SHOPS ARE CROWDED

Christmas Trade Not Affected by Financial Stringency.

EXCEPT AS TO LUXURIES

Fewer Automobiles and Diamonds Than Last Year Will Be Distributed by Santa Claus. Poor Will Be Remembered.

The really wise portion of the populace, of course, has completed its Christmas shopping these many days since. People of mediocre wisdom are now occupied in that absorbing work, while the neglectful, improvident and procrastinating will hardly become busied before next Wednesday.

It is barely necessary to say that the bulk of the populace belongs to the class of mediocre wisdom. A glance at the shopping crowds reveals this only too clearly. Most everyone in town is on the streets these days, passing from store to store. Home is only an adjunct of the bargain counter; a place to withdraw for a little rest preliminary to taking up the next day's shopping campaign.

If there has been a financial flurry it has not sufficed to put its stampmark on the holiday trade. In past years trading has never been more lively, especially in the ordinary necessities of Christmas, such as toys for the children and presentable things for the older people. There is something of a falling away in more expensive things. But of stint there is little suggestion so far.

All Streets Thronged.

If there was one person on the street yesterday there were 40,000. Stores were crowded, especially those places dispensing wares suitable for Christmas presents. The big department stores found themselves at their wits' end to handle the throngs and only by the cleverest kind of management could the emergency be met. Big crowds were looked for, to be sure. But the rush always takes on bigger proportions than expected and this year is proving no exception to that general rule.

It is hard to tell how much Santa Claus spent yesterday for the good little boys and girls and men and women who have behaved themselves this past year, and are to be remembered by the astute old spendthrift. His spendings must have ranged far up into the thousands. The trade will pass the $1,000,000 mark before the holidays are at an end, for hundreds of people from outlying districts come in to get their Christmas presents. The average person, who has the money, spends at least $25 for presents and there are thousands who do not get off that lucky, whether they can afford it or not.

Poor to Be Remembered.

It is to be a Christmas for all. For six weeks past various charitable organizations have been hard at work raising funds to make the day one of cheer for the poor. The Salvation Army has been the most active of these and the little kettles and boxes on the corners have reaped a small harvest. Boxes of food and necessities in the way of warm clothing will be sent out to those in need. Where poor families have children, toys are to be included in the consignments from this most beneficent of charitable organizations.

The number of shoppers who have set about making lighter the burdens of shop workers this year is pleasant to contemplate. Forenoon shopping has become quite general and there are half as many persons, mostly women, about the stores of a morning as during the night. Nearly all the business houses are keeping their doors open until 9:30 o'clock for the accommodation of those who shop after dark through necessity or preference.

At the Theaters

What the Press Agents Say.

"QUINCY ADAMS SAWYER"

Great Rural Play at the Marquam Tonight.

Comedy is what the public is seeking, especially at present, and "Quincy Adams Sawyer," the play at the Marquam this week, is a laugh from one end to the other. It is a bright, humorous story of a small village in New England. Saturday there will be a matinee.

"THE THREE MUSKETEERS."

Famous Dumas Play Three More Times at Baker.

Although it is right in the midst of Christmas shopping, every lover of Dumas should manage to take an evening and see the Baker Company in "The Three Musketeers," with Austin Webb as D'Artagnan, James Gleason as Athos, Robert Homans as Porthos and Howard Russell as Aramis. A dainty little waiting maid is Maribel Seymour. The costumes and scenery are beautiful.

"The Girl of the Streets."

We would not think it possible in these modern days for a gang of thugs to steal a young girl and keep her in bondage right in the midst of the great metropolis of New York, but on second thought, it and worse things are probably occurring all the time right under the eyes of the police. In "The Girl of the Streets" at the Empire this week the plot concerns just such an event.

"From Farm to Factory."

Even during the rush to buy Christmas presents, take time to see "From Farm to Factory," which is being played at the Star Theater. This attraction will be repeated until tomorrow night, with a matinee tomorrow. "From Farm to Factory" is a pastoral comedy, wtih some of the scenes laid in a mill. It is a play that will not be found disappointing.

The Lyric Tonight.

Positively the finest offering that has been presented at the Lyric this season is "Caught in the Web," which is attracting capacity audiences at the popular Alder-street theater during the present week. All the members of the company, including Verna Felton, Rupert Drumm, Forrest Seabury, Mrs. Clara Allen and other favorites, are distinguishing themselves in the various roles.

OREGON BOYS TOMORROW.

Glee and Mandolin Clubs Will Give Concert at the Heilig.

The attraction at the Heilig Theater, Fourteenth and Washington streets, tomorrow (Saturday) night, will be the Glee and Mandolin Clubs of the University of Oregon in their annual concert and entertainment. The advance sale of seats opened yesterday morning, and judging from the demand this popular form of amusement is enjoyed by many theatergoers who have never attended college, but know a "good show" and are looking forward to the same high-class performance that has heretofore been given by the University of Oregon. Both clubs are under the direction of Professor I. M. Glen, which is a guarantee to Portland music-lovers of an excellent evening's entertainment.

SEAT SALE OPENS TODAY.

Advance Seat Sale Opens for Max Figman at Heilig Box Office.

This morning at 10 o'clock at the box office of the Heilig Theater, Fourteenth and Washington streets, the advance seat sale will open for the distinguished comedian, Max Figman, and his excellent supporting company, who come to the above theater for four nights, beginning next Sunday night, December 22, with a special price matinee Christmas, in the delightful comedy, "The Man on the Box." Seats are now selling for Christmas matinee and night at the theater.

"The Toymaker."

All Christmas week there will be an extravaganza at the Marquam, the kind of entertainment best suited for the holiday season. "The Toymaker" is the title of the attraction to be given by the San Francisco Opera Company. Toys come from a little town in Germany, and this is the place where the scenes are laid. There will be a matinee Christmas day.

