PACIFIC INDUSTRIAL CONDITIONS STABLE

Building Activity Is General Throughout District.

WHEAT CROP IS LARGE

Lumber Trade Revives, Mining Weak; Oil Output Increases; Apple Harvest Is Promising.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 28.—Increases in building activity, particularly in southern California, and the government forecast May 1 of a winter wheat crop of 66,000,000 bushels, the largest in the history of the 12th federal reserve district, were the outstanding developments in the district during the past month, according to a statement made public here today by John Perrin, San Francisco, federal reserve agent.

"In the district generally," the statement said, "the number of building permits was 48.9 per cent larger than in April, 1920, and their value 27.4 per cent greater. The smaller increase in value of permits doubtless is due to decreased building costs, which are estimated to be from 8 to 50 per cent less than they were a year ago."

Regarding winter wheat, the statement said its condition in the district May 1 was slightly above the ten-year average and predicted a total production of 66,854,000 bushels if average conditions prevail until harvest time, compared with 58,059,000 bushels for 1920. There is an abandoned acreage of 28 per cent in California and 10 per cent in Arizona.

Lumber Industry Improves.

More than a seasonal improvement of activity was reported in the statement for the district's lumber industry. Seventy-five per cent of the mills are now operating, it was declared, compared to 40 to 50 per cent earlier in the year, and demand for nearly all grades of lumber is reported increasing.

"April production of lumber," the state declared, "was reported to be 299,235,000 feet for the district, compared with 202,970,000 feet for the preceding four weeks. April orders exceeded the April cut by 11.9 per cent.

"The present market for lumber of all kinds, with the possible exception of timbers, is showing activity and stability. A noticeable demand in intercoastal shipments to Atlantic seaboard points has taken place and western lumber is resuming competition with southern woods in the territory north of the Ohio and east of the Mississippi. Lower price levels have accompanied the return of the industry toward normal levels of production and the average wholesale price for soft wood is slightly more than 50 per cent below the price of one year ago. A general cut in wages of lumber workers from 25 to 40 per cent is reported.

"The logging industry has not improved in unison with the mill industry but as the latter enlarges the former should correspondingly increase in activity."

Silver Maintains Production.

Increased production of silver and lead and a falling off in the production of gold and copper in March, 1921, compared with March, 1920, was reported by 18 mining companies in the district, the report declared. The deep gold mining industry, which has languished since early in 1920, has not improved, most of the principal copper mines are shut down, but silver maintains a relatively stationary position from month to month, but no great activity is reported, the reporting mines operating at half capacity.

Average daily production of petroleum in California during April, 1921, totaled 335,961 barrels, the report said, exceeding the record production of March by 1298 barrels a day. Consumption also increased slightly during the month. Fifty-eight new wells were opened during April and five wells were abandoned.

In retail trade, slight declines in the value of sales in April, as compared with the previous month, were reported. Of seven cities reporting retail trade conditions, Los Angeles and Oakland only showed an increase in the value of net sales in April, 1921, compared with April, 1920. Seattle, Spokane and Sacramento reported an increase in value of sales in April compared with March of this year.

Present retail prices are from 10 to 20 per cent lower than at this time last year. The decline in retail prices decreased in velocity during the past month and continues less abrupt than the decline in wholesale prices.

Unemployment Decreases.

During April unemployment decreased in all sections of the district except San Francisco, where an increase was reported, due largely to strike conditions in the building trades and among marine workers. Farm labor is everywhere abundant, although wages of farm laborers are reported to be between $35 and $50 with board, instead of $65 to $90 as last year. In all the district's cities, except Los Angeles, many industries are resorting to part time labor to keep their working staffs employed and intact.

Business failures in the district were less in number and liabilities in April than in March this year, but greater in liabilities than in April, 1920. The total liabilities of 203 failures in April amounted to $2,670,853 compared with liabilities of $3,046,691 for 165 failures in March, a decrease of 14.1 per cent.

April bank clearings in 30 principal cities of the district were reported $1,438,872,000, a decrease of 8 per cent compared with last month and a 15.8 per cent decrease with April, 1920. Reduction of 7¾ per cent to 7½ per cent in the discount rate for prime commercial paper bought in the open market in the four largest cities, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle, Portland, occurred during the past month.

