# RIDE HIGH WAVE OF PROSPERITY

Christmas Business of Portland Merchants Has Never Been Equaled.

#### INCREASE 20 PER CENT

People Have Money and Are Spending It Liberally-Shoppers Throng Stores, Not to Look at the Goods, but to Buy.

No need to wish your friends "a pros No need to wish your triends "a pros-perous New Year," when greetings are sent around January 1. The prosperity is already here, and, judging from what the prominent merchants of Portland say concerning the increase in business over that of last year's holiday season, it is that of last year's holiday season. It is nore to stay. The people have money and they are spending it with a lavish hand. The merchants have more beautiful Christmas goods than ever before dis-played, and they are selling them like the cerbial hotcake. The croakers who joined the anvil chorus about the slump which was sure to come after the Exposi-tion have tucked their little hammers away and are out mixing with the happy, generous holiday crowd on the streets and in the stores, shaking hands and saying. "Fine business, ch? Prosperous year, you

The man who predicted the greatest The man who predicted the greatest prosperity Portland ever experienced says nothing, but wears a satisfied, "I-told-you-so" smile as he observes the great crowds which throng all the shops and carry out armfuls of bundles. A thor-ough canvas of the business houses of the city gives most satisfactory evidence of the fact that the right of business. fact that the rush of business which began before the Exposition opened chants are today doing even more bus ness than they did between June 1 and October Is. Perhaps the most enthusias-tic man in Portland over this great wave of prosperity which has struck the Rose City is Dan McAllen, the "Father of the

Are we doing more business than last year?" His tone expressed contempt at any idea to the contrary. "Well, just look at that counter right there—could you get near it to be waited on?"

Women stood five deep around the glove counter, and the crowd all over the store was uncomfortably large. "And look out there on the street." he continued. "I tell you Portland has never had a year like this has been but I hope it will have many more in the future just as good. We are doing almost twice the amount of siness this season that we did last, and the Exposition has helped matters instead of causing duliness, as many predicted it would. There would have been even more prosperity if every one had jumped in and done his best instead of predicting bad times."

### Epoch in Portland History.

Pictures, books and music, in adon to the regular lines of a department store, are having a phenomenal sale," said I. N. Lipman, of the firm of Lipman, Wolfe & Co. "All Summer we were simply rushed to death and naturally it was supposed to be due to the great influx of visitors who came to the Exposition. But since the close of the Fair there has been no falling off of the great trade which we have enjoyed all year, and this Christmas we have, and are doing, more than ever before in our history. This year certainly marks an epoch in the history of Fortland."

It was protty hard to pick one's way through the crowd at Meier & Frank's from the street door to the offices of the firm, but once the trip was oc-complished it was easy to learn that the wave of prosperity had struck that firm amidships and was washing the upper decks good and clean.

## Shoppers Buy, Not Look.

That big crowd you see out there buying goods—not simply looking them," said Julius Meier. "The purchasing public of Portland seems to have more money to spend than ever before in the history of the city's bus-iness life, and they are showing us their appreciation of our constant efforts to treat them fairly and give good values. Our business is much larger than it has ever been at this season of the year-in fact, there has been no cessation of the marveious trade we did all during the Exposition period. We have had to employ 150 extra salespeople and 112 messengers and cash girls, and today we are run-ning 28 delivery wagons. Doesn't that look like prosperity? If Portland keeps on at this rate she outclass any city on the Pacific

## Great Holiday Trade.

Ben Selling has a similar statement to make concerning the increase in holiday trade over that of last year and the general prosperity which is being enjoyed by the population of Portland. "I am doing between 15 and 20 per cent more business than I did last year at this time, and the in-crease during the entire year will exseed that percentage. Of course, this business is not one which commands as great a rush of Christmas trade as general department stores, but the increase in purchases is great and money seems to be plentiful with all classes. I rejoice to see this amount of prosperity in Portland and feel that It is here to stay. It's up to the public to keep it here."

