

Have You Decided Yet?

Only 8 Shopping Days Until Christmas.

If it is mere uncertainty as to what would please best that causes you to delay your Christmas purchases, a few minutes spent in looking over the suggestions offered here would aid you to a quick suggestion.

At One Half Price

High-Grade Potteries, Artware Imported China and Brasses

The sale on the third floor has been a great success, but there is still more to be sold—so we call your attention to this great sale again. On this floor you will find the following lines:

- Stouffer's Hand-painted China
- Imported Hand-painted China
- Hand-Hammered Brasses
- Japanese Bronzes
- Cloisonne Wares
- Imported Amphora
- Royal Doulton
- Della Robia
- Bombay Reed Baskets
- Royal Vienna Ware
- Hanging Basket
- Austrian Ware

- Rozane
- Royal Bonn Ware
- Imported Waste Baskets
- Candlesticks (100 shapes)
- Imported Bonaparte Ware
- Japanese Kouchi Ware
- Cedar Chests
- Japanese Dinner Gongs
- Teplitz Ware
- Bavarian Vases
- Tiffany Ware
- Imported German Steins

Best Christmas Sale in Portland

Pictures On Your List?

If you are seeking gifts that are enduring and will ever remain to remind some person of your generous spirit—give pictures—and choose from our immense stock. You'll find the prices the lowest in the Pacific Northwest. (Take Elevator to Fourth Floor.)

Leather Goods for Women

Excellent showing of new and nobby shapes in fancy and plain Handbags, Novelty Purses, Music Rolls, Music Bags, gold and silver-link Purses, Mesh Purses, swell pigskin Bags, new and modern designs; imported Card Cases, in dainty shades; Back Strap Purses, in all the new shades and leathers.

Cross English Leathers and Gloves All Leathers Engraved in Gold Free Imported Belts, Buckles, Muff Purses

Gigantic Sale of Odds and Ends, 25c

We have collected some odds and ends which are great values at 25c—just as good as any—only a few of each line left.

- Toilet Sets 25c
- Handkerchief Boxes 25c
- Smoking Sets 25c
- Infants' Sets 25c
- Collar and Cuff Boxes 25c
- Jewel Boxes 25c

VALUES UP TO \$3.00 -- YOUR CHOICE FOR 25c

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Brilliant Cut Glass

There is nothing which decorates the table, china closet or buffet and sets them off to such good advantage as cut-glass articles. A few suggestions: Bowls, Nappies, Vases, Cologne Sets, Water Bottles, All Kinds of Dishes, Decanters, and many others.



JUDGE ROOT MAY RETURN TO BENCH

Urged by Friends to Accept New Term, Which Begins in January.

WAS MISTAKE TO RESIGN

Bar Committee Finds Jurist Guilty of Only Epistolary Indiscretions. Has No Fear of Legislative Inquiry.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 15.—(Special.)

That ex-Supreme Judge Milo A. Root is seriously considering the resumption of his seat on the bench at the beginning of the term for which he was elected November 2, is made here today on unquestionable authority.

Friends of the ex-justice are now sounding sentiment in high places in the state government and unless strong opposition is found to this course on the part of Judge Root, he will be expected to present himself next month to take the oath of office.

Strictly construed, Judge Root's resignation applied only to the term he was serving at the time he submitted it to Governor Mead. That term will end on the second Wednesday in the coming January and the next term of six years for which he was chosen in the last general election will begin. There is apparently no obstacle to Judge Root's qualifying for the long term.

Judge Root and his friends, it is stated here, have become convinced that his resignation in the first place was a serious mistake. It is admitted, however, that he has been guilty of indiscretions in which there was nothing criminal. It is claimed that for these indiscretions Judge Root has been punished enough and that he will go back on the bench with his eyes opened to the consequences of putting his thoughts in writing in letters to intimate friends.

It is also claimed that the report of the State Bar Association will disclose nothing beyond matters of indiscretion and that in fact there is nothing more to be discovered.

It is understood, in addition, that Judge Root's friends will not oppose a legislative investigation. Once back on the bench his removal could be accomplished only by impeachment by the Legislature. It is claimed that the results of a legislative investigation will not show the matter in so serious a light that two-thirds of the members necessary will vote to impeach.

