Building Activity in Salem Increases \$1,000,000 in the Past Year

Amout of Building In 1926 Is 50 Per Cent Greater Than In 1925, And Increase Is Sixteen Times the 1925 Increase Over 1924—Conclusion Is Conservative Because It Is Based on Builders' Previous Estimates of Cost, Which Are Low In the Aggregate—New Construction Varies From Skyscraper Office Building to Humble Private Garages and Additions To Residences—April Is Banner Month, With 79 Permits Issued For Values of \$561,375—Activity Is Normal Without Evidence of "Boom," For Gain Was Gradual From Previous Year

Average Cost Is \$5,531 For 500 New Structures

Growth In Percentage of Building Greatest Since 1907. May Even Exceed That Year-List of New Buildings Includes 33 Estimated to Cost Over \$8,000 Each

the figure which represents Sa- started, 79. lem's increase in building activity during the last year. With that magical and concrete figure in mind, it has little additional meaning to say that 1926 has been Salem's biggest year in construction of new buildings.

In stating the stupendous fact of this city's phenomenal growth more concretely, it might be well to say that the increase in building over the previous year is more than 50 per cent. Then it might be added that it is 16 times as great as the increase of the previous year.

Of course, the increase is not exactly \$1,000,000, but with the last two months' figures, which were not available when this survey was made, it is certain to be well over that amount.

Here are the total figures for the last three years. The 1926. total includes, as a basis of estimate, the last two months of the previous year. Due to a revival of activity in dwelling construction, these figures were certain to

1,794,935 2,765,450

This total represents the conservatively estimated values of 508 separate construction jobs. averaging \$5,531 in cost. Conservatively estimated, because builders do not affix a high estimate of cost when paying for building permits on a ratio basis. It would undoubtedly be found that on completion, the average cost and the total amount of Salem's new construction would be greater.

The increase which reaches total of \$1,000,000 is not signifi- 445. C. Van Patien, builder. cant of a sudden or short lived "boom." Monthly totals fluctuate normally, with the peak at the usual time of year, in April.
Following are the amounts of

building started each month dur-ing the two years ending Novem-ber 1, 1926:

..... \$ 31,200 \$ 79,550 48,000 Dec. 1 83,925 112,650 76.450 Feb. p 154,950 122.875 Mar. 155.600 227,620 Apr. 268,675 May 120,950 281,650 385,700 189,730 493,050 Aug. 131,600 192,280 Sept. 113,600 Oct. 70,680 242,800

April's remarkable record, the greatest in Salem's history, is not accounted for principally by one or two large buildings, for it is also the biggest month of the

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Percentage Growth High In percentage of new building with relation to the city's alze and population, the growth during the past year is the greatest since 1907, if it was eclipsed in that year.

Following are some of the larger buildings which go to make up the nearly three million dollars' worth of construction in Salem started in 1926:

John Williamson, two story concrete building, lot 2 block 3 Highway addition, \$75,000. Dorothy and Helen Pearce, re-

modeling brick building at 325 Court street, \$11,000. D. C. Minto, dwelling at 825 Saginaw, \$12,000

S. E. Henderson, three story apartment house at 505 North Summer, \$60,000.

Salem Bank of Commerce, State and Liberty, repairs, \$38,-000. P. T. Ainge, builder.

Ernest P. Thorne, concrete garmercial, \$10,000. Ralph Heim, Carl Engstrom, builder,

J. D. Hartwell, two story concrete building, 1326 and 1330 | \$13,000. A. A. Siewert, builder. State street, \$10,000. Cherry City Construction Co., builder. L. C. Meyers, three story apartment house at 550 North

Summer, \$75,000. Oregon Linen Mills, Inc., office and power plant, Madison and

14th, \$12,000. Ladd & Bush, remodeling and repairing bank building at Commercial and State, \$50,000. A.

