

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

WILL THEY COVER FOR THE PRESENT.—The last issue of \$5,000 of street improvement bonds sold by the city a day or two ago, will, it is expected, see the city through until the Legislature meets and the bonding act can be repealed or changed so that the persons borrowing money to pay for their street improvements will have to pay the interest thereon themselves. The amount of improvement bonds issued up to date is in round numbers, \$23,000, running for 10 years and bearing interest at 6 per cent. The first issue of improvement bonds was made in 1881, and will therefore, become due in five years. Till that time the city will have to pay about \$15,000 interest yearly for the enterprise. The city has taken advantage of the bonding act. To offset this, there is about \$3000 interest a year coming in from the sinking fund, which bears 4 per cent interest. The interest on the sinking fund will keep increasing, and the interest on the bonds will decrease from year to year as the successive issues are paid off.

PORTLAND INVITED TO TAKE PART.—D. C. Ogg, secretary of the State Board of Trade of Georgia, has issued an invitation to the business men of Oregon to be represented at the National Maritime Congress, which will assemble at Brunswick, Ga., January 26, 1891. Three delegates from the Chamber of Commerce and Board of Trade, and one delegate from each shipbuilding firm will be eligible to seats in the congress. Great preparations have been made for the congress, and it is expected that all the states of the Union which are directly or indirectly interested in shipping or ship-building will be represented. Portland is especially invited, and it is hoped that arrangements may be made to send delegates from here.

NO CHRISTMAS EVE MASS You'll Never Regret It... CIRCULAR LETTER ISSUED BY ARCHBISHOP CHRISTIE. Says Midnight Services Are Inconvenient—Midnight Mass Will Be Said New Year's Eve. Allow us to suggest to you who are considering the advisability of presenting the home with a fine new instrument that you will avail yourselves of the unprecedented opportunity we now have to offer in that line, you will have made the bargain of a lifetime, and we can safely say that you will have saved enough money in the transaction to fairly educate the whole family in music.

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