

BUSINESS ACTIVITY SHOWN BY REPORTS

Approximate Total Volume Is Given; Increase Declared Above Normal

SAN FRANCISCO, March 2.—Debits to individual accounts (bank debits) at banks in 20 clearing house centers in the Twelfth Federal Reserve district afford an approximate measure of the total volume of business activity in the district. These figures, corrected for usual seasonal variation, were 3.4 per cent larger than January this in December, 1924, and 5.0 per cent larger than in January, 1925. The latter increase is approximately equal to the estimated annual growth of business and trade in this district.

Comparative stability marked the industrial situation during the month, and there was little change in the volume of employment. Present employment figures are slightly smaller than a year ago, but there have been no reports of serious unemployment conditions during the winter. During January, the lumber mills of the district increased production from the annually low levels of December, and shipped more lumber than they produced. Stocks of lumber held by reporting mills on January 31, 1925, were smaller than one year ago. Unfilled orders on the books of these mills at the close of January, 1925, were 15.9 per cent smaller than at the close of January 1924. Mining activities continued during January at the relatively high levels of recent previous months and metal markets were seasonably active. Petroleum production in California was slightly less during January than in December, 1924. Decrease of production was accompanied by a seasonal decline of consumption during the later month which resulted in a further increase of 2,291,942 barrels in stored stocks, now aggregating

HUNDREDS OF WOODEN SHIPS BUILT BY U. S. DURING WAR FORM \$50,000,000 JUNK PILE IN VIRGINIA



Above is a view of the plant of the Western Marine and Salvage Company at Alexandria, Va., where hundreds of wooden vessels of the

emergency fleet are being destroyed to salvage the metals and other materials used in their construction. The value of the salvaged

materials will be only a small fraction of the \$50,000,000 it cost to build the ships.

190,121,316 barrels. Flour-millers of the district produced and sold less flour during January than in December, 1924. The decline in volume of sales was greater than in production, and millers' stocks of flour increased slightly during the month. In 20 cities of the district there was a decline of \$1,765,000 in value of building permits issued during January, 1925, as compared with January, 1924, 13 of the reporting cities showing increases and 7 decreases.

Irregularities in trade persisted. Of the 11 lines of wholesale business for which figures were compiled by this bank, 7 showed decreases in value of sales during January, 1925, as compared with January, 1924, the decreases being smaller, however, than were similar declines reported for December, 1924, with December, 1923. Trade at retail, as represented by sales of 36 department stores in principal cities of the district, declined by about the seasonal amount from December to January, and was smaller in the latter month than in January a year ago. The volume of retailers' outstanding orders was approximately 2.6 per cent greater in January, 1925, than in January, 1924.

The price level at the end of January was approximately 10 per cent above the low point of June, 1924, and 6 per cent higher than in January, 1924, according to the wholesale price index number of the United States department of labor. During the closing months of 1924, prices of farm products as a group attained an approximate parity with their 1913 relationship to prices of other commodity groups, a position maintained during January. On January 30, 1925, wheat for May delivery on the Chicago market was quoted at \$2.04 per bushel, the highest price paid since January, 1920.

Further slow increase in the volume of credit advanced by member banks of the district was reported during the month, and a slight growth in borrowing from the federal reserve bank was noted. Interest rates charged by banks in leading cities tended slightly upward.

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LAW PRACTICES ARE DISCUSSED

Associate Justice Belt Addresses Meeting; Technical Rules Detailed

At the regular meeting held at The Spa Saturday evening, Associate Justice Belt of the Oregon supreme court was the principal speaker. Justice Belt laid stress on the tendency of the courts of law today in regard to adherence to technical rules. Justice is the primary aim of every court of law, he said, and old rules of procedure should not be allowed to interfere with the administration of the law. Courts are becoming more lenient in rulings on evidence and seek to discover all the facts concerning the case at hand. The also spoke on some of the methods of law practice which enable the lawyer to get the best results at the trial.

