GAUDY-HUED GARB IS PASSING AWAY

Quiet Gray Will Be Fanciest Cloth Obtainable Soon in United States.

DYESTUFF IS EXHAUSTED

Somber Black and White Will Predominate in Clothing, Says Portland Woolen Man, Who Says Entire Industry Affected.

Farewell gaudy hurs; good-by crimson petilcoats, brilliant hose, alluring remings or atunning ballroom creations in color. Enter the sumber black and the quiet grap. Men and women whose complexions demand striking colors are facing trials and technicalisms.

Fut the blue serges away, or best watch the January clearance sales for browns or mixtures. If you find

for browns or mixtures. If you find them—buy them quick.
Such is the advice of Portland weolens and cloth manufacturers, for dyestuffs are no longer merely "scarce." They've reached the point where they "nim't." Crimsons can not be had at any price. Blues are pearly gone. Browns are going, and if the Oregon manufacturer can have but a handful of any color at ten times the price of a few months ago he is breathless until he gets it behind the combination of his own vault.

Government Orders Begging. Even the United States Government will have to change the color of its Army uniforms, and orders for bus-dreds of thousands of dollars' worth of

Abaki uniforms are going benging.

And the end is not in sight. The German-made dyes, which formed \$5 per cent of America's supply, were the coul tar product, of which this country has immense supplies of raw materials. Surthe dye manufacture is but are hearth of a tremendous chemical. one branch of a tremendous chemical industry from coal tar, the derivatives of which run into the thousands, and the Toutonic processes, many of them secret, are unknown outside of Ger-

The substitute for coal tar dyes are vegetable dyes, such as logwood, the source of which is controlled by Great Heitain. The vegetable colors are not as fast as the mineral, and far less brilliant, but until alx weeks ago were generally substituted. Then England out off America's supply with an em-harge. Efforts to lift this have been

Protection Is Sought.

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A protection on chemical products to feater American industry, is now being sought be the fabric manufacturers, including those in Portland.

American fabric manufacturers healtate to the up capital in plants for the manufacture of dyestuffs, for the audden ending of the war might see those plants the victim of a deadly forman competition, against which the home industries could not survive, declare the manufacturers.

This altuation is doubly complicated, for Germany is said to have vast quantities of dyestuffs ready to ship, could they but get them out of the war seen, and with a large influx of weeners into the positions vacanted by soldiers, the close of the war will see a terrific labor competition in Germany, which, combined with the natural German scientific advantages, would flood the world with a product gral German scientific advantages would flood the world with a product against which the newly-formed Amer-

Portland Woolen Mills Company, of St. Woolen Industry Affected.

"The whole woolen industry is ser-custy up against it." he says. "The same is true of the cotton business as or industry using dyes.
"For Germany has control of the dye altuation of the entire world. I have discovered how to make it : meanly than any other nation, excep mathly the Swiss, and there are many w colors for the manufacture of sich the Germans hold the secrets

"We've had in report to our ow means of developing and blending col

"The upshot is that dyestuffs have advanced more than 10 times in price. Scartat is out of the market. Blues are have gone out entirely. In the maxt 30 days we'll be not outselves American mamifacturers have hoped to exchange ention for dyes. But Eng-

All manufacturers are swinging over of entertainment. All manufacturers are swinging over and have made up natterns in American-made colors. This means we'll have to confine ourselves to black with its countless combinations of grays.

Next week it is to be fivelyn Nesbit. untless combinations of grays. will undoubtedly become prevamakes a green from a hematite, and it

WOUNDED HIGHWAYMAN GETS UN-EXPECTED CHRISTMAS GIFT.

Shertif Declines to Speak of Sender, and Says Prisoner Wants to Live Now. Real Name Promised.

"John Doe," the unidentified high-wayman prisoner at the Good Samari-tan Hospital, whom Station Agent J. D. Stewart at Multnemah shot Wednesday morning, had his Christman too, Walter Fish when Sheriff T. M. Huriburt delivered in him a letter and box with Yuletide One-half-

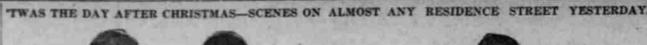
"You knew," said the Sheriff yester-I got to thinking Christmas day about that poor follow and wondered if there were not someone somewhere dear to him, who might send him a ray where he was. Maybe that someone knew sheer where he was. Maybe that old mother, the fu whom he spoke of the day we thought he would die from his wounds, the mother he said thought him dead, or interest

Well, it sect of got close up under me, tanking about him, and I had made up under me, tanking about him, and I had made up my mind that he should have Christmas, too, when, as if hy Providence, there came marked 'John Doe,' in my care, not only a letter but a package.

