

ELECTRICAL WEEK IS BRILLIANTLY BEGUN

Downtown Illumination and Decorations Give Prosperous Holiday Effect.

WINDOW SHOPPERS MANY

Tonight's Programme Includes Band Concerts in Public—Pittcock Building Lighted Steam Curtain Is Novel Feature.

With the brilliant illumination from the roof of the Pittcock block and with gaily decorated window shoppers passing in and fro under the festooned decorations in the business section of Portland, the beginning of the holiday season and of "Electrical Prosperity week" was heralded last night.

The decorations downtown, which were put in under the joint auspices of the electrical men, the retail merchants' bureau, the Chamber of Commerce, and the city, were practically completed yesterday morning.

The illumination of the Pittcock block will be featured in the parade this week, unless very unfavorable weather conditions should prevail. The display is made by the projection of colored lights upon a dense curtain of steam which is sent up from jets along the eaves of the roof.

Tomorrow night will be the great night for the electrical men. They will have a big electrical pageant at 5 o'clock, starting from Nineteenth and Washington and traversing the business section of the city.

Decorations in the streets which were installed especially under the auspices of the retail merchants' bureau of the Chamber, will remain in place throughout the month.

The general committee which has been in charge of Electrical Prosperity week preparations consists of O. N. Caldwell, Fred Spover, W. P. Strandberg, A. C. McMillen, J. A. Cranston, A. R. Steady, J. E. Davidson, C. L. West, W. N. Smith, P. C. G. G. E. L. Knight, George Boring, W. H. P. Hill and J. R. Tomlinson.

Members of the retail merchants' bureau committee are: H. C. Dolbin, E. A. Dinamore, R. D. Carpenter, T. I. Adams, R. W. Strick, A. J. Clarke and F. M. Case.

Search of the city by the detectives last night failed to result in the arrest of Edward Parsons, escaped from the Walls of the penitentiary, who walked out of the City Jail yesterday.

Parsons was serving a term of 30 days in the City Jail for disorderly conduct. He had been a "trusty" about the jail.

Yesterday he was called to have his fingerprints and measurements taken. It was while the Herring operative Turner and Assistant Graves were taking away the man's measurements that they discovered his record.

They found that he had been sent to the Walls of the penitentiary for burglary in Spokane and escape a second time August 1.

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DR. SMITH IS ACQUITTED

CHARGE OF ASSAULT BY H. L. GILBERT IS DISMISSED.

Defendant Asserts He Struck in Self-Defense, and Describes to Court What Took Place.

Dr. Andrew C. Smith, member of the Oregon Legislature, after a trial before District Judge Bell yesterday, was acquitted of the charge of assaulting H. L. Gilbert, an assessor, and son of Federal Judge W. A. Gilbert.

With a big piece of courtplaster over his left eye, Mr. Gilbert appeared in the courtroom with T. G. Ryan, Deputy District Attorney. Dr. Smith sat beside his attorney, Dan J. Malarky. The trial was held in the courtroom of the city.

Mr. Gilbert testified that Dr. Smith's brother had accused him of domestic violence in making returns on some one's name. It was on this account that he visited Dr. Smith's office, he said.

Dr. Smith said that Gilbert "showed himself to be a very unprovoked man" when he entered his office. He struck in self-defense, he maintained, and illustrated to Judge Bell and a packed courtroom what he believed.

"I believed he was about to hit me, so I hit him first," explained Dr. Smith. "I was sure he was about to strike me," he said.

"If I had waited to determine," said Dr. Smith, "I would now have what he is doing."

Describing how he struck Gilbert, Dr. Smith said: "It was sort of a grumpy blow—what you would call a hook, I believe."

Judge Bell declared it "regrettable" that two men should be charged with assault for a fight. He highly commended Dr. Smith for his hasty temper.

"Under the rules of evidence," said the court, "the testimony of these witnesses is entitled to equal weight. Dr. Smith says that he believed Mr. Gilbert was about to strike him. No other evidence showing what Dr. Smith believed. If he really believed that, then he struck."

Dr. Smith was acquitted. The charge of assault by H. L. Gilbert is dismissed.

FIGURES ARE BRIGHT

November Statistics Show Business Keeping Up.

SOME LINES SHOW GAINS

Postal Receipts Exceed Compared Month—Vast Tonnage Awaits Ships—Building Work and Bank Clearings Hold Own.

Indications in all lines of business in Portland up to date are that November will show a considerable improvement in conditions generally, and in some particulars will surpass the records of the same month in 1914.

Postmaster Myers announces that the postal business up to Saturday night was already \$4650.21 ahead of the record of November, 1914.

