

BELATED SHOPPERS CHARGE ON STORES

Merry Crowds Jostle and Jam at Last Moment to Get Postponed Gifts.

LIQUOR LINE IS LONGER

Considerate Wholesale Houses Send Packages Neatly Decorated to Those Who Are Preparing for Long Dry Spell.

Last call for eleventh hour Christmas shoppers. The rush is on and the belated gift choosers are now getting a run for their money, as the saying is.

Thrilling as the whole bustle and intense activity of Christmas week is, there is one outstanding fact about it all that makes this year different from any other Portland ever saw or will, probably, ever witness again.

We refer to the great preparedness parade that winds its way from morning to night to the top express offices for the regulation two-bottle shipments of Uguisbaugh or other cheering strong waters from California.

End of Parade Not Near. Last July Portland gave a Preparedness parade, but it lasted only one evening. There was the panoply of war about the demonstration, martial airs, the beat of marching feet in unison as the column swept down the streets.

But now comes real preparedness. The present parade has been under way since the November election, and its end is not yet in sight. The mid-summer preparedness mood was as nothing compared to the grim determination now so manifest on every hand.

Each parade bears aloft the familiar rectangular two-quart buckets and claims by right of this striking badge to be a worthy exponent of preparedness.

Long Drouth Expected. It is the greatest preparedness demonstration any city ever saw. Some of the Eastern metropolises boasted of the fact that their preparedness parades of last summer, when preparedness parades had a wonderful vogue, occupied one whole day. From rosy-fingered morn to dewy eve the marchers marched and the flags waved.

But Portland's parade has now been under way a month and a half without a halt or break in the ranks, and the best guessers give it out cold that there will be no interruption for another month. This is preparedness with a vengeance.

No pilgrim ever journeyed to Mecca with greater resolution written on his features than the participants in the great 1916 preparedness pageant. There is a determined spirit about the demonstration that shows the true metal of the Portlander when real peril threatens—the peril of a drouth that is likely to last, maybe, until the crack of doom, that indefinite vanishing point of the future.

Packages Come Decorated. Right in line are the express companies. Affable young men behind the counters cheerfully write the initials of the hundreds and thousands and hand across the rails the two-bottle "shipment" that gladdens every heart.

Is it the true spirit, too, that has entered the California shippers. One large concern, to make it all the more in keeping with the glad Christmas season, has hit upon the happy thought of weathering the packages about with a circle of adhesive paper that bears a printed counterfeit of a holly branch. Is there no limit to the thoughtfulness of these unknown, impersonal, but highly regarded benefactors of California?

Although the express companies hold all records for attracting Christmas shoppers, the last big drive of the year on the retail stores is on all blast. From the rush to shop, it appears certain that every single man, woman and child in Portland will have many Christmas presents of wide variety and utility.

Prompt Mailing Advised. The kids are not being forgotten by any means, and neither are the father and mother. On all hands is manifest the spirit of consideration and thoughtfulness for others that makes this the really greatest season of all the year.

It is proper at this time to sound the usual warnings, now that it is too late to "shop early." One should be advised to ship presents and Christmas cards of greeting, intended for out-of-town recipients, as soon as possible, so that they will reach their destinations at holiday time. Because of the congested mails, express and other transportation money, a little leeway is advisable. Better give a day or two additional beyond the regular time schedule of the mails to cover a certain distance.

From every angle it looks like a really, truly merry Christmas for Portland.

A German hospital uses a series of mirrors to reflect beams of light free from shadows on an operating table from an arc lamp outside the operating room.

NECKWEAR FOR HOLIDAY GIFTS. Unusual designs and colorings which appeal to the most discerning dresser.

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"TWIN BEDS" STAR, ONCE HONOR STUDENT, IS AT HEILIG TONIGHT

Though She Wanted to Paint Great Pictures, Fate and Miss Risser's Mother Got Busy and Plan Other Road to Fame and Fortune.

THERE is always a fascinating interest to a young girl who accomplishes much, and one of the most pronounced claimants to this honor now before the public is Marguerite Risser, of the "Twin Beds" company, which comes to the Heilig Theater tonight for three nights and Saturday matinee.

