DECLINE IN BUILDING DURING JULY GENERAL THROUGHOUT COUNTRY

Total for First Seven Months, However, Shows Material Increase Over Last Year.

Official figures for July from 60 cities published in the current number of the American Contractor of Chicago, show that building construction in this country has suffered a decline of 15 per cent as compared with July, 1912. The total of permits for the month was \$57,-000,000, in round numbers, as compared with \$67,000,000 for the same period one

Thirty-four Show Decrease.

Of the 60 cities, 34 show a decrease in construction activity, and the remainder a gain. Among the cities that make the more notable gains for the month are Cleveland, 49 per cent; Dallas, 132; Harrisburg, 153; Hartford, 58; Seattle, 119; Tacoma, 267; Troy, 199, and Wilkes-barre, 198. The heavier losers comprise Atlanta, 58 per cent; Baltimore, 49; Chicago, 41; Cincinnati, 40; Des Moines, 71; Duluth, 51; Memphis, 55; Milwau-Ree, 40; Nashville, 59; Richmond, 89; Rochester, 45; Salt Lake City, 64; San Francisco, 42; South Bend, 72; Springfield, 70. It is interesting to note that New York makes the best statement in several months, a loss of only 9 per cent. The heavy shrinkage at Chicago was due to the idleness of the building Pigures Compared,

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	J	fuly.	July,
City.		1913.	1912.
Akron	2 70	07.265	\$ 664,130
Albany	3	15:770	419,241
Atlanta	4:	34.948	1,039,551
Baltimore	31	94,089	781,909
Bridgeport		93,027	
Cedar Rapids		19,000	315,450
Chicago		35,000	10 265 800
Cincinnati		82,430	10,265,800 971,214
Cleveland		16,360	1,828,201
Columbus		1,945	423,883
	10 A	6,250	347,709
Dallas		,0,200	454,020
		31,164	458,650
	0.0	16,455	2,038,255
Detroit	2,0	6,413	481,015
Duluth Evansville		22,990	85,312
Grand Rapids	. 27	2,782	204,998
		9,055	161,625
Harrisburg		70,055	675,550
Hartford,	1 11	0,566	1,280,512
Indianapolis Kansas City		7 475	884,396
Los Angeles	9 9	7,475 24,214	3,585,014
Manchester	16	2,035	194,248
Memphis		4,266	680,629
Milwaukee	7.81	7,077	3,021,476
Minneapolis		4,970	879,965
Nashville		6,055	138,707
New Haven		4,486	138,707 334,305
New Orleans	. 56	3,500	379,296
Manhattan		5,641	7,149,339
Brooklyn	. 2.85	6.035	3,962,534
Bronx		0,139	3,591,495 14,703,368
New York	. 13,35	1,816	14,703,368
Oakland	. 66	0.588	1,010,444
Oniaha	. 39	2,525	569,329
Paterson	. 25	3,590	212,610
Peorla	. 19	9.375	244,690
Philadelphia	3,48	0,700	3,456,800
Pittsburg	11	7,128	1,186,745
Portland	. 90	9,890	1,499,126
Richmond	. 14	7.435	1,334,096
Rochester	. 61	1.783	931,166
St. Joseph		7,409	92,373
St. Louis	1,04	5,730 9,740	1,724,665
Salt Lake City	. 27	4.965	420,185 215,695
San Antonio	1 41	5,819	2,452,725
Scranton	13	3,510	124.627
Seattle	1.41	4,620	645,325
Shreveport		8,361	119,569
Shreveport Sioux City	. 17	5,000	204 490
South Bend	. 5	7,820	213,798
Springfield	. 5	1.075	275.175
Syracuse	. 34	1.275	349,775
Tacoma	b 2	9.599	144,194
Toledo	. 67	1.605	637,980
Topeka	. 11	5,177	78,882

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Seven Months' Total Larger. For the seven months ending July 31, the building permits issued in 57 reached a total value of \$393,500,000, compared with \$367,900,000 for the corresponding months last year, an in-crease of 8 per cent. The details fol-