A. Siewert, builder. Salem General Hospital, Inc., three story addition to hospital hailding at Center and 24th, \$33,-

First National Bank, 390 State street, 11 story concrete bank building, \$337,000. Hanson &

Hammond, builders. F. H. Berger, 2040 North Capitol street, concrete and tile building, \$8,000. Knight Memorial church, Ferry

and 18th, church building, \$20. 666. Joe Knapp, builder. Oregon State Fair, two story ealithit building, fairgrounds, \$20,000.

W. L. Phillips, two story concrete dwelling, 195 West Leffelle, \$10,000. A. A. Siewert, builder. Oregon Linen Mills, Inc., Madison and 14th, concrete and frame linen mill, \$47,000. Bulgin & 251,750 Bulgin, builders.

J. M. Devers, two story garage and dwelling, 1475 Garden Road \$7,150. Carl Bahiburg, builder. Willamette Grocery Co., two stery concrete building at 571 to 591 Trade street, \$30,000. A. J

Anderson, builder, Frank D. Bligh, two story store, office and theatre building at High and State, \$150,000. Tranchell & Parelius, builders. Frank D. Bligh, automobile

service building at 230 and 240

South High street, 510 and 540

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Present front of the J. C. Penney Company's local headquarters, which will be deled in connection with the company's building plans, which include an extensive addition at the rear, permitting more thorough departmentalization and the maintenance of larger stocks of goods.

Ferry street, \$7,500. Cuyler Van

Patten, builder. Oregon Pulp & Paper Co., concrete paper mill, Commercial and Trade, \$225,000. Cuyler Van Patten, builder.

John Williamson, two story apartment house, 950 Hunt street, \$10,000 J. H. Ellis, two story apartment house at 879 North Liberty, \$35,-

Steusloff Bros., Inc., two story concrete warehouse, fronting on alley in block 32, Salem, \$12,000. Chambers & Chambers, two story concrete building, 355-373 age building at 980 South Com- North High High street, \$52,500.

> Charles Weller, two story concrete building at 545 Chemeketa, F. W. Durbin, story and onehalf dwelling at 1225 Fairmount. \$10,000.

Adam Engel, apartment and ecy. garage building at 1090 North Capitol, \$58,000. Adam Engel, dwelling and garage at 745 Stewart, \$8,500.

Eugene Eckerlin, addition builder.

ing at 1243-1241 State street.

tion Co., builders. N. W. Ellis, 1710 North Capi-\$10,000.

Squaw Originates Sandal Moccasin as Foot Wear

GLACIER PARK, Mont .- (Spe-Park reservation. Her dress doesfootwear worn by her pale face

Woman Chosen as Sheriff in Kansas County Election

GREENSBURG, Kan .- (AP)-The next sheriff of Kiowa county will be a woman. Her husband will be the deputy.

Mrs. Frank Chase, the mother of four children, wen the office while her husband has held for the last four years. Although the aw disqualifies the present sheriff from holding the office more than four years consecutively, he may accept the appointment as the

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OUTLOOK FOR 1927 PLEASES COMMERCE SECRETARY

Chronic Poverty Has Disappeared Industry on Good Basis, Is the Claim

> By HERBERT HOOVER Secretary of Commerce

A reply to requests for opinion thing as assured economic proph-

No one will deny that 1926 has shown the highest total productries, and commerce generally buildings, more radios and more self and dangerous to others. have continued to improve their automobiles, more savings, more improve services. In aggregate of things. squaw on the Glacier National dustry. While there has been a fore. slackening in production and den't figure in the compliment either rand for several staple lines durfor the artist colony in Glacier ing the past few weeks, we enter year with a job in prospect for Park made its award strictly on the new year with no consequenfacial type and because of her tial over-stock of manufactured nation better fed, better housed, own "artistry" in being the ori- goods. With the largest volume and better clothed than any other ginal fashioner of the sandal-moc- of construction during the past nation. The large disappearance casin after the style of the latest year ever known there may prove of poverty in the chronic sense to be some construction in advance of immediate needs, but in the remedy of misfortune in the this direction may be partially individual sense, and the high relarger amount of public construction during the next year. Savings of the country have shown a steady increase and there is ample cheap capital available.

