

MERRY THROG GREETED 1912

SLEIGHING AND COASTING PARTIES NUMEROUS AT 12

BACCHANALIONISM ENTIRELY MISSING FROM CELEBRATION

Joyous Acclaim and Loud Noises From Factory Whistles Mingle With the Show From Merry Celebrators in Beautiful Midnight Festivities—Hills Scene of Coasting Parties Often.

Nineteen hundred and twelve peeped down on La Grande last midnight with decorum and dignity and on a sane set of celebrators. Many sleighing and coasting parties were out to greet the new year and in many of the houses of worship, midnight worshippers were prepared to grasp the new year by the festive hand and welcome it as its initial visit. It was an ideal New Year's night. Plenty of snow, crisp cold to tingle the circulation, brilliant moonlight—all requisites for midwinter amusement. From early evening until after the approach of the new year the hills and grades of the city resounded with screams of mirth from the revelries of late 'owls' out for a lark. Sleighing parties whizzed by on all streets until late at night and the good cheer and happiness was everywhere manifest. Bacchanalianism was entirely missing and what demonstration of joy there was came from happy crowds out for the night with respectable motives.

In some of the churches, audiences gathered and beckoned to the new year with word of prayer and song. In the Methodist church especially was this true and a large audience heard the midnight address of the pastor, J. D. Gillilan, D. D.

The Elks last night greeted the New Year with feasting and appropriate program. They were gathered in the banquet hall enjoying a feast when the new year rolled around and it was with fitting programs that they received 1912.

Lid Off at San Francisco.

San Francisco, Jan. 1.—With the lid clean off San Francisco celebrated New Year with the greatest joyfest in the city's history. It ended mostly this morning but started early last night. Over 300,000 danced on the streets at midnight.

Portland Celebration Tame.

Portland, Jan. 1.—Some whistles and some noise on the streets by a crowd marked the New Year's advent here. The cafes were closed until midnight. The celebration was tame. The same was true of Seattle and Tacoma.

Murder Climax to Revelry.

Chicago, Jan. 1.—Only one murder marked the New Year celebration here. John Corbette quarrelled with another reveler who killed him and escaped. A million was spent by the citizens despite the quiet celebration.

Bromides on Morning After.

New York, Jan. 1.—Bromides are all the demand here today by the New Yorkers who celebrated freely and too well. Seven hundreds and fifty thousands dollars was spent for wines, etc. at the cafes.

BAKER CITIZEN KILLS, SUICIDE

POLICEMAN ATTEMPTS TO INTERFERE IN QUARREL.

Lakeview Policeman Shot Down by a Former Baker Resident.

Lakeview, Ore., Jan. 1.—Blind rage today is held responsible for the murder of Policeman Brown by Bert Taylor who then committed suicide last night. Taylor and his wife were quarreling and Brown attempted to interfere. Taylor shot him in the breast and then blew out his own brains. The Taylors arrived recently from Baker.

Bert H. Franklin, Accused of Jury Bribing, and His Counsel



Photo by American Press Association.

ANOTHER charge has been added to that formerly made against Bert H. Franklin, an investigator for the defense in the McNamara trial, whose case has been engaging the attention of the superior court of Los Angeles. The later accusation is that Franklin attempted to bribe Robert Bain, a sworn juror, who has testified that he took a bribe. The first charge was that the investigator had bribed George N. Lockwood, a salesman who had not been served with a jury summons. Lecompte Davis of counsel for the McNamaras and Henry T. Gage, ex-governor of California and formerly in the diplomatic service, are defending Franklin. The accused man is shown at the right of the picture, ex-Governor Gage is standing, and Mr. Davis is seated at his right.

NEW YEAR IN SHIP TEN CARS JAIL CRANE'S LOT OF ELGIN SPUDS

GUN TOTTING COSTS GEO. CRANE DEARLY.

Step-Son Causes Arrest of South La Grander in Family Troubles.

George Crane of South La Grande is celebrating New Year in the county jail because he flashed a revolver at his step-son, Ray Thomas, Saturday. About six months ago Crane and his wife separated and Mr. Crane has not been living at the Crane home since then. Mrs. Crane's son, Ray Thomas has made his home there in the meantime taking care of his mother. Saturday Crane is said to have returned to the home and when his step-son informed him that either he or Mr. Crane would have to leave—either one of which arrangements would be satisfactory to Thomas—the elder of the two men is said to have pulled a revolver and made as if to shoot. When the evidence was presented to Justice Williams shortly after Crane's arrest by I. W. Faulk, a sentence of guilty and a fine were pronounced on Crane. Because he did not have the money he is serving 12 days in the county jail.

Elks Arrange Dates.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 1.—(Special)—Through the efforts of John P. Sullivan, grand exalted ruler of the Elks, conflicts in the dates of the important conventions of 1912 have been avoided.

