

# KEEP THE HOPE ALIVE FOR SANTA CLAUS

### Children's Patron Saint Makes His Annual Visit to Portland.

## GOD WILL TOWARD MEN

### Kris Kringle Distributes With Generous Hand Gifts to Rich and Poor and Asks in Return "Remembrance."

**PROGRAMME OF CHRISTMAS DAY EVENTS.**

Morning services at Catholic and Episcopal Churches, 5 to 11 A. M.

Football game, Multnomah vs. Spokane, Multnomah field, 2:30 P. M.

Matinee performances at theaters 2:15 P. M. Night, 8:10.

Christmas tree festivities for poor children, Salvation Army, Davis and Madison-street Bunkards, 3 P. M.

Christmas services in churches, 7:30 and 8 P. M.

Christmas tree for children, Volunteers of America, No. 3 N. Fourth street, 3 P. M.

There were only a few houses that the venerable dispenser of Christmas greetings did not visit in Portland last night. To the homes of rich and poor the generous old sprig from the North paid bounteous visit. He must have hit Portland early in the night, while his stock of good things was yet large, after all the good things that were distributed hereabouts last night, there couldn't have been such a great deal left for the rest of the world.

The spirit of Christmas found its way to every quarter; that is every quarter where any of the pretty things of tradition are ever observed. The boy who could not very reasonably expect much, is due for a surprise when he gets up this morning. Hundreds of Santa's generous assistants who were abroad in the past week looking for just such cases, saw that no one was overlooked. It is doubtful if there is a single little boy or little girl in Portland this morning who is not happy in the possession of an array of pretty things. Of course, there may be little boys and girls who are not so happy, but it is not their business to be so. Santa Claus is in and he is awake this morning to find nothing in his stocking but a pitiful little hole. But if people find out where he is, Kris Kringle will be called back to make good his unfortunate and unintended oversight.

Christmas eve proved a busy time for all. And it was surprising to observe how many people actually had to do their shopping last night, not to mention the preparation for Christmas the arrangement of presents and other necessary duties on the occasion. The last-minute class must have been kept up most all night catching up and getting ready to meet the requirements of today. While not so great as on the night preceding, there were crowds aggregating close to 40,000 people about the stores and on the streets last night. Stores carrying lines of Christmas goods found no surcease from their labors. Clerks disposed of things with both hands and sighed because nature had not fitted them up with extra arms. Related shoppers jostled, crowded, jammed, pried, nudged, elbowed and otherwise disported themselves. It is very pretty, especially on this occasion, to say that they were in a merry mood, withal. But they weren't. To describe Christmas eve shoppers as merry, congenial and pleasant is to take an unkindly view of the truth. Quite to the contrary, there was much irritation displayed, considerable uneasiness and hate and not a few outright bursts of temper. Shoppers of the poorer class were unable to give up in despair, feeling that another day lay ahead in which to complete the task. It was never to be. Things had to be done and had to be bought before the evening was at an end. Hence people jammed about bargain counters and Christmas tables waiting for hours to get close enough for a look.

It was at home, however, that the average head of a family was occupied. First the children had to be gotten to bed. Then the housewife had to get ready against a surprise from some prying youngster. These things satisfactorily adjusted, the tree had to be gotten up and the presents distributed. The older people had to maneuver to get their respective presents in place on the tree unknown to the prospective recipient. There were lots of people who burned the proverbial midnight oil last night, and there were some who just about cropt away exhausted as the first flush of dawn was appearing and the children were scrambling out in high glee and uncontrollable expectation.

Aside from home duties, there were many commendable people who thought themselves of others less favored in the present economic system. Baskets of Christmas dainties, substantial provisions, useful articles of every description, were distributed from a hundred sources. The chief sources were the Salvation Army and Volunteers. And it is possible, in the light of constantly changing conditions, that there were some who helped these distributors last year who received their help this time.