## Business Is Phenomenal.

"The Christmas trade has been simply Pay \$6 a month a conderful," said H. C. Wortman, of the Phone Exchange firm of Olds. Wortman & King, when the close of the Exposition. "The fact that such an extraordinary amount of merchandise suitable for Christmas gifts was disposed of at the Exposition and through auctions since its close would naturally lead the conservative business man in extraordinary and was served by Judge Franer yesterday, and was served by a deputy sheriff. Captain extraordinary and was served by a deputy sheriff. Captain Exposition and the conservative business of the con

every other line of business in the direc-

Exposition One of Causes.

"I have beard statements to the effect that the season is a bad one and business duil," said F. I. Tull, "but I want to state to the public, through your columns, that there has never been such prosperity in the history of the Northwest as is being enjoyed right now, Our business has increased for this season fully 25 per cent.

Enjoy a trip to Astoria on the Potter. You will always remember it. Leaves Assertived doc every night at 5 o'clock, except Sunday. (Saturday night, 18 P. M.) Round trip, 25. Particulars at Third and Washington streets. Portland.

Pain in the side nearly always comes from a disordered liver and is promptly relieved by Carter's Little Liver Pills.

ver that of last year's holiday season over that of last year's boilday season, and the average increase for the entire year was even greater, owing to the great preparation for the Exposition. It is a satisfaction to know that the Exposition has done so much for Portland, and that the history of other Exposition cities is not being repeated here. We have the greatest faith in Portland—not only in its present, but its future as well."

#### All Tell Glad Story.

Other furniture firms had the same glad story to tell, and the grocers, marketmen and all variety of supply firms chimed in this happy Christmas carol. Even the florists are having a hard time to meet the heavy demands of their trade, Miss Privides predictive a flower families next Pfunder predicting a flower famine next Monday. "Out-of-town orders have been so numerous, and flowers are getting so scurre," she said, "that a flower famine seems almost imminent. I have never known the Portland people to be so lav-ish in their floral orders as they are this year, and if the free expenditure of money is an indication of prosperity, it has surely reached this town."

and all were as busy as could be. The confectioners tell the same tale of lavish orders, and the pounds of honbons and sweets which are going out to the homes of this city are alarming in number! The physicians will, no doubt, reap a harvest.

Other florists spoke in the same veir

## Public Buys Liberally.

"The numerous auctions of Japanese goods and the enormous sales at the Exposition would ordinarily make one think that legitimate business enterprises would be injured and trade dull." said Mrs. I. Frohman. "but, to the contrary, I find that there is more demand for fancy and imported novelties than ever before and one hondered here the said was the contract. before and my business is greater than at any other season. The public is not only buying liberally, but it demands the best of everything, and I find the greatest demand is for my best and most expensive stock. If Portland could experience a few consecutive years like this one-and I am sure it will-San Francisco will have to look to her laurels. Of we have long ceased to consider Scattle as a rival."

The jewelry stores are a good criterion

for prosperous times, and one has only to step into one of the numerous pretty shops of this kind in Portland to observe that much money is being spent for beau-tiful genus, silverware and novelties. The wholesule houses have also had their

## USE OF CONDEMNED ROCK

C. A. COGSWELL SAYS IT IS PLACED ON STREETS.

States That Eight Thousand Cubic Yards Declared Unfit Has Been Converted Into Pavement.

C. A. Cogswell created a mild sensation at the Executive Board meeting yesterday by the declaration that he was in posses-sion of authentic information to the effect that 8000 cubic yards of crushed rock. which had been originally condemned by W. B. Chase, ex-City Engineer, had been placed on the streets of Portland under the Elliott regime. This rock was valued at about \$1.75 a cubic yard, and Mr. Cogs-well stated that a great deal of scandal attached to the proposition.

He was also in favor of investigating the whole system of supplying crushed rock to the municipality, claiming that a combine existed among the contractors coinblie existed among the contractors and that California cities were being furnished the rock upon the basis of from 50 cents to \$1 a cubic yard, and thought Portland ought to get at least a \$1.10 rate. It is Mr. Cogswell's idea to investigate conditions with a view of ultimately putting the local supply of crushed rock for street purposes under municipal. rock for street purposes under municipal control. The matter was referred to the street committee of the Executive Board, which consists of R. I., Sabin, Max Fleischner and Richard Wilson.

