

tions at the Morningside Asylum in ing the afternoon, and George L. Baker, ortland, Or. where Alask

"As soon as I reach

son has maintained by his action that he can make such appointments as he sees fit, regardless of what the Senate festivities were ushered in here early out the record-breaking reports in their 2000 children knelt together and prayed Ludoke. may think. He is not the first Presi- tonight with the singing of Christmas statements. Not only did their voldent to hold this view, but others who carols around the 50-foot illuminated ume of business exceed expectations. have tried have been compelled ulti- Christmas tree. Choirs of children it was said, but the number of gifts Taft assisted. mately to surrender. President tried similar tactics when he was hav-As a result of a careful canvass by church organizations fraternal soci- usual average and gave evidence of the ing his quarrel with the insurgent Sen-They promptly held up his nometies and individuals, directed by the inations or defeated them. President social service bureau so as to avoid valled. Roosevelt, in a few cases, tried to dicduplications, it was announced tonight tate to the Senate, and the losing fight that not a needy family would go he made for a negro Collector of Cus- hungry tomorrow and no child in the was estimated not a child in the city Concluded on Page 3.) city would be without a toy.

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 24 .- Yuletide

Merchants and department store ed to the children of the city tonight.

2 shares to H. A. Weis and 1 each to Jessie M. Carson, J. J. Cole and Ethel

who can count a house rather shrewdly. said there were more nearly 10,000 there treated under contract with the Government. This announcement was made than 4000. tonight by Governor Strong just before

A shortage of candy for the children seemed imminent, and rush orders were he sailed for the North, after passing several weeks visiting Pacific Coast sent out for a bigger reserve. This was rushed into the breach in record time citles.

"Conditions at the Morningside Asy and there were sweets for all. Toys prepared beforehand were distributed. lum are anything but good," said Governor Strong. and, as an afterthought, horns and Juneau I shall take up the subject with small American flags were presented to the authorities at Washington." every child. To add to the pleasure of

the tots the Police Band played rollicking airs and the police quartet sang. COLONEL JOHN LANE DIES

#### Mayor Albee Greets.

Mayor Albee, introduced by George L. Ex-Rebel and Son of Late Oregon Baker, wished everybody a merry Christmas. Performers from the Orpheum, Pantages and Empress Theaters presented their acts through sheer love LEWISTON, Idaho, Dec. 24 .- Colonel of bringing smiles to children's faces, John Lane, a Major-General of artillery

Santa Claus shook his bells and made with General Robert E. Lee during th a great pretense of driving his four Civil War and a pioneer of the Northstuffed elk, while members of the Muts' west, died today at his home at Lapwai, and the Elks' Ladies' Auxiliary com- aged 77 years. mittees worked like Trojans through-He was a son of the late General

out the afternoon taking care of the Joseph Lane, of the United States Army, children and distributing gifts. his father, after settling in Oregon Chief Dowell, of the fire department, serving that state in the United States brought 15 smoke-eaters with him to Senate and as its first Governor. Cologuard against the slightest danger of nel Lane was inspector in the Indian

fire, and a chemical engine was there Department during the Cleveland Adto safeguard the huge Christmas party. ministration.

40 Police Stand Guard.

Captain Moore, of the police depart-STATE CAPITAL JOYOUS ment, brought 40 policemen to care for the crowds. R. L. Adams, chairman of the general Muts' Santa Claus committee, expressed deep appreciation yesterday for the splendid assistance of the fire, police and street departments of the city during the time of preparation

who might need them during the afternoon. Teachers from the city schools

came with deputations of children from various districts and women known for their good works brought be provided. delegations from all parts of the city.

### Muts Busier Than Bees.

The little busy bee, which has built up a reputation for industry, had nothing on the members of the Muts' com mittee yesterday. William H. Strandborg, Chlef Mut, who is credited with having developed the idea of the organization and who has worked like a nailer in the worthy cause of putting cheer in Christmas for both children and grownups, was there where he could see for himself the result of his good work.

R. L. Adams, chairman of the general committee, was busy every minute, as was Frank Coffinberry, George L Baker, Ed Duffy and all the rest. Ed Werlein was the official announcer. Other members of the committee were: Arthur Finley, Phil Metschan, Jr., Dr. San Francisco to Take Care of Idle M. G. McCorkle, George Henry, Lynn Keady, John Beall, H. G. Terry, Edward Newbegin, Cal Zilly, William Adams, Captain J. T. Moore and Chief Dowell. This organization was divided into sub-committees that had charge of various branches of the work. Many Muts, not named, worked all the afternoon just for the fun of being useful. The Elks' ladies' auxiliary committee, (Concluded on Page 9.)

Special Entertainments and Christ mas Dinners Provided Today. SALEM, Or., Dec. 24 .- Acting through the Salem Social Service Center, the

various civic and commercial bodies as well as yesterday. Dr. M. G. McCorkle, assisted by Dr. will provide dinners for the city's J. H. Sifton, gave his services to any needy tomorrow. Many individuals are contributing money or food for th purpose,

Statesman Passes in Idaho.