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**STAYS THE HAND OF JUSTICE**

**Christmas Spirit Leads Public Prosecutor to Defer Arrest.**

If any one doubts there is a real Christmas spirit that brings good will to all, he would have been less dubious if he had heard the remark of a Portland prosecuting officer on Monday. This official is about to bring back a man from another city to Portland for trial on a serious charge. He was explaining to a friend the evidence he had and how strong the case was.

"Everything is ready for the prosecution of this man, and the next thing is to get out a warrant for his arrest"

and telegraph instructions to the Sheriff to take him into custody," said the official.

"When will you wire for his arrest?" asked the friend.

"Let me see; today is Monday, Wednesday is Christmas; I will let him spend Christmas with his family and get him the following day. It may be the last Christmas he will spend out of jail for some time."

**Unfortunates Not Forgotten.**

Santa Claus left five large turkeys, many pounds of candy and nuts, and other goodies in the Juvenile Court room at the Courthouse yesterday, and distributed of his store today for the benefit of the unfortunate girls at the Home of the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society. Chief Probation Officer Hadley took charge of the Santa Claus' gifts yesterday.

## TO HAVE ONE BUILDING

### Movement on Foot to Built Joint City Hall.

A joint county and city building, probably five stories high and located on the present site of the Courthouse, is in prospect, as at the first meeting of the council committee on health and police and the County Court and Commissioners, held yesterday afternoon, this was virtually agreed upon. The details remain to be worked out, and as soon as opinions on the legal phases of the matter are obtained from District Attorney Manning and City Attorney Kavanaugh, the committee will again meet and take up the discussion of other features of the project.

Harmony of ideas characterized the meeting of the county and city officials, and the plans of County Judge Webster, as outlined by him in detail, and of Chairman Concoman of the Council committee, were found to be practically identical. It is believed that there will be no trouble in arranging all details of the proposed county and city building.

Although there has been some talk of selecting a site other than that on which the present Courthouse stands, it was virtually agreed yesterday afternoon that the joint committee should select the most feasible and least expensive of all propositions will be to build a first-class modern structure on the Courthouse site.

It is believed that the joint committee will be able to purchase a large outlay for the purchase of ground, as Judge Webster and Commissioners Barnes and Lightner assured the Council committee that they would be able to pay for the site, if the one agreed upon shall be the Courthouse property.

A lease, with a small payment annually. It is thought that the city will be asked of the city by the county. At any rate, these details, it was declared, can be adjusted easily, after other more important are settled.

Judge Webster detailed his views on the joint building, which have been published heretofore in The Oregonian. He favors a large, thoroughly modern structure, with enough room to house county and city prisoners, Municipal Court, police headquarters, emergency hospital and other features of municipal government that it may later be desirable to include. He is particularly outspoken in favor of a jailer, who shall have authority over all prisoners of the city and county, and who shall be housed in a strongly in favor of a kitchen where all food for the prisoners shall be cooked, and he wants to make certain, he said, that no official shall be able to use the prisoners to make money from the sale of food.

He expressed himself as particularly shocked by the thought of an official making any money other than the regular salary of the office, and declared it is not just to make a profit from the food of the prisoners when the prisoners have nothing to say as to what their meals shall consist of. He thought that the appointment of a jailer to avoid all this trouble, could be made to fit in with the requirements of today. While not so great as on the night preceding, there were crowds aggregating close to 40,000 people about the stores and on the streets last night. Stores carrying lines of Christmas goods found no surcease from their labors. Clerks disposed of things with both hands and sighed because nature had not fitted them up with extra arms. Related shoppers jostled, crowded, jammed, pried, nudged, elbowed and otherwise disported themselves. It is very pretty, especially on this occasion, to say that they were in a merry mood, withal. But they weren't. To describe Christmas eve shoppers as merry, congenial and pleasant is to take an unkindly view of the truth. Quite to the contrary, there was much irritation displayed, considerable uneasiness and hate and not a few outright bursts of temper. Shoppers of the poorer class were unable to give up in despair, feeling that another day lay ahead in which to complete the task. It was never to be. Things had to be done and had to be bought before the evening was at an end. Hence people jammed about bargain counters and Christmas tables waiting for hours to get close enough for a look.

