

CHRISTMAS SNOW COMES UNDER BAN

Wintry Window Scenes Are Now Forbidden by Insurance Underwriters.

COTTON TOO INFLAMMABLE

Merchants Satisfied With Departure of Time-Honored Custom, Declaring Men Like Practical Hints in Display.

The snowfall in Portland has been much less this Christmas season than in any preceding year. It has been so much less that scarcely any traces have been noticed in the central business sections of the city and only scattering drifts in the parts further removed from the retail center.

The steady diminution of Christmas snow in Portland during the past few years is not, however, due to influences that are recorded in the offices of the Weather Bureau, but rather to the activity of the underwriters and to the change in fashions of holiday window dressing, for practically the only kind of snow that falls in Oregon during the holiday season is the cotton batting variety used for Christmas decorations.

"There are the snows of yesterday" may well be reflected by him who stops to gaze at the Christmas windows in the majority of the big stores in the central part of the city.

Lovely Scenes Vanish. The miniature cottages in miniature forests, surrounded by flaky banks of cotton, with a sprinkling of crystal powder to give it the "sheen," have passed apparently from the minds of the window decorators.

Instead, the windows of the leading stores are devoted strictly to artistically arranged displays of Christmas goods, while the additional holiday touches are thrown in by means of holly, poinsettia or something else equally symbolic. The underwriters, as has been mentioned, are partly responsible for the new system, since they have evinced a decided aversion to the highly inflammable Christmas snow that entered so largely into Christmas decorations a few seasons ago. Chiefly, however, it is due to a change of style in window dressing.

"The beautiful snow scene with sleigh and trees is out of date," said one of the window dressers in a leading store yesterday. "They take up too much valuable display room and are also a nuisance to install and take down. Their attractive power over the public apparently is not much greater than that of a window tastefully arranged to suggest Christmas purchases to the shopper rather than to give a unique but general suggestion that 'Christmas is coming.'"

Suggestions Please Men. "Decorations of this kind may be used to some extent later in the season, but it is safe to say that the amount of window space that will be given over to drifts of cotton and little cottages will become less and less each year. As a matter of fact I think that the average man is better pleased ultimately if we offer him a window full of good suggestions for the presents he is to buy, than if we amuse him with a passing moment with an ingenious little sleigh scene with merry sleigh bells and glistening snow."

GOVERNOR WEST UPHELD

Rev. J. H. Bennett Declares Violators of Moral Law Must Suffer.

Rev. J. H. Bennett, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Union avenue and Union street, believes that the execution of the four men at Salem was justified under the law, and that the Governor maintained the dignity of the state and Nation by refusing to reprieve them.

Incidental to his sermon yesterday morning on the general topic, "The Governor Has It Upon His Shoulder," the Governor has it upon his shoulder, Mr. Bennett declared his opinion that the law and justice demanded execution of these men. He said that the civil law must be subordinated to and dependent upon the moral law and based upon the moral law, and that punishment must follow violation of law.

"There is such a thing as being beyond the reach of divine mercy," said Mr. Bennett, "and the commission of cold-blooded murder places the man beyond the pardoning power or reprieve of any Governor—beyond the reach of reprieve."

"I am sorry to see any man go to the gallows as the result of his crime," continued Mr. Bennett, "but I am glad that we have a Governor who was steadfast enough to stand for law and order, and willing to carry the responsibility of executing the law—glad that we have a Governor who upheld the dignity of the state and Nation. At least one of these men showed penitence and declared that had he followed the law of God he would not have been where he was."

RAILWAY MEN ASSEMBLE

Agents of Oregon Electric Will Hold Meetings Monthly.

Freight and passenger agents at the principal points on the Oregon Electric Railway met in monthly conference in the rooms of the Transportation Club yesterday. J. M. Glines, agent at the Portland station, acted as chairman, and S. Cooper, of Hillsboro, was elected secretary. H. H. Lynch represented the operating department, W. P. Powers the traffic department, and C. A. Vermillion and H. H. Keck the car service department. Agents at the following points attended: H. R. Knight, Eugene; C. E. Albin, Salem; J. J. Haydar, Albany; J. E. Turner, Forest Grove; H. C. Smith, Woodburn; L. Berger, Multnomah; F. J. Phillips, Tenquin; L. M. Billie, Waconda, and B. Simmons, Donald.