Deciduous fruit crops in all states of the district have suffered to some extent from frost damage. However, the largest apple crop in its history is reported for the Pacific northwest. In California deciduous fruits will probably yield from 45 per cent of last year's crop in the case of apricots to 79 per cent in the case of apples, with prunes, pears, peaches, plums, cherries and grapes falling between these limits. The new wool clip is being gathered and sales are reported at prices from 10 to 16 cents a pound in the grease, compared with 50 cents per pound last year at this time.

MUSIC CHAPTER TO FORM

National Fraternity to Organize Body at University.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, May 28.—(Special.)—A chapter of Phi Mu Alpha, national honorary music fraternity, has just been granted Mu Zeta Kappa, local music organization, according to word received here today. The national chapter is expected to be installed here within the next two weeks.

Sinfonia, as the national fraternity is usually known, is the oldest and largest organization of its kind. It was organized in 1898 in the New England conservatory in Boston. Officers of Mu Zeta Kappa are:

Maurice Eben, president; Glen Morrow, secretary-treasurer and Ralph Hoehert, Portland, and Joseph Ingram, Portland, members of a standing committee.

Student members are: Wayne Akers, Wasco; Ransom McArthur, Baker; George Hopkins, Claremont, Cal.; Charles Huggins, Hood River; Harris Ellsworth, Cottage Grove; Martin Howard, Portland; George Stearns, Prineville; Carl Newbury, Medford; Remey Cox, Portland; John Anderson, Ashland; Herbert Hacker, Portland; Arthur Campbell, Heppner; Dan Woods, Weiser, Idaho; Aubrey Furry, Phoenix; Guy Sacre, Monmouth; Arthur Johnson, Portland; Ralph McClaflin, Boise, Idaho; Meryl Deming, Eugene; Frank Joe, Portland; Ralph Poston, La Grande; Earl Leslie, Coquille; Curtis Phillips, Portland; Crecene Fariss, Eugene; Hal Simpson, North Bend; Raymond Burns, Eugene; Frank Short, Long Beach, Cal.; John Gavin, The Dalles; Wilson Gailey, Enterprise, and Nelson English, Portland.

NORMAL CLASS TO FINISH

COMMENCEMENT ARRANGEMENTS UNDER WAY.

Some of Students to Stay for Summer Session to Complete Courses.

OREGON NORMAL SCHOOL, MONMOUTH, May 28.—(Special.)—Commencement preparations are under way at the Oregon Normal school. Special music is being prepared by the glee club and other features are being planned. Some of the students to receive diplomas will remain for summer school to complete their courses. The class roll follows:

Margaret Alexander, Grace L. Allen, Naomi Allen, Mae Anderson, Jane Atkinson, Marian Baker, Isabel Irene Bartlett, Mae Benedict, H. P. Blanton, Elsie Kriegbolt, Harriet Evans Batchfield, Mabel Booth, Edith Bragg, Helen Gertrude Brande, Mrs. C. O. Branson, Margaret Burroughs, Sarah Cadwell, Norma Calbreath, Florence Cameron, Vivian Carr, Jennie E. Carroll, Alice E. Chandler, Agnes Christensen, J. L. Chute, Edna M. Cone, Doreas Conklin, Velma Cook, Nellie Jo Copenhaver, Blanche Cox, Erma Floy Cole, Orpha M. J. Combs, Beatrice B. Crofoot, Leafie Craig, Anna Dean, Mary A. Donaldson, Edyth L. Driver, Edith R. Duncan, Alta M. Edmiston, Florence Enschede, Pearl Fegley, Edna M. Fitts, Edith Frazier, Areta Geiss, Roxie Hall, Marian Hanson, Doris Jeane Harding, Grace A. Harding, Ella Hattan, Minnie J. Hogue, Mazie Hope, Gwendolyn V. Horsman, May C. Johnson, Helen Johnston, Gertrude Katsky, Jennie M. Kearns, Velma B. Kizer, Linda B. Koch, Alice Lake, Zella Ardie Landon, Guy Leroy Lee, Hope MacDonald, Sarah E. May, Clara Moser, Clay Eugene Moreland, Nellie Myers, Winafred M. Nelson, Fred W. Nitsel, David E. Oleman, Helen Owsley, Muriel A. Paul, Roy Grover Penney, Leona Peregoy, Ella M. Peterson, Olga A. Plog, Ivy Catherine Porter, Mary H. Prieshoff, Coral W. Prime, Dorothy L. Proebstel, Hazel Radabaugh, Mae C. Robinson, Dorothy E. Ross, Violet Retzlen, Zelma Zeigler Sauvain, Geneva Sayre, Carolyn J. Schelling, Marion R. Sloop, Bertha H. Spencer, Barbara Esther Spitzbak, Luella Stephens, Juanita K. Tarr, Audrey Tuor, Arizona Sawyers, Henrietta Stermer, Effie Weekly, Sarah Williamson, Onelta Wirtz, Minnie H. Wolf and Ruth Woolpert.