FRIENDS START PETITION

Ask Root to Reconsider and Take Office in January.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Friends of ex-Supreme Justice Milo A. Root are circulating a petition addressed to Root asking him to reconsider his action in the matter of his resignation. The petition, which is now being signed by Judge Root's friends and neighbors, says in part:

"We, the undersigned citizens and voters of the state of Washington, wish to express to you the disappointment we feel on account of your resignation from office of Judge of the Supreme Court. We further believe that your surrender will be a bitter disappointment to a majority of the electors in the state, and would respectfully submit the following reasons for asking you to reconsider your action and not to extend your resignation to include the term for which you have recently been elected:

"Your resignation will not remove any distrust the people may have in the Supreme Court because, should your resignation be accepted and another appointed, a suspicion will be created that your enemies have planned to force you to resign for their own advancement."

"Those who elected you by their ballots expressed a confidence in your integrity and ability that has not been shaken. For the above and many other reasons, we pray you to stay with us and help on the fight for good government. A terrible war is now on between the forces of good and evil in American politics, and while many good men, will be driven to the wall, it behooves us all to remain at our posts."

RODGERS DEFIES NEW LAW

Declares He Has Openly Violated Corrupt Practices Act.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 15.—(Special.)

Mayor George F. Rodgers, who was re-elected at the recent city election, has confessed to several violations of the corrupt practices act in his campaign. In the expense statement filed by him he says:

"I have spent no money whatever, directly or through the medium of others, nor have I made or authorized promises of any kind to further my candidacy. I have, however, disregarded the law in several particulars.

"Section 21 of the Corrupt Practices Act requires that no candidate or elector person shall make any contribution for any religious, political, charitable or other cause for the public good. I have, nevertheless, during my candidacy, contributed to the Baby Home, the Republican National Committee, the Salvation Army, the Y. M. C. A., the support of two widows, a church and a blind man. I have also given peddlers' licenses to two cripples, contributed to a Republican banquet and indulged in other charities which the law forbids me to confess at this time."

He says that contrary to section 21 of the act he advised numerous voters on election day to vote in favor of the proposed charter amendments. Continuing he says:

"The constitution of Oregon provides, 'no law shall be passed restraining the free expression of opinion, or restricting the right to speak, write or print freely on any subject whatever.' I have, nevertheless, during my candidacy, advised the Supreme Court of Oregon to stand upon my constitutional right of free speech and advocate any measure or candidate I desire on election day or any other day."

TO TEST PILES' STRENGTH

Question of Indorsement Before King County Republicans.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 15.—(Special.)

When the King County Republican Club meets tomorrow afternoon, the first definite test of the strength of Senator Piles is expected to be the feature of the occasion. Ostensibly the meeting is called for the purpose of hearing President L. H. Gray's announcement of the membership of the executive committee.

It is put down as an anti-Piles man, and when he was elected, a few weeks ago, it was taken as an indication that the Piles forces had gone to sleep and allowed the control of the club, originally organized by Piles interests, to slip away.

The Piles men will endeavor to regain part of the lost ground tomorrow. The move that the Piles forces will make is expected to be introduction of a resolution to indorse Piles. Of course, there will be no direct opposition to this, but the anti-Piles forces will come back with an amendment to make the resolution include an indorsement of the entire Congressional delegation. This will, in fact, kill the intent of the resolution to indorse Piles. President Gray announces that he will name his executive committee after consultation with the officers of the state and county committees and the officers of the Young Men's Republican Club.

Sullivan Conviction Stands.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—The Supreme Court today affirmed the case of State of Oregon vs. Thomas Sullivan, in which a conviction was had after trial before Judge George H. Burnett, in Polk County. The opinion on appeal is by Chief Justice Bean. Sullivan was accused of selling liquor to a minor in Independence.

Slide Blocks Clearwater Line.

LEWISTON, Idaho, Dec. 15.—A special to the Evening Teller from Pardoe says an engine and freight on the Clearwater Short Line have been derailed by a slide into Clearwater River, one-half mile east of Pardoe, this morning. The engine ran over a rock. Engineer Strain, Fireman Brown and brakeman Bovins were injured, but not seriously.

RESTORE OLD RATES

Grays Harbor Wins Point With Northern Pacific.

HANNAFORD SENDS WORD

Proposed Advance in Terminal Tariff to Be Canceled—Willapa Harbor and Bellingham May Be Affected by Decision.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 15.—(Special.)

In a telegram today from J. M. Hannaford, vice-president of the Northern Pacific Railway Company, to A. E. Rupert, chairman of the committee representing Aberdeen, Hoquiam and Montesano in the fight of these cities for a restoration of terminal and rates, Mr. Hannaford says:

"Mr. Elliott and I have discussed Grays Harbor situation and decided soon as can legally be done to replace you among terminal rate points. I am writing the telegram tells in brief of the success of the fight that has been made by the business interests of the Harbor against the new tariff transcontinental schedule effective January 1, 1909, under which the Harbor cities were to be removed as terminal points for all commodities except lumber. New schedules will have to be filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission and it is supposed that this will be done at once.