Future meetings will be held monthly and it is probable that the meeting place will rotate among the several stations. At each meeting one general subject will be discussed and the agents thus are expected to become well versed with affairs of the general offices. This, it is expected, will save much needless correspondence and will allow the agents to assume more authority in dealing with the public.

SEALS GO ON SALE TODAY

Society Girls Will Aid in Fight Against Tuberculosis.

Selling of the Red Cross Christmas seals, which has been carried on in

the schools of Portland for the past week, will be begun in the leading hotels and business houses of the city today and will continue throughout the week.

More than 100 prominent society girls of the city have volunteered to preside over the sales. To each hotel, store and office building has been assigned a squad of these workers, who will serve in relays throughout the week.

The proceeds from the sale of the Red Cross stamps are to be applied to the National fight for prevention and cure of tuberculosis.

The stamps have no postal value. Indeed it is the requirement of the postal authorities that they be placed on the reverse side of the envelope. Each stamp, however, represents a contribution on the part of its purchaser to the funds for the fight against tuberculosis. The stamps may be used, if desired, on the face of checks, bills, legal documents or commercial paper.

So thorough will be the canvass of the city by means of the sales booths in the business houses and stores that practically no person in the city, unless he remains strictly at home throughout the week, can miss the opportunity to give his aid in the war against tuberculosis by purchasing Red Cross stamps and thus contributing to the revenue whereby is maintained the tuberculosis department of the Visiting Nurse Association of Portland, Ten

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thousand stamps are expected to be sold at 1 cent each.

NOTED STAR TO APPEAR

LOUISE GALLOWAY HEADS NEW ORPHEUM BILL.

With Joseph Kaufman, Actress Will Present "Little Mother," Playlet of Heart Interest.

A star of Frohman and Shubert magnitude will arrive in Portland this morning for a week's engagement in this city. She is Louise Galloway, long notable in the East for her stage successes and, with Joseph Kaufman, also a star in "Little Mother," will present "Little Mother" as the headline Orpheum feature at the Bungalow Theater. The playlet in which Miss Galloway and Kaufman are on a vaudeville starring tour, was written by Edgar Allen Woolf, author of numerous sketches that are listed prominently among the hits of recent years.

"Youth," the comedy in which Mrs. Gene Hughes appeared at the Orpheum, is from the pen of Woolf.

"Little Mother" is said to have the dramatic strength of "Mother," the play written by Jules Eckert Goodman, of Portland, and to embody the strongest points of "The Lottery Man," in which Miss Galloway made her greatest New York success. The role Kaufman has in "Little Mother" is much like the part he had in "The Country Boy," the vehicle he starred in for an entire season. Kaufman also won great laurels in "Via Wireless" and "Brain Stealers." He has been referred to by a prominent New York critic as the most promising young actor on the American stage today.

While Miss Galloway has been prominent in theaterdom for years her visits to the Pacific Northwest have been few, her engagements keeping her in New York and Denver, Col., principally. She was a member of the great Elitch stock company, of Denver, for several years, in which she was affiliated with Maude Peel, Katherine Grey and other stars. Fellow-actresses call Miss Galloway "the creator," because of her versatility in creating roles. Few actresses have appeared in more original productions in the East than Miss Galloway, her talent for playing intense parts or heavy roles, keeping her in demand.

Pathos and comedy are entwined in her Orpheum playlet, "Little Mother," it deals with endearments of a mother to save her wayward son from the clutches of a theatrical adventuress. A Seattle critic in referring to the portrayal of "Little Mother" by Miss Galloway said that the actress won instantly the sympathy of all, even of those who went to the theater solely to laugh.