She was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., of French parents, and was educated at the Notre Dame Academy at Staten Island, from which she graduated with high honors. Her first determination at that time was to become an artist. She wanted to paint great pictures. But fate and Miss Risser's mother got together and mapped out an altogether different plan.

Her mother believed the stage held honors for her talented daughter, and, after much difficulty, succeeded in obtaining an audience with the late Charles Frohman, who, upon seeing Miss Risser for the first time, exclaimed:

"My child, what a beautiful head of hair you have."

And the best part of it all is that the hair was all her own.

Since that time Miss Risser has been steadily employed in leading metropolitan productions.



Marguerite Risser, With "Twin Beds," at Heilig Tonight.

CITY TO STOP LEAK

Departments Ordered to Work With Legal Bureau.

ERRORS ARE FOUND COSTLY

Council Investigates Publication of Traffic Ordinances in Pamphlet and Loss of Appeal Right in Property-Purchase Case.

In face of costly mix-ups, due apparently to lack of co-operation between various city departments and the city's legal bureau, the City Council yesterday, on motion of Commissioner Baker, adopted an order calling for submission of all matters to the legal bureau and calling for co-operation with that bureau.

Two costly experiences have been had lately. One was in the publication of the new traffic ordinance at a cost of \$24,75. Nobody seemed to know anything about it except that the Council desired the ordinance published for the benefit of the public.

As it appeared in pamphlet form it had been reduced to a digest and was littered with mistakes, and the blame for responsibility could not be placed.

Right of Appeal Lost by Error. Another case was that in a decision of the State Supreme Court on Tuesday, in which the city was refused an appeal in the case of condemnation of property owned by Charles Schmid, at Sixteenth and Washington streets. After the decision of the Circuit Court awarding Mr. Schmid \$8000 for his property the public works department under Commissioner Dieck laid a sidewalk on the property and thereby took possession.

When City Attorney LaRoche discovered this he forthwith demanded the removal of the sidewalk, saying that such action was virtually taking possession of the property and thereby eliminating the possibility of the city appealing from the Circuit Court decision.

City Will Have to Pay \$8000. The Supreme Court ruled that such was the case and now the city will have to pay the \$8000 without having an opportunity to appeal.

The first step in the new policy probably will be the submission to City Attorney LaRoche of city ordinances which have been codified under a contract held by C. D. Mahaffie. Part of the contract was completed and submitted to the Council for adoption. It may be necessary for the city's legal bureau to check over all this work before approval, which will mean virtually doing all the work over again.

The contract for this work was let to the Council by Mr. Mahaffie about two years ago. Mr. Mahaffie started the work and ex-City Commissioner Brewster, who is a member of the Mahaffie law firm, is finishing it.

PERSONAL MENTION.

J. A. Hoskins, of Baker, is at the Carlton. E. H. Scott, of Heppner, is registered at the Ritz. Jack Spence, of McMinnville, is at the Imperial.

M. Terhaege, of Rainier, is registered at the Eaton. S. Briggs, of Scappoose, is registered at the Carlton. Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Hubbell, of Boise, are at the Ritz.

Leo Neist, of Oakland, is an arrival at the Carlton. W. F. Marsters, of Roseburg, is staying at the Eaton. L. Myrtle is registered at the Nortonia from Seaside.

A. A. McDonald, of Woodburn, is registered at the Ritz. H. D. Kenny, of Nelson, B. C., is registered at the Ritz. E. F. Kelley is registered at the Eaton from Seattle.

E. J. Westburg is registered at the Eaton from Seattle. E. F. Carleton, of Salem, is registered at the Seward. Volney Sebeck, of Spokane, is registered at the Imperial.

John R. Allen, of Medford, is registered at the Portland. E. Eberhart, of Pendleton, is registered at the Oregon. E. P. Lorraine, of Astoria, is registered at the Cornwell.

Roger Murphy is registered at the Nortonia from Astoria. J. L. Carmen is registered at the Portland from Tacoma. Ed Binckburn, of Seaside, is an arrival at the Cornwell.