The lag of agricultural recovery has continued and has been accentuated by distressing crop failures in some localities. Cotton and some fruit crops beyond world demand have brought about prices below the cost of production of large areas of those commodities. There is a consequent lowered buying power in some agricultural

Taking the foreign field as a whole, it shows continued progress toward balance of budgets; reduction of floating debt; greater stability in currency; and somewhat diminished unemploy ment. The most important exception has been the results of the British coal strike which left the world poorer by its interruption to the progress of that country, but this is now happily over. Russia shows some economic improvement, and China, due to international trade relations, still continues below normal. Each year

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sees progress in European politic al relations with fear less and Combining all foreign and do-

mestic tendencies with which we it is worth remarking that we ties as prices have decreased rather than increased during the year.

promise of remedy. Each indi-Altogether we enter the new

most everybody, with the whole should make us more sensible to covery of industry and commerce from the losses of the war should make us more sensible of the needs of agriculture.

BEEKEEPERS ASK CHANGES IN LAW

COUNTY BEE INSPECTORS TO PASS EXAMINATION

Would Appoint Expert at OAC to Supervise and Educate in Work

Better supervision of bee inspection along with an educational campaign to finally eliminate most of the causes making inspection necessary will be requested of the pleted. oncoming legislature by the legislative committee of the state beekeepers' association.

J. T. Whittig, chairman, and H. M. Mead, both of Salem, are the committeemen who will undertake to put the findings of the meeting into legal form. The present law provides for a license fee designed to give the county court funds to pay an inspector. The present law should be

amended, it was pointed out, so that all county inspectors now appointed by the county court should first pass a civil service examination to be framed by expert ento-

mologists at the Oregon Agricultural college.

The present law also says that the "county assessor shall require . . . a list or statement of the

assessor in Marion county has not keepers questioned County Judge J. T. Hunt on this point. The request did not reach the assessor in time last year, it was said. The law, however, has been on the statute books since 1923.

It is on the assessor's list that inspectors depend to finally locate all colonies of bees. One secluded the most careful inspection of the larger apiaries, for bee diseases are decidedly infectious. The form the county assessor of Marion county of the law so that he can instruct his deputies to list al

The beekeepers agreed that minimum inspection fee of \$2.50 would be fair. The charge per hive would be 10 cents for inspec tion where there are more than 25 hives. This will put the inspection work on a fee basis and do away with the present license, It will no longer be necessary for the county court to reappropriate the license money or any other funds to pay the inspector.

The present law provides for the elimination of disease through notified by the inspector. The committee decided to change that to give the inspector legal opporwould allow the inspector a flat fee for "cleaning up the hives" after he had notified the owner of

concrete building at 245 North the history of the United States. vidual tests the question of pros- gon Agricultural college to pro-Liberty, \$15,000. Henry Carl, Except in the textile industry and perity by his own setting and vide salary and expenses for exparts of the coal industry, it has naturally applies his own test to pert supervision of the bee inployment, which has been accom- the nation. If we use the more by an expert of the college depart- dent of the company, from his \$18,000. Cherry City Construct anied by the highest peak in real precise term "economic progress" ment of entomology. By making orchard, it will produce five car stockholders of this big orchard. wages, because wage income for we find we have per capita as the the work of the inspectors educa- loads of cherries every day for company hope for great things the country as a whole has slight- result of the year 1926 more and tional it will be possible to eraditel, two story apartment house, ly increased and cost of living better homes, more electric lights cate the beekeeper who is now It should produce 10 car loads a bearing. slightly decreased during the year. and power, more transportation, ignorant of the afflictions that day, Manufacturing, the service indus- more roads, more substantial make his apiary profitless to him-The committee decided that the

methods, to reduce costs, and to life insurance and more of a lot term county bee inspector smacked We also have more of law enforcement too much each industry appears to show educational facilities and more when their purpose is to educate. cial-Mrs. Berry Child is recog- substantial profits except the tex- per capita circulation of newspa- They will change the title to counnized as the "keenest looking" tile and some parts of the coal in- pers and magazines than ever be- ty apiarist. The college expert in charge would bear the title of state apiarist.