This action follows on the recent conference held at Tacoma between the special committee from the Harbor and Mr. Hannaford and Henry Blakeley, general Western freight agent of the Northern Pacific. The new order will be issued as a supplement to the tariff schedule. That means that publication of it must be had 30 days prior to its becoming effective, which will probably be February 1. During January, the Harbor will have to pay the advanced rates of the original schedule, unless these should be waived. It is thought likely that this will be done.

What effect this action of the road will have on the rates to other cities to which protests have been made, is uncertain. It is considered probable, however, that Willapa Harbor will profit by the change. The Harbor case affords a precedent for Willapa Harbor and Bellingham, and it may have marked influence on the protests from Spokane.

PEAR ORCHARD IS STOLEN

Clark County Farmer Finds His Trees in Neighbor's Field.

YACON, Wash., Dec. 15.—(Special.)

Adolph Joster, a Clark County farmer, accuses his neighbor, William Kalke, of stealing a pear orchard. Joster told his story today to Prosecuting Attorney Stapleton, and the latter has agreed to take action for recovery of the trees.

Joster resides five miles from Yacon. He had but recently planted a pear orchard, and Sunday went out to inspect the trees. He could hardly believe his eyes. The trees had disappeared. Going to the farm of his neighbor, he found his trees replanted. He was sore of heart to think that the neighbor, whom he had induced to follow him from the Fatherland, should have committed the depredation on his fine new orchard.

"I will write him a letter, Mr. Joster," said the County Attorney, "and tell him it is an offense against the law."

"Fence, noddings," replied Joster. "He stole mine pear trees and left der fence."

TOUCHES CORPSE; NOW SICK

Tacoma Woman Contracts Erysipelas—Son Is Paralyzed.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Because she caressed the hands and brow of a deceased friend immediately preceding the funeral, Mrs. F. E. Kilgore, wife of a well-known local musician, lies extremely ill at her home. Mrs. Kilgore appears to be infected with erysipelas, although her friend died of peritonitis following an operation for appendicitis.

Another member of the Kilgore family, who visited the remains with Mrs. Kilgore and who pressed his lips to the brow of the woman who lay dead, became partly paralyzed and is but gradually recovering from the effects of polio. Mrs. Kilgore and her son visited the home of their deceased friend last Friday, and Saturday Mrs. Kilgore's face began to swell in places where she had touched the face of the dead woman.

The Japanese system of licensing individual opium smokers has greatly reduced the number of drug addicts in Japan, and especially in Formosa.

BLACKMAIL PLAN BLOCKED

R. M. ELLIS TRIES TO EXTORT MONEY IN VANCOUVER.

Writes Saloomen Letter on Sheriff's Stationery, Threatening Prosecution for Gambling.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 15.—(Special.)

For attempting to blackmail Drew & Gibbons, saloonkeepers, using a letterhead from Sheriff W. D. Sappington's office, alleging that he knew that gambling was going on in their saloon, and that if they would put \$50 in an envelope, address it to Jasper H. Henderson, city, by 6 o'clock last night, they would not be prosecuted by the Sheriff, R. M. Ellis, an itinerant corn doctor, was arrested this morning by Officer Cresap by order of Chief of Police John Seisler.

Ellis came to Vancouver a few days ago and took out a license to sell patent corn medicine. He is accompanied by a pretty young wife and a baby 16 months old.

Drew & Gibbons yesterday received the letter and at once informed the Chief of Police. Officer Cresap was detailed to watch the postoffice for the man who would call for Henderson's mail. Ellis did not appear until 10 o'clock this morning, when he presented an alleged order from Jasper H. Henderson. When arrested he tore up the order.

How Ellis got the letterhead is not known. Henderson, the man whose name he used, is in the County Jail for burglary. The letter to the saloonkeepers stated that the Sheriff knew there was gambling going on in the saloon, and that unless they put the money in the envelope as directed prosecution would begin. Owing to the nature of the case, he said he could not sign any name, but for them to do as he directed and everything would be all right.

Before County Attorney J. P. Stapleton Ellis denied having written the letter. Mrs. Ellis and the baby are in destitute circumstances. She says she ran away from home in Portland less than three years ago to marry

Ellis in this city, since which time they have traveled much. She was offered money to return to her parents, but she said that as she had married Ellis against her parents' wishes she dared not.

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