

# PORTLAND HOLDS FIFTH POSITION IN BUILDING RECORD

Remarkable Activity in Construction Lines for March; City Leads Los Angeles; Comparative List Is Given.

Official reports received from 48 of the largest and most progressive cities in the country, representing all sections, by the American Contractor, show that Portland occupied fifth place in the value of building permits issued during March. Portland was only exceeded by New York, Chicago, San Francisco and Philadelphia, and for the first time in many months it was ahead of Los Angeles.

The record for the same cities for the first quarter of the year shows that only seven of these cities exceeded Portland in the value of new construction authorized. That Portland was far in the lead of such cities as Detroit, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, St. Louis, New Orleans and Washington, clearly indicates that the brand of prosperity in evidence here now is no less genuine than it has been for a number of years.

The extreme cold weather of the first quarter of the year, prevailing throughout the country east of the Rocky mountains, caused a heavy decline in building operations in Chicago, Detroit, St. Louis, Minneapolis and other Mississippi valley centers.

Particulars will be found of the first quarter of the year and of the month of March in the following tables:

City	March, 1912	March, 1911
Atlanta	412,050	422,097
Baltimore	161,375	167,860
Birmingham	254,730	284,506
Buffalo	487,000	619,411
Cedar Rapids	124,000	115,000
Chicago	4,743,600	3,453,700
Columbus	455,345	494,010
Dallas	424,712	429,000
Des Moines	255,905	267,279
Detroit	1,328,005	1,367,323
Duluth	112,250	127,588
Grand Rapids	122,780	137,588
Harrisburg	99,075	73,000
Hartford	437,000	447,742
Indianapolis	558,780	575,000
Kansas City	614,730	595,460
Los Angeles	1,478,780	1,122,884
Manchester	127,210	135,000
Memphis	495,314	483,805
Milwaukee	433,944	1,071,499
Minneapolis	1,272,716	1,272,716
Nashville	51,162	132,182
Newark	750,234	1,027,227
New Haven	406,435	388,794
New Orleans	272,000	272,000
New York	17,142,595	8,868,545
Brooklyn	4,684,495	2,468,282
Bronx	2,408,459	1,395,045
Oakland	252,339	13,520,932
Oklahoma City	672,146	918,878
Omaha	254,400	421,885
Paterson	211,245	238,885
Philadelphia	2,491,895	3,542,295
Portland	1,782,411	1,895,448
St. Paul	455,014	594,245
St. Louis	1,137,138	2,297,198
San Francisco	1,945,411	2,950,031
Scranton	55,956	170,601
Seattle	848,984	725,444
Shreveport	74,455	289,479
Spokane	182,410	347,818
Toledo	417,211	356,896
Washington	1,324,528	1,966,727
Worcester	262,159	411,278
Totals	\$57,478,661	\$57,848,659



Holt's department store at Fifth and Washington streets, completed and ready for occupancy—Quickest piece of re-enforced concrete construction ever put up in Portland.

## CHEAPER TO MOVE THAN PAY RENT

Minneapolis Tenants Beat the Landlords by a Unique Scheme.

For years it has been a standing joke that it was cheaper to move than to pay rent. Landlords have been imposed upon by tenants in various ways but the property owners of Minneapolis have encountered quite the most novel situation yet developed in the rental line.

People in Minneapolis who do not wish to or are unable to pay rent have moved into a number of vacant houses which had the "For Rent" sign displayed. Immediately the squatters replaced the signs with others which read, "For Sale." This was for the purpose of discouraging house hunters from looking in on the scene and starting embarrassing arguments.

In course of time the owner of the property naturally called around to view his house. Finding a tenant he ordered the trespasser to vacate. The trespasser refused. So the landlord proceeded to employ an attorney, the courts were asked for help and outer suits were instituted. Eventually the tenant was put out in the street. But the homeless tenant had lived 90 days without paying rent.

Upon being ousted a new vacant house was sought. The tenant moved about when forced to do so. It was no joke, this moving being cheaper than paying rent, unless the joke was on the landlord.