		Jan. 1 to Aug.	Jan. 1
C	ity-	1, 1913.	to Aug 1, 1912.
Akr		3.539.370	\$ 2,762,9
Alba	any	2,185,535	2.555.2
	inta	4.664.391	3,546.7
Balt	imore	5.775.493	4,400,2
Ced	ar Rapids.	1,180,000	1,000,4
Chic	ago	63,924,600	B1,158,3
Cine	innati	6,643,036	4,972,5
Clev	eland	12,557,150	9,034,1
	imbus	3,118,748 5,966,355	3,025,0
Dall	ver	1,811,845	3,153,3
Dea	Moines	1,583,479	3,415,0
Det	rolt	18,981,085	1.452,3 15,651,0
Dul		2,894,172	1.529.0
Eva	nsville	1,173,534	705.7
Gra	nd Rapids .	1,691,097	1,529,0 705,7 1,409,0
Har	risburg		
Har	trord	3,116,000	5,322,63
Indi	anapolis	5,331,473	5.276.5
Kan	sas City .	6,126,920	7,012,0
	Angeles	21,333,004	
Man	chester	1,044,134 2,816,290	1,162,8
Men	in Partition	2,816,290	8,702,80
Min	waukee	8,007,399	1,152,8 8,702,5 9,983,0 7,179,2
Non	neapolis	6,955,670 1,311,427	700 1
	Haven	2 457 998	
New	Orleans	2,457,998 3,054,633	2 491 7
Man	Orleans .	52,096,,714	3,195,9 2,491,7 74,331,7
Broo	oklyn	21,535,679	25,993,6 24,532,2 124,847,7 4,424,7 2,878,9
Bron	OX.	17,412,885	24.522.23
New	York	90,045,278	124,847,7
	land	4,616,947	4,424,7
Oma	ha	2,447,548	2,878,9
Pate	rson	964,411	1,375,0 805,2
Peor	da	1,478,149	805,20
Phil	adelphia .	24,607,185 9,998,144 8,298,500	22,806,0 6,615,7 10,414,0
Port	sburg	8 208 500	10 414 3
Pick	mond	2,610,319	4 950 9
Rock	land imond hester	5.897.092	4,850,2 7,626,9
St	Joseph	D40.255	679,0
St.	Louis	10.412,307	13,613,1
Salt	Lk. City	1,299,478	2,199,41
San	Francisco.	12,832,000	14,880,99
	nton	815,443	14,880,99 807,00
Seat		6,634,090	D. 4 2/ S. 3
Shre	x City	887,775 1,276,228	688,3 1,676,5 591,9
Blou	x City	1,276,228	1,676,5
gout	h Bend	595,664	591,91
Syri	ngfield	487.984	711,80
Terre	cuse	2,765,310	2,545,43
Tole	oma	1,947,998 3,604,942	3,832,90
Tone	da	543,919	599,4
Troy	7	0401010	000,40
Was	hington	6,326,421	18,097 4
WIII	cesBarre .	1.179,506	18,097,42 1,476.72
Wor	cester	3,121,314	3,660,41
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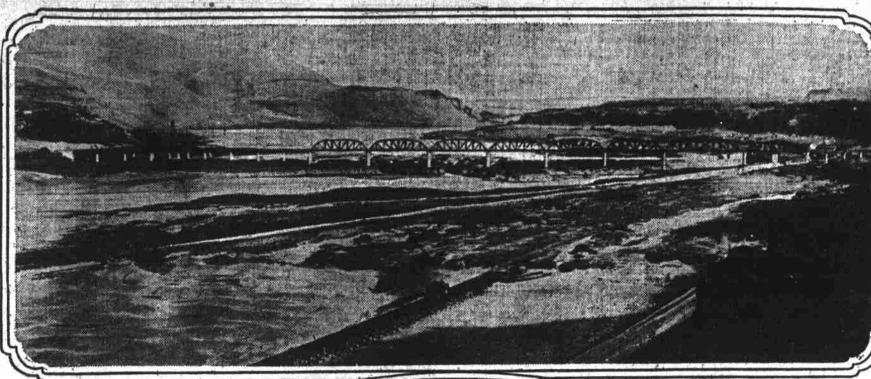
Total\$393,500,000 \$67,900,000
The indications are that Portland's building record for the year will ap-867,900,000 proximate \$15,000,000, which will be the third largest sum expended for new construction in any one year and will give Portland the rank of ninth in the building line among American cities.

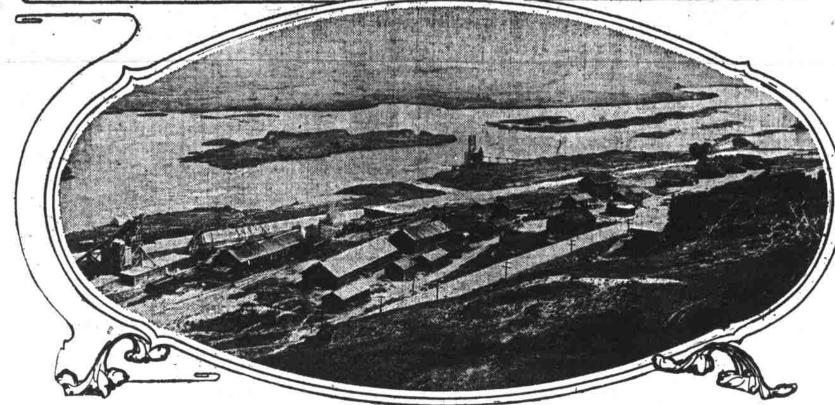
CHINESE IS IMPRISONED FOR PRACTISING BIGAMY

(By the International News Service,) Hongkong, Aug, 16.—The first Chinese bigamy trial that has ever taken place has just ended in Un Chan Tse being sentenced to 80 days' imprisonment by cution was instigated by the Chinese woman suffragist society.

