

wealthy districts by electric cluster lights, five to a post, which make her the best lighted and most attractive city at night, in the West.

One of the most valuable assets is the *Seattle Spirit*, which has succeeded in making Seattle the Queen City of the Northwest and the New York of the Pacific Coast. It was the *Seattle Spirit* that pushed her ahead, despite the opposition of combined forces working to retard her growth. It still lives and flourishes and is to be found in all the business men, and in most instances in every man, woman and child who reside either in or near the city.

She has about twelve hundred lawyers, or about one for every 2,500 inhabitants. It requires at present seven superior court judges to look after the higher court legal business, with an occasional call in of some of the other county judges. The most of the attorneys make good livings and a small per cent are growing wealthy out of their practice. There are four justices of the peace, one of whom acts as police judge, trying for the most part only city cases. The fees from these justice courts run into the multiplied thousands of dollars each year.

The business interest is fed by the trade of the Orient, which is brought hither by great ocean going steamers that load and unload at her docks. It is also fed by the trade with the Alaska miners and merchants, which run into the millions of dollars every year.

It is estimated that there are 3,500 automobiles in the city, conservatively valued at \$8,000,000. These automobiles furnish employment for equally as many chauffeurs, who draw an average monthly wage of \$75 each. This new industry has given employment to a great many young men, who otherwise would find it rather difficult to get any other as paying employment.

The city is getting the most of her publicity by three large daily papers, the *Post-Intelligencer*, the morning paper, the *Times* and the *Star*, both afternoon papers. All of them have large circulations and are doing much to build up the city and in fostering infant industries. There are many weekly papers and a few "weakly" periodicals, and each is doing its respective part in carrying the news of the greatness of Seattle to the outside world.

Hon. Richard A. Ballinger, from an official standpoint, Seattle's foremost citizen, is the first representative the state of Washington has ever had in the cabinet of a president of the United States. He is secretary of the interior, and through him Seattle has been given considerable publicity.

The police department is made up of 246 patrolmen, twenty detectives, twenty-five sargeants, four captains, one inspector of police, one secretary, one police clerk, one chief of guard with eight assistants, one matron with four assistants, six drivers of patrol wagons, three humane officers, one dog catcher with four assistants, one herder with four assistants, one property clerk, and the whole is controlled and directed by a chief of the police and a chief of detectives. The wages average about \$100 per month.

1909	
Building permits (value)	\$19,044,335
Names in city directory	123,750
School census	39,866
School attendance	29,799
Telephones in use December 31	46,403
Building permits (number)	14,885
Post Office receipts	\$ 968,250
Custom house receipts	\$ 1,198,061
Wheat exports, bushels (by water)	1,365,770
Flour exports, bbls. (by water)	607,238
Cotton exports, bales	46,300
Foreign imports	24,162,850
Foreign exports	12,669,237
Deep sea tonnage, tons	*2,487,351
Coal shipments, tons	306,040

1910	
Names in City Directory	124,637
Schools census	43,185
School attendance	31,594
Building permits (number) (first 9 mos.)	10,253
Building permits (value) (first 9 mos.)	13,304,125
Post Office receipts (fiscal year March)	\$1,071,254
Custom House receipts (first 9 mos.)	\$555,123
Wheat exports, bush. (by water) (first 9 mos.)	985,432
Flour exports, bbls. (by water) (first 9 mos.)	344,369
Foreign imports (first 9 mos.)	\$16,642,228
Foreign exports (first 9 mos.)	6,035,344
Deep sea tonnage, tons (first 9 mos.)	**1,884,058
Coal shipments, tons (first 9 mos.)	535,989

* Arriving tonnage only; departing 2,470,323.

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The city owns its own water system. The water is brought from Cedar River, in the foothills of the Cascade Mountains, by gravitation, and is very soft and pure. The distance from the headworks to Seattle is twenty-eight miles, and the water is carried to the city in wooden and steel pipes. The daily capacity of the plant is 65,000,000 gallons. The plant, besides furnishing the consumers with water at a very low price, is providing a source of revenue, which, after paying the operating expenses, interest and improvement, together with substantial payment on the original cost of the system, gives a handsome surplus to the city, which, at present, is all being invested in new construction. The construction of a second pipe line for which bonds in the sum of \$2,250,000 were voted, was recently completed, doubling the former capacity of the plant.

The city owns its electrical lighting plant, which furnishes light and power for municipal and other purposes. This system was opened in 1905, at an initial cost of \$840,000, including the distributing station and equipment. On November 1st, 1908, the investment had reached \$1,694,272. Bonds to the amount of \$800,000 were recently voted for additions and extensions. The estimated cost of the entire system, when completed, including extensions now being