Chaste Dance a demure, dainty ing. An amazing tenor voice, full and unaffected in her gowning. An amazing tenor voice, full and unaffected in her gowning. An amazing tenor voice, full and unaffected in her gowning. An amazing tenor voice, full and unaffected in her gowning. An amazing tenor voice, full and unaffected in her gowning. An amazing tenor voice, full and unaffected in her gowning. An amazing tenor voice, full and unaffected in her gowning. An amazing tenor voice, full and unaffected in her gowning. An amazing tenor voice, full and unaffected in her gowning. An amazing tenor voice, full and unaffected in her gowning. An amazing tenor voice, full and unaffected in her gowning. An amazing tenor voice, full and unaffected in her gowning. An amazing tenor voice, full and unaffected in her gowning. An amazing tenor voice, full and unaffected in her gowning. An amazing tenor voice, full and unaffected in her gowning. An amazing tenor voice, full and unaffected in her gowning. An amazing tenor voice, full and unaffected in her gowning. An amazing tenor voice, full and unaffected in her gowning. care, not only a letter but a package, tue, addressed the same way. What do you think of that? Here the Sheriff

steeped. He would not tell any more. Sheriff Huylburt said test night, however, that his wounded charge told him he would in a day or two tell his name

Of the nearly bloo electric plants in the Culbed States more than one-third supply entrent only at night.





(1) Little Goldie Winsteln With Her New Baby Doll, Quinnult Davis and Little Rachaet Winsteln With Her "Baby Buggy," (2) Alfred Heldfond With a Brand New Brunn and His Brother, Bob, with a Kewple. (3) Master Wallace Howe Learned to Bun His New Auto Vesterday. (4) Royal Earle Meshen Took His New Movable Man-in-Cart on Parade. (5) Suggestive of Summer Is the Fine Baseball Outfit Given to Merle Garretson. (4) A Shovel and Tools and a Dout Gladdened Little Jimmie Allensworth and His Nieter, Vinta.

ment. Billy Goelet, Dave Harris and

Opening the programme are the two

fluffy-ruffle pretty little Ziegler sis-

LEARNING OF DEATH.

Defending Woman When He Felled

Laborer to Sidewalk.

Railway Washout Causes Journey by

Way of Willamina.

What is believed to be the first

dividual dance

tion factories would crumble. At least such is the belief of H. L. Thompson, of Portland, president of the

"Suspicious of Hubby" Good, Because True to Life.

tree. Factories have sprung up, and Ruby Helder Wins Appreciation by American dye houses have sought to supply the demand. But it takes months and years to develop just one Dances Entertain and Circus wither. Act With Horses Thrills.

> BY LEONE CASE BARR. For three weeks, "all in a row," jus like the flowers in Mary's garden grew, Martin Beck has seen to it that OPPONENT PLAYS CARDS AFTER the local Orpheum is truly a temple

Whites will undoubtedly become preva-lent during the coming year. America makes a green from a hematite, and it

Eva Taylor, a clever comedience with

a fine collection of sighs and smiles, plays the leading rele in the headline act, a lively farce-comedy called "Suspicious of Hubby." Miss Taylor's role is that of the usual jealous wife, who seeks to get evidence to confirm her missistions. A pretty niece of her husband's and the flance of the niece are drawn into the mixup

Jealous Anties Provoke Fun. The fun is of the fast and furious order, with complications in a hotel corrider treading fast on each other's

Too, the repartee is keen and sends everyone into mirth because we've all seen exactly the same people do al-most the same things in actual life. most the same things in actual life.

A capable company, consisting of
Bella Marsh as the niece, Lawrence
Grattan as the henpecked husband and
Walter Fisher as the flance support

One-half-the better half-of the famous Empire City Quartet returns to sing and joke itself into close communion with the audience. Harry Maye, a basso comedian, and Harry Tally, a tenor comedian, sing and ask each other feel questions with such abeer good fun that they reach across the fuotlights and readily make a con-

Ruby Helder offers an exceptionally mother he said thought him dead, or interesting act. She is a demure, dainty the sixters he said he did not want to girl, silm and unaffected in her gown-

TOY DAY IS OBSERVED

Much in Evidence.

