

CROWDS HAIL NEW YEAR WITH NOISE

Songs, Yells, Blast of Horns and Whistles Mark Advent of Little 1913.

CHORUS PROVES FEATURE

Thousands of Happy Persons Block Sidewalks and Fill Grills for Celebration and Night Is Made Memorable.

Unmourned, but at least not unsung, old Nineteen Twelve hobbled at midnight from the glare of the electric light into the darkness of the suburbs and so disappeared to join those other 1911 old years that passed before him. Coincident with the old year's departure a new one appeared, its advent heralded by a chorus of song never before heard in Portland.

With multi-colored lights illuminating the scene, with a band playing appropriate melodies, with solos by Blenheim, world-famous baritone, and with a chorus of 500 voices under a canopy at Tenth and Stark streets, the new year was hailed. Flowers were strewn in his path, for the members of the chorus were roses in their buttonholes. Nothing could dim the ardor of the great crowds on the streets. Many had been the social meetings at the churches. All of them adjourned in time to be present at the ushering in of the new year.

By fortunate foresight the crowds were presented with programmes and as the chorus sang the volume of sound was mighty and impressive. In the grills and on the streets there seemed to be, except in a few instances, the spirit of hilarity divorced from rowdian. Good-natured fun began almost with the closing of the business offices.

Theaters Are Filled.
From 6 o'clock onward the streets voiced the pleasure of the night. People hurrying homeward greeted one another effusively; the bells, the whistles, the horns and other implements of noise were in evidence. Strolling along the streets seeing the sights, the crowds helped to keep enthusiasm keyed up until the passing of the year. Every theater was crowded at early shows and at late. Theater parties were made up far ahead and tickets were bought early to avoid the crush. Many persons "did themselves proud" last night. They went to an early show and then a late show, and finally to one of the midnight matinees, staged at the Heilig, the Baker and Pantages for the benefit of the Theatrical Mechanical Association. Good spirit abounded.

Never was the advance booking of seats so great at the grills, cafes and restaurants. Last year, owing to the intervention of Sunday, the grills were "lame." This year patrons took to guarantee that they would take so many places, so great had been the demand. By 10 o'clock there was not a vacant seat that could be procured. What were empty had been reserved.

Special decorations were to be seen at the Multnomah, the Portland and the Oregon Grills. In the Multnomah lobby an elk was festooned, many colored reins trailing up to the mezzanine floor, where a jovial Santa Claus sat throned in state. In the Arcadian Garden panels of Santas and jesters alternated with one another and everywhere was a profusion of holly and red flowers, with poinsettias most in evidence.

Hotels Distribute Gifts.
At the Portland Hotel a large tree, reaching to the ceiling of the main banquet room, was hung with presents, each patron receiving a gift. The same venis were really the feature of the hotel preparations.

Seated in all these tempting bowers and alcoves were throngs of gallantly dressed folk. Beautiful evening gowns, in their riot of color with the fancy dresses of those who first had been to one or other of the fancy dress balls and the members who joined in the merry chorus, hymns rose from thousands of throats, toasts were drunk, whistles blown, bells rung and for five minutes one great and glorious bedlam of sound was heard.

And under cover of it old Nineteen Twelve slipped away and the new year arrived, guarded by good resolutions and bearing prosperity and progress.

BAR ASSOCIATION ACTS

Judicial Revision Recommendations to Be Made.

When the Multnomah County Bar Association meets at the Courthouse January 8, a special committee of five, authorized on motion of John C. McCue, at a meeting of the association last night, will report recommendations relative to a proposed reformation of the judicial procedure of the state after studying the majority and minority reports that have been offered by the commission appointed by Governor West. These recommendations and the action of the county association, in turn, will be referred for consideration to the State Bar Association, which is scheduled to meet in the Postoffice building January 19, three days before the State Legislature assembles.

To the same committee of the county association was referred the matter of formulating a bill for increasing the jurisdiction of the Justice Court of this city, including a provision for an additional Justice of the Peace to han-

dle the increased volume of business that will ensue.