Justice Belt was recently elected to the supreme court and is the youngest member on the bench. Previous to this election he was trial judge in the circuit court for a term of ten years and before that he practiced law. At last evening's meeting James Young acted as toastmaster and in addition to the main address each member of the club presented some topic concerning law in a short talk. The following members spoke: Oliver Crowther on the law of Maru; Joseph O'Neill on the following of precedent; Manley Strayer on divorce; Leland Duncan on morality; Clarence Phillips on regulation of radio by congress; George Duncan on contempt of court; William McKinney on domicile and residence; Harold Hall on the history of the Willamette law school and George Rhoten on legal ethics.

Justice Rand, also of the Oregon supreme court, will speak at the next meeting of the club, March 27, and Benjamin Forbes will act as toastmaster for the occasion.

School Sponsors Spelling Contest at Silverton

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Former Silverton Man Dies at Home in Portland

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Five Students to Enter Peace Oratorical Contest

The try-outs at Willamette University for the peace oratorical contest will be held in the near future. This is one of the most important forensic contests in which Willamette will enter this year as a cash prize of \$60 is awarded to the winner and a prize of \$40 to second place.

BORAH LOSES FIGHT

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Senator Borah, republican, Idaho, lost his fight tonight to have the senate rescind its former action in voting an increase of salaries of senators and representatives from \$7,500 to \$10,000 a year.

Attractive Flannel Costume for Spring, and an Ensemble with Long Coat and Plaid Silk Frock



These models were shown in New York at a recent exhibition of advance modes. The flannel costume at the left promises to be popular in the early spring. The unusual ensemble attracted much attention.

Building Records Show Permits for \$43,500 Given

Building permits issued yesterday by City Recorder Poulsen considered a sum of \$43,500 to be used for building purposes, and which will be started within a few days. The permits were for the building of a factory, the erection of dwellings and one permit was for the repair of a store building. The following permits were issued:

The Miles Linen company, a permit to construct a reinforced concrete factory building at 2160 Fairgrounds road, estimated to cost \$33,000. The builder was given as A. A. Selwert.

E. T. Barkus of 215 Kearney is to build a dwelling costing \$3000; C. W. Standish to build a garage at 783 North Capitol costing \$500; Max O. Buren, local merchant, is to make repairs to his store building which will cost \$500; the Salem Construction company of 1390 South Liberty is to erect a dwelling costing \$5000, while W. E. Tripp is to build a dwelling at 2055 South Church street costing \$3500. All permits were dated March 2.

Polk County News—A very large crowd attended the prayer meeting at the home of Pink McGuinn Sunday afternoon. We are sorry to report he is improving slowly.

RHEUMATISM

IT'S A SHAME FOR YOU NOT TO GET RID OF RHEUMATISM

When Others Do It So Easily With Trunk's Prescription

Mrs. W. H. Stoddard of Upland, Mrs. John Obelle, 927 W. 3d St., Calif., in a letter says: "Trunk's Prescription for rheumatism is the ONLY thing that knocks the rheumatic pains, and to send four bottles."

Mrs. J. C. Breedlove, White Salmon, Man., writes: "I used your medicine for rheumatism and it cured me. I have a father-in-law who is suffering from rheumatism and I want to get it for him."

City Beautiful

Is the Slogan Editor's Topic This Week

Salem Beautiful; More Beautiful

Salem beautiful-- That is not enough. Salem is now a beautiful city-- But she has the setting for and the ambition to become the most beautiful city on earth. Salem is the bulb center of the United States.

It is now realized by Salem people that there is commercial value in beauty for a city. Beauty in a city brings people worth while; draws industries; enlists capital.

With every stream that meanders through Salem given a border of beauty, and all the helps to nature that may be taken advantage of in adding to the attractiveness of the city, Salem will realize her ambition.

Thursday's Statesman Will Offer Many Suggestions for Beautifying Your Home and Salem

Watch for this Issue



Noses

Quickly Cleared

When the head is stuffed up with catarrh or a cold it signifies a local germ attack. Then combat it locally. Fight the germs where they exist. The way is Ely's Cream Balm. Apply a little in the nostrils and breathe it. Let its antiseptic fumes penetrate all the air passages. The head is cleared instantly, inflammation is subdued, the whole trouble is checked. Internal treatments deal only with effects. Deal with the cause for quick relief. Ask your druggist for a bottle of Ely's Balm, and you misery can be in a moment. Do that.