The Pacific States Telephone Company registered a decided protest against the action of the Home Telephone Company in undertaking to usurp some of the alleged rights of the former by placing their poles in proximity to those of the older concern, in such a way, so it is charged, as to interfere seriously with their operations. Both sides will be given a hearing at a special meeting of the board.

The biggest undertaking will be that of the Salvation Army, which expects to furnish hundreds of basket dinners to poor families, by this means giving them the opportunity to enjoy the bounty of the plan of having a big dinner served in a hall is abandoned, as many of the beneficiaries of this commendable form of charity shrink from the publicity involved and prefer to have their happy time in private. All who are to receive baskets are asked to be at the hall, 196

Contracts for 500 feet of 25-inch fire baskets are asked to be at the hall, 196 bose for the Midway district, and new engine bollers to replace two that have been
many years in service, were awarded to
A. G. Long, he agreeing to furnish the
Keystone brand of fire hose at 90 cents a
foot, and the two Fox bollers with tron
tubes for 1986.

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At the request of Captain H. Van Anken, of the Albina ferrybont W. S. Ma-son, W. E. Daniel, a deckhand, was ap-pointed a special policeman for the pur-nose of restraining the disorderly elepose of restraining the disorderly ele-ment that occasionally gathers on the

## Policeman Quinton III.

John Quinton, the City Hall policeman, was subjected to a severe rheumatic at-tack Wednesday, necessitating his tem-porary retirement from patrol duty. He is now confined to his residence at 500 Vancouver avenue, while his place is filled for the time being by H. L. Carison. Quinton is one of the oldest members of the local police force, and undoubtedity one of the most popular, and his absence was yesterday the occasion for many attaious inquiries from municipal officials. His illness is not serious, and he expects soon to be at his poet.

#### Taxpayers' Annual Meeting. At an informal meeting of the City

School Board yesterday it was resolved to hold the taxpayers' annual meeting next Wednesday evening, December 27, in the High School building. In view of the fact that the next regu-

lar meeting of the School Board falls on Christman, it was resolved to hold an extra session at 4:30 o'clock this after-

## GET AN XMAS PIANO.

Pay \$6 a month at Ellers Piano House.

goods. But, contrary to all such expectations, we are able to say that our business has been almost phenomenal, and that we have never done so much at this season in any previous year. That prosperity has teached all classes there can be no possible doubt, and I believe it is here to stay."

Mr. Wortman's statement was borne out by the dense throng which crowded every available foot of space in the big store, and the machine-like activity of the cashiets, wrappers and salespeople.

The department and clothing stores are not the only ones enjoying a great rush of Christmas trade, for it has invaded every other line of business in the discovery other line of business is the discovery other line of business in the discovery of the line of

How Portland Charities Will Remember Those Who Are in Need.

## SALVATION ARMY'S WORK

What the Various Institutions, Public and Quasi-Public, Will Do for Their Charges on the Holiday.

Christmas appeals always seem to

year no particular institution is asking for any special contribution, though the management of each readily admits that supplies of provisions, clothing or fuel-and money always are acceptable and really needed. The lumates of the vari-ous homes and institutions of Portland, ranging from the tiniest Infants to men and women of withered old age, will be treated kindly and senerously next Mon-

treated kindly and generously next Mon-day, being made to feel that the Christ-mas spirit is reaching all hearts and that others take pleasure in giving them hap-

Undertaking of Salvation Army.

The biggest undertaking will be that

getting one will be assured of a fine Christmas dinner. In addition to this dinner the Salvation

The Volunteers of America, having dis-

tributed similar baskets to the poor on Thanksgiving, will not make any special

Army will give two Christmas trees for poor children, one in the hall at Third and Davis, and the other at 199 Fourth, A gift will be given each child, and there will be camby and other good things for

Fruit and Flower Mission's Work.