RECORD CLASS TO LEAVE

WILLAMETTE TO GRADUATE 57 THIS YEAR.

Exercises of Various Kinds Are Planned for Commencement Week at Salem Institution.

WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY, Salem, Or., May 28.—(Special.)—Dr. J. R. Magee, pastor of the First Methodist church of Seattle, will deliver the address of the 77th commencement at Willamette university to be held at the First Methodist church Wednesday, June 15.

Fifty-one students, the largest class in the history of the school, will receive degrees from the college of liberal arts, and six seniors will receive degrees from the college of law. Commencement week will open on Sunday, June 12. The baccalaureate sermon will be delivered by President Doney. A farewell meeting of the campus Christian associations will be held Sunday afternoon with Professor Matthews in charge. An anniversary service will be held Sunday night, Dr. John D. McCormick of Kimball school of theology being the principal speaker.

The annual senior breakfast will be held Monday morning on the campus and the president's reception will be held in Eaton hall on the evening of the same day. The board of trustees will hold its annual meeting Tuesday morning, the business session to be followed by a student luncheon and class-day exercises. Commencement exercises will be held in the First Methodist church Wednesday at 10 A. M. The seniors and faculty members will march in academic procession from the campus. The degrees will be conferred by President Doney and the annual association meeting and banquet will be held in the afternoon and evening of the same day.

Fire Threatens Mill Plant.

KELSO, Wash., May 28.—(Special.)—The Crescent Shingle company had a fire in its fireroom this afternoon which proved difficult to combat. The fireroom is separated from the rest of the mill. Water was quickly turned on by the employes of the mill but they could not control the flames and a city alarm was sounded, the new siren giving its first alarm. The flames had spread into the piles of sawdust and wood fuel and more than an hour was required to bring them under control. Kelso's new fire truck, which was received this week, had its first trial and operated perfectly. The damage was small and the mill will continue operating without a shutdown.

Reedsport Timber Sold.

EUGENE, Or., May 28.—(Special.)—A tract of 4,400,000 feet of spruce timber near Reedsport on the lower Umpqua river has just been sold by the forest service to C. McC. Johnson, of that place, who announces that he will begin to operate his sawmill at once. Announcement of the sale of the timber was made yesterday at the office of the Siuslaw national forest. The spruce logs will be cut into small lengths at the mill and shipped to Oregon City to be used in making paper.

Farmer Sues Relative.

EUGENE, Or., May 28.—(Special.)—With the allegation that he was given a deed to another man's farm and that he expended considerable money in erecting buildings and making other improvements thereon, Ross Hoselton, an ex-resident of Lane county, yesterday instituted suit in circuit court against E. W. Hoselton, a relative, seeking a judgment against him in the sum of $1153, which he alleged he expended on the place, and $54 taxes.

Read The Oregonian classified ads.

HARVEY'S AID HELD NEEDED BY COUNCIL

Silesian Problem Is Serious, Declares Harden.

PEOPLE BIGGEST FACTOR

German Writer Avers Every Nation Should Take Heed of Difficulties That Are Faced.

BY MAXIMILIAN HARDEN,
Germany's Foremost Publicist.
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BERLIN, May 28.—(Special by Wireless.)—In the consideration of the Silesia problem, the allied supreme council should not only be attempted by American Ambassador Harvey but should have his help in reaching a decision. It is not enough that Colonel Harvey merely should attend. It is recalled that he was appointed "to participate in the proceedings" and it is to be hoped his participation in this instance will be a lively one.

The problem is whether or not the ex-Prussian province of Upper Silesia shall be parceled out or remain undivided; whether it shall remain a German sister-state or become a Polish province. Does the problem affect the United States?

Resources Are Considered.

Thinking only of coal, iron, zinc and lead, one may say: "This question does not interest us Americans. The Germans have been promised at any rate that they shall receive coal under the same conditions as the Poles, and if their industry in the future is slightly more limited, then they will not make the same futile attempts as before the war to offer their goods in all markets. This attempt would be troublesome to the United States, to which in the future the exportation of manufactured goods will be much more important than the mere shipping out of raw materials. Therefore, do with Upper Silesia whatever you like and don't bore us further with this purely European question."