John Milne, Jr., is registered at the Imperial from Hillsboro. L. M. Howe is registered at the Seward from Astoria. F. Souvenir is registered at the Perkins from Cathlamet.

Fred C. Forsell, of Detroit, is registered at the Washington. Thomas Skinner is registered at the Multnomah from Tacoma. L. Sampson, of Raymond, Wash., is an arrival at the Oregon. Blanche Lucas arrived at the Seward from Salem yesterday.

Dr. Frank Peterson, of Minneapolis, is registered at the Carlton. R. H. Brittan, of San Francisco, is registered at the Seward from San Francisco. He arrived in the city yesterday.

John Kelly is registered at the Oregon from Edmonton, Canada.

H. C. Stratton is registered at the Portland from San Francisco. William Schleiger, of Tracy, Cal., is registered at the Washington.

A. Goldberg, of Vancouver, B. C., is a recent arrival at the Oregon. John L. McGinn, of Fairbanks, Alaska, is registered at the Multnomah.

T. T. Ristelger, of Grand Forks, N. D., is an arrival at the Washington. Mrs. Hattie Thompson, of Roseman, Mont., is registered at the Seward.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Larsen, of Raymond, are registered at the Perkins. Aubrey Lee White, of Spokane, is among the arrivals at the Multnomah. Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Putnam, of Los Angeles, are registered at the Cornwell.

Among the arrivals at the Imperial yesterday was William F. Foster, of Burns. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lancaster and family are registered at the Nortonia from Hood River.

Mrs. W. Ferguson and Miss Christine Martin are registered at the Carlton from Gales, Wash. L. A. Newton, a prominent business man from Spokane, is registered with Mrs. Newton at the Nortonia.

A. W. Booth, of Oakland, who arrived in the city yesterday, is registered at the Multnomah with Mrs. Booth. Anthony Euwer, of New York, is registered at the Portland. Mr. Euwer is known as the poet of the Hood River Valley, and recently gave a lecture at Lincoln High School.

T. Cader Powell, former United States Marshal of Alaska, arrived here yesterday from his home at Hollywood, Wash. Mr. Powell held several prominent offices while living in Portland, and is remembered by a large number of old residents.

Bride Tires of Supporting Husband and Quits.

Mrs. Frank Reynolds Says She Will Not Be Responsible Further for Parole Violator.

"I'm tired of supporting him; I'm through." With these words 19-year-old Mrs. Frank Reynolds yesterday washed her hands of further responsibility for her husband, who told Juvenile Court officers that he was 17 years old, but whom the officers, after investigation, believe is 20 or 21.

Reynolds, on the assumption that he was a juvenile, was brought before the Juvenile Court for the violation of a parole. He was arrested, charged with passing a bad check and served 15 days in jail. Then, on condition that he repay the amount of the check, \$25, he was released by Juvenile Judge Cleason. He has repaid but \$5 it is asserted.

Meantime Reynolds married. This was November 4. His wife was working in a downtown store and Reynolds is said to have quit a \$45 job on a steamboat because Mrs. Reynolds found good wages. His wife did not learn of the arrest and the bad check episode until after marriage. It is asserted, it was then she declared "quits."

The Juvenile Court officers expect to turn Reynolds over to the Circuit Court about heavy-duty work. His parents, in Wisconsin or Utah, that they may send him back to them.

HAWAII DRAWS TRAVEL

Great Northern Booked to Capacity for Several Trips Ahead.

Never before in history has the tourist travel to Honolulu been so heavy as during the present winter. Steamers from San Francisco for the islands are booked to capacity for several trips ahead.

Advices were received yesterday by officials of the Great Northern Pacific Steamship Company that the steamer Great Northern, now plying between San Francisco and Hawaii, is handling capacity business.

Two added sailings have been arranged for the steamer, on April 11 and April 30, and the craft is expected to return to the Columbia River in May to take the summer run between Flavel and San Francisco.

MR. DIECK STIRS UP GRIEF

Ben F. Smith, Building Plan Examiner, Makes Charges Over Dismissal.

City Commissioner Dieck has stirred up more civil service grief by laying off again Ben F. Smith, who for seven years