"I expect the gain for the month over that of the same month last year to be at least 5 per cent," he said. "The receipts of the next two days should take care of that, for we only lack \$3500 of showing more than the whole month in 1914 already, and a single day's receipts can hardly fail to be more than \$1500."

While shipping has been considerably demoralized throughout the year by the war conditions abroad, there are indications of improvement in these also. There is a vast tonnage to be moved, and the only element that has prevented November from being a record month in the activity of ships for foreign business, which is felt not at Portland alone, but in all of the ports of the Pacific.

There is a falling off in the tonnage of foreign shipments from the record of November, 1914, in lumber, wheat and flour, there is a slight increase in the domestic tonnage in wheat and flour, which, in a measure, offsets the conditions in foreign trade.

Under ordinary conditions there would be two or three times as much in the ports of the Pacific as there are at this time. This condition may not improve greatly while the war continues. The general business appears to be about the same as last year, according to representatives of the Merchants' Exchange.

In building activities November has not been a good month ordinarily, yet Building Inspector M. E. Plummer estimates that the building permits will reach a figure of approximately \$100,000 for November. This is in the face of the fact that business conditions of the past year have not been encouraging for the undertaking of large building enterprises, and there have been fewer big buildings in process of construction this year than usual.

Reports from the clearinghouse indicate that bank clearances will practically hold their own, possibly falling slightly below those of November in some other years, when general conditions throughout the country were much more favorable than at the present time.

HORSES OFFERED TO GUARD City Will Accept \$50 From Militia but Expects More if Auctioned.

If the Oregon National Guard is willing to pay \$50 each for the 13 police horses to be discarded in favor of patrol automobiles, the horses will be transferred into war horses without a public auction.

Purchasing Agent Wood says the city can get as high as \$150 for some of the horses at auction.

TURKS AND GREEKS DICKER Negotiations for Union Are Reported Under Way.

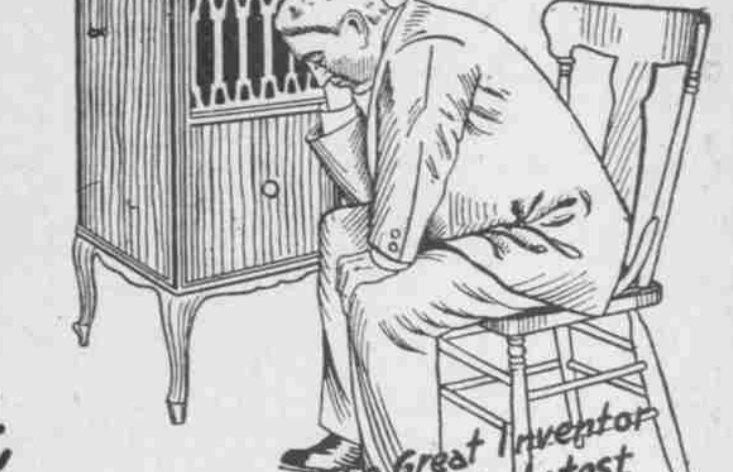
KURICH, Nov. 25, via London, Nov. 25.—A telegram received from Bucharest asserts that negotiations are pending between Turkey and Greece for the formation of a union similar to that between Greece and Rumania.

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WITNESS IS MISSING

"Billy" Cross Not Forthcoming in Arson Trial.

STATE'S CASE WEAKENED

Amusement Is Furnished in Suit Against Mrs. Daisy Miller by Matrimonial Activities of Mrs. Marie Behnke.

The state's principal witness in the arson trial of Mrs. Daisy Miller has disappeared.

"Billy" Cross, whose testimony, it is said, was largely responsible for the indictment of Mrs. Miller, has dropped from sight and left a hole in the case of the state.

The absence of Cross became apparent for the first time yesterday. Cross was in Pendleton shortly before the trial began, and was under subpoena to appear for the trial. He failed to come. A telegram to the Pendleton Sheriff disclosed the fact that Cross had departed, supposedly for Texas.

Mrs. Miller is charged with burning her house on Thirteenth street to obtain \$1300 insurance money. Cross, it is alleged, was living in the same house at the same time the fire occurred. What his testimony before the grand jury has not been disclosed, but prosecution attorneys admitted yesterday that his absence had left a severe hole in their case.

Mrs. Marie Behnke, through whom the first suspicion against Mrs. Miller's fire came, thus far has been in the limelight as the state's first witness. She created uproarious laughter yesterday during cross-examination by Attorney Paul Long.

"Weren't you married in 1908?" asked Mr. Long. "Yes, that husband died," answered Mrs. Behnke. "And weren't you married again later and divorced?" "Yes," replied the witness. "Yes, then married again."