Question Also of Peoples.

But this is not only a question of products but one of peoples. It is not only a question of economics, but also one of political morale.

What Prussia made of Silesia, which, when conquered by Frederick the Great had been an Austrian province, thinly populated and entirely uncultivated, one must consider, without exaggeration, one of the world's best colonizing accomplishments.

The Upper Silesian mining district came to the point where it could compete with the Rhineland and through continual technical improvements, the extensive development of the schools and the means of transportation, the province became rich.

German Work Praised.

All of this, however, was of very little advantage to the people born there. This mixed Slavic people, or "Polacks," did not, as Lloyd George believes, immigrate for the purpose of working the industries. No, Upper Silesia, that 700 years ago was severed from Poland, is the home of the "Polacks."

It was the Germans who immigrated, and because they knew more and could do more, they created. They were more industrious, more clever and were not so much the slaves of priests and alcohol. Consequently, they became overpowerful. A ruling caste came into existence, it must be frankly admitted, and almost always prevented even the more industrious and intelligent "natives" from rising to higher spheres.

Ill Treatment Denied.

But the Upper Silesian was not an ill-treated slave, as Paderewski's fortissimo and other Polish rhapsodies tell us, but a good citizen and a medium for the purpose of industrializing the province. The mine owners, directors and merchants were Germans. They needed the "hands" of Upper Silesians and did not bother much about the souls of the human side of the proletarian population.

Prussia, after Sparta and Rome, probably the greatest master in nationalizing a people, never learned the humanizing state. In the broad masses of the country and towns a working class mistrust and hatred of everything German prevails. The national contracts are increased by social ones, and in the upper classes the argument as to whether one intends to become German or Polish has caused disunion in the hearts of families.

What Do People Mean? Is Asked.

Many a plowboy and miner says: "We know it will be worse under Polish management, but we do not wish to be treated as half mortals any longer."

Korfanty, the miner's son, whose rebellion was to save the country for Poland, is worshipped in one place as a savior and in another is cursed into the depths of hell.

Do the people mean anything to the great powers who are wrangling over Upper Silesia?

France wants to take away from Germany the possibility of arming sufficiently for ordinary protection, wants to keep the Ruhr basin always within her shooting range or else to occupy it, and wants to give Upper Silesia's industrial district to her "Polish vassals" and debtors.

England Opposes Dictatorship.

The industrial dictatorship over the continent that this possession of coal and ore would give France cannot be tolerated by England. Therefore, in spite of the danger of the entente cordiale being rent asunder, England preaches a noble-minded righteousness, to which she seemed to have become estranged when her own interests were at stake.

It must be admitted that for most Germans and most Poles the treasures of the earth are their only interest. They do not ask what is to become of Upper Silesia through the terrible bitterness aroused by the incitement of national interests when tomorrow German rule may be proclaimed here and Polish rule there.

Both nations probably would protest angrily if the supreme council should proclaim a transitory period of internationalization and neutralization to effect pacification.

Whether a small people, pursued for many centuries by misfortune, may at last breathe freely again in independence; whether a nation which accepted from Washington his dogma of human rights, may today, despotically, control Europe—these seem the questions to answer which America called her youths and her men away from peaceful work and sent them over the Atlantic to the battlefields of human destiny.

BOND ISSUE IS OPPOSED

FIGHT REPORTED DEVELOPING IN WASCO COUNTY.

Economy and Reduced Instead of Increased Taxation Declared Present Pressing Needs.

MOSIER, Or., May 28.—(Special.)—Action of citizens in various parts of Wasco county is developing opposition to the proposed $800,000 road bond issue to be submitted to the electors June 7, according to prominent Mosier citizens, who with residents of other sections of the county have organized the citizens' welfare league, which is waging an active campaign against the bond issue.

Those opposing the bonds allege that the location of the proposed route of The Dalles-California highway, for which the issue would be expended, is not the best route south through central Oregon from the Columbia river highway. The league has just issued a circular letter to Wasco county electors, which carries figures to show that taxes for all purposes in the county have increased 94 per cent in the past five years, while assessed valuation has increased only 17 per cent. The circular says:

"The need of the hour is economy and the first vital and most essential step toward economic retrenchment is by reduced taxation. The most important question at present is to find a plan to reduce taxation, while the 'favored few' ask us to increase ours. This is a pet measure put upon the ballot by a few who would be personally benefited, thereby sacrificing the public, solely for self interest. The sheepmen, farmers, fruit raisers and business men of Wasco county are passing through an ordeal of hard times that threatens their very existence."