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**RADDING IN NEW ROLE**

**Mayor Lane's Alleged Traducer Arrested for Conspiracy.**

E. E. Radding, who became conspicuous in an affair which led to his being indicted for complicity in a conspiracy to traduce the character of Mayor Lane, came into the limelight again yesterday and was arrested on the charge of trespass, it being stated by A. H. Limbacher, the complainant, that Radding had attempted to drive him out of and to take possession of the restaurant at 41 North Sixth street, of which Limbacher is the proprietor.

Limbacher asserts that he had made arrangements with Mrs. L. L. Drury, of North Sixth street, to sell her the restaurant, but that part of the agreement was that she make an advance payment of \$100 before taking possession. Mrs. Drury, according to Limbacher, failed to make this first payment, as per agreement, and sent Radding around to take possession of the restaurant for her. Limbacher refused to give the possession of the restaurant unless he first received the \$100 agreed upon, whereupon Radding tried to forcibly eject him. As a consequence Limbacher secured a warrant for Radding's arrest. Radding was released on depositing bonds of \$100.

**Raining Again at Albany.**

**ALBANY, Or., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—**After having stood nearly 25 feet above low water mark all day, the Willamette began to fall slightly tonight. Heavy rains have begun again, however, and this may mean a continuance of the flood. Rain has been falling all day in this part of the state, and a down-pour began tonight.

**Must vacate store December 31.—**sell-trunk and furniture store, decorated with a sacrifice. 281 Morrison st., near 2nd.

**CHRISTMAS IS HERE BUT THE MAIL MAN IS STILL WORKING**

**SANTA CLAUS**, in the person of a poor overworked mailcarrier, will deliver presents today. There will be three deliveries, two in the downtown business district and one general delivery. Many tons of mail matter was received at the Postoffice during the past week and Postmaster John Minto mailed broadly yesterday afternoon, because in spite of the countless packages which had been received, the delivery had kept up to the volume of mailmatter received. It is impossible yet to determine just how many tons of mailmatter was sent broadcast over the United States from Portland, but when the figures are made known, Postmaster Minto is certain that he has broken another record.

Yesterday morning one of the trains brought into the local Postoffice 3,000 registered mail packages. Just think of it, 3,000 bundles and parcels of every kind and good cheer. All day long great wagons laden with gifts from friends and from the home folks were de-

# "CUPID" HAS TO WORK OVERTIME

### Marriage License Man Gets No Rest at All on Christmas Eve.

## MANY ARE MADE HAPPY

### All Day Christmas Throgs County Clerks' Office, While Clerks Suffer From Bad Attack of "Writer's Cramp"—Day's Record.

The writers' cramp! That's what "Cupid Rose," who presides at the marriage license wicket in the County Clerk's office yesterday as regards the attempting to seal the fate, for better or for worse, of too many couples. When the 25th would-be Benedict smiled across the counter the thanks he would fain express in more substantial form, but could not because of honest bashfulness, Cupid sank in the nearest chair coddling a very tired and aching wrist in mingled satisfaction and pain.

The satisfaction was caused by the knowledge that 35 couples would have a most merry Christmas, and Cupid was thankful that Christmas comes only once a year, and that many Fridays, and 13ths and 25ths intervene, for the same belief that just as happy couples come to wed at Christmastide also gives Cupid an idle day when either Friday or the 13th of the month rolls round. He usually has a breathing spell on the 25d also.

**And There Was Mistletoe.**

At least 12 of those who ambled into a position under the triple wedding bells (to which some mistletoe had been strung by some surreptitious joker as a reminder of the Yuletide season) had passed the age of 30, and two of them were gray-haired men of 46 and 47.