Lewis River Valley Settler Dies. WOODLAND, Wash., Nov. 25.—(Special.)—Mr. Frederick Fridley, aged 75, died last night at the home of Thomas Powell in this city. Mr. Fridley, a native of Switzerland, was one of the oldest settlers in Lewis River Valley, and was active on his homestead, which he acquired about 25 years ago, until about five years ago, when a sudden attack by his eyesight rendered him totally blind, since which time he has made his home with his old friend, Mr. Dowell.

Pendleton to Decorate Streets. PENDLETON, Or., Nov. 25.—(Special.)—Pendleton business men in an informal meeting today decided to decorate the streets for the holiday season. The Pacific Power & Light Company have agreed to put up light streamers, and a carload or so of evergreen trees will be brought from Meacham. The work of decorating will start at once and they will keep the gala festival appearance until New Year's.

ART WORK SOON RELEASED Ashland Benefactors to Secure Italian Fair Exhibits. ASHLAND, Or., Nov. 25.—(Special.)—G. S. Butler and D. Perocci, benefactors of Lithia Park in this city, have contracted for a Frilli masterpiece from the exposition grounds in San Francisco with which to adorn park surroundings. The cost will be \$2000, and the work of art will be released from the Italian exhibit December 8.

G. S. Butler, in behalf of his stepfather, Jacob Thompson, a pioneer of Southern Oregon of 1847, has also purchased a statue of Abraham Lincoln at a cost of \$2500, at present in the Italian exhibit at San Francisco, which will be released in order to be placed in the old settlers' cabin, Southern Oregon pioneers, before the next annual reunion of the old-time element in 1916 in Ashland Park surroundings. Read The Oregonian's classified ads.

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Man Shoots Self. Because his wife had left him, O. H. Paulson, 28 years old, shot himself over the heart with a .22-caliber rifle at the home of his father-in-law, J. M. Batchelder, 669 Girard street, in St. Johns, late last night. He was taken to the Good Samaritan Hospital by the Ambulance Service Company. Dr. Christmas thinks the wound will not be fatal.

News Agent Faces Assault Charge. Joseph Felenthal, a news agent, was arrested last night by Officer Collins on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon after he is said to have attempted to use a knife on Dave Lightner at West Park and Washington streets. The arrested man was released on \$20 bail.

GRANT CATTLE STARVING Feed Shortage, Brought on by Early Winter, Causes Drop in Prices. BAKER, Or., Nov. 25.—(Special.)—Because of lack of feed, caused by the early winter, many cattle are reported to have died in the Hamilton country in Grant County and ranchers expect that many more will be lost before the winter sets in. The building was badly burned inside and much of the furniture damaged. The furniture was insured for \$500 and the building for \$1000. Engine 21 responded to the call and extinguished the flames.

Fire Damages Residence. About \$200 damage was done to the home of M. Hicker, 8314 Forty-sixth avenue, by a fire which started from an overheated stove while the family was away last night. The building was badly burned inside and much of the furniture damaged. The furniture was insured for \$500 and the building for \$1000. Engine 21 responded to the call and extinguished the flames.

German War Profit Tax Rig. BERLIN, Nov. 25.—(Via wireless to Tuckerton, N. J.)—The computation is made by the Overseas News Agency that the assessment for 1915 on the Reichsbank under the new law taxing war profits will amount to 122,940,000 marks (\$48,620,000). Under the terms of the law the tax will not be collected during the war.

ALLIES' LANDING UPHELD Treaty With Greece Gives Right, Says Paris. PARIS, Nov. 25.—The entente allies in disembarking troops at Saloniki are not violating Greek territory, nor can their action in Greece be compared to the German occupation of Belgium. This is the semi-official reply to the German statement made in Berlin, in which the German expedition was criticized as a violation of foreign territory.

SWEDEN LETS BARS DOWN British Goods to Be Allowed to Go Through to Russia. STOCKHOLM, via London, Nov. 25.—An agreement has been reached between Great Britain and Sweden for transmitting the goods of Great Britain and her dominions to Russia or vice versa. The agreement covers articles, the export of which from Sweden had been previously prohibited—such as metals, cotton, wool and other commodities.

FAMOUS PICTURE MENACED Cathedral Containing Tinctorio's "Our Lady" Shelled by Italians. BERLIN, Nov. 25.—(By wireless to Sayville, N. Y.)—An Overseas News Agency dispatch today says that during the bombardment of Genoa the cathedral containing Tinctorio's famous picture, "Our Lady," suffered severely. The hospital of the Episcopal College has been destroyed.

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