The Fruit and Flower Mission girls The Fruit and Flower Mission girls are preparing to give Caristmas cheer and joy to many a heart. Their regular orchesiva music will be given on some day between Christmas and New Years, as there is so much excitement in the hospitals on the 25th that it is thought the music will be more appreciated when there is not so much going on. The usual flowers will be distributed among the patients, however, and there will be a blooming plant or a basket of fruit given to each individual of a list of deserving people kept by the Mission. Visits will be made to the Patton Home, St. Joseph's Home and the County Poor Farm, where

CHRISTMAS DISPLAY IN STORE WINDOW ATTRACTS A CROWD

70 children of the home are invited to see between 2 and 4 o'clock. About 2:20 Santa Claus will arrive in person and

every child will receive a present and lots of candy. The children in this home range from 2 to 14 years of age, and are all well and happy. Supplies, clothing, toys or anything that can be

applied to the support of children, are needed here.

The Patton Home will be the scene of the happiest Christmas of many sea-

sons. This evening at 7:30 there will be a tree with gifts on it for the 24 immates of the Hone, and exercises will be held in conjunction with it. Friends of those liv-

ing there are invited to attend. Monday the Christmas dinner will be served. Food supplies and cash are named as the most

Y. W. C. A. Invitations.

The Young Women's Christian Asso-

ciation is preparing to have an un-usually good time, and unique invita-tions have usen issued to a juvenile party for Monday night. Over 233 of

there have been sent out and Miss

McCorkle wishes all girls and women who are boarding or living away from home in the city feel that they will be perfectly welcome to attend. The

invitations direct that all come dressed as children and bring a 5-cent present to put on the tree. Children's games

will be played and a jolly good time enjoyed, Refreshments have been pro-vided by Mrs. Helen Ladd Corbett for

The children at the Boys' and Girls' Aid "Christmus Carol" will be recited by till 10 o'clock. McAllen & McDonnell, the Society are going to have an unusually some good reader. Miss Jane Smith, of store noted for best goods at lowest prices.

Society are going to have an unusually some good reader. Miss Jane Smith, of the store noted for best goods at lowest prices, fine time this year, as they are invited to Centenary Church to a Christmas tree talks on "What some artists have Eyes Strong, Soothes Eye Pain: Doesn't Smart.

urgent needs of this institution.

others do, especially when they come age, there will be no big dinner. Cloth-from unusually worthy sources. This ing and money are designated as the impear no particular institution is asking mediate needs of this home.

preparation for Christmas festivities, leaving all this to the Salvation 'Army.

For Boys' and Girls' Aid Society.

this event The programme for this week's Sunday at home is also particularly attractive. The story groups will meet as usual at 4 o'clock and Dickens'

tonight, and the following Thursday night will have a tree and entertainment of their own. They will have presents, camby and other dainties, and in addition to all this will have a fine turkey dinner on Monday. Anyone who can help the society out on these Christmas preparations will be cordially thanked by the management.

The Sisters of the Good Shepherd are preparing to give their girls an enjoyable Christmas, which will include a gargeous tree, a big turkey dinner and some kind of an entertainment to be given on Monday afternoon. Supplies of all kinds will be welcomed at this worthy institution.

Fruit and Flower Mission's Work.

A tree and entertainment will be given at the People's Institute tonight, which Miss Pritchard has arranged to have unusually

be made to the Patton Home. St. Joseph's and coffee to the inmates, and on MonHome and the County Poor Farm, where 
packages of tobacco will be given the 
men and boxes of candy to the women, 
all done up in holiday fashlon. At St. 
Agnes Home the little tots will be given 
toys.

There will be a gally-decorated tree at 
the Baby Home, but as the inmates of 
this institution are all under I years of 
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with horse to the inmates, and on Monday a fine turkey dinner will be given. 
when every one will have all he can 
make up such meals. Turkeys have 
been supplied by individual friends, 
and with the small presents which will 
be alistributed and the good things 
which the Fruit and Flower Mission 
with horse to the inmates. strike the public nearer the heart than this institution are all under I years of girls bring, the day will be a happy

one for the unfortunates who live

What the Children Want.