**Cupid Is a Busy Chap.**

During holiday week Cupid is not idle, as many might suppose, for he must needs prune his quills and fill his writing flask in preparation for the rush with which he must cope when the first jubilant New Year celebrations are over. As soon as his writing arm is again riden of its stiffness, he will be busily engaged in posting the following notice, that his arduous duties may be lightened: **TO ALL OLD BACHELORS; AND YOUNG MEN, TOO: BEWARE!**

Though you think yourselves secure within your barricaded castle walls, leap year, unbidden, standeth without the country, and for that matter, you are strong, and your gates barred, he will enter. He leads an army of maidens, whose shy glances are like arrows to pierce your souls. They come—the rich with gold bracelets, and silken skirts and powdered cheeks, with paint, laid on just so; and those of lesser means, their fair forms sheathed 'neath calico or plaid. Some come with hair a-pompadour, with their frizzes and bangs and furbelows; blondes, brunettes, sweet and coy, sour and smirking, with the blush of womanhood, and the lines of care, and wrinkles of disappointed old-maidism, for remember, ye stupid, backtracking ignoramuses, ye have lived in peace for eight long, blessed years. Now your life must end, therefore, bewail your fate. Again I say, beware!

Lester E. Thompson, a modest young man of 24, was the first to secure a marriage license yesterday morning. He gave his address as East Taylor and Grand avenue, and said he wanted to marry Phoebe McClain, 22 years old, also of Portland.

**Many Others Follow.**

Cupid had hardly wiped the surplus from his quill when William E. Christian, 31 years old, rushed up to the desk, and asked that his name be entered above that of Margaret J. Collins. The information was elicited from him that he is 31 years old, and lives at 60 Going street, while his lady love is 27 years old.

Next came Harvey L. Moore, 22 years old, and a resident of Arden Place, who was ready to pay the minister, provided Cupid would fix up the license. He said the fiancée's name was Minnie Hendricks, 22 years old.

Cupid's quill tangled itself somehow among the quills of the next name, but was at last extricated by Charles Frederick Trethewey, who spelled his name, said he was 30 years old, and lived at East Water and Salmon streets, and that the bride-to-be was Florence Irene Bowden, 21 years old.

When William M. Cline, Jr., at the belated age of 43, told Cupid he had decided, before the leap year pressure drove him to it, to follow in the footsteps of his father, Cupid began to sit up and take notice. The residence given was 28 East Twenty-ninth street, and Mr. Cline said he wanted to marry Anna G. Johnson, 28 years old.

Cupid was getting weary by this time, but he soon found that work was being handed to him in bunches, when Frank A. Russell and John N. Russell, who were to pay him \$5 for two licenses to make four people happy on Christmas day. Frank said he wanted to marry Gertrude White, while John wanted to marry the daughter of Augusta Russell. Both the young men said they lived at Woodstock, and that all the contracting parties were of legal age.

**Here's the Happy Throng.**

Sanford Kelly, 25 years old, had come from Missoula, Mont. He secured a license to wed Anna M. Hoak, 23 years old.

The other couples who helped Cupid on the road to wedlock, were:

Julius C. Beyer, 26, 1377 Union avenue, north; Emille O. Ziesman, 22.

F. J. Marty, 23, 52 Nebraska street; Mamie Porter, 19.

William Lentz, 25, 504 Guilds avenue; Othilla Zimmerman, 21.

J. J. Bess, 25, 1653 East Eighth street; Bertha Schmale, 19.

Leo Ricon, over 21, 1110 Franklin street; Pauline Rosenthal, over 18.

Peter J. Kerke, 41, Pomeroy, Wash.; Elizabeth Helm, 25.

William D. Foth, 31, 529 Union avenue North; Melde Short, 23.

William M. Beadle, 40, city; Alberta Scott, 20.

J. L. Fowle, 31, 225 Hawthorne avenue; Myrtle May King, 24.

R. V. Nichols, 23, 1171 Albina avenue; Irene Smith, 19.

Thomas McCadden, 25, Woodland, Wash.; Dora Pence, 20, city.

Will Langford, 23, 47 East Eleventh street; Edna Walker, 21.