An ingenious machine which cuts the

CELILO CANAL WILL BE COMPLETED BY JANUARY, 1915





Top-Oregon Trunk railroad bridge at Celilo-a mile long, with 22 spans, the only bridge spanning a great river of which all of the piers rest upon bed rock above low water. Bottom-United States engineers' construction camp at Big Eddy, near the west end of the Celilo canal during high water period this year.

Saving of Time and Money in Construction of Upper River Waterway.

The Celilo canal will be completed by January, 1915, 18 months before the time scheduled for completion, and at a cost several hundred thousand dollars than the original \$4,500,000 esti-

Through it navigation will be opened between the upper and lower Columbia coincidentally with the opening of the Panama canal, and in a way that will emphasize the importance of provision for water traffic in all the Columbia

879.941 damage to the canal of \$100,000 to \$200,-000, which would have been much greater had it not been for efficient preventive safeguards instituted by the engineers in charge,

These are conclusions of a party, consisting of former Senator Jonathan Bourne Jr., C. S. Jackson and Major Jay J. Morrow, who visited the canal Thurs-

The visitors were impressed with the magnitude of the work and the efficiency with which it has been done by

Major Morrow and his assistants, They heard Major Morrow say that the work would have been much delayed had it not been for the freedom given the government to use the state portage railroad around the rapids. Another road could not have been constructed so cheaply by the government or have been ready for use in time.

Another feature that appealed was the shipbuilding plant at Ceillo, which has under construction the dredge Wallows to take the place of the weakened

Asotin The big bridge of the Oregon Trunk railroad at Celilo attracted attention. It is a mile long, has 22 spans, and is the only bridge in the world, spanning a great river, the piers of which rest upon bed rock above low water,

Doubled Appropriations Save Time.

Doubling the appropriation to be an-nually expended on the Celilo canal has greatly forwarded the date of its completion. An increase in the number of workmen from 600 to 1200 at the end of the harvest season will also expedite the work,

Senator Bourne was enthusiastic over the prospects and after his return made the following statement:

"The purpose of our journey was to visit the Celilo canal and to determine whether any additional appropriation would be required to complete the project, beyond the \$600,000 increase I secured in the last rivers and harbors bill, because of this year's flood, which resulted in delaying the work and in the accumulation of sand deposited by the flood in partially completed portions of the canal.
"I was greatly impressed with the

rapid progress that had been made in the work by Major Morrow and his assistants, Captains Robert and Dillon and Assistant Engineer Frederick C. Schubert, and the smoothness and rapidity with which this, one of the greatest canal projects in the United States, is progressing. After talking to Major Morrow and his assistants, I gleaned the impression that this work vill be completed by January 1, 1915, is months from the present date, and a year and a half sooner than was conemplated when the project was adopted by congress and instituted by the engineers, this expedition being due to the increase in the appropriation in last year's bill and to the efficient management of the work by Major Morrow and

his assistants. "The value of the 18 months' saving in time in completing the project is not only incalculable to Portland, but to he whole 250,000 square miles tributary territory to the Columbia, basin, equally affecting Oregon, Washington and Idaho,

"I was greatly pleased to hear from the engineers that delays and damages occasioned by this year's flood would not increase the cost of the work to exceed \$200,000, and probably not more neads from Kaffir corn and drops them than \$100,000, so that additional approints a wagon is the invention of an printions in subsequent rivers and har-oklahoma man.

than the above mentioned amount, in ment resulting from same in the way loyalists in Portugal, who still hope to the obtaining of which there will be no of municipal improvements and the type see him restored to the throne. original estimate of \$4,500,000 made when adopted by congress.

ment is due to the able and efficient management of the engineers in charge. I believe the work will be completed more expeditiously, efficiently and economi-cally under the United States engineers' direction than would have been possible had it been constructed by private en-

"An undertaking of this nature not only requires highly developed engineering ability but business and executive The flood of early summer caused a his assistants, have exemplified in this ability as well, which Major Morrow and saving of several hundred thousand dollars in purchase of materials and by organization and coefficiency of the to more than 1000.