After all these are looked after, there come the letters the little ones have been writing to Santa Claus. These missives represent childish

tragedies, if we but knew it, for the

choose to send me. Dear Santy," made one want to load the latter child with

verything which is beautiful to the

SUIT BARGAINS.

Special values and bargains today in

will suits, jackets, raincouts, slik petticouts, cens' waists and furs. Come today. Store open

desires of anxious little hearts are in

The pest house is a very lonesome

Victim of Accident While Working for the Oregon Water Power Company.

### F. FRANK'S CLAIM IGNORED

Says He Has Paid Hospital Dues Up to and Including This Month, but Corporation Declines to Assist Him.

to the County Hospital yesterday at 1:30 P. M., where he will be attended gratis. He was aged 40 years, was badly injured while in the employ of the Oregon Water Power & Railway Company, had paid hospital dues for the present mouth, he declared, but officials of the corporation denied him the right of attention at the hands of his surgeons, and Captain of Police Bailey received instructions to "send him to the Poor-House." Frank was taken to the "Poor-House,"

although he said it was a terrible blow to him, and he declared that it was an outrage that he should be sent there, for was emphatic in the statement to th officials that he had paid into the coffer of the Oregon Water Fower & Railway Company hospital dness ever since he went to work for the corporation, up to and including this month. He thought he was clearly entitled to attention at th

Frank had no claims there, as he had quit work they said. December 7.
Captain Bailey then turned over the matter to the County Health Office, and was directed to send the sufferer to the County Health Office. County Hospital. In a patrol wagon, ac-companied by Station Officers Gruber and Casey, Frank was taken over the lonely road, so distasteful to him, and placed in care of the institution.

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Frank had been employed by the Oregon Water Power & Railway Company in one of the logging campa along its lines, near Cazadero. He was struck by a large chain, which wrapped itself around his legs in such a manner as to shut off all circulation of the blood in those limbs. The veins were dangerously swollen, and

the victim was in great agony.

Police attention was called to Frank's lamentable condition by roomers at one of the cheaper North Portland hotels, where the sufferer had spent the days and nights since receiving the injury on De-cember 5. Patrolmen Seymour and Wen-dorf called on him, and found him in such ndition that they immediately reported

to headquarters for instructions.

After all claims of Frank were denied by the officials of the Oregon Water Power & Railway Company, there was noth-At the Children's Home.

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At the Children's Home festivities place just at present, and Mrs. Ellen Tout, the matron, will have to spend it alone with one young woman patient. Sunday. Monday afternoon there will be a fine tree, which the parents of the 70 children of the home are invited to see between 2 and 4 o'clock. About 2:20 ing for the police to do but appeal to the county officials, who ordered him sent,

## SUES STATE FOR SERVICES

JAMES M'DONALD PRESENTS IN-DIAN WAR CLAIMS.

scribed in the scrawls lovingly in-dicted to Santa Claus. The letterbox at a dozen downtown stores contains He. With Others, Asks Reimbursement for Time Spent Fightmany specimens which amuse, many which bring the tears to the hardest eyes. The character of child life is plainly told in these letters and they form an interesting study. A boy aiing the Red Men.

James McDonald, the bad-bill collector. a wagon and a hobby horse and a boat, and the girl usually begins with the "doll and doll clothes and a doll burgy and some little dishes and a cockstove" and so on down the domestic line. A number of illustrated letters in this particular Santa (Thank in a legal way, with the widow of Cregon, and with various other persons, in an effort to force the state to have to them. letters in this particular Santa Claus the sum of \$354, with interest at 6 per cent semiannually from November, 1856. postoffice were particularly amusing, and two letters in the same envelope, one mentioning nearly everything imaginable in the toy line, the other saying "I will like whatever you choose to send me. Dear Santy," made stated to be due as back pay for service

in the Indian wars of that time, McDonald, the man of collective habits, has been threatening for many months to bring his claim before the courts of the United States, but his statements were brushed aside as the idle vaporings of an old and eccentric mind. The complaint of sterday, however, forever vindicates the old man, as far as his good intentions are

