# RETAILERS STAMP

W. F. Lipman Declares Property Owners Should Help in Raising Funds.

STREET - BLOCKING SCORED

Circuit Judge Morrow Tells Merchants People Demand Relief. Postmaster Merrick and E.

D. Timms Also Speak.

Blockading of the streets in Port-land's business district by hawkers, land's business district by hawkers, street-corner orators, standing automobiles, delivery wagons, contractors and merchants who leave their fron cellar doors open and pile their goods on the sidewalk was denounced by Robert G. Morrow, Circuit Judge, at last night's banquet of the Portland Retail Merchants' Association, at the Commercial Club. The merchant who falls to wash his store windows until after 8 o'clock in the morning, and then uses a long-handled brush to the moranco of every passerby, also came in for criticism.

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William F. Woodward, who presided, first introduced W. F. Lipman, who said there is no reason why the retail merchants of Portiand should be the only financial supporters of the Rose Festival. He said the advertising value of the Rose Festival cannot be overestimated, narrating an incident in connection with the exhibition of moving pictures of the festival at Coney Island.

"I was in the theater," he said. "When the pictures were shown, a young man in a nearby seat said to the girl beside him, Pipe it, kid! Look at the carriages. I thought they had aleighs out there in the Klondike." That's about the estimate Eastern people, many of them, have of Oregon.

Owners Asked to Aid.

Thirty-five thousand dollars as an investment in the Rose Festival is a pairty sum. The property owners haven't been contributing. There is no reason why they shouldn't, for they are receiving the benefit. I would suggest that their names and the amounts of their subscriptions be published along with those of the merchants, the dentists and the doctors.

The retail merchants ought to take a stand against subscriptions for small fairs or conventions. County or state fairs and conventions do us but little good so far as their advertising value goes. National conventions do. The Elke' convention next Summer will do a great deal to advertise the city and state." Owners Asked to Aid.

Postmaster Merrick told of the good legislation brought about by the asso-clation, and explained the plans for Greater Portland drawn by E. H. Hennett, of Chicago. Stereopticon slides were thrown upon the screen. The widening of Burnside street, extension of Sandy and Foster roads, building of the new Union depot under the Broad-way bridge, building of public docks and the auditorium are the features of the plan demanding immediate atten-tion, he said. He spoke of the 7000 acres of parks planned, of the elevated roadway along the river banks, enabling one to go from one bridge to another without passing through the congested business district, and of the snchase of more land near the present location of the City Hall and Courthouse. An effort will be made to have the city publish these plans at municipal expense, he said, the cost being about \$5000. about \$6000.

Chairman Woodward said 110 firms are now members of the association. As to labor unions, he remarked that they "should have a place in our body politic if they conduct themselves prop-

Keep Streets Clear Is Plea. Judge Morrow said that sooner or later, unless the individuals responsi-ble for street congestion remedy it.

the subject will be taken into court and the streets cleared.

"The public," he said, "when the congestion of the retail district becomes a little greater, will take this subject into its own hands and clear the streets. When the retail business gets to the meighborhood of Oak street the people will not be willing to have automobiles.

meighborhood of Oak street the people will not be willing to have automobiles lined upon both sides of the street, so that the teams will have to squirm and wiggle to get through.

"Whether the delivery wagons chall drive in on an elevator, be lowered to the basement and drive out at the other end of the establishment, or whether some other method will be used to alleviate the consestion. I can sed to alleviate the congestion, I can-

not say.

We have the gentleman who has a oure-all for every social and political and religious question in the world. He makes the street practically im-passable from 7 o'clock to 9:30 at night. He makes you think of the

Contractors Are Criticised.

"Portland contractors can take up more room on the street than con-tractors in any other city I know. It isn't necessary for them to mix all their cement in the street, although it their cement in the street, although it may be more convenient. As I came down tonight I passed eight cellist sidewalk doors open. Around one of these goods were piled, until it was all two persons could do to squeeze past on the sidewalk. No retail merchant, automobile owner or anybody class has a right to absorb the street for his private use. You will have to for his private use. You will have to camp on the trail of your Councilmen, your City Attorney, your Mayor, your Chief of Police and your policemen on the beats."

Charity Advertising Opposed.

E. D. Timms said the association is a good remedy for advertising fads. He said he found he had "pamphletitis, programmitis, graftphobia, chronic cold feet and financial inherculosis." He urged that business advertising he di-vorsed from charity, saying that placvorced from charity, saying that plac-ing an advertisement on a church pro-gramme, hoping thereby to get busi-ness, stifles real charity.

"When you send out a box of Christ-mas cigars, if all you can see is the prospect of an order back of the smoke of those cigars, you have done a thing which will come back upon you like a boomerang. When char-ity is dealt out from selfish, business matters, you are nourishing thistics. motives, you are nourishing thistles which will shut out the sunshine of love from the purest plant which ever blossomed in the human soul-char-

The merchants decided to keep their stores open evenings, beginning next

Company Settles Case Out of Court. ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 14.—(Special.)— An order was filed in the Circuit Court today dismissing the suit of Del-mer D. White, administrator of the estate of Charles E. Avery, deceased, against the Sorenson Logging Company, the action being brought to rethe death of the decedent, who was killed by a locomotive while working on the defendant company's logging railroad and the case was settled out-

Farmers Fight in Streets for Chance to Market Grain.