Edward Howland, 29, Oregon City; Jennie Byrne, 41.

J. W. McFarland, 47, 326 Twelfth street; T. J. Gaudy, 21.

Will C. Millon, 23, Montavilla; Elsie E. Montgomery, 17.

Charles E. Friendly, 26, The Dalles; Leon, 20.

Frank B. Iroma, 24, 510 Overton street; Mrs. Corinth V. Richardson, 32.

Frank Gordon, 25, 71 East Tenth street; Nellie, 24.

J. W. Standen, 46, Middleton, Or.; Mrs. Adelle McCollum, 46.

Clarence E. Burns, 412 Boren avenue, Stead; Madam A. Yant, over 18.

George L. Butcher, 28, 1074 Washington street; Lovina H. Meyer, 23.

C. H. Elston, 23, 211 Jefferson street; Pearl Grant, 27.

Lewis Freeman, 23; Clatskanie; Pearl Molen, 20.

Cresay Edwood Oder, 23, The Dalles; Edith Mattson, over 18.

Edna L. Jacobs, 23, city; Lillian Harding, 23.

Everett Smith, 21, Arleta; Jessie Gray, 19.

Grover C. Merritt, 23, city; Mrs. Martha Helen Lalster, 25.

**HER INJURIES WORTH \$10,800**

**Woman Bases Suit on Absence of Fire Escapes.**

Because she was obliged to leap from a second-story window early in the morning of February 23, 1906, when the Alpine House on the northwest corner of Morrison and East Water streets burned to the ground, Mae Cooper, formerly Mae Irving, has brought suit in the Circuit Court against Joseph Paquet to recover \$10,800.

She alleges in the complaint that proper fire escapes, as required by the city ordinance, were not provided, and that had they been she would not have suffered a dislocated hip, a bruised back and other injuries. She says she was compelled to pay the physician \$300, and that she could have earned \$15 a week during her enforced illness. She asks for \$600 for six months' salary which she was obliged to remain idle, and for her present partial incapacity to do work. The mental and bodily anguish she suffered she thinks worth \$10,000.

**Sold Piano Not His Own.**

Suit for \$333, growing out of a piano deal, was begun yesterday when the Allen & Gilbert-Ramaker Company filed a complaint, in the State Circuit Court, against George H. Lewis, alleging that Lewis had sold a piano belonging to the Ellers Piano House. The plaintiffs sold the instrument to I. F. Ramaciotto, with a warranty of title, and Lewis had sold the piano to the same firm and had to give up the piano. The suit cost the Allen & Gilbert-Ramaker Company \$33, as they had to defend Ramaciotto's case for him.

**ACTOR WOULD SETTLE HERE**

**RALPH STUART DREAMS OF PORTLAND HOME.**

**Hopes to Realize His Pet Ambition and Live in City of Roses.**

Ralph Stuart, who will open an engagement in "Strong Heart" at the Helig Theater soon, arrived in Portland yesterday. It is his second visit to the city since he left the Baker Stock Company five years ago. He is the same Stuart who delighted the hearts of the Baker patrons years ago, and he still dreams of settling here. He is now in Montague, who is now in New York, used to dream—of accumulating enough money to live for the rest of his life in Portland.

This may sound like a bit of the stuff usually ground out by the "man in front," but it is not, for when the dreamer says "I dream of settling here," it is a dream that he could go to East and make good, while it is Stuart's dream to run his bank roll into figures that meant a home and ease in life.

"Can you tell me where I can buy a compass?" was the first thing that Mr. Stuart said last night. A compass! Well, that's a funny thing to ask for, but here, and I need the compass to find my way about. Ah, but Portland is becoming all that I had pictured it would be. Don't you know any where in the high school—I want to go there before I leave Portland, and once more lounge on the grass. Jimmy Montague and I used to go out there after the grind was over. First we would drink great big cups of black coffee, fill our pockets with big black cigars and then walk to the High School grounds and lounge on the grass.