A. H. Burns, whom Mr. McDonald and the complaint designate as being from Canonbie, Scotland, yesterday filed a complaint in the Federal Court, in which the State of Oregon, George E. Chamberiain, the Governor, and Frank I. Dunbar, the Secretary of State, are jointly made de-

It is set out in the complaint that Mr. Burns is the legal representative of James McDonald, James Magonary, L. L. Wil-llams, Eliza Scott and Murgaret W. Gibbs. It is further alleged on behalf of McDon-ald that he was in the first place appointed the attorney in fact of the defendant and to him was intrusted the task of co-lecting various amounts coming to the from the state for service rendered in th time of the Indian wars of 1855 and 1856 for which no remuneration was ever made The claims have been presented to state, so the complaint alleges, and a sufficient time has elapsed for payment to have been made. No action has ever been taken by the state, and McDonald has transferred his power of attorney to Burns, who now brings the suit in his It is alleged on behalf of McDonald that

entered the service of the state in November, 1855, enlisting in Company I, Second Regiment of the Oregon Mounted Volunteers. He served until February E. 1856, 56 days, under the agreement that he should receive for his services \$2 a day, E for the use of his borse, and 14 for the use of his pack mule. This sum, in total, amounted to \$50, which had never been paid, and upon which interest at the rate of 6 per cent, payable semiannually was due. Williams served under the same conditions, and asks for a principal of \$720; Magonary, for \$732; Thomas B. Scott, for \$58, and Margaret W. Gibbs, in behalf of Addison C. Glibbs, also wishes to be repaid 572. All saw service in the same company and the same regiment. The total amount asked of the court is \$564, together with interest at the rate of 6 per cent payable semiannually from November, 1835, until

her good name, but failed to establish the charge. George W. Joseph, attorney for the defendant, turned the tables on Schwabel and called witnesses who testified that Schwabel and Possie lived together in a lodging-house for a month, and until Mrs. Schwabel appeared upon the scene and caused the relationship between the two to be broken up. Schwabel in answer to interrogatories by Mr. Joseph tried to convince the attorney that he had done nothing wrong, yet he admitted accompanying Flossie to a restablished accompanying Flossie to a restablish on numerous occasions. The proprietor of the lodging-house and his wife both testified that they supposed Schwabel and Flossie were man and wife.

The Schwabels were married at Troutdale in 1892 and separated last Summer. Mr. Schwabel worked for a long time for the Union Meat Company. His wife is schilled for a long time for

Mr. Schwabel worked for a long time for the Union Meat Company. His wife is fighting for a share of the community property, consisting principally of a farm of 160 acres. Schwabel was plainly worried when questioned about Flossie. He couldn't even remember her name, and lits persistent lack of memory on this point occasioned Mr. Joseph to inquire: "What did you call her when you addressed her, or did you just give her a nuclee." No response was given, and counsel did not pursue the investigation. The trial has not yet been concluded.

#### DECISION IN REED CASE.

#### Will Which Relatives Contest Makes Large Bequest.

Judge Frazer will announce a decision this morning in the matter of the contest of certain heirs against the will of the late Amanda W. Reed. The contest involves about \$60,000, and the question to be decided is whether the domicile of Mrs. Reed was in Portland or Pasadena at the time of her death. If in California, a certain portion of the bequest for char-itable purposes will revert to the heirs. Judge Cieland will also decide the foi-

G. A. DuRette vs. Pacific Mail Order Company, demurrer to complaint; I M. Wagner vs. S. L. Goldsmith et al. tion to strike amended complaint from thes. E. C. Johnson vs. Multionnah Fair Association, demurrer to complaint; In re Louise Reymold, labeas corpus. Judge Cleland will decide the following

R. L. Deitz vs. H. L. Stephenson et al., demurrer to plea in abatement; M. J. Walsh vs. Robert Tracey, on merits; Margaret Sunmons vs. Security Savings & Trust Co. et al., on merits; C. M. Crangle vs. Martha C. Crangle, on merits; Martin Gillihan vs. George W. Cicioha, on merits; W. J. Schmauch vs. Portland Consolidated Railway Company, motion to strike out from complaint and make more definite and certain; James Magnite vs. Harry F. McKay, on merits; F. B. Reeder vs. J. L. Reeder, denurrer to amended State of Oregon ex rel Oscar F. Isakson vs. Patrick Bruin, demurrer to complaint; J. B. Wetherell vs. Portland Coal & De-livery Company, motion to make com-plaint more definite and certain; Frank Loretz et al. vs. I. S. Cleveland, demurrer

Judge George will decide Fred Rasmussen vs. Fairbank, Morse & b., motion for leave to file; W. S. Louther vs. J. W. Sweeney, on merits.