WINNIPEG. Dec. 14.—Reports re-ceived tonight say the wheat blockade in Saskatchewan is without a parallel, farmers already have suffered enor-mous losses, and severe suffering is

feared.

At Morse today farmers fought in the streets for the privilege of marketing their grain, and mounted police were called to maintain order.

Fifty thousand bushels of grain are piled in the streets and the implement houses at Morse, and more than 100 mounts of the streets and the streets are the streets.

loads are standing in wagons with no place to unload it. Farmers have been trying for a week to dispose of their At Mort Loch, Outlook, Pense and Reuleau the elevators are filled to the roof and farmers have been waiting

there for days to unload.

The elevator commissioner has suspended the grain act and imperative orders for cars have brought no results. The railways say they are unable to cope with the situation.

STOKES PAINTED MONSTER

Attorney for Lillian Graham and Ethel Conrad Addresses Jury.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14 .- The jury tryng Lillian Graham and Ethel Conrad for their alleged attempt to murder W. E. D. Stokes heard from counsel today two final pleas for the show

today two final pleas for the show girls' acquittal that bristled with un-sparing denunciation of the brilliant sportsman who now lies critically ill as a result of an operation. Assistant Attorney Buckner will sum up for the prosecution tomorrow and after Justice Marcus' charge, the case will go to the jury, probably before night.

Stokes was painted by Attorney Robert M. Moore as a "monster," de-termined upon possession of a beauti-ful young girl and who by getting an exonerating note from her sought to free himself of all responsibility for her downfall.

BAIL MONEY IS ATTACHED

Victim of Prizefight Swindle Wins Suit for Loss, With Interest.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Dec. 14.-Fritz Holanagle, a wealthy saloonkeeper here, who alleged that he was swindled in Bridgeport, Conn., of \$15,000 through a fake prisefight by W. J. Kennan, of Chicago, and others, today won his suit for \$18,120, principal and interest.

Keenan is under \$30,000 bail on a criminal charge. The ball has been attached and the amount of the verdict will be collected from it.

EX-CONVICT IS SUSPECT Spokane Police Think Released Prisoner Is Murderer.

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 14 .- Mortimer Roach, burglar and ex-convict, re-leased from the County Jail Sunday, is being eagerly sought by the police who are sending his description to all parts

of the Northwest.

They state he is wanted in connection with the murder of Chauncey R. Simmons, Deputy County Auditor, who was killed in his own house by glar Monday night.

WOMEN ABANDON STRIKE

Efforts of 50,000 Berlin Stitmakers and 3000 Tailors Fail.

The leaders advised the workers to return to their employment for the present on the old terms, recommend-

WHEAT BLOCKADE GROWS Prevention of Congestion on Streets Is Sought.

RECOMMENDATION IS MADE

Special Committee Hears Opinion of City Attorney Who Favors Adoption of Regulations as in Eastern Cities.

That experienced and well-drilled traffic policemen and a set of traffic signals such as are maintained in New York and Chicago are more important than ordinances for the regulation of street traffic is the opinion of the spe-cial committee appointed by the City Council to investigate the congestion of traffic in downtown streets.

The committee at a meeting yester-day received recommendations from City Attorney Grant that the New York system be adopted and that traffic offi-cers be drilled at once.

"The city ordinances are broad at present," declared Mr. Grant, "but they do not prevent congestion. What is needed is a good policeman at an intersection to regulate the moving of the streetcars, pedestrians, automo-biles and wagons. One man on a cor-ner can handle the traffic. I would suggest that the whistle system be of automobiles and cars be required to learn the meaning of these signals. One blast of the whistle held by the traffic policeman stops traffic going east and west and allows the north and south why do you weep traffic to move. Two blasts stops the started stageward, north and south and starts the movenent east and west.

"The remainted market and west of the part of the street to be taken by various kinds of machines. The slow-moving vehicle should go to the curb and those moving more rapidly should take the center of the street."

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The committee members were of the same opinion and it is probable the proper police training will be asked. An amendment to the present ordinance making it unlawful for an automobile to pass to the right-hand side of a car while passengers are getting on or off was objected to by E. H. Wemme, L. Therkelsen and W. J. Clemens, representing the Portland Automobile Club. The amendment provided for the enforcement of the ordinance in all parts of the city instead of as at present, only in the business district.

The committee will hold a meeting next week to consider the advisability of licensing automobile drivers and requiring them to pass an examination before being eligible for a license.

IDA ST. LEON SAYS SHE CANNOT HELP STAGE ATTITUDE.

Comely Young Actress Declares She Does Not Aspire to Stellar Roles. Family Is Happy.