"In those days we talked of our ambitions, the things we delisted and of our hopes. Jimmy had his eyes turned toward East. He wanted to go 'and make good,' while I only wanted to get money enough to build myself a home in Portland."

"Montague has realized his dream. He is back in New York, and the 'making good' that he dreamed of has come true. My dream hasn't been realized, but I'm given up hope.

"It is good to be here. Today I met an old friend and his greeting was, 'Well, I see you are back home,' and do you know I felt like it."

Mr. Stuart has kept in touch with affairs in Portland. He knows all about politics, and being a Tammany Hall Democrat, has always to know whether Governor Chamberlain was going to be elected to the Senate. He knew all about the fight that George L. Baker had to be elected to the City Council last night, he met "Dick" French, who he has known for 25 years.

In the East with Mr. Stuart is his son, Ralph Stuart, Jr. The youngster missed the train at Eugene, but when he reached the Portland he found that Santa Claus had "caught the rattler." There was no Christmas tree, but the presents were there.

**KISER CALENDARS HALF PRICE.**

Original photos, 248 Alder st.

Refrigerators are for the first time coming into general use in France. The patent was sold in 1859 and is used in the United States 50 years ago.

# MANY EMPLOYEES RECEIVE GIFTS

### Portland Banks Will Distribute \$20,000 During Holiday Season.

## HARD WORK APPRECIATED

### Many Large Corporations and Merchants Spread Christmas Cheer by Making Presents of Money or Holiday Delicacies.

Christmas cheer is a tangible quantity to the hundreds of employees of the Portland banks today, for they will receive approximately \$20,000 in presents from their employers during the holiday season. Most of the banks played the part of Santa Claus to their men yesterday, but some will not do so until New Year's. In every case bank employees will be well taken care of and will be made to realize that their employers appreciate their year's work.

Envelopes containing crisp bank notes were striking Christmas decorations on many bank employees' desks just before the close of business yesterday. These gifts were particularly timely, following at they do the trying times of the legal holidays when many bank employees have been made to work long overtime, but this is not the idea in making the presents, for it has come to be an annual custom with Portland banks.

The First National waits until New Year's to make glad the hearts of its employees, but it always follows the pleasant custom of giving one-tenth the annual salary at that time. The directors meet on December 31 and it is taken for granted that the usual New Year's custom will be followed. This will mean the distribution of about \$9,000 among the bank's 68 employees.

The bank of Ladd & Tilton reminded its men last night of their valuable services during the past year by distributing about \$5000 among them. Length of service counts most in the sums given individuals and the amount of the salary is also taken into consideration.

The United States National Bank gives one-half month's pay to its 40 men, making a total of about \$700 in presents. This dividend is declared in the morning and the men went home with the true holiday spirit.

The Hibernia Savings Bank dealt out envelopes containing greenbacks last night, the total amounting to several hundred dollars.

The Canadian Bank of Commerce played Santa Claus earlier in the month of December and distributed several hundred dollars in this way.

The Equitable Loan & Savings Company remembered its men to the extent of about \$200. Other banks did the same thing but owing to diffidence in the matter did not like to have anything said about it.

Every corporation and wholesale houses innumerable throughout the city have made their employees happy during the present holidays by substantial presents of money or holiday delicacies. The Standard Oil Company is among the large corporations here that make its employees happy at Christmas.

Counting the cash given to those connected with his stores 10 per cent of their annual salary as a cash present at New Year's. This gift will amount to a total of between \$400 and \$500.

The Portland Flouring mills shows the Christmas spirit at the end of its fiscal year in June, when its employees are presented with cash gifts. In November the company's appreciation of the men's efforts. At Thanksgiving, too, turkeys are given the employees.

Counting the cash given to their employees by banks and other business houses of all classes in the city, probably not less than \$30,000 has been or will be distributed. All are accounted for, and the Christmas that prompts all to give good cheer to others.