Present conditions are certainly not satisfactory, it was pointed out by Mr. Whittig, inspector for Marion county, who declared that every fifth or sixth beekeeper he comes to has foul brood. To date he has received but \$60 for his year's work from the county court. Mr. Mead has received nothing for his work in Polk county, where he has visited 200 keepers. Neither man knows what he can expect from the fee fund.

Inspectors working with personal interest in beekeeping can accomplish a great deal. In Clatsop county before inspection began, there were 300 beekeepers who produced 21/2 tons of honey a year. Fifty competent keepers now produce 150 tons.

LESS BEER CONSUMED

Less beer and whiskey and more tea and sugar are being consumed and more tobacco used, report the British costoms and excise commissioners

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cherry orchard, the largest of its, leaders among them have been kind in this part of the country, pooling their Lambert cherries the if not in any country, which be- past few years, and shipping them gins a half mile east of Macleay, in cold storage to New York City and about nine miles from Salem, and other big cities. They have on the paved county market high- been going under the MARION way The land lies high, overlooking Salem, Mt. Angel, Shaw ry Growers' association, and they and other cities and towns, and have received, net here, as high with five mountain peaks of the as 18 cents a pound for their Cascades in view: Hood and Rainier and St. Helens and Jefferson and the Three Sisters. It is Waldo year before. The 1926 crop Hills land at its best. It was so recognized in pioneer days, for the the growers, after all expense holdings of the Lamberta company are part of the donation land ed this association and attended claim of Wm. Taylor, taken up in to the packing and shipping and 1845. It was sold to the orchard selling. He had been shipping his company by Harvey Taylor, and own cherries before the associahe hinself has some of the stock tion was formed. of the orchard company.

Experienced Orchard Men Experienced orchard men head the company, O. F. Brooks is president, Hon. Lloyd Reynolds vice president, and George Vick stock is \$25,000. The other stock-The trees which were year-

crop that is on the average har- The Dalles got, net, for their black vested by Mr. Brooks, the presi-cherries, up to this year.

dwelling house on its 224 acres; no barn; no buildings of any kind, out trees and then going to sleet and no farm machinery at all. till the fruit trees begin to bear It has just orchard; just Lambert cherry trees. There is no overhead. Mr. Brooks directs the work, and it is all performed and ment of turkeys moves out from will be performed by the neigh-bors. When the orchard gets into bearing, some buildings may be necessary.

Why They Hope The capital stock of the Lamberta Orchards Incorporated was all subscribed before operations began. On what do the stockholders base their hopes for pro-

There is a 215 acre Lambert fits on their investment? BRAND, of the Salem Black Chercherries. They averaged about 15 cents in 1925 and 17 cents the brought 9.68 cents a pound, net to were paid. Mr. Brooks has head-

His Own Six Acres

Mr. Brooks was formerly a railroad man. He was an engineer: was the chief engineer for the Bridal Veil Lumber company for 16 years. He was a grocer in Portland before coming to the Sa lem district.

He bought the place on which he has his six acre Lambert cherbegin to make a pretty picture ry orchard 13 years ago. In all this year; but it will take them that 13 years, the smallest year's four or five years to come into profits on his Lamberts was \$300 bearing. No filler crop was plant- an acre, up to this year, when unin order to increase the fertility of cut down the quantity very ma bert cherries only and to get them Lambert crop from the six acres to have them of the finest quality Lambert pool shippers from Sa when they do bear. The trees lem, under the direction of Mr. cents per 14 pound box more than If the orchard bears half the the growers at other points, like

Those kind of facts make the

They know, however, that there The orchard company has no is more to the proposition than merely getting land and setting

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