"During the several hours we spent in The Dalles I was greatly impressed with the public spirit and the develop- many. Many of these have come from

difficulty, and even then the cost of of buildings and the virile business conthe project completed will fall several ditions shown by the class of stores hundred thousand deliars below the and the merchandise carried."

"Credit for this saving to the government is due to the ship and afficient RING FOR MANUEL

Wedding Gifts Begin to Pour In Upon Deposed Portuguese Monarch.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

London, Aug. 16.—Numerous wedding presents have already been received by ex-King Manuel, who in September is to marry Princess Augustine Victoria of Hohenzollern, at Sigmaringen, Ger-(United Press Leased Wire.) working force which now amounts to presents have already been received by about 650 men, to be rapidly increased ex-King Manuel, who in September is Hohenzollern, at Sigmaringen, Ger-

An unique gift was sent secretly by a group of political prisoners in Lisbon It is a leaden ring, beautifully engraved with the royal arms, that had been fashioned from metal secretly removed in small bits from culinary utensils used in the prison. Several of the prisoners who are expert jewelers contributed the workmanship.

Manuel, according to his secretary, has sent a request to his partisans in Portugal that such gifts as they may care to make be of as little intrinsic value as possible and that instead of spending large sums of money in token of their loyalty, he would much prefer that such amounts go to relieve the destitute families of the royalist pris-

Journal Want Ads bring results.

SMALL BOOM EXISTS IN COUNTRY REALTY ALL OVER THE STATE

Several Fine Ranches Change Hands; Pendleton Market Picks Up; Deals at Gresham

The Griffin Creek ranch belonging William Scheble and located near Ashland, was sold last week to a Calfornia investor for \$50,000. The place a noted dairy and alfalfa ranch and is one of the most valuable pieces of farm property in the state. It contains 240 acres, highly improved and well provided with farm buildings.

The following recent transactions are eported at Hood River:
W. J. King to L. L. Forrest, 9 acres

n Belmont. Walter Gardner to Henry W. Han-num, 40 acres south of Fir, \$1600. J. M. Wright to M. E. Wright, lot 25, block 8, Odd Fellows cemetery. W. A. Lockman to Elsie Swick, 11 acres at Odell.

William Stauffer, 81/2 acres in Barrett district, \$1818.10. C. W. Hooker to J. R. Norton, 10 acres at Tucker's bridge.

Thomas F. Johnson, sheriff's deed to

Pendleton city property is looking up. Within the past few weeks a con-siderable amount of the choicest residence property in that city having changed hands at good figures. Harry Hexter has owned a full block front in the center of Pendleton for 26 years. He has always held it at one price with no buyers. Recently the street in front of this property was paved with the result that Mr. Hexter has sold all of his frontage at the old fig-ure, that is, \$1500 for corners and \$1250 for inside lots. Gus La Fontain, N. D. Swearingen, W. J. Clark and D. Brusha were the buyers.

Chris Gresli has sold his 300-acre farm of river bottom land on the north fork of the Nehalem river. Thirty-three thousand dollars was the price.

Gresham reports a veritable boom in farm lands. One firm operating at Gresham sold three farms last week for a total consideration of \$10,000. W. D. Deaver paid \$5000 for a 20-acre tract located a short distance from Gresham; P. H. Roork sold to J. E. Johnson, 10 acres near Orient for \$2000, and E. A. Moore paid \$3000 for 10 acres in Troutdale Park.

The contract for the construction of a new Masonic Temple at McMinnville was awarded last Wednesday to Robert Shelley of Portland. As designed, the building is to have 3 stories with ground dimensions of 80x95 feet. It is to be of brick construction with slowburning interior and will cost abou Plans have matured for the erection

of a large 2 story brick hotel at Sheridan. Carlton is also to have a new hotel, construction of the building being w under way. John Bryant, of Brigham, Utah, has purchased a 10 acre ranch located near

Carlton, for which he paid \$200 the acre.

A French invention of phonograph records on a prepared cloth, which may be mailed like a letter, threatens to seriously rival stenographers.

COMMITS SUICIDE IN LONELY MOUNTAIN CAVE (By the International News Service,) Vienna, Aug. 16,—The body of Harr Kumposcht, who committed suicids in a

cave on Mount Buchstein, in the Austrian Alps, has just been brought down Herr Kumposcht went up the moun-tain with a friend, Herr Werner. They were overtaken by a storm. Herr Kumposcht remained on the mountain while

his friend went for assistance. In A diary he left behind Herr Kumposcht describes how lonely he felt, though he could see the lights in the village the plain below.

Overcome with exhaustion he crept into a cave, where finally, to put an end to his anxiety, he opened a vein with a pocket knife, with which he also

pierced his heart in four places. The last words written by him read: Werner has gone for assistance but has not returned. I cannot bear the suspense any longer."



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