Right here at home, a resourceful householder resorted to a technicality to keep from paying rent, although on a different plan from the one which proved so successful at Minneapolis. The Oklahoma City man bought a lot, paying the magnificent sum of \$5 cash with a promise to make regular payments at stated intervals.

Immediately he moved a shack to the newly purchased lot, established a domicile and proceeded to join the Don't-worry club.

In 30 days, the seller of the lot called

## ALAMEDA PARK GOING RAPIDLY FORWARD

Splendid progress was made during the past week in hard surfacing the streets and drive ways embraced in the large residential center taking in Alameda Park and Olmstead Park. The paving company has completed its plant at East Twenty-ninth and Mason streets and has reduced to grade Regents drive, East Twenty-ninth, Duckley and Hamblet avenues, and it is expected that early this week the actual work of paving will be got under way.

With the coming of warmer weather, house building is more of an important feature in the development of these splendid residence parks. Permits were taken out during the week by the Alameda Land company for the construction of three beautiful hillside bungalows all to be erected at once on the Alameda which skirts the section in the southernmost part of the park.

Anderson brothers have plans for three handsome two-story dwellings and expect to begin construction within the next few days. Two of these buildings will be erected at the northeast corner of Thirtieth and Skidmore and one the northwest corner of East Thirty-first and Mason. The estimated cost of the three buildings is \$15,000. The same firm recently purchased two lots facing Bryce avenue near East Twenty-eighth, on which they will build this summer.

W. D. Ruid purchased a lot on East Thirty-third near Mason and will build as soon as plans can be drawn.

Phillip Clarke took title to the adjoining lot as a site for a handsome new home.

Gas, water and sewer laterals have been brought to each lot inside of the curb line. The completion of this work together with that of the street paving finishes the municipal improvements for this handsome district.

FROM THE CITY TO THE SANDY FERTILE POWELL VALLEY

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City	Jan 1 to April 1	Jan 1 to April 1
Atlanta	1,500,024	1,111,111
Baltimore	1,563,411	1,111,111
Birmingham	752,281	808,277
Buffalo	2,182,000	1,218,000
Cedar Rapids	289,000	274,100
Chicago	10,520,000	16,962,600
Columbus	769,147	828,911
Dallas	1,428,411	1,428,411
Des Moines	343,150	517,797
Detroit	7,097,580	4,926,025
Duluth	296,080	200,967
Grand Rapids	360,220	431,046
Harrisburg	201,625	232,600
Hartford	1,173,870	1,881,100
Indianapolis	784,775	3,320,554
Kansas City	2,023,691	1,221,080
Los Angeles	6,297,615	5,237,018
Manchester	156,916	149,022
Memphis	1,453,407	1,676,650
Milwaukee	961,990	1,816,911
Minneapolis	1,792,894	1,892,818
Newark	1,858,807	2,422,499
New Haven	1,350,878	1,632,941
New Orleans	1,210,890	550,557
New York	37,067,485	25,740,897
Brooklyn	8,938,909	5,928,888
Bronx	8,840,539	5,759,355
Oakland	4,547,843	26,014,050
Oklahoma City	1,518,431	1,606,936
Omaha	350,328	211,915
Paterson	607,445	541,860
Philadelphia	480,900	397,928
Portland	6,956,200	10,151,390
St. Paul	5,817,240	4,048,839
St. Louis	1,045,731	1,493,275
San Francisco	6,557,234	4,800,437
Scranton	6,228,643	5,164,135
Seattle	2,097,735	1,734,890
Shreveport	249,047	524,429
Spokane	524,540	1,085,550
Toledo	365,562	637,027
Washington	3,228,858	4,425,617
Worcester	256,751	389,492
Totals	\$129,537,105	\$128,515,651

## Timber City, Oregon

Offers excellent opportunities for the homeseeker and investor. This new town is on the P. R. N. R. 48 miles from Portland, midway between Portland and Tillamook, in the midst of an enormous timber belt.

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