

# Interesting Facts About Seattle.



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Seattle's Postmaster.

Dr.	First half year 1904.		First half year 1905.	
	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.
Balance cash on hand January 1....		\$ 88,918.66		\$ 83,796.24
Domestic orders issued.....	30,305	393,617.71	33,302	413,577.41
Fees on same.....		2,217.60		2,457.90
International orders issued.....	5,321	154,776.57	5,331	157,161.83
Fees on same.....		1,638.97		1,118.37
Transferred from postal account....				7,000.00
Deposits received from other offices	6,324	1,312,466.00	6,488	1,538,054.77
Collections .....		30.01		2.76
	41,950	\$1,953,665.52	\$45,121	\$2,203,169.28
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Domestic orders paid.....	81,241	\$ 991,885.18	86,108	\$1,093,820.41
International orders paid .....	540	16,907.94	579	17,326.02
Deposited with P. M. at Chicago, Ill. ....		876,915.90		901,265.50
Disbursements .....		85.05		
Cash on hand and in transit .....		67,871.45		190,157.35
	81,781	\$1,953,665.52	86,687	\$2,203,169.28

The above comparative statement for the first half of the years 1904 and 1905 of the business done at the Seattle postoffice is another strong indication of the growth of business. Also the fact that there were \$600,000 more of orders paid than issued is a strong proof that Seattle is the commercial center of the Northwest. The merchants in the surrounding country, including Alaska, buy their goods here, and many remit by postoffice order. Compared with the Minneapolis postoffice, the volume of business is much larger, though Minneapolis handles a greater number of money orders. It is not an uncommon thing for the Seattle postoffice to sell to one person \$20,000 to \$30,000 of money orders.

There are two extensive electric plants owned and operated by private companies, which furnish light and power in Seattle and the adjoining cities. The Seattle-Tacoma Power Company derives its power from Snoqualmie Falls, twenty-five miles distant in a straight line. The fall of the Snoqualmie River is 268 feet and the flow of water is sufficient to generate 30,000 horse-power, about two-thirds of which is now being utilized. The Puget Sound Power Company has just completed a plant on the Puyallup river about forty miles from Seattle. The power is derived from the Puyallup and Mowich Rivers. The plant was put into complete operation for its installation of 20,000 horse-power on July 23, 1904. This plant supplies the power for the operation of the street railway systems of Seattle and Tacoma and the Interurban line between the two cities. Electric power is used very largely by the mills and factories of Seattle and neighboring cities, and it is found to be much more economical than steam power.

The Puget Sound Navy Yard is located just across the Sound from Seattle, and its supplies are purchased here. The expenditures for supplies exceeds \$100,000 per month. It has the only government drydock on the Pacific Coast large enough to dock a battleship. It gives steady employment to about 700 mechanics, and is growing in importance yearly.

The following statistics show some important facts concerning Seattle, viz.:

	1900.	1904.
Names in city directory.....	37,354	68,882
School census .....	14,507	22,865
School attendance .....	10,743	17,059
Telephones in use.....	4,337	22,681
Bank deposits .....	17,401,450	32,450,695
Bank Clearances .....	\$130,323,281	\$222,217,309
Water revenues .....	200,474	436,558
Building permits issued, number.....	2,960	7,438
Building permits, valuation .....	\$3,263,022	\$7,808,120
Postoffice receipts .....	186,762	383,477
Customs house receipts .....	281,546	458,665

Statement of gold deposit at the United States Government assay office in Seattle, from the opening of the institution on July 15, 1898, to the close of business June 30, 1905:

Number of deposits, 31,959; troy ounces, 6,073,574.56; avoirdupois tons, 208.2; coining value, \$101,434,991.77.

**Origin of the Foregoing.**

Nome, Alaska, U. S. A.....	\$17,563,963.21
Balance of Alaska, U. S. A.....	5,226,528.37
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Total for Alaska, U. S. A.....	\$ 22,790,491.58
British Columbia, Canada.....	5,809,673.45
Yukon Territory, Canada.....	71,233,397.20
Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, etc.....	1,601,429.54

Total ..... \$101,434,991.77  
The foregoing is not the total output of the districts under mention, as a portion is shipped each year to the U. S. mints and to other U. S. assay offices.

Fort Lawton, a United States military post, is situated within the city limits. The site includes 605 acres, donated to the government by the people of Seattle, making a beautiful park and drill ground. The garrison now consists of four companies of infantry, and will be increased in the near future to a full regimental post of twelve companies.

There are four daily newspapers and about sixty weekly and monthly periodicals published in the city.

There is a large fleet of steamers plying in the waters of Puget Sound with Seattle as a home port. These steamers carry passengers to more than 200 adjacent cities, towns, villages and ports at very low rates. The local traffic carried on by this fleet aggregates about \$20,000,000 per annum.

For the recreation of her citizens, Seattle has a number of public and private parks located in different parts of the city, some on the lakes, some on the higher altitudes and some overlooking Puget Sound. A system of boulevards is projected to run along the borders of the Lake and Sound, connecting all the parks of the city in one grand system, and when this work is completed no city will excel Seattle in this respect.

There are a number of business, social, educational, literary and musical clubs in the city. The leading business men's associations are the Seattle Chamber of Commerce, the Merchants' Association and the Manufacturers' Association. The leading social clubs are the Rainier Club, the University Club, the Seattle Athletic Club, the Golf and Country Club and the Firloch Club.

The city has an excellent free public library, containing about 60,000 volumes, besides a great number of magazines, periodicals and pamphlets. Hon. Andrew Carnegie has donated the sum of \$220,000 to erect a new building for the library. The city purchased a site at a cost of \$100,000, and the work of construction, now in progress, will be completed before the close of the year. The city provides \$50,000 per annum as a library maintenance fund.

There are about 120 churches and church societies in Seattle and the adjoining suburbs, representing a greater number of the religious beliefs than is generally found in a city of its size. Almost every known denomination of the Christian religion has its devotees, and nearly all of them have regular organizations. This is owing to the fact that the population of the city is cosmopolitan in its character, and has representatives from almost every civilized country on the globe.

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