Little Boys and Girls Play With Johnny Singer sings, too, but his dancing is amazing. It borders on the aerobatic in its daring physical maneuvers. The Zieglers' best offering is a beautiful, spirited interpretation of Paderewski's "Minuet in G." In this number the orchestra comes in for semecial orafase. Wheeled Vehicles, Guns, Dolls, Roller Skates, Footballs and Mechanical Contrivances.

this number the orchestra come and gone, and toa sensational act, right from the heart of Ringling's circus, closes the bill. James Dutton and two dainty girls, garbed in Colonial smartness, all in white and silver, ride into a sawdust ring in a high cart driving two hig, splendid white horses. The act is daring and thrilling and holds all the glamor and beauty-of the best in the circus.

"So Santa's come and gone, and tomorrow I kin play," mused little Billy ad of the cottage, in which the famlive little Billy had not derive an exciting day. Little Bill had to and opened the door, followed by the other little tots, all shabby.

"Mother, mother, here is the laundry, the little chap cried out to his mother. He raw the bundles I had in my arms and evidently thought it was the laundry. There was a delivery wagon outside, too. ing youngsters, and the many who were given practical things were seen

Tucoma City Employe Says He Was

TACOMA, Wash. Dec. 26.—(Special.)—After learning over the telephone that the man he had knocked to the pavement in a fight last night had died in the hespital, John McCormick, Jr. a young man employed in the public works department of the city, sat down in a saloon and played colo sil evening. McCormick was arrested today in connection with the death of Emil Nelson, a laborer, who died last night following a restaurant quarrel.

So catholic has Christmas become that rich and poor alike, regardless of religion, have admitted it into the lives of the children. A number of little Jewish children in South Portland were gon. Late of the city while their toes peaped out of torn shoes. In another part of the city three little ones were as proud of handed-down toys," gaudy, worn and maimed, as others were of new and elaborate playthings. To them the Christmas tree made by nailing a aurant quarrel.

McCormick admitted to the police fir tree bough to a grocery box and kins that he hit Nelson with his fist, say- hanging strips of bright-colored rags. W ing he did so in self-defense. When and dirty cotton on it, was a thing of Nelson's head struck the pavement his beauty.

Some new toys have little movable

skull was fractured. McCormick assects that Nelson threatened to "get him" after McCormick had interceded in behalf of the wife of a restaurant proprietor whom Nelson was cursing drive their tiny automobiles, and bill-because of an alleged overcharge for a beef atew.

McCormick is being held without bonds. He is 28 years old and the son of a Tacoma policeman now dead.

THI I AMOOV DADTY UEDE seen yesterday on the streets,

TILLAMOOK PARTY HERE Little Miss Everybody had her new loll on the street yesterday and last year's favorite relegated to the attic In baby carriages which were perfect replicas of the real baby buggy, the new dolls took their first ride. The tops and the whole carriages are col-lapsible. "Baby dolls," "Lady dolls," Kewpies, wax dolls, boy dolls and every conceivable sort and make were proudparty to come from Tillamook since the floods of the past few days closed the road of the Pacific Rullroad & Navigation Company, operating from Hillsboro, arrived yesterday in Portly displayed by their new mothers.

Hibernians Dance Tonight.

Classic Dances Are Presented.

An unusual act is offered by Eva Gauthier, a prima donna with a lovely dramatic coprano, and Nila Devi, a prima hallerina, who dances on her prima hallerina, who dances on her prima hallerina, who dances on her city by way of Willamina, and declare that that is the only route by which of four young maidens assist in the presentation of eight classical and wholly artistic dances.

The Harmony Trio made a lot of friends with their gay sungs and gatling-gun banks-plane accompanical clertly for travel.

In the party were Dr. J. G. Turner, Professor H. D. Atin, Irvin Allen, Miss Anna Johnson, I. M. Traxier and Dr. dancing party at Hibernian Hall, Russell street and Rodney avenue, to-night. The entertainment is for the Hibernians and their friends. D. J. Mc-Loughlin will play the role of Santa Claus, after which there will be a Christmas tree and dancing party at Hibernian Bance Tonight.