Christmas Week at the Baker.

One of the bright and cheerful scenes which gladdens the heart in "A Midnight Bell" at the Baker next week is the one showing the school kids coasting down a steep incline near the schoolhouse. The youngsters enjoy this act so thoroughly that it is no effort for them to play it naturally. "A Midnight Bell" is a story of village life in Northern New England.

"Why Girls Leave Home."

Next week's attraction at the Empire, starting with the Matinee Sunday afternoon, will be E. J. Carpenter's emotional melodrama, "Why Girls Leave Home," for the first time here. Fred Summerfield, the author, is said to have shown great skill in developing the plot and keeping its tone wholesome, particular emphasis resting on its love story.

"Queen of the White Slaves."

"Queen of the White Slaves," most sensational of the comedy-dramas which the French stock company has produced, will be the attraction Christmas week at the Star Theater. The first performance will be Sunday afternoon. It will be a spectacular production, which Manager French says is the biggest the stage of the Star has offered. Seats for this attraction are now on sale.

From the Hippodrome.

Herzog's horses, four in number, which created such a sensation at the New York Hippodrome, will be the special added attraction the coming week at the Grand. The headliner will be Harry Crandall, formerly with Joe Weber's all-star company on Broadway. Crandall has an act calling for a support of seven people.

Lyric Christmas Week.

During Christmas week the Lyric will offer a distinct novelty in the shape of a double bill and daily matinees, beginning Monday afternoon. At the matinees "Cinderella," the greatest Christmas extravaganza ever written, will be presented, in which Verna Felton will take the title part. At night there will be a revival of Willie Collier's famous farce, "The Man From Mexico," in which Forrest Seabury will be featured.

AT THE VAUDEVILLE THEATERS

Grand's Big Show.

Better vaudeville than that found on the bill at the Grand this week cannot be found at the prices anywhere else in the country. This week there is an all-feature programme. The Eddy Family, which performs on the tight wire, is a marvelous exhibition of daring and skill. The act alone is worth the price of admission. Felix Adler is a dialect entertainer who uses several dialects and every song and joke he sings and tells is new to Portland, which is a relief.

Unexcelled Vaudeville.

The best prevails at Pantages Theater this week, the bill being one of uniform excellence. The American Newsboys' Quartet is a hit, their comedy singing winning them many encores. The Georges in novel comedy act are the best things of the kind ever seen in Portland. Johnston and Cook, in "After the Ball"; the Vaughners, ragtime singers and dancers of the first water; the Totoes, acrobatic comedy ladder act; Fred Bauer, tenor, and the motion pictures presenting "The Clockmaker's Dream," conclude the show.

RULED BY FEAR, NOT LOVE

Mrs. J. G. Carson Lays Bare Secrets of Married Life.

His revolver, not his personality, was what attracted Mrs. Joseph G. Carson toward her husband. When the Carson domestic tangle was presented in the Municipal Court yesterday Mrs. Carson had some very unpleasant things to say about the man who wants $25,000 from Leroy Hadley as compensation for alleged alienation of the woman's affections.

Mrs. Carson took the stand readily to testify against her husband on the charge of threatening to kill her. It was on December 4 that he made the threat, emphasizing his remarks with a meaning flourish of a revolver. So she left him, fearing for her life, so she said. As to her marriage with the man it had not been a love affair at all, but the result of fear of him. Her married life had been lived practically at the muzzle of a revolver, she said.

The case was not concluded, continuance being taken until today when Carson will give his version of their domestic shortcomings. Other witnesses have been called for today.

HOLIDAY RECITAL TONIGHT

J. W. Belcher, Tenor, and S. J. Story, Violinist at Ellers Hall.

An exceptionally fine programme has been prepared for the special recital to be given tonight at Ellers large recital hall. J. W. Belcher, tenor, and S. J. Story, violinist, will be the soloists of the occasion. Admission to the musicale is free, and reserved tickets may be secured without charge, by calling at the Ellers store today. In order to avoid overcrowding no more tickets than the seating capacity of the hall will be issued. To avoid being disappointed all are asked to apply for tickets as early in the day as possible.

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The magnificent specially designed Louis XIV. Weber piano, which has attracted much favorable comment and words of praise from every one who has seen it in the corner show window of Ellers Piano House was purchased yesterday by H. Schulderman, for his beautiful new home on Glisan street, near Nineteenth.

This is the second costly Weber piano to be sold in the Schulderman family. Mr. Schulderman, Sr., having recently purchased one of the famous $1050 Weber Metrostyle Pianola Pianos. In spite of the fact that extraordinary, yes frantic, inducements were offered in other quarters, the final decision was made in favor of the Weber, in spite of its higher cost. In spite of the unfavorable weather, 11 other fine pianos (three of them Pianola-pianos) and two organs were sold, the day's sales amounting to $4663.50, but as many of the purchases are intended as Christmas surprises, the names of the purchasers are withheld.

PIPE AND STINE RACKS

We show a large variety. Sig. Sichel & Co., distributors Garcia, Lord Baltimore, Mi Hogar fine Havana cigars.

Tacoma Theater Boiler Explodes.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 19.—The boiler in the Tacoma theater was rent by an explosion this morning. Mrs. Williams, formerly with the "Woodland" company, is suffering from nervous shock. The property damage is slight. The stage was badly torn up. A few were in the theater at the time. Mrs. Williams was in the dressingroom on the stage.

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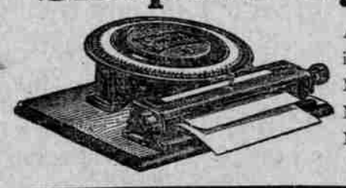

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