As soon as it was decided that the Elks would hold their annual reunion in Portland during the week of July 8, Mr. Sullivan conferred with officials of the Grand Army and the Shriners with the result that the conventions of those organizations will be held in Los Angeles in September and May respectively. By urging the subject on members of the republican national committee he succeeded in having the date for the republican convention in Chicago set for the week of June 18. He has started similar negotiations with the democratic national committee and it is probable that

CARS TO CARRY BANNERS ENROUTE TO KANSAS.

L. Stoop Arranging to Send Shipment Late This Month or February.

Ten carloads of potatoes grown around Elgin will be shipped to Kansas markets late this month or early in February and the cars in which the potatoes are transported will be emblazoned with banners and streamers telling of the origination of the shipment and other qualifications of the Elgin country. L. Stoop is the main man behind the shipment and the cars are intended to become moving advertisements of the country en route. The potato market in the Elgin territory is exceptionally good this year and the prices, too, are bringing in a neat sum of money. It is indeed a profitable and extensive industry in the north end of the county.

another week than that chosen by the Elks will be selected for the democratic convention.

WILL SIGN UP JUNKETERS.

Definite Arrangements for Trip to Southern Oregon Will Be Made.

Tomorrow morning a committee of business men start out to sign up definite membership to the en masse journey to Southern Oregon which commences next Sunday. The business men will be asked to join the excursion—its features are already well discussed and it is but a matter of how many can possibly arrange their affairs to be gone the week. By tomorrow will be asked to state finally if they can go or not.

Chinese Celebrate.

New York, Jan. 1.—Mott street, New York's Chinatown, celebrated today the birth of a new Chinese republic. Banquets were held at noon in the big joss house at which the official reading of the proclamation declaring the Manchus will give up, took place.

LABOR UNIONS AID ACCUSED

WILL RALLY TO THE DEFENSE OF LABOR KINGS

CALLS ARREST OF TVIETMOE A DEEP LAID PLOT, A SCHEME

Plenty of Money to Defend San Francisco Leaders "to the Last Ditch" Will Be Subscribed—No Trial Until July if Usual Routine Is Adhered to by the Federal Authorities Who Have Charge of the Case.

San Francisco, Jan. 1.—Labor union officials here say the unions will provide ample defense funds for Tviemoe and Johannessen arrested for alleged connection with the dynamiting plot. President Rosenthal of the state labor council said: "We will defend them to the last ditch. This is a scheme, a deep laid plot concocted by the federal government."

No Trial Until July.

Los Angeles, Jan. 1.—Owing to a congested condition of the calendar in the United States district court it appears unlikely that the conspiracy charges against Tviemoe, Johannessen, Clancy and Munsey will be set for trial until July.

They are all at liberty under \$5,000 bail. They will be arraigned before Judge Wellborn in the federal district court. If the regular procedure is adhered to it will be six months before the cases come up.

Up to Gompers, Says Fredericks.

Los Angeles, Jan. 1.—Before leaving for Indianapolis Saturday night, District Attorney Fredericks, according to a local morning paper, said it was up to Gompers to make John McNamara unseal his lips and tell all he knows of the dynamitings. Fredericks is quoted as saying "It is up to organized labor to clean house if it wishes to retain the respect of the world. If Gompers does not allow lawlessness that exists in the labor unions, let him appeal to John McNamara in a way he best knows to unseal his lips and disclose the extent of the ramifications of disease in order that it may be removed for all time to come. A mere superficial public request from Gompers to McNamara in San Quentin means everything."

O. A. C. SINGERS COMING.

Manager Here Closing Up Date For February for Aggies' Club.

Oregon Agricultural college's glee club will visit La Grande some time in February. Manager Wilson Kimsey Peery was here yesterday arranging for his singers and the date of the coming will be announced shortly. It is about three years ago since the O. A. C. warblers were here and the many friends of that institution in this city will be anxiously awaiting the arrival of the songsters.

CUPID OUTWITS PARENT.

New York Broker Pounds at Locked Door While Wedding Is in Progress

Denver, Jan. 1.—While her "dad," a wealthy stock broker of New York kicked on the door of a hotel here, Alice Clifford was married to Roland Birch, also a New York broker who came from Los Angeles to meet her. She left New York closely pursued by her father, who was just a minute behind throughout the journey. Each took a different railroad. He forgave them after the ceremony.

State to Take Telephones.

London, Dec. 30.—Preparations are complete for the transfer tomorrow of the entire telephone system of the United Kingdom from private ownership to government control. In future the telephone business is to be operated as one of the most gigantic industrial operations that England has ever known. It involves a business which has amounted to \$20,000,000 a year and in which more than 18,000 persons are employed.

KENNETH D. M'KELLAR.

Representative From Tenth Tennessee Congressional District.



BANK ROBBER HIDES IDENTITY

CHEHALIS AUTHORITIES TRY TO GET HIS NAME.

Man Who Shot Bank Officer Is Arrested and Will Take "His Medicine"

Chehalis, Jan. 1.—Sheriff Foster today has sent broadcast a description of the light-haired, blue eyed, smooth shaven 22 years old robber who shot and killed President Bar of the Farmers' and Merchants' bank Saturday night and who refuses to reveal his identity. The man admits his guilt and says he tried to rob the bank only after \$250 of his savings were taken from him by gamblers in Seattle. He said he would plead guilty and take his medicine. He is repentant. He has been west a year and comes from New York state. The sheriff is trying to establish the man's identity.

