

YEAR'S FIRST DAY PASSED IN QUIET

Portland Streets in Sharp Contrast to Revel of New Year's Eve.

MANY MAKE RESOLUTIONS

Prominent Citizens Guarded in Announcing Resolves—Some Say They're Too Good Now to Be Any Better.

In strange contrast with the turbulent street scenes of the early hours of the morning was the quietness of the principal thoroughfares during the waking hours of yesterday. Portland spent the first day of the New Year indoors. Seldom have the business streets presented so desolate and abandoned an appearance as during the afternoon and evening. Special church services were held in the forenoon but, as on Christmas day, there were no big special attractions for the afternoon. So none was able to except smaller groups making for the theaters and moving-picture shows early at night. Family reunions and social gatherings were the order of the day. It was a fitting reaction to the clamorous greetings that met the new year. Hundreds of people did not get home from street revels and grills until late in the early morning. Noon was a popular rising hour. Druggists did a rushing business in bromo seltzer and headache powders all afternoon.

Many Resolve to Be Good.

The city was filled with good resolutions. Many of those whose conduct was wildest in the midnight demonstrations excused themselves with the plea that it was a last Bacchanalian carousal and after they were to burn incense at the altar of good conduct. Some of those good resolutions doubtless were broken before the day had run its course, but will be forgotten inside the week, in the general belief.

Resolutions were not confined, of course, to those who were altogether disgusted with their course of conduct. Many Portlanders evolved resolutions designed to better conduct already looked upon as exemplary. Here are a few of the examples:

H. Beckwith, president Portland Commercial Club—Personally, I am too old to make resolutions. I have made and broken too many. I know better now.

Little Need to "Swear Off."

John F. Logan, chairman Republican County Central Committee—It is not necessary for me to make resolutions. I have reached nirvana already. Besides we have some municipal associations, long-haired men and short-haired women, to make resolutions for us. Since these self-appointed guardians of our welfare are looking after us why need anyone bother studying out a course of conduct for himself?

Pali Metcham, Sr.—My only resolution is to keep sober and make all the money I can.

Colonel D. M. Dunne—The only resolution I can keep or want to keep, is to keep the ten commandments.

County Assessor—My only resolution is to keep on making assessments in the same old way.

Rev. Benjamin Young, D. D.—I can embody mine in one word, "quit." I do all the good I can in all the ways I can to all the people I can.

Councilman G. B. Cellars—I'm not going on resolutions but I will keep on going in the same old way.

U. S. Marshal Colwell—I've been giving the subject careful thought and have concluded that I can't possibly be any better.

Postmaster Merrick—I have resolved to increase the postal business 25 per cent in the next year.

City Treasurer Werlein—I haven't thought of any resolutions yet.

Representative Potts—The only resolutions I have in mind will be presented in the Legislature some time this month.

ANTI-HANGING MOVE GAINS

Bill for Abolishing Capital Punishment Grows in Favor.

Hal D. Patton, Senator from Marion, who is to introduce in the State Senate the bill for the abolition in Oregon of capital punishment, may receive considerable support. Labor organizations are taking an interest in the measure and will stand by its passage.

Circuit Judge Bates and Kavanagh have expressed the belief that executions should be ended and the moral support of other judges throughout the state is to be sought. Governor-elect West is represented as having said he would not be inclined to veto such an amendment, should it be adopted. While, under the law, the effect of such an enactment would not be to release murderers now under sentence of death, in the event the proposed amendment is successful of passage the Governor will be asked to grant reprieves to all murderers awaiting the gallows.

IRENE TRUMBULL PAID \$60

Main Witness in Webb and Kersh Trials Given Fees.

Miss Irene Trumbull, one of the main witnesses against Jesse Webb and Mrs. Carlisle Kersh in the trunk murder case, who was summoned here from Chicago to testify against them, was paid \$60 by the county yesterday as witness fees. Miss Trumbull had been kept in Portland since last October by the state and with the conviction of Mrs. Kersh she was released.

Attorneys for the prosecution believe it was Miss Trumbull's testimony which convicted Webb. She testified that Mrs. Kersh showed her the money she obtained from Webb after the murder of Johnson. Miss Trumbull declared yesterday that she was positive of the guilt of both Webb and Mrs. Kersh.

"DRAG" OF LITTLE ACCOUNT

Patrolman Rupert Arrests Woman Who Says She's "Protected."