#### Railroad Companies Fined.

Because the Northern Pacific and the O. R. & N. Companies have neglected to place safety appliances on all of their cars operating in the district of Oregon, it has cost the first \$300 and the second \$400. Suit was begun some time ago by Deputy United States Attorney W. W. Banks against the companies, and the hearing was set for yesterday. When the case was called no one appeared in behalf of the companies, and judgment was given in default by Judge Wolverton, of the Dis-

## Chinese May Be Deported.

Another Chinese has been found by Chinese Inspector J. H. Barbour who should not be in the United States. This time the culprit's name is Chin Kay-Hing, who also went under the more American-sounding term of Whoa Gwong. He was picked up in Portland by the Inspector, having come to this city from Newport, and will be given an examination by United States Commissioner the first of

## SPECIAL CHRISTMAS DINNER

The many favorable comments on our us to offer to our patrons a special Christ mas dinner, which will be the most elab orate ever attempted by any grill in Port-land. The choicest the market affords has been provided, and the service will be as perfect as possible. Dinner served from 5 to 8:30 P. M. Price, \$1.30 per plate. "Ye Oregon Grille," corner Seventh and Stark.

## RENT ONE FOR CHRISTMAS

Why not rent a fine piano for the holi-days, \$4 a month. Ellers Piano House.

SENATOR GEARIN STARTS WELL. Saves Seventeen Hours to Chicago by Taking

It was Benjamin Franklin who said "Lost time is never found again," and acting upon this splendid advice, Senator Gearin began his career as United States Senator from Oregon by saving II hours to Chicago, taking the Portland-Chicago Special of the oregon Railroad & Naviga-Special of the c

You can rely on Hood's Sarsaparilla for

Lineas at McAllen & McDonnell's.

## FREIGHT BILL FOR ONE MONTH IS \$2000

### Graves & Co. Pay High Tariff on Three Cars of Edison Phonographs.

What is one of the largest freight bills ever paid by a local retail firm is that which Graves & Co., the music-dealers at 28 Washington street, paid the Northern 228 Washington Street, paid the Northern Pacific Railroad yesterday, when another carload of Edison goods arrived. A freight bill of nearly 2009 argues an un-doubtedly great retail and jobbing trade, in assuming this unusual freight bill Graves & Co. have not only captured a distinction in paying an exceptionally large tariff, but have also captured the distinction of being not only the largest distinction of being not only the largest, phonograph dealers in the Northwest, but the only dealers ever shipping in talking machines and phonographs by the carload. The shipments for December aime have amounted to three carloads, one or December 197 No. 198 No one on December 1, car No. 198,85, of 416 cases of phonographs, weigh-ing 25.155 pounds, amounting to 538.05. December 4, Northern Pacific car No. 767, isked of the court is 2544, together with interest at the rate of 6 per cent payable somiannually from November, 1855, until the date of final payment.

ACCUSES AND IS ACCUSED.

Charge Against Wife Not Sustained, the charge Against Wife Not Sustained, the charge against wife Not Sustained.

Counter-Charge May Be.

"I met her on Third sirest and she cracked a smile. That is how we became acquainted; no one introduced us." Allogust L. Schwabel so testified yesterday before Judge George in relating how he became the associate of a young woman he called Florsic, and whose surname he did not divulge. Schwabel was before the court as plaintiff in a divorce suit against his wife. Cora Schwabel, He attacked



THE POSTOFFICE CORRECTOR IS THROUGHT PROM MORNING TO NIGHT.