Steamer Geo. W. Elder Arrives. The steamer Geo. W. Elder arrived yesterday from California ports with a full passenger list and a full freight cargo.

13 MILLIONS GO FOR GUM. Evangelist Contrasts This With 12 Millions for Heathens.

Luther Warren, Adventist Evangelist, began studies in the Book of Revelations at the Women of Woodcraft ball Sunday afternoon by scoring popular indifference to Christianity.

"Thirteen million dollars for gum and \$12,000,000 for the gospel," he explained. "Such is the comparative value of gum and gospel in this so-called Christian Nation. After we have spent several billions of dollars for whiskey, for tobacco, for things which are rank poison and do only harm, we spend \$13,000,000 for gum, just something to wag our jaws over. Buy it from the box, says the advertisement, and we buy it by the box, by the millions of boxes, while on the other hand, we spend less than we do for that gum, and yet the Supreme Court of the United States, in the person of Justice Brewer, officially pronounced this a Christian Nation."

Further studies were announced at the same place for Tuesday evening.

SAILORS TO BE CHEERED. Seamen's Friend Society Is Obtaining Fund for Christmas.

Plans for the Christmas entertainment of the sailors who will pass the holiday in Portland are being made by the Seamen's Friend Society, and a call has been issued to the citizens to contribute to the funds for the entertainment.

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VOGEL NOT DAVIDOR

Portland Fugitive Resembles Dead New York Crook.

CLUBMAN IS LONG SOUGHT

Promoter, Who Disappeared Suddenly From This City in 1908 at First Thought to Be Man Killed by Police.

Federal authorities here are satisfied that Joseph Vogel, master of an organized band of thieving foreign working girls, who was killed in New York in a battle with the police, three weeks ago, was not Sam V. Davidor, clubman and promoter, who is under indictment here for fraudulent use of the United

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States mails. This conclusion was reached after comparing an authentic photograph of Vogel, which was received by Postoffice Inspector Clement yesterday from the New York Police department, with the likeness of the fugitive promoter.

A few days following the shooting of Vogel, the police authorities of Milwaukee, Wis., from a photograph, probably a copy of the one received here yesterday, identified it positively as that of Davidor, who also is wanted in the Wisconsin city for swindling operations. Upon reading the press dispatches from Milwaukee to this effect, Inspector Clement immediately wrote the New York authorities requesting that an authentic photograph of Vogel be forwarded to Portland.

Photographs Are Compared. When it arrived yesterday, Inspector Clement showed it to Assistant United States Attorney Evans. After comparing it with several of the original photographs of Davidor, in possession of the Federal authorities here, all three agreed that, although there was a slight resemblance between the two photographs, there was no question that the New York man was not Davidor.

"We had hoped that Vogel might prove to have been Davidor," said Inspector Clement yesterday, "for that would have enabled us to clear up our records here. Several times since his disappearance from this city, three years ago, we have received clues as to the whereabouts of Davidor. In every instance he was reported to be in some distant city, with the result that before we could get a man on the ground and effect his apprehension and arrest, he had again disappeared. In fact, we have a slight clue on which we now are working. We have not given up hope eventually of locating and arresting him."

Portland Left Suddenly. Davidor first made his appearance in Portland in the Spring of 1908. It has since been learned that he had only shortly before that time departed from Milwaukee, Wis., where he had fleeced many people out of money in the promotion of a fake mining property. In Portland, Davidor first engaged an elaborate suite of offices in the Corbett building and proceeded to promote the Washington Home Telephone Company. It was not long until he fell out with some of his associates, after negotiating a bond issue of \$500,000, and left Portland just as suddenly as he came.

But the field evidently looked promising to the promoter, Mr. Davidor returned to Portland about a year later and organized the Pacific Northwest Realty Associates. It was while promoting this enterprise that he got into trouble with the Federal authorities for misuse of the mails. He was indicted, but disappeared before the warrant could be served.

RED CROSS SEALS. purchase them for your Christmas packages and help in the obliteration of the white plague. Secure them today at the special booth, first floor, which is under the direction of the Junior League.