BY LEONE CASS BAER.
Puzzle: If Ida St. Leon, 16-year-old
star in "Polly of the Circus," weeps
one gill of real, wet, salty tears at
every performance of the play, how
many gallons has she wept in the 200
or more times she has appeared in the
play? The answer is two apples. play? The answer is two apples. Anyway, she does weep in the part-ing scene between the minister and herself in the play—weeps the saltiest, BERLIN, Dec. 14.—The 50,000 women suitmakers and 5000 tailors who have been on strike in Berlin since November 23, today abandoned the unsuccessive to be more fabrications of an ful struggle.

present on the old terms, recommending them to renew their demands later when a more favorable opportunity presented.

She started playing this role of the little circus rider when she was 15 years old, and has kept at it since.

"But I don't want to got so identified with Polly that I never will be known as anything else," she said last evening. "It's a dandy part, and somehow I just seem to fit into it, but some time I want to do another play. I know Co, Morrison at Sixth.

Perpetual Youth, in City.

An alert little man, well under medium height, walked into the Y. M. C. A. last night with the springy step of the well-trained athlete.

He was Professor Dan Smith, of the University of California, inventor of perpetual youth. "Uncle Dan," who at

actress, and I'm not aiming at stardom. I prefer the lower lights—say, a lamp-post—but I want to hit a big lamp-post light."

post light."
She's so refreshingly youthful, this little Polly. She has the fine unlined skin, fresh and rosy of very young girlhood. Her big, gray eyes look out from thick, black lashes with the frank innocence of a child, and in manner she is unassuming and modest to a

marked degree,
She had been selling Red Cross She had been selling Red Cross Christmas stamps all atternoon, and was full of the event as a topic of conversation. While she chatted she was slipping into a nightie to wear in the scene where she is ill in the minister's home. "My, they are carrying me in now," she exclaimed. "I'll have to hurzy. You see my sister always acts the role of Polly being borne injured into the parsonage. She's several pounds lighter than I am, and, besides, it allows me to get ready for the second scene where I'm ill in bed."

Mamma St. Leon, of pleasant face and many smiles, sat on the edge of a trunk and beamed on her pretty daughter.

daughter. "Ida never saw the manuscript of this play," she said. "We were all playing with Forepaugh's circus, over three years ago. My husband was alive then, and our family consisted of the three daughters, one son, Mr. Leon and

the circus, saw our act and engaged us for the Polly play, in which his then-wife, Mabel Tallaferro, was to star, Ida sat in the wings every night and watched the performance. Bit by bit she learned it all.

"Expression came easy to her, and one night when Miss Taliaferre sud-denly was taken ill, Ida jumped into the role at once and made such a success that Miss Taliaferro telegraphed for her husband to come and see how well our little girl handled the part.

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"So Mr. Thompson put Ida out with a company right away. That was three years ago, and here we are still playing it."

"Well, there's one perfectly lovely thing about it," chimed in her daughter, "it keeps the family all together, and that's a mighty nice item in it."

"But tell ma then, if you're so happy,

"But tell me, then, if you're so happy, why do you weep?" I asked, as she

"Oh, in that act, you mean? Why, I just can't help it. I do it every time. I even cry when I'm taking my bow. It's real to me. I feel it very intensely, and so I just bubble over with weeps. Honestly, I can't help it, and the worst colority. I can't marging would be to calamity I can imagine would be to miss the fresh handkerchief my mother hands me as I step off into the wings."

PRESS CLUB WILL KEEP OPEN HOUSE THIS AFTERNOON.

Informal Reception to Be Held for People of Portland, That They See What Organization Is.

The Portland Press Club will be host to the public this afternoon, when an informal reception will be held in the quarters of the organization, on the second floor of the Eliks building. From 2 o'clock until 5 the rooms will be open to visitors—all in Portland who care to inspect the club's home.

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The club has given a number of entertainments of a public or semi-public nature and the members are eager to nature and the members are easer to have the men, women and children who attended these affairs, and others as well, see their rooms. Sydney B. Vin-cent, president of the club, extended the invitation to the public at the sec-ond annual frolic at the Hellig Monday night. There have been no formal invitations. In fact, the reception will be

most informal wives of officers and members will assist them in receiving their guests, for whom a programme of musical numbers will be given in the "jinks" room of the club. Miss Ray Samuels, who is a "hit" at the Orpheum this weck; Vilmos Westony, the Wagnerian pianist at the Empress; Dave Nowlin, from Pantages, and R. O. Dieterich, recently at the Orpheum with the Courtlers, have been invited to the club for the occasion.

YOUTH OF 78 DEFIES AGE

Professor Dan Smith, Inventor of

the tender age of 78, challenges Jack Johnson, Ad Wolgast, or any one else to beat him at scientific rope skipping. opened the proceedings with a brief speech on "Electricity as the Ellxir of Life," after which he proceeded to give a series of poses, representing among others "The Old man and the Youth," "Roman Gladiator and Grecian Wres-

He then proceeded to manipulate a skipping rope with the dexterity of a school girl, introducing a two-step, which should become the rage with all those who saw it as performed by the sprightly septuagenarian, and a "mile-a-minute" skip, which would have taxed the powers of a high school

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