SUMMERVILLE INSTALLS

A. F. & A. M. and O. E. S. Have Celebration at Summerville.

Summerville, Jan. 1.—(Special)—Without ritual and exhibiting some splendid floor drills the O. E. S. officials for the ensuing year were installed here on Wednesday, Dec. 27. Mrs. Maggie McKinzie was the installing officer for the O. E. S. Clyde Myers installed the A. M. and A. M. A number of visitors were present from the surrounding lodges.

The ladies' work of installation was exceptionally good, the work being done without rituals.

LIKE ROBERT, BUT—

Ohio Progressives Will Not Hitch to Senator Unqualifiedly.

Columbus, Ohio, Jan. 1.—Ohio progressives conferred here today to perfect a state organization. A majority of the delegates favored endorsing La Follette for president, although La Follette personally prefers that the endorsement be deferred. La Follette's closest friends say he would like to leave the endorsement open and if La Follette doesn't show stronger later, the name of some other progressive can be substituted.

Sen Predicts Peace.

Nanking, Jan. 1.—Dr. Sen, the Chinese president, is here discussing the future of China. In the course of his remarks he said: "China will soon be peaceful. A military government will be necessary for the present but within a few weeks I expect to see the country in such a condition that a return to civil rule will be possible."

One Hundred Sent to Jail.

San Francisco, Jan. 1.—One hundred revelers who celebrated New Year's in this city were taken to jail today to make new resolutions.

Atwood Falls in Ocean.

Lynn, Mass., Jan. 1.—Falling 300 feet into the ocean near Point of Pines today Aviator Atwood in his hydroplane narrowly escaped but was rescued.

CANADA FRUIT SHIPMENT PAYS

GOOD RETURNS NETTED TO IMBLER ORCHARD

PRINCIPALLY STANDARD FRUIT, DRAW GOOD FIGURES

Northwestern Fruit Exchange Forwards Check for Payment of Shipment to Edmonton, Canada from Imbler—Few Boxes of Extra Fancy but Principally a Shipment of Standard Pack.

One hundred and forty-seven boxes of extra fancy and 523 of standard apples shipped from the Imbler orchards in a carload lot to Edmonton, Alberta, through the Northwest Fruit Exchange has netted the growers \$760. A check covering the amount has been forwarded and received at Imbler, the exchange making good time in handling the shipment. Standard boxes prevailed, yet the price obtained was good, based on the following resume of the grades shipped:

- Rome Beauty, extra fancy, 80s to 225s, 41, \$1.40, \$57.40.
- Rome Beauty, standard, 64s to 250s, 1881, \$1.20, \$217.20.
- York Imperial, extra fancy, 10's to 225s, 64, \$1.20, \$76.80.
- York Imperial, standard, 128s to 250s, 111, \$1.05, \$116.55.
- Gano, extra fancy, 96s to 175s, 23, \$1.20, \$27.60.
- Gano, standard, 96s to 225s, 166, \$1.05, \$174.30.
- Ben Davis, extra fancy, 88s to 200s, 13, 95c, \$12.35.
- Ben Davis, standard, 112s to 185s, 17, 80c, \$13.60.
- Jonathan, extra fancy, 185s to 225s, 2, \$1.45, \$2.90.
- Jonathan, standard, 112s to 250s, 10, \$1.20, \$12.00.
- Spitzenbergs, extra fancy, 175s to 200s, 2, \$1.80, \$3.60.
- Spitzenbergs, standard, 128s to 225s, 4, \$1.55, \$6.20.
- Newton Pippins, standard, 140s to 250s, 7, \$1.30, \$9.10.
- Blue Pearm'n, standard, 80s to 175s, 14, \$1.05, \$14.70.
- Winter Green, standard, 64s to 112s, 13, \$1.05, \$13.65.
- Red Lauver, extra fancy, 144s and 175s, 2, \$1.15, \$2.30.
- Total \$760.00.

WANT ALASKA UPBUILT.

Portland and San Francisco Chambers to Ask for Assistance.

San Francisco, Jan. 1.—A delegation representing the San Francisco chamber of commerce will go to Washington the latter part of this month to use their efforts to aid in securing legislation that will help the development of Alaska. Portland will also assist. Congress will be requested to put up light-houses on the Alaskan coast, grant an extension of the land survey, reduce the government cable tolls, give a better administration of justice and country.

TRANSFER OF OFFICERS SOON

TUESDAY NIGHT TO SEE OLD COUNCIL DISBANDED

New Administration Will Take Over Powers Immediately Afterward.

Tomorrow night the new administration in La Grande's municipal affairs takes the reins of government. The retiring administration will gather and transact a few minor pieces of business likely and then give way with the customary formality to the incoming body. Reading of Mayor-elect W. J. Church's message will probably consume the remaining time of the session and on the following night the new council will meet again to transact its first acts of an official nature.