OUR TEA ROOM—is a wonderfully popular dining place for busy holiday shoppers, business men and women and entertainers. Quick, efficient service always. Unexcelled cuisine. Lunch here today—you'll enjoy it.

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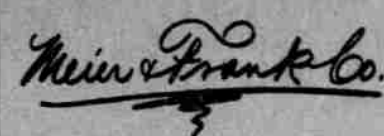
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Ever think of the benefits and pleasures derived from a Phonograph in the home? Surely an ideal gift for the whole family is one of our wonderfully perfect and sweet-toned Columbias. Parlors—fourth floor.



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We have Columbias to fit every variety of taste or purse—ranging in price from \$17.50 to \$250. Only one small payment puts one of these incomparable instruments into your home, and the balance of purchase may be made at your convenience next year.

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If you already own a Columbia, be sure to secure some of the special Christmas records which we now have on sale.

Ask about our special Phonograph offer. The wonderful Grafonola Favorite Machine, 11 double-disc records (22 selections), record album and 100 best steel needles—outfit complete at low price

\$57.60

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Three Full Pages in Sunday Papers Gave Details of Today's Holiday Sales

Unparalleled Are the Offerings

Our Great Mid-Month Sale Pure Foods Begins Today!

These Are But a Hint of the Hundreds of Offerings. Phone Orders Taken From 7 A. M. Daily.

- Log Cabin Syrup, cane or maple, gallon can, \$1.10
- Royal Banquet Olive Oil, large bot. 73c
- Walter Baker's Cocoa, 25c cans at 19c
- Searchlight Matches, 12 boxes for 40c
- Eastern Skinned Hams, the pound, 19c
- Royal Baking Powder, special, lb. 40c
- Blue Label Catsup, 25c bottles for 18c
- Granulated Sugar, 100-lb. sacks \$5.40
- Standard Table Peaches, 2 20c cans, 25c

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- Standard Table Apricots, 2 20c cans, 25c
- Butternut Butter, priced here 2 lbs. 69c
- Avondale Butter priced here 2 lbs. 70c
- Royal Banquet Butter, 2 pounds for 80c
- Victor Cocoa, specially priced, lb. 25c
- Baker's Chocolate priced here, a lb. 32c
- Golden Rod Oat Flakes, 2 pkgs. for 25c
- Royal Banquet Flour, the barrel, \$4.50
- Royal Banquet Flour, the sack, \$1.15
- Paris Mixed Candies, 2 pounds for 25c

- Broken Mixed Candies, the pound, 15c
- Cream Mixed Candies, 2 pounds for 35c
- All Gum, selling here at 3 packages, 10c
- Popcorn, M. & F. price, 3 pounds, 25c
- Crystal Rice Hearts, the package, 19c
- Candy Canes selling at 5c, 10c, 15c
- New Walnuts priced here at, pound, 20c
- Fancy Mixed Nuts, 2 pounds for 35c
- Imported Layer Figs, the pound at 30c
- Extra Fancy Layer Raisins, the lb. 30c

—Pure Food Grocery, Basement

At First there may be some shortcomings in the service we are opening today.

But it will be our purpose to serve you as nearly perfect as quiet efficiency and trained help can do it—realizing that your second purchase here will depend on the quality, price and service that goes with the first one you make.

Huntley Drug Co. Washington at Fourth Street

CLYDE WILL INVESTIGATE. Councilman to Get Data Regarding Public Service Corporations.

Councilman Clyde left last night for California, where he will spend two

months attending to business and investigating the workings of public service corporations. Before his departure he explained that he will look into the gas and electric meter inspection system in Los Angeles with the hope of getting some information to be used in fighting for such a system in Portland.

He will also look into the success of legislation in California cities requiring interchange of transfers by the various streetcar companies. It is his plan to make a fight for the universal transfer system in Portland. He announced that he will not be a candidate for Mayor in the coming city election and may not be a candidate for re-election as Councilman-at-Large.