**CLUBHOUSE FOR CARMEN**

**Street Railway Company Will Erect First at Piedmont.**

Work will be commenced the first week in January by the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company on the clubhouse for the employees of the company who have their headquarters at the Piedmont car barns. The club will be erected for the sole benefit of the employees and will be built into the Piedmont barn. The men at the Piedmont barn already have a reading and lounging room and a gymnasium, but these quarters are cramped and inadequate. A billiard room and a bowling alley will be added at once. How extensive the accommodations for the men will be made depends upon the extent to which the club rooms are used.

The Piedmont clubhouse is the first that will be built by the company and will be an experiment, for after the completion of the clubhouse the other officials who have the matter in charge will know what is required in building the remaining houses. The others will go forward soon after the first of the year.

Every closed car owned by the company that is suitable for passenger travel has been put in service to care for the holiday rush. As fast as the new cars are equipped with motors and trucks, upon their arrival from the Eastern factories, they are put to work on the various runs. Sixteen out of the 55 new cars have been put into service.

The new steel bridge being erected across the Clackamas River on the Oregon City division has progressed so far that there is no further danger of interruption to traffic across it. The bridge is up and is now being riveted together. Within a few days the falsework under it will be pulled out and the structure will be complete.

**Excursion Rate Is Made.**

Because of the annual meeting in Portland of the Oregon State Horticultural Society on January 15, 16 and 17, the Harriman lines in the state offer a special round-trip ticket to Portland and return from all points on the allied lines in the state at one and one-third the cost of a first-class one-way fare. The fruit-growers expect to make the annual meeting one of the best of such gatherings in the history of the organization.

**C. R. Davidson Is Promoted.**

Portland friends of C. R. Davidson are pleased to hear of his promotion to be assistant general passenger agent for the stream of people who head-quarters at Chicago & Alton with headquarters at Chicago. Mr. Davidson is well known in railroad circles. He was chief clerk

**Our Greetings of the Season**

**Tull & Gibbs**

In the office of the general passenger agent for six years and prior to his connection with that road he was chief clerk in the general passenger offices of the Burlington at Omaha.

**Vanderbilt Lines Liberal.**

The New York Central Lines on January 1 will open a freight office in Spokane, Wash., with W. W. Dickinson in charge. Mr. Dickinson is a well-known Western railroad man and comes to Spokane from Salt Lake City. At present the Spokane territory is covered from the

The person's wife sent an order for a leg of mutton and received in reply the following note: "Dear Madam—I have not filled my order this week but can get you a leg off my brother if that will do. Your affectionate butcher, John Smith."

Portland office. W. C. Seachrest, North Pacific Coast passenger agent, will continue to look after passenger business in Spokane from the Portland headquarters. This move on the part of the Vanderbilt lines shows that while some railroads are using the pruning knife to reduce expenses others are reaching out for business.

## A Clean Deep Cut on All Clothing at Welch's

### EVERY GARMENT NEW THIS SEASON

**\$45 Suits cut to \$34.75**  
**\$40 Suits cut to 29.75**  
**\$35 Suits cut to 24.75**  
**\$30 Suits cut to 19.75**  
**\$25 Suits cut to 17.85**  
**\$20 Suits cut to 13.75**  
**\$15 Suits cut to 9.75**

**Also all Overcoats, Cravenettes, Top Coats and Black and Blue Suits Greatly Reduced**

### TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THESE PRICES NOW

**\$3.00 Underwear cut to \$2.35**  
**2.50 Underwear cut to 1.95**  
**2.00 Underwear cut to 1.55**  
**1.50 Underwear cut to 1.15**  
**1.25 Underwear cut to 95c**

**IF NOT RIGHT WELSH MAKES IT RIGHT**

**Welch's** 283 & 285 WASHINGTON NEAR FOURTH ST.

**THE AMERICAN CLOTHIER**

**STORE CLOSED TODAY—CHRISTMAS**

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Portland friends of C. R. Davidson are pleased to hear of his promotion to be assistant general passenger agent for the stream of people who head-quarters at Chicago & Alton with headquarters at Chicago. Mr. Davidson is well known in railroad circles. He was chief clerk