In normal times, the citizens' welfare league declares, it is heartily in favor of good road movements, but not "at the price of poverty and starvation." The circular of the league also charges that the measure, should it carry, would increase taxes $4.40 a year, instead of merely $2.20, as the bond proponents contend.

Hues of humming birds differ in different parts of the world, but those in Arizona are perhaps the most brilliant.

DENBY WANTS FACTS ON NEEDS OF NAVY

Reports of Intended Visit to Coast Confirmed.

BASES TO BE INSPECTED

Secretary Plans Fully to Investigate Naval Situation at Alameda and Elsewhere.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., May 28.—Reports going the round for several days that Secretary Denby of the navy department intends going to the Pacific coast this summer to investigate proposed sites for naval establishments, it was admitted at the department today, are true.

Rumors that he would leave here early in July for the trip, however, appear to have been in error. It is not anticipated that he will reach the coast before the latter part of July or early in August.

It is understood that the real purpose of the trip will be to examine the San Francisco naval bases and later visit San Diego, San Pedro, Tongue Point on the Columbia river, Sandpoint near Seattle, and Ediz Hook near Port Angeles, Wash.

In the struggle over the proposed appropriation for a naval base at Alameda in the senate this week Secretary Denby declined to give his indorsement to the Alameda project in San Francisco bay. He had in the first weeks of his administration been willing to father it, but after the hearings held at San Francisco and Mare Island some doubts are said to have arisen in his mind.

The fight over Alameda involved an old principle over which competing commercial ports have been fighting for many years. In the navy are a large number of officials who contend that harbors must be natural; that harbors cannot be created by dredging. Secretary Denby, it is understood, does not subscribe to the view held by Admiral Rodman and several other naval officers that it is impossible to provide an adequate channel for a naval base by dredging, as would be necessary to enlarge the Mare Island navy yard, thereby obviating the necessity for an extra base at Alameda.

Secretary Denby is going west to find out for himself the exact facts. He is said to be satisfied as regards need of a submarine base at Tongue Point, near Astoria, and also need of an aircraft station at Sandpoint, Wash., but he wishes a better understanding of the subjects.

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PACIFIC UNIVERSITY GRADUATION PROGRAMME ISSUED.

Commencement Exercises to Open Friday Evening, June 3, With Reception to Class.

PACIFIC UNIVERSITY, Forest Grove, Or., May 28.—(Special.)—The programme for the 59th annual commencement exercises of Pacific university has been announced. On Friday evening, June 3, President and Mrs. Clark will entertain the graduating class at dinner and on Saturday the final conservatory recital will be given. The baccalaureate sermon Sunday will be delivered by Rev. William H. Boddy of Hood River in the First Congregational church. Sunday evening the annual address to the Christian associations will be given by Rev. D. V. Poling of Albany.

On Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock the senior class exercises will take place, with Tommy Fowler of Rainier, senior president, in charge. In the evening the men's glee club will appear in concert. On Tuesday afternoon the annual reception of the literary societies will be held at 3 o'clock. The senior play will be given in the evening.

On Wednesday, June 8, the commencement exercises will be held in the First Congregational church. Twelve seniors will receive their diplomas at that time, all from the college of liberal arts, as follows: Sumiyoshi Arima of Portland, Irene Flo Bilbrey of Multnomah, Willis Lawrence Cady of Beaverton, Myrtle Ferm of Forest Grove, Thomas Richard Fowler of Rainier, Willis Ray Hines of Forest Grove, Arthur Carhart Jones, Margaret Ethel Marsh, Margaret Edna Morgan, Mary Evelyn Patton, all of Forest Grove, Harry Gutelius Romig of Oregon City and John Harrison Stovall of Philomath.

The address of the afternoon will be given by Rev. Harold L. Bowman, pastor First Presbyterian church, Portland.

After the graduating exercises will come the annual meeting of the associate alumni, with the election of officers and their dinner to the 1921 alumni.

Kelso School Term Closes.

KELSO, Wash., May 28.—(Special.)—Kelso's schools completed one of the most successful years in their history yesterday. The attendance set a new record during the last year, and judging by the increase in the school census next year will show an even greater attendance. The school authorities are planning to provide extra classrooms by remodeling the old west side school, which has been used this year for manual training.

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