"I've got a drag with the police and am protected; you'd better let me alone," said Marie Harrison, who gives her occupation as "demonstrator," when Patrolman Rupert invaded her domicile, early yesterday morning. "As she said she was protected, I thought I would bring her in to her protectors," said Rupert in his report. Miss Harrison was released upon depositing \$150 bail.

H. L. O'Hara, who works on the Spaulding building, lodged complaint that he had been with the Harrison

woman in the Holly Hotel at Twelfth and Washington streets, and that after he had bought several bottles of beer and refused to buy more, she slapped him and turned him out. Also she kept his umbrella.

WORD ANXIOUSLY AWAITED

Campaign for Reclamation Reapportionment at Temporary Stop.

Those having in charge the campaign to secure a reapportionment of the \$30,000,000 reclamation bond fund, to be made by President Taft, received no further replies to telegrams sent out, other than the one reported yesterday morning, from Secretary Hallinger.

No further reply will be taken until the answers are received from Senators Chamberlain and Bourne, J. J. Hill, Judge Lovett, Representatives Ellis and Hawley and T. B. Wilcox. As soon as these are on hand the promotion committee of the Commercial Club will call a joint meeting of its own members and those of the executive committee of the Oregon Development League. Formal plans will then be inaugurated.

AT THE THEATERS

THE BAKER STOCK COMPANY.

"Girls," a Farrel Comedy in Three Acts, by Clyde Fitch, presented at the Baker Theater.

PROBABLY no better comedy was ever written or will be written than "Girls," which three seasons ago was given to the public by the late Clyde Fitch, and enjoyed such a tremendous run in New York, and has since been the most successful of road attractions.

The humor of the lines is decidedly Fitchian, and in the hands of the Baker Stock Company none of the scintillating brightness is lost or dulled. Every actor fits nicely into the niche provided for him or her, as the case may be, by the requirements of the story. And a quaint little story it is, too, of three girls, all man-haters, according to their lights on the subject, and who, while rooming together in an apartment-house have banded themselves absolutely to forever avoid all men and their attentions. A very nice man, in fleeing from the pursuit of an elderly husband, with whose young wife he has been dining, is forced to seek protection by entering, unannounced, the room of the men-hating girls.

With this as a nucleus, a three-act comedy begins, and ends, after three acts of richly excellent comedy and clean fun, in a hilarious run on the forest for orange blossoms.

Pamela Gordon, the dominating force among the girls, is given into the capable keeping of Brenda Fowler. Her work is singularly colorful, and her role of the man-hating maiden who scorned even American beauty roses and clipped cautions, cuts off her tongue every time she opened her pretty mouth, was stamped with intelligence, grace and animation.

In the parlance of the theater, Miss Pamela Gordon "made" the show. Pretty Beatrice Nichols is Violet, the stenographer and illustrator, and Gene Yarbrough rounds out the other of the three "girls" in her role of Kate, the writer, who writes nothing and finally turns into an actress. The wholesomeness of these two and their sincerely-executed performances made them particularly favorites.

A riot of Melville Ellis coloring was Lillian Andrews in the role of Lucille Purcell, "a elocutionist" who insisted on elocuting all over the place, who interested herself avidly in everyone's else affairs than her own, and who bravely quotes that bromide about just as good as dead when Pam captures the star boarder, in whom Miss Purcell has seen a possible personal conquest. Miss Andrews' humorous conception, as usual, is likable.

Thurston Hall makes more new friends this week as the devil-may-care young chap who tames Pam and takes her, signed, sealed and delivered, into himself. Noteworthy in his acting of the role are his easy methods, his resourcefulness and through naturalness, attributes that make her popular. The Hugh Dillman is a gentle scream as the perfectly nice and proper clerk who is roped in by Violet. Others, equally capably cast, include Neil Franzens, as a divorce-seeking young wife, and John Burton, that exponent of comedy, in the role of the aged husband-to-be-divorced. Thomas MacLarnie, as a tired business man who aspires to dine and wine Pam at Sherry's, is very good, and William Wolbert, in the very short role with an all too brief appearance as the janitor, is most satisfactory. Same bill all week, with the usual matinee.

BAN PUT ON FIGHT PICTURES STANDS

Prospective Spectators at the Bungalow Turned Away Disappointed.

POLICEMEN AT PLAYHOUSE

Management Declares Show Will Be Given Despite Mayor's Order and Courts Will Again Be Asked to Give Restraining Order.