Last night's meeting of the Multnomah County Bar Association at the Courthouse was largely attended. On invitation of the association Alfred E. Clark, member of Governor West's Commission, who submitted a minority report of recommendations on needed changes in the judicial procedure of the state as it is practiced, addressed the meeting and explained in detail the various recommendations contained in his report.

When Mr. Clark had concluded his remarks, M. C. George, ex-Circuit Judge, was called upon. Mr. George spoke briefly but generally indorsed the recommendations contained in the minority report of Mr. Clark, which he unhesitatingly approved as "sound and logical." Mr. George spoke of the "eastern rules of the courts as applied to practice at the bar" under the present system and welcomed the wholesome innovations recommended by Mr. Clark in his report to the Governor.

Continuing his discussion of the subject, Mr. George denied that lawyers should be charged with any selfish interest in proposing changes in the present method of procedure in the courts. He took the position that any interest manifested by members of the legal profession was designed solely to expedite the work of the courts for the benefit of litigants.

MAYOR BLOCKS CHANGE

COUNCILMEN PREVENTED FROM ALTERING VOTES.

Daly and Jennings Are Refused Request on Occident-Street Ordinance by Executive.

An attempt on the part of Councilmen Jennings and Daly to clear the way for a contest of the action taken at the last Council meeting relieving the O. W. R. & N. Co. from maintaining Occident street as a public thoroughfare was blocked yesterday by Mayor Rushlight, when he ruled that Councilmen cannot change their votes after they have once been recorded.

When the Occident-street ordinance came up at the last meeting Councilman Daly failed to vote. Councilman Jennings voted in favor of the ordinance, which passed by a vote of 10 to 1. After the meeting it was learned that the measure was an amendment to a franchise for a water department, which developed while he was engaged in repair work for the city.

The Council appropriated \$100 out of the general fund as a gift to Mrs. R. L. Davis, of 109 Revere street. She is in destitute circumstances and has six children to support. Mr. Davis was an employee of the City Water Department and died a week ago from pneumonia, which developed while he was engaged in repair work for the city.

The proposed general franchise grant to the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, which was to have been considered by the Council yesterday, failed to come up because of lack of a sufficient number of votes to make it a part of the Council's business.

RENT PAID; HOME DENIED

K. T. Howe Contracts for Two Suites, Still Has No Place to Lay Head.

With two apartment-house suites engaged for his occupancy, K. T. Howe, manager of a firm selling medical products, has nowhere to lay his head. He has asked the courts to straighten out the tangle.

Mr. Howe first engaged apartments at the Westfall from Mrs. L. T. Webb and gave her a check for \$25. He and his wife, who were with him, it was agreed, he asserts, that he was to have his rent money refunded and remove to another apartment-house where things were better. He took the check and transferred his baggage and went back to recover his check, but Mrs. Webb was gone. He found that she had been to the bank and cashed the check.

At this point he appealed to the courts, and Mrs. Webb was arrested on a charge of larceny as bailie. The court, however, viewed the transaction as a matter of civil contract and dismissed the case.

Balked of recovery in this way, Howe decided that the only way to do his business was to move back into the vacated apartment and stay out the month. The keeper of the house to which he had removed consented and Howe gave up his apartments there and started to move back to the Westfall. Walking up to the door that had been his, he found the rooms occupied and the new tenant refused to budge.

"So there you are," said Howe to Deputy District Attorney Hennessy. "Where do I get off at?"

"I'll be blast if I know," said Hennessy.

BLIND MAN HIT BY AUTO

H. H. Duff, War Veteran, Injured by F. C. Riggs' Machine.

Once the victim of an automobile accident for which the driver was sentenced to the rockpile, but escaped on appeal, H. H. Duff, an aged and half-blind citizen and Confederate veteran, is at a hospital, suffering from a fracture of the leg, sustained by being run down by an automobile at Nineteenth and Couch streets, Monday night. On account of his advanced age the injury is more serious.

