

MARCH WHICH CLOSED SATURDAY RED LETTER MONTH FOR PORTLAND

Increased Postal Receipts and Gains in Bank Clearings Show Improved Conditions

STATISTICS SATISFACTORY

Real Estate and Building Service Great. Activity and More Interest Evident Than in Any Preceding Month.

With promise of considerable building activity, increased postal receipts and substantial gains in bank clearings, the month of March has been a red letter month for Portland as indicating improved business conditions. Statistics for the month which are generally accepted as indicating the pulse of business show general improvement.

Gains of 33 Per Cent.

Real estate and building have shown a greater activity than in any preceding month this year. Building permits issued in March, 1917, amounted to \$226,210, a gain of 150 per cent over February and of 25 per cent over March, 1916. Real estate transfers for the month totaled \$459,708, a gain of 23 per cent over last month, but a decrease of 40 per cent over March, 1916.

Postal receipts were estimated at approximately \$110,000, an increase of about 4 per cent over the receipts of March, 1916.

For the first quarter of 1917, total receipts are estimated at \$321,516.15, an increase of 6 per cent over the same period last year.

Postal savings were swelled by \$18,000, bringing the total deposits up to \$1,456,726.

Bank Clearings Show Strength. Bank clearings for the month show a gain of \$192,149.53 over March of 1916, the comparative figure being \$62,724,839.11, as against \$52,432,689.58.

Close Reading Room At Scadding House

Episcopal Social Service League decides that there is no need for it. Now that few are unsuccessful.

Scadding House reading room, which has been open for the winter months, was closed yesterday for the season because the coming of spring will take men out of town until next winter.

The Episcopal Social Service League, which maintains Scadding House, decided last autumn that there was no need to open all of the institution, since there was no such unemployment condition as when the place was first opened some three years ago.

By the first of the year, however, there seemed to be need for such a club as Scadding House aims to be, among the institutions of our city. So the reading room was opened in January at 48 North Second street, thereby furnishing to men the only place where they could find the liberty of a private club without cost or condition other than being orderly in behavior.

The room was open from 2 o'clock in the afternoon to 10 o'clock in the evening and was frequented by men who sleep when they have the price, in cheerless lodging houses of the north end, and work when they can get a chance, at odd jobs during the winter months.

The record of attendance shows an average of 702 for afternoons and of 880 for evenings during January; and of 1245 and 1136 during February; and of 1263 and 1076 during March; which figures show that there are many men who appreciate a place where they can read and write; talk and sing; play games and smoke; without having to listen to some religious or social panacea, or be investigated by some sociological student, as a condition for admission to its privileges. It is the intention to reopen the reading room, and as much more of Scadding house as may be needed, the first of next November and keep open until the first of April.

Wedding Bells Ring. Miss Olivia Harper, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Harper, of this city, was married Wednesday, March 21, to Charles McPhaden of Seattle, Wash.

FINLEY'S PICTURES WIN



WILLIAM L. FINLEY
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Photograph of W. L. Finley, Oregon state biologist, and tribute to him paid by the Worcester, Mass., Telegram, following his exhibition of motion pictures of wild life in Oregon.

Wherever in the east, Will L. Finley, Oregon state biologist, exhibits his motion pictures of wild life in the northwest, he wins the hearts of his audiences for Oregon.

On his present tour he has lectured to large gatherings in Chicago, Philadelphia, Washington, New York and other cities.

After he had given one of the largest audiences of business men that ever assembled in Worcester, Mass., an opportunity to see the movies of fish and game and birds, the Worcester Daily Telegram in its leading story of March 23, said:

"Neither in the pursuit of fame nor the delicate handling of the rushing fish did sportmen feel greater thrills than last night when they gathered in the Bancroft to the annual dinner of Worcester Fish and Game association. 'Of the many big things the association has fostered since its organization four years ago, nothing compared with the combined sportsmen's show, dinner and moving pictures of outdoor life last night.'"

"More than 700 sportsmen sat down to dinner. . . . But better than either (trophies and oratory) was an exhibition of motion pictures of bird and animal life and wonderful salmon scenes in far off Oregon, taken and described by William L. Finley, Portland, Or."

"The actions of the birds, game and fish, as real as if performed in the presence of the spectators, thrilled the sportsmen as earnestly as though they were on the scene. When the last of the pictures had been thrown on the screen and the sportsmen were filing from the room, there was universal rejoicing in the magnificent entertain-

TWO AMERICANS DEAD, EIGHTEEN MISSING IS CRISPIN SINKING TOLL

British Ship, Reported Sunk Without Warning, Carried 69 Americans.

DEAD MEN WERE NEGROES

One of Three Americans on Board Was Injured When the British Steamer Epitafio Was Destroyed.

Washington, March 31.—(I. N. S.)—The toll of death and destruction that the German submarine zone has demanded of American shipping mounted steadily as the state department received consular reports on the sinking of ships bearing American citizens.