At the state institutions special en tertainment and Christmas dinners will

# NOTED VETERAN PASSES

Colonel J. J. Edens, Aged 75, Dies at Bellingham After Long Illness.

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Dec. 24.-Colonel J. J. Edens, 75 years old, com mander of J. D. Steadman Post. Grand Army of the Republic, of this city, and patriotic instructor, Department of Washington and Alaska, G. A. R. en campment, died at 8 o'clock here tonight

He had been in failing health for several months.

# UNEMPLOYED TO BE AIDED

Residents of City.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24 .-- Plans for he relief of the unemployed this Winter were made public today by Chairman Jesse Lillienthal, chairman of the committee in charge.

None but residents of the city are to aided So-called "floaters" on by other cities will not be consid-

When the last messenger had delivered his basket in Chicago tonight it

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### WE WISH THEM A MERRY CHRISTMAS ALSO.

ADE IN U.S.A PEYNOLDS

that the tree might live forever. The exercises opened with a cornet solo, followed by Christmas carols, in which purchased, while the cost of each might

the children's voices mingled. show some diminution, far exceeded the The celebration closed with the sing. ing of "America." widespread spirit of giving that pre-

> During the Christmas holidays T. M. at liberty on his own recognizance.

after the holidays. Ellinger, who was a clerk in the streets, is held in connection with the

skull. He died several hours later.

F. C. Downing, one of the owners of as a toll road. the Medical building, gave Janitor Wendell \$100 and told him to go out One was soon found. The mother was abed with her lower limbs paralyzed. There were three children, and anothe. coming. There was nothing to eat in the house but a few onlons. The husband became insane a short time ago and was taken to the asylum.

As a token of regard for instrument men and others who were dropped from the city service December 1 by reason of a retrenchment in city working forces the men in the public works deparement who survived the shakeup yesterday clubbed in and bought turkeys for those who were let out.

A big collection of choice turkeys was purchased and distributed to the nomes of the men. In addition a turkey was sent to the home of a former laborar in the sewer division who was dropped from the service. This man has six children.

This happened at the corner of Broadway and Morrison street yesterday afternoon:

"Merry Christmas!" said the first oung man.

The other returned the greeting as they shook hands. "Lend me five?" said the first, after

a few moments' conversation. "Can't," was the answer. "I was go-

ing to ask you for ten." "Say, fellows," came a voice at their clbows, "could either of you give me a nickel to get a cup of coffee?" They couldn't.

Yesterday was the biggest day Tom ong, the blind cigar dealer at the City Hall, has had. It has been known for some time that business has been slack for Mr. Long, so everybody adopted the "home-products" slogan and purchased their cigars and candy from him. "It was the biggest day I've ever had," said Mr. Long when the rush was over last night. . . . SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 24 .- (Spe-

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Insurance Left Bookkeeper.

Two insurance policies for \$2000 cach in the Bankers' Life Association are left to Jessie M. Carson, who was Mr. Wemme's chief bookkeeper.

Mr. Wemme left all his jewelry to Miss Ida Scoggin.

Mary Varney, Hattie E. Miller, Jose-Ellinger, charged with murder, will be phone Milisap and Mamie Karlan each will be paid \$35 a month for the rest Circuit Judge McGinn yesterday re- of their lives. This money, Mr. Wemme leased Ellinger on recommendation of stipulates in his will, must come from the grand jury, and Ellinger promised the "rents, issues and profits" of the to reappear for further investigation E. Henry Wemme Company before any dividends are paid.

The Mount Hood & Barlow Road Ohio Hotel at Second and Burnside Company, which Mr. Wemme built and maintained during his life and which of Thomas Russell last week, he had offered to the Federal Govern-Russell was ejected from the hotel and ment on condition that the road be fell on the sidewalk, fracturing his kept in good shape, is left to George W. Joseph, Mr. Wemme's attorney. At present the Barlow road is maintained

Nine lots of valuable North End real estate is left to form the E. Henry and find families that needed help, Wemme endowment fund. The execu-(Concluded on Page 2.)

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## POSTOFFICE HOLIDAY RUSH GIVES TANGIBLE EVIDENCE OF PROSPERITY.

The testimony of department store heads and proprietors of jewelry stores in Portland that the holiday business this year has eclipsed all records is supported amply by statistics at the Portland Postoffice.

The two busiest days in the entire history of the Portland office were Monday and Tuesday, when the stamp sales exceeded the totals for the corresponding days of last year by thousands of dollars, in spite of the fact that parcel post rates have been reduced substantially since last Christmas. The record Monday, \$8589, outnumbered the showing for the same day of 1913 by \$1652. yet the next day the total jumped to \$9232.40, making it the record day in history for stamp sales.

The stamp sales Wednesday amounted to \$6600, as compared with \$6200 for the same day last year, while yesterday these figures were exactly reversed. The peculiar feature of this year's business is the multiplicity of parcels addressed for delivery locally.

The records for parcel post business are matched by the number of letters and postal cards handled. The official counting machines show that about 300,000 letters and postal cards have passed through the Portland office daily during the current week. On the record day last year only 225,000 letters and postals were handled.

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