F. C. Riggs ran into the old man. After the accident the driver took the injured man in his machine and conveyed him to the hospital.

Mr. Duff was struck March 14, 1911, by an automobile driven by T. B. Burde, at Sixth and Washington streets. Burde was convicted in Municipal Court of driving recklessly, and was sentenced to 15 days on the rockpile, but an appeal reversed the case.

High School Students Dine.

The Euktroneon Debating Society of the Washington High School held its annual banquet at the Portland Hotel Monday night, with 30 attending. Two former students of the Washington High School, Edward Garcia, a senior of the University of California, and Vere Windagle, of the University of Oregon, spoke on their respective colleges.

Falls City School Reopens.

SCHOOL was reopened Monday morning with all the nine teachers present and the usual number of pupils. Last week the building was fumigated, the teachers and pupils vaccinated and preparations made to push the work of the school in an effort to make up for lost time, the school having been closed for the past month on account of an epidemic of smallpox.

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\$2.95 SUITS AND OVERCOATS.....	\$2.35	\$6.00 SUITS AND OVERCOATS.....	\$4.85
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\$1.50 Garments are now.....	\$1.15
\$2.00 Garments are now.....	\$1.65

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\$1.50 Garments are now.....	\$1.15
\$2.00 Garments are now.....	\$1.65

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\$1.50 Umbrellas for.....	\$1.15
\$2.50 Umbrellas for.....	\$1.85

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\$2.00 Gloves are now only.....	\$1.45
\$2.50 Gloves are now only.....	\$1.95

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FARMERS TAKE STAND

GRAY-HAIRED TILLERS TELL OF DE LARM'S PROMISES.

Testimony Reveals How Farms Were Exchanged, Dollar for Dollar, for Orchard Bonds.

J. E. Howard, of Corvallis, and C. M. Glover, of The Dalles, gray-haired farmers, 61 and 58 years of age respectively, yesterday told in Federal Court how they were tricked by De Larm, Hodges and Biehl, of the Columbia River Orchards Company, to accept virtually dollar for dollar the company's bonds in exchange for their farms on the representation by one or another of the trio that the worthless

paper "was as good as gold in the bank."

The testimony of these witnesses was supplemented by that of a number of brokers and real estate dealers, who related having purchased the same character of bonds from the same promoters for as low as 2 1/2 cents on the dollar, one broker detailing a transaction in which he purchased \$10,000 of the bonds for only \$40. Another investor told of securing the same bonds to the amount of \$30,000 in return for a loan of \$200, made direct to Biehl the defendant on trial.

Frank Tobey, a Gilliam County farmer, also testified that he and his brother had transferred to De Larm and his associates their 4200-acre ranch, valued at \$100,000, for \$140,000 of the orchard bonds, \$1000 in cash and a loan of \$6000, which was secured by bonds to the amount of \$12,000 as collateral. Mr. Tobey and the other investors testified that they accepted the bonds only on the assurance of the promoters that the securities were guaranteed by first real estate mortgages to the amount of \$125 for every \$100 bond issued. Further evidence was also

offered by the Government yesterday showing additional forgeries in the securities listed as assets by the defunct orchard company.

Man Falls Down Elevator Shaft.

Daniel Holbrook, about 45 years of age, walked through the door of the elevator shaft at the New Grand Central Hotel, 92 1/2 North Third street, about midnight and fell three stories. His body crashed through the boarded bottom of the elevator pit. A broken leg, fractured skull and, it is feared, internal injuries resulted. He was taken to St. Vincent's Hospital and it is not expected he will live.

Dallas Library Completed.

DALLAS, Or., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—The new Carnegie library building, erected at a cost of \$10,000, is completed, the heat installed and ready for the formal opening. The Woman's Club plans to hold a reception. Arrangements are in the hands of Mrs. George Gerlinger, president of the Woman's Club.

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