measure assert that throughout the ranks of women wage earners there is dissatisfaction with the law. On the other hand it is declared that the women are practically unanimous of having the law enforced. Labor leaders state they welcome the test case and assert their belief that the court will knock out that section exempting establishments engaged in harvesting, packing, curing, canning and drying certain perishables and uphold the law as it stands with this exception.

Thirteen Honor Students at O. A. C. Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Or., June 17.—Under the new system of giving honorable mention to students who have shown prominence in scholarship and student activities, 13 honor men and women were announced at the O. A. C. commencement exercises by President Kerr. Honor students from the school of agriculture were Orlando B. Hardy, Bend, and Doris E. Young, Sherwood; from the department of domestic science and art, Minnie Price, Kings Valley; from the forestry school, Howard J. Ebelny, North Yakima, Wash.; in civil engineering, Joseph L. McAllister, Yamhill, and Leroy C. Rullison, Salem; in electrical engineering, Albert P. Gibson, Ontario; in mechanical engineering, William E. Taylor, Oregon City, and Joseph R. Yoder, Hubbard; in mining engineering, Clarence Lloyd Jamison, Fairbanks, Alaska; in commerce, E. B. Lemon, Grass Valley, and Iva B. McGinnis, Corvallis; and in pharmacy, Vernon J. Brown, Corvallis.

Mayor Dilling is consistent in his policy of brooking no interference with his control of the police department. To this end he has vetoed a bill passed recently by the council providing that no prisoner shall be interrogated against his will, that every person arrested shall have a public hearing within 48 hours, that no prisoner shall be punished for infraction of jail rules, and that only the matrons shall carry the keys to the women's ward. The mayor's position is that if left unhampered, Chief Bannick will bring the department to a higher state of efficiency than it has been in the past.

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HOT LAKE, OR., PLANS IDEAL SCHOOL BUILDING

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Salem, Or., June 17.—What is an ideal school building? Architects, teachers and hobbyists of Oregon, Hot Lake's boosters want your ideas. Walter M. Pierce of Union county has written to State Superintendent Alderman asking his ideas and also stating that he wants architects and others of the state to offer plans. At the Hot Lake resort near La Granda, where there is abundance of hot water, school people are going to have hot house agriculture on an extensive scale. Natural hot water will flow through the enclosure. If those interested care to write Superintendent Alderman their plans may figure not only in the Hot Lake ideal

school but in an ideal school for state fair grounds in Salem. In the fair grounds school there would probably be an actual school unless the city of Salem care to arrange to use it, but the plan would be built and equipped for exhibit purposes. While the present appropriations are not sufficient for a fair grounds school house the matter will be taken up with the fair board and an effort will be made to get the necessary appropriation from the next legislature. In the meantime Hot Lake district will probably have erected its model school.

Physical Culture Summer Topic. (Special Dispatch to The Journal.) University of Oregon, Eugene, Or., June 17.—The registrar of the University of Oregon announces an addition to the schedule of studies announced for the summer session. This will be a series of lectures on the teaching of hygiene and gymnastics and physical culture given by Dr. Bertha Stewart, director of the Woman's gymnasium. Dr. Stewart has had charge of the gymnasium work in the university for two

years, and has succeeded in changing one of the most hated compulsory subjects to one of the most popular. Ben Bingham Sued for Divorce. (Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Eugene, Or., June 17.—Mrs. Lila B. Bingham, of this city, has sued her husband, Benjamin S. Bingham, son of ex-State Senator J. H. Bingham, for divorce on the ground of cruel and inhuman treatment. She alleges that through their married life of three years he has been intoxicated many times, causing her great humiliation and misery. She asks for \$15 a month alimony to support their son, Belden, aged about two years.

Bootlegger Gets 25 Days. (Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Eugene, Or., June 17.—Circuit court adjourned yesterday and the jury men have gone home. The last case was that of the state vs. Walter E. King, charged with bootlegging. A jury was secured to try him, but he changed his plea of not guilty to guilty and was given a sentence of 25 days in the county jail.

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CONTEST CLOSES JULY 1, 1911 — AWARDS MADE JULY 10, 1911 Decision as to prices, etc., to be made by committee of advertising experts, members of the Portland Ad Club, whose decision shall be final. Call, telephone or write for full details of Lyle Ad Contest, and for illustrated booklets, etc., on which to base your advertising ideas.

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