Though a throng of prospective patrons who filled the lobby of the Bungalow theater yesterday morning urged the management to put to a test Chief of Police Cox's order forbidding the presentation of the Jeffries-Johnson fight pictures, the theater people, at the last moment, decided to submit, for the day, and no attempt was made to open the house. Announcement was made, however, at the ticket window, that the pictures positively would be presented today.

Appeal to Be Made to Mayor.

Positive announcement, as given out from the box office, that the pictures would be put on today, was not borne out by Walter Reed, who has the matter in charge. He said that another attempt would be made today to have Mayor Simon withdraw his opposition, and hope of a successful outcome was entertained because it was thought that the Mayor had been influenced by the opening day being Sunday and New Year's day.

The Mayor, however, remained firm in his opposition to the showing of the pictures, holding them to be a brutal spectacle and a clear violation of the nuisance statute. "If it takes every policeman in the city to prevent it, the pictures shall not be exhibited without an order of the court restraining interference," said the Mayor.

Balked, as they probably will be, in efforts to change the attitude of the city officials today, the managers will make another appeal to the courts tomorrow morning. Granting for the moment that the pictures are "out-rageous" to public decency, they tried to public morals" they hold that the order to arrest the spectators is entirely extra-legal and cannot be defended in the courts. If action against the spectators is restrained by the courts and that against the management is sustained, the pictures probably will stand exhibition and the showmen will stand the penalty.

Reed Positive Show Will Be Given.

"We are going to exhibit these pictures here," said Manager Reed, yesterday. "Fortunately, the house is open for engagement all of the week, and if we are delayed for a day or two, awaiting court action, we will still be able to present the show as advertised. These pictures have been shown in other cities and pictures of other fights have been shown here, very lately. It looks like unfair discrimination against us."

"If Chief Cox is going to clean up the town I will show him how," said John F. Logan, attorney for the showmen. "There are other evils, much more serious than fight pictures, to which he should turn his attention, and I am going to point them out and see them through. For one thing, I will give the police a list of the owners of real property which is used for immoral purposes and ask him to enforce the statute against them. Then I shall invite his attention to the law which provides a penalty of \$50 a day for running streetscars without fenders, and to other laws only the statute books which are utterly ignored. If we are to have a moral wave, let's have it right."

PERSONAL MENTION.

John Rees, of Heppner, is at the Imperial.

H. I. Merrifield, of Sheridan, is at the Oregon.

H. J. Eberly, of Corvallis, is at the Perkins.

J. F. Johnston, of Astoria, is at the Cornelius.

S. A. Cobb, of Beaverton, is registered at the Lenox.

L. Decker, a business man of St. Helens, Wash., who has been at a local

sanitarium, suffering with a severe attack of rheumatism, is improving.

S. D. Read, of Eugene, is registered at the Imperial.

W. H. Skakel, of Oregon City, is at the Portland.

Charles D. Meyers, of The Dalles, is at the Perkins.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Brown, of Dayton, are at the Lenox.

Robert C. Crooks, of Umatilla, is registered at the Perkins.

J. D. Meehan, of Coos Bay, is registered at the Portland.

H. P. Campbell, of Marshfield, is registered at the Oregon.

D. C. Peterson, of Grants Pass, is registered at the Cornelius.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Frank, of Salem, are staying at the Lenox.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Kirkley, of Pendleton, are staying at the Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Allen, of Oakland, are staying at the Cornelius.

Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Parker, of Hood River, are staying at the Imperial.

Mrs. Margaret McCord and Miss Winifred Scombe, of Medford, are staying at the Portland.

CHICAGO, Jan. 1—(Special.)—Portland people registered at Chicago hotels today as follows: Great Northern—F. P. Warren; Brevoort—W. R. Parker; Drexel Arms—L. M. Graham.

SERVICES NOT PAID FOR

MR. NOTTINGHAM DENIES HE CHARGED FOR TIME.

Reply Made to Other Charges in Connection With Location of Branch Asylum.

PORTLAND, Or., Jan. 1.—(To the Editor.)—I notice in an evening paper an article with the heading, "Trying to Beat Selling." It says that I received \$26.70 for my services in selecting a site for the branch asylum. The truth is that I have not received anything for my services, nor have I made any claim for services. I spent for railroad fare and hotel bills \$24.70 and put in a bill for that amount to the state. I do not know whether it will be paid or not.

I spent six days of my time when I was needed in my business. The reason I went was that the state board asked me to, as State Treasurer Steele could not go, and Governor Benson was in California. At first I refused to go, as I knew it would be a thankless job.

Two Sure to Lose.

