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BUILDING INDUSTRY PROSPECTS BRIGHT

S. W. Straus Survey Based Upon Permits Issued During Month of July

A prospect of continued activity in the building industry during the coming fall is indicated by heavy increases in July permits, reported yesterday to the national monthly building survey of S. W. Straus & Co. The total in 277 cities and towns was \$387,936,257 compared to \$274,901,172 in July last year. This was an increase of more than \$113,000,000, or 41 per cent.

Of this volume the 25 leading cities reported 65 per cent, showing that the large centers of population are rapidly re-building in accordance with the popular demand for modern buildings of all types. It is no longer a question of "over-built" or "under-built" conditions, but rather a nationwide movement to tear down obsolete structures and erect new ones which will meet the standards and requirements of today.

Eastern cities, 108 reporting to the S. W. Straus & Co. survey, show a July gain of 65 per cent, the highest of any region. The southern cities, 73 reporting, were second in proportionate gain, having an increase of 38 per cent. The central west, 116 cities reporting, had a gain of 29 per cent, and the Pacific west, 80 cities, a gain of 3 per cent.

Many leading cities showed heavy gains. Only four among the volume leaders fell short of July, 1924: Los Angeles, Washington, Baltimore and Milwaukee. New York had a gain of 121 per cent, all boroughs contributing. Philadelphia had a gain of 176 per cent, and for the first time displaced Chicago in second position. Chicago was third, with a 46 per cent gain, and Detroit fourth with a gain of 55 per cent. The leading southern cities held their boom positions, Hollywood leading the whole country with a gain of 2382 per cent and Tampa 740 per cent over July, 1924. Miami Beach was second in proportionate gain with 545 per cent. Other outstanding gains among the larger cities were in San Francisco, Kansas City, Mo., Toledo, St. Louis, Newark, N. J., St. Paul, Pittsburgh.

When none end of a new tooth brush becomes worn it can be reversed on its handle and the other end used.

PUSHING CHURCH WORK BUILDING WILL BE READY ABOUT SEPTEMBER 1

According to Glenn L. Adams, who has charge of the inside work the building of the First Congregational church will be ready for use prior to September 1, the contemplated opening date.

The building is being completely remodeled from top to bottom and new roofing placed over the present shingles. The walls are being frescoed and the woodwork inside refinished with ivory enamel. Pews and furniture are being refinished and a new carpet will be laid.

Three men have been working on the building and the cost of the improvement is estimated at \$1500.

Huge Tower Is Erected for Theater Construction

A huge tower for the purpose of handling concrete by the gravity method is ready for use on the site of the Guthrie theater, on High street, just across the street from the Oregon Electric station. Forms for the concrete have been completed and work on the basement will start in the immediate future.

IMPROVEMENT IS MADE SALEM SALVATION ARMY HALL HAS CHANGED FRONT

The local Salvation Army hall, at 341 State street, has a somewhat changed front this week. Besides a new bulletin board, which announces the meetings, one of the front windows has been fixed up for "display advertising of the Gospel." In this will be kept an open Bible with its pages turned frequently for the public's reading. "Now, then, if someone would only come down and give us a coat of silt, our whole 'front' might enhance the appearance of lower State street," said the captain in charge.

DRIVER IS BLAMED SEATTLE, Aug. 21.—At a coroner's inquest here today Alonzo M. Parks, Berry ranch proprietor and driver of a car in which two women were killed Wednesday when it was struck by an interurban train, at White River on the Seattle-Tacoma route, was held responsible for the accident.

Testimony showed that there was an unobstructed view of the tracks in both directions from the spot of the accident.

Oregon state highway board is building 21 bridges, to cost \$900,000.

Mrs. Fiske to Campaign Against Using Steel Trap

CHICAGO—The steel trap, to Mrs. Minnie Madden Fiske, the actress, "is the most villainous instrument of arrest that was ever invented by the human mind," and early this fall she will inaugurate a campaign among women for its extinction. Mrs. Fisks will visit many leading cities and will personally meet the women, not for the purpose of discouraging the wearing of furs but with the object of outlawing the steel trap in the fur industry.

Mrs. Fisks for more than 25 years has been actively interested in anti-cruelty work. She believes that if American women knew the inside story of trapping and its subsequent torture, public opinion would stop the manufacture of the instruments.

"The human race is in terror of physical agony and spends millions of dollars a year in research to conquer pain," Mrs. Fisks said. "The scientist who discovers some new method to relieve pain is acclaimed a world hero, yet we are unawake to the suffering of the countless dumb animals which feel almost as we feel."

"The steel trap has no place in civilization, and we hope to awaken the modern woman to the shame and horror and degradation of it. When women know how furs are obtained they will band themselves and refuse to purchase or wear furs procured by the steel trap."

Prehistoric Reservoirs Found in Nevada Valley

GOLD HILL, Utah—A series of six immense reservoirs believed to have been constructed about 50,000 years ago have been discovered in Spring Valley, Nevada, by members of the Cosmographic society.