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IRRIGATIONISTS ARE GATHERING IN CITY

150 Delegates Expected to Be Present When Congress Opens Tomorrow.

DEVELOPMENT TO BE TOPIC

Several Resolutions and Suggestions Are to Be Prepared at Meeting and Will Be Delivered to Oregon Legislature.

Delegates to the annual Oregon Irrigation Congress began to arrive from the Eastern and Southern Oregon dis-tricts yesterday and by tomorrow, tricts yesterday and by tomorrow, when the congress opens, there prob-ably will be more than 150 representa-tive men from all parts of Oregon at-

tending.

The majority of the delegates are expected to arrive today and will be registered at the headquarters and meeting place of the congress at the Imperial Hotel. The principal question to be consid-

ered at the coming meeting will be the plan of handling development through plan of handling development through a system of irrigation districts.

A number of laws now in effect which bear on the irrigation work and the betterment of irrigation conditions have been enacted through the activities of this congress and committees of its appointment. The coming congress, like the preceding ones, will prepare a number of resolutions and suggestions for the reclamation of arid lands in the state to be submitted at the next session of the Legislature.

The congress will hold from Wednesday, December 28, to Thursday night,

day, December 28, to Thursday night, December 30.

The annual meeting of the Oregon
Development League will be held December 31, and a large majority of the
delegates to the Irrigation Congress

will remain to participate in this meet-The programme for the first day of the Irrigation Congress, beginning to-morrow at 10 o'clock, follows:

Morning, 10 A. M.

Call to order by Asa R. Thompson, of Echo, president of the Congress.
Addresses of welcome on behalf of the city by Mayor Albee, on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce by President C. C. Coll.
Responses by Porter J. Nelf. of Medford, and C. S. Hudson, of Bond.
Address by Fresident Thompson and his annual report, appointment of committees.

Afternoon, 2 P. M. F. N. Wallace, of Tumalo, secretary's reernor Withycombe, address on "Irriga, ervice."
Ten-minute talks by delegates, announcents and discussion.

Evening, 8 P. M. Evening, 5 K. 33.

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State Engineer John H. Lewis on "Meriorlous Irrigation Projects as Shown by Cooperative State and Federal Surveys."

Leonard Ludgren, district engineer United tates Forestry Service, on "Government Right of Way for Irrigation."

Professor F. G. Young, department of cocomics, University of Oregon, on "Oregon Development." evelopment." Ten-minute talks by delegates, discussi

Christmas Aid Needed by Owner of \$50,000 Estate.

Property-Poor Family Almost Missed by Santa, When City Official's Wife Finds Them.

THERE is a family in the city that CHILDREN FILL STREETS land property, yet was that poor in at the Seward,

there Christmas eve by the wife of a prominent public official.

This philanthropic woman was making the Eaton intered at the Eaton int rounds Friday afternoon, carrying good cheer to a number of families in a quiet and unostentatious way. She learned of the "property poor" family, where there are several tered at the Cornelius. little children, the head of the house almost an invalid, and the wife strug-

mother. He saw the bundles I had Frank J. Fox, of White Salmon, in my arms and evidently thought it Wash., is a guest of the Nortonia.

"The mother came to the door were given practical things were seen riding their velocipedes, playing football or giving the dolls an outling in the brand-new baby carriages.

The preparedness propaganda has found echo in many a youthful heart, which yesterday rejoiced at the advent of a bright nickel-plated air rifle. Guns of all sorts, cannons with nothing but corks to shoot, water pistols and popgans were numerous. One little fellow desired nothing short of The Kaiser's regiment," and gleefully accepted six green-coated toy soldlers as a substitute.

"The mother came to the door. I gave her the wink. She sent the little ones away. Then I put the things away there in the house for the children and left. I just told her it was form and left. I just told her it was small mother—well, I must draw the curtains. Just imagine what happened there. That family was property poor and proud. All had a merry Christfest, though, after all, I will wager."

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L. A. Estele, of Echo, is at the Sew-Noble, of Boise, is at the Ore

L. Stiller, of New York, is at the Ore-W. C. Bryant, of Moro, is at the Per D. A. Smith, of Gates, is at the Per-

Edwin Holland, of Scio, is at the Per-Walter Carroll, of Boston, is at the S. Cox, of Independence, is at the Perkins

L. G. Hulin, of Eugene, is at the Cor-I. Richardson, of Scattle, is at the

F. N. Hotaling, of Boise, is at the

F. T. Lidyard, of Eugene, is at the H. G. Wilson, of Roseburg, is at the M. W. Gillespie, of Nampa, is at the

Miss M. B. Bushnell, of Spokane, is at J. E. Carver, of St. Helens, Or., is at

Harry Lee Dodson and William T

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After Christmas Cleanup SALES

-As announced in Sunday's papers, begin today all over the store. Our immense holiday business has left in practically every department some lines that are incomplete, slightly broken assortments, odd lots of worth-while, wanted, every-day merchandise.

