

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.

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, 193, and Wilkes-Barre, 198.

Figures Compared.

Table comparing building construction figures for July 1912 and July 1913 across various cities like Akron, Albany, Atlanta, Baltimore, Bridgeport, Cedar Rapids, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Dallas, Denver, Des Moines, Detroit, Duluth, Evansville, Grand Rapids, Harrisburg, Hartford, Indianapolis, Kansas City, Los Angeles, Louisville, Manchester, Memphis, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, New Haven, New Orleans, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Portland, Richmond, Rochester, St. Joseph, St. Louis, Salt Lake City, San Antonio, San Francisco, Scranton, Seattle, St. Paul, Sioux City, South Bend, Springfield, Syracuse, Tacoma, Toledo, Troy, Washington, Wilkes-Barre, Worcester, and a Total.

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 increase of 8 per cent. The details follow:

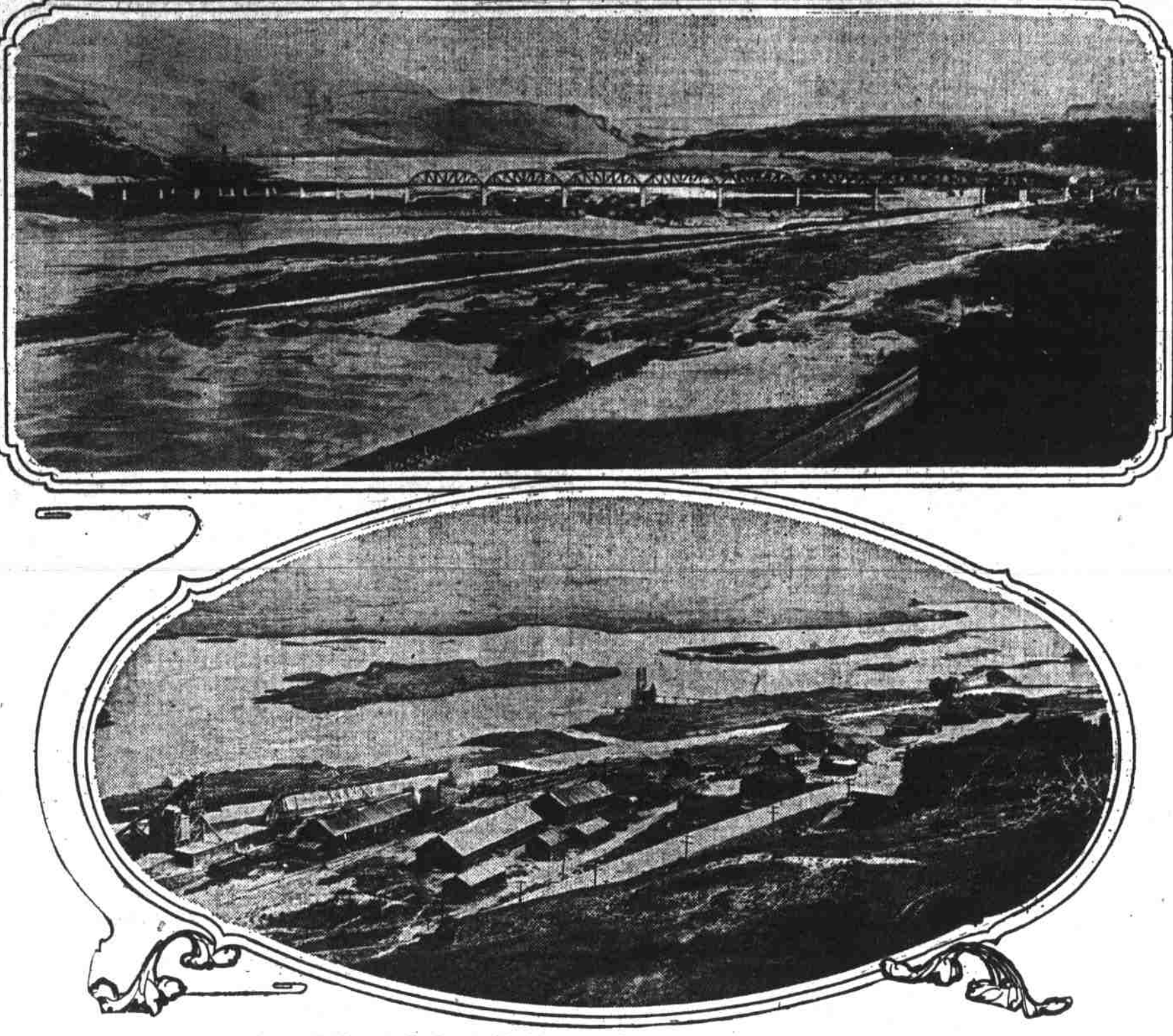
Table comparing building permits issued from Jan. 1 to Aug. 1, 1912 and Jan. 1 to Aug. 1, 1913 for various cities and a Total.

The first Chinese bigamy trial that has ever taken place has just ended in the Chin. The defendant was sentenced to 30 days' imprisonment by a mixed court at Shanghai. The prosecution was instigated by the Chinese woman suffragist society.

CHINESE IS IMPRISONED FOR PRACTISING BIGAMY

An ingenious machine which cuts the heads from Kaffir corn and drops them into a wagon is the invention of an Oklahoma man.

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 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 less than the original \$4,500,000 made when adopted by congress.

Government Construction Satisfactory.

"Credit for this saving to the government is due to the able and efficient management of the engineers in charge. I believe the work will be completed more expeditiously, efficiently and economically under the United States engineer's direction than would have been possible had it been constructed by private enterprise.

Doubled Appropriations Save Time.

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

Entire Cost of Trip \$25.00

This includes fare both ways, Pullman accommodations en route and while parked at Pendleton, three meals on Friday, three meals on Saturday, admission to the grandstand Friday and Saturday.

PRISONERS WELD RING FOR MANUEL

Wedding Gifts Begin to Pour In Upon Deposed Portuguese Monarch. 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 prisoners.

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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 to William Scheble and located near Ashland, was sold last week to a California investor for \$50,000. The place is 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 reported at Hood River: W. J. King to L. L. Forrest, 9 acres in Belmont. Walter Gardner to Henry W. Hannum, 40 acres south of Fir, \$10,000.

Pendleton city property is looking up. Within the past few weeks a considerable amount of the choicest residence property in that city having changed hands at good figures. Harry Dexter has owned a full block front in the center of Pendleton for 26 years.

Chris Gressl 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.

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 a slow burning interior and will cost about \$34,000.

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 now 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.

COMMITTS SUICIDE IN LONELY MOUNTAIN CAVE

(By the International News Service.) Vienna, Aug. 16.—The body of Herr Kumposcht, who committed suicide in a cave on Mount Buchstein, in the Austrian Alps, has just been brought down the mountain. Herr Kumposcht went up the mountain 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 on the plain below.



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The Journal's Special Trains

TO THE Pendleton Round-Up

Leave Portland Thursday, September 11, at 11 p. m., arriving in Pendleton Friday morning at 7 o'clock. Friday and Saturday will be spent viewing the Round-Up. The specials start on the homeward journey at midnight Saturday, September 13, arriving in Portland Sunday morning, 8 o'clock.

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