The reservoirs are triangular and range from a few inches to 60 feet in depth. The retaining walls are about 800 yards long and are feathered back into the hillsides. The walls are from 6 to 25 feet thick and are believed to be composed of granite, covered with debris.

The huge tanks overlook a once fertile valley, where coal deposits have since been found. It is thought by members of the society that the reservoirs were used for irrigation purposes.

Claims that the reservoirs resulted from glacial action have been denied by the Cosmographic Society, which points out that no trick of a glacier could construct six perfectly symmetrical masonry formations. In a limestone cave in the

mountainside above the reservoirs members of the Smithsonian Institution found several crude implements and weapons, among which were several "arrow springs," a little wooden rod with one end bent into a hook. The arrow was placed into the crook and the erod sprung after the fashion of the catapult. The "arrow spring" is considered to have preceded the bow by several hundred years.

Bethel School Building Construction Work Begun

Construction work on the new Bethel school building, five miles east of Salem, began last week, and under the contract must be completed within 60 days. Drying of the plaster is expected to take up a majority of the required time.

Valley Motor Addition Is Nearing Completion

Completion of the new building adjoining the Valley Motor company and being erected by the firm is expected by September 1, according to W. L. Phillips, manager. The building is of pressed brick construction similar to that occupied by the Valley Motor company. The stock room at the rear was completed recently while a ramp, by means of which automobiles may be taken to the top of the stock room and moved into the second floor of the main garage building, is nearly completed.

BUILDING PERMITS HIGH LICENSES TO BUILD AVERAGE ONE FOR EACH DAY

Building permits for the first twenty-two day of this month total \$93,850, according to the records of City Recorder Mark Poulsen. Twenty-two permits have been issued during the period, averaging one a day or an averaging in property value of \$4266 per day.

The largest permit issued during the first three weeks of the month was to the new paper converting company which applied for a permit to construct the first unit of its \$100,000 plant at a cost of \$35,000. Three permits were issued for building that will cost in excess of \$6000.

Permits have been issued for 13 dwelling houses, 2 brick and concrete stores, 1 concrete mill, 1 apartment house, 1 warehouse, 1 summer house, and for the repair of 3 dwellings.

Only the front of a check is embossed by a new protective device, the back being left smooth for endorsements.

MARKETS ABOUT SAME CONSTRUCTION COSTS DURING JULY ARE NOT HIGHER

Cost of construction during July was very little changed from that of June. For the most part, prices were maintained at previous levels, though in a few isolated instances there were minor downward fluctuations.

The steel industry witnessed a much better month than it had anticipated. The low stocks and curtailment in production has left it ready for gradual improvement. In fact, mill operations are already increased and buying during the month was distinctly more satisfactory. A \$2.00 Pittsburgh equivalent continued as the ruling quotation.

Lumber shipment continued to exceed orders. In Southern pine there has been something of a stiffening in price, but present levels are still low. Demand has improved, but wholesalers are refusing to accept orders for future delivery as they fee that the curtailment in mill activities is going to mean more profitable



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Heavy Traffic Jams Show Recovery From World War

BERLIN—Heavy vehicular traffic in Berlin belies the idea that the city is still in a more or less paralytic state from the effects of the war, according to a traffic census taken recently by the National Zeitung at Potsdamer Platz.

Crossing this square, the center of traffic in Berlin, approximately 1461 automobiles, 1281 bicycles, 200 street cars, 162 buses and 179 sundry vehicles were counted in one hour. Subway tunnels from each of the eight tunnels of the Platz have been proposed as one means of relieving the traffic congestion.

Of English invention is a single cylinder motor plow that is claimed to do as much work as four horses.

Flax production of Willamette Valley near Salem estimated at 2500 tons.

Hillsboro—12,000 square yards street paving being laid for \$26,000.

Baker City building permits from Jan. 1 to July 25 reached \$300,000.

WOLVES CAUSE LOSS

MOSCOW—Destruction of livestock by wolves during the last year entailed a loss of 1,000,000 gold rubles. During that time, statistics show that 52,000 horses, 50,000 cattle and 25,000 other animals were devoured by the wolves.

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Pretty Italian Style Home. This week's plan shows a one story five-room dwelling of excellent design that ought to appeal to people of moderate means, who desire to build a house to own and live in. This stucco home, with tile roof, Spanish front and attractive side elevation and porch, would be very suitable for a corner plot. There are three extraordinary entrances. The front recess entry, especially receptive for guests, opens into a spacious living room, with fireplace. The side porch entrance to the dining room would be used as a family entry in daily commutation and thus avoid constantly walking through the living room. The rear doorway and vestibule, also affords private admittance to the back bedroom. Each chamber is quite comfortable with built-in clothes closet, window and door placements. The bath is easily accessible from the living room and bedrooms. The kitchen and breakfast nook is of the approved modern type and size. A laundry is in the basement. These plans are of the most original architectural design and room arrangement and published blue prints will be furnished at the benefit of the readers of moderate cost upon application. Plan No. 550. Two sets of blue prints and specifications for the above house or other houses will be supplied at nominal cost upon application to SPAULDING LOGGING CO. SALEM, OREGON

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