—These After-Christmas Cleanup Sales have been in-augurated to assure rapid, thorough outcleaning of all such incomplete or broken lines and prices have been regulated by this one object alone. Look up our Sunday ads, check off what things you now require or anticipate being in need of and SAVE GENEROUSLY HERE TODAY!

> Men's Suits and Overcoats-Boys' Two-Pants Suits-Women's Suits, Coats, Dresses, Waists, Millinery. Etc. Are Radically Underpriced.

Grocery Bulletin

-Special offerings for Monday. Highest standard qualities at prices that show the wise economy of supplying your needs liberally from Meier & Frank's today.

Sugar Cured Hams, lb. 171/2c

-Eastern sugar-cured quality. Well smoked and closely trimmed. Special today, pound 17½¢. Victor Flour, high-grade | Imported Marmalade, Kill-

brand, sack \$1.39. Large Prunes, new fruit, 30 to 40 size, lb. 10¢. Oregon Milk, Yeloban, case 4 doz., \$3.15; doz. 80¢. Pure Lard, No. 10 pails, \$1.29; No. 5 pails, 65¢.

er's Scotch, jar 20c. Chow Chow, Cross & Blackwell's, bot., 35c and 20¢.

June Peas, R. R. 15c quality, dozen, \$1.45; can 12%¢. Imported Macaroni, No. 1 packages, priced 15¢.

Cleaning Helps

Fancy Brooms, best 60c grade, each 49¢. Blue Ribbon Lye, 10c cans at 3 for 20¢. Naptha Soap, Victor brand, six bars 25c.

White Soap, Cotton Boll, six bars 25c. Gloss Starch, Kingsford's 6lb. wooden boxes 59¢. Cleaning Powder, Gold Dust or Citrus, package 20¢. -Ninth Floor, Fifth Street.



Kettering, of Chicago, are at the Mult-Seattle agent at Clatskanie, is regis-nomah.

M. Deane, of Astoria, is registered at the Cornelius.

William Holliston, of Creswell, is at BEAVER HIDES ARE SEIZED HERE is a family in the city that S. B. Ricaby, of Washington, D. C., is Game Wardens Find Pelts in Home owns some \$50,000 worth of Portation at the Imperial.

no Santa Claus at their house, but for are at the Eaton.
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William Johnson, of Tacoma, is registered at the Eaton Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Stone, of Salem, G. D. Hoffman, of Medford, is regis-

Oscar Jensen, of Minneapolis, is reg-I. H. Taylor, of Boise, Idaho, is regis-tered at the Nortonia. Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Eccles, of Los Angeles, are at the Imperial.

Smith, of Prince Rupert, B. C., is registered at the Eaton A. H. Blackiston, of Mazatlan, Mex-co, is at the Multnomah.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Everts, of Astoria, are registered at the Multner Portland.

Several good beaver bides w fiscated yesterday by Deputy Game Wardens E. H. Clark and Thomas Craig, who visited the home of S. F. White at Ames, Or., in Clackamas County, and found the hides.

Beavers are protected under the law, and the game wardens had a hint of al leged violations on the farm of Mr. White. They brought back with them six or eight hides, each of which, it is

said, is valued at \$18 to \$20 in the Mr. White will have a trial at Oregon City some time during the week

Waiter Accuses Wilson,

Theodore Feell, a waiter, was ar-rested as insane last night because he accused President Wilson of coming to Portland and putting "dope" in a glass of whisky Feell was about to drink, The police could not believe that the President had been in the city recently. Feell told Assistant City Physician Mrs. George J. Snow and Miss J. Car-on, of Wallace, are registered at the Portland.

Harding last night that the President also had hypnotized him and that Feeli and the President were in constant Portland.

N. W. Bethel and Miss Myrtle Bethel, telepathic conversation. The man has of The Dailes, Or., are stopping at the Nortonia.

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