Consul Washington, at Liverpool, tonight told of the death of two American negroes, and of the fact that 18 Americans are unaccounted for in the sinking of the British ship Crispin. His dispatch, supplementing earlier reports to the department, said:

Cablegram Gives Details. "Joint affidavit of four American seamen, Charles Smith, Everett, Mass.; Frank Brooks, Baltimore, Md.; James Fitzpatrick, Chicago; Albert Grieve, Cincinnati, indicates two Americans, colored firemen, names so far unknown, killed in Crispin explosion. Eighteen Americans so far unaccounted for in captain's boat. There were 69 Americans on the Crispin, 10 firemen, two seamen, 57 cattlemen. Carried one gun aft. Submarine was German. The submarine ordered a rescue trawler to leave the vicinity under threat that she would torpedo the rescue ship."

Vessel Was Not Warned. A previous cable from Consul Moorhead at Swansea had reported the sinking of the Crispin and had indicated that the boat in charge of the captain of the Crispin had attempted to make the Irish coast. This cable declared that the Crispin was sunk without warning and that the submarine was not seen.

Consul Frost at Queenstown reported that the exposition of the torpedo which sunk the Crispin killed five men, two of them Americans, and he transmitted the names of 10 Americans of the crew who were landed at Queenstown.

Other Ships Were Sunk. The destruction of the British steamer Snowden Range, likewise torpedoed without warning resulted in the death of four men. Four Americans, who were among the crew, were saved, consul Washington reported.

The Snowden Range was torpedoed and after the crew took to the boats the ship was shelled by the submarine. The crew was taken into Holyhead.

From the Mediterranean war zone came the news of the destruction of the British steamer Epitafio, reported by Consul Gaultin, at Marseilles. The Epitafio, which carried three American firemen, was sunk without warning.

One American Was Injured. After she had been torpedoed the submarine, without a flag or any indication of her nationality, approached the boats after the crew had left the ship. The captain of the sunken vessel, the first and second officers, four engineers and a gunner, who manned the single gun aboard the Epitafio, were taken prisoners.

The remainder of the crew was then ordered to steer the boats for Malta where they arrived after suffering from exposure from Friday afternoon until Sunday morning. James Dennis, of Hampton, Va., one of the Ameri-

can children interested in the school. "I feel that educational work of this kind is bound to be of great importance for the state of Oregon. Last year when I lectured in Springfield, there were about 600 children present. They used the pictures and the work we are doing in Oregon as a basis for compositions in the schools. A lot of these were sent me afterwards, and in reading them over I noticed the children were very much impressed, and many expressed the desire to see these things in reality which they saw on the screen."

Prominent Woman Educator Ends Life. Steubenville, Ohio, March 31.—(I. N. S.)—Mrs. Mary Allison, 35, a bride of eight months, one of Ohio's most prominent educators, committed suicide here today by leaping in front of a fast Cleveland and Pittsburgh freight train. Ill health is thought to have been the cause. Mrs. Allison was principal of the East Liverpool, Ohio, high school for 15 years.

City's Population Is Now 286,753; Increase Is Shown. Portland's population, according to the figures of R. L. Polk & Co., publishers of the city directory, has increased 818 in the past 14 months, or 2.3 per cent. The total population is now 286,753. The number of individual names enumerated in making the census for this year's directory was 122,446.

The total population of the city is determined by using a multiple of 2 1/2, which is considered conservative in making computations of this kind. These figures are considered correct to April 1.

The 1917 directory is now in the hands of the printer and will be issued in a few days.

Were in Hot Water! See Eilers Music House announcement on Page 11, section one of this issue. (Adv.)

cans on board, was injured by the torpedo explosion. The other Americans on board were Roy Adams, of Ellerton, Wis., and Edward Ryan, of Suffolk, Va.

Three negro American seamen are unaccounted for in the destruction of the Portuguese sailing ship Argo, bound from New Orleans to London. March 23, Consul Armstrong reported from Bristol.

Three Americans Missing. "William Pitts and Spencer Kennedy, colored American seamen, Portuguese sailing ship Argo, from New Orleans for London, carrying general cargo, swear Argo shelled without intentional warning by submarine flying German flag, 300 miles off Graves End 5 o'clock March 23," said the Armstrong cable. "Weather rough, cold, occupants lifeboats at sea four days, suffered from exposure. When picked up by British hospital ship and brought to Avonmouth, one lifeboat with three colored Americans unaccounted for. Their names unknown. Two other Americans, Troy Thomas, Charley Jackson, rescued, suffering from exposure. No other boats near by. Submarine offered no assistance. Argo made no resistance."

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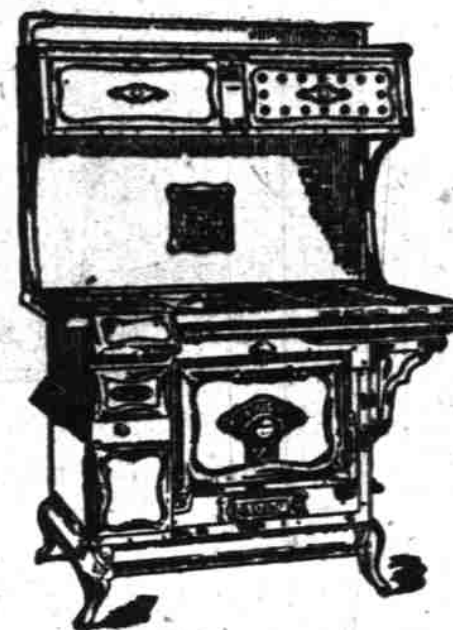
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