We told the people at every place we visited that two of the places we were to visit would be sure to be disappointed and at every place we received the reply that they felt sure that Governor Bowerman would select the place he thought would be for the best interest of the unfortunate people in the first place and for the best interest of the state of Oregon next. And I now believe the people of both Baker and Union think he did the very thing.

For years past I have had occasion to visit all these places many times, and this is why Governor Bowerman wanted my judgment in the matter.

Again, the article says that I tried to get McCulloch to vote for Bowerman. This is a mistake. I had a talk with McCulloch and told him that it was the general impression that both he and Senator Oliver would support Selling. I shall not repeat what he said, for fear that I might not quote him correctly, but I did not ask him to vote for Bowerman.

Political "Deal" Denied.

The charge that Pendleton was selected as a political deal looks like a frantic effort to discredit Bowerman, as it was well known that Barrett and Burgess were strong supporters of Bowerman from the start, and he would have had their support if the institution had not been located at Pendleton.

In regard to the appointment of a superintendent, I will say that there should be one at once, whether this one remains or not. Otherwise you will have an architect plan a building for present needs and in a few years another architect will be employed with entirely different ideas, and the result will be that you will have buildings that are not in harmony and not suited to the grounds, and it will be a hodge-podge mass that we will always be ashamed of. A superintendent should be appointed who could lay out comprehensive plans with reference to future construction. This is also in the interest of economy, as every one knows who has been familiar with the mistakes of the asylum at Salem.

Steiner Not Ignored.

The article also says that Bowerman ignored the request of Benson to take Dr. Steiner along. I understand that Dr. Steiner was urged to go and that Bowerman wired him to come, but he could not get away.

The charge that Senator Abraham has some selfish motive in supporting Bowerman is on a par with a charge once made against myself, that I did certain things in a political way so that I could furnish the United States Government with cement, when every one knows that these goods are always purchased by competitive bids.

Some people are so selfish themselves that they can have no conception of a man doing things from pure motives or for the general good.

C. W. NOTTINGHAM.

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OBJECT IS PHILANTHROPIC

Old People Not Wholly Destitute to Find Congenial Refuge in Declining Years—Public Invited to Inspection.

The Old People's Home, between East Thirty-second and East Thirty-third streets and the Sandy road and Oregon street, founded by Mrs. P. J. Mann, will be opened at 2 o'clock today. The exercises will be short and the deed to the institution will be turned over to the trustees.

Rev. William Hiram Foulkes, of the First Presbyterian Church, will read from a Bible given the home by the byerian Church Sunday school. The Bible was bought by the little children, who saved their pennies and denied themselves before Christmas. The Bible is one of the most appreciated gifts to the home.

Bishop Scadding, of the Episcopal diocese, will offer prayer and Dr. W. B. Hinson, of the White Temple, will deliver a short address. Following the address, Dr. Luther R. Dyott, of the First Congregational Church, will preside over the trustees. Dr. Benjamin Young, of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, will pronounce the benediction, and the public will be invited to look over the building.

The home will not be opened for inmates for a few days. Sidewalks are to be finished and some of the rooms are not all furnished. At the regular meeting of the trustees this week a superintendent of the institution will be selected.

Mrs. Mann founded the home with \$100,000 and other funds were given without soliciting of any kind. The home is philanthropic rather than charitable, the plan being to make a suitable home for old people not entirely destitute, but with such small means that they might not be able to live comfortably elsewhere.

UNKNOWN MAN CREMATED

Boxcar Burns and Charred Body Found in Ruins.

A man whose identity is unknown was burned to death in a box car at Eighth and Irving streets at 8 o'clock last night. As the car was partly filled with baled hay, he probably entered the car to lodge during the night. It is believed that he had been smoking and coals dropping from his pipe started the fire. The firemen believe that the man was suffocated and died before being burned.

His face was badly emaciated and limbs burned entirely off. The remains were removed to the morgue at Seventh and Ankeny streets and will be interred today.

Until Alaska hard coal can be had the cheapest and best fuel is Welsh anthracite imported from England by the Edliefson Fuel Co., Inc.

Milan, Mich., has a town orchestra of girls.

JEWELRY STORE ROBBED

Thief Breaks Window and Steals Three Trays of Rings.

Three trays of rings were taken from the show window of Marx & Block, jeweler, of 233 Morrison street, yesterday morning, by a thief who broke the window with a stone. In doing so he set off the burglar alarm, connected with the Western Union office, and Special Officer Holliday hastened to the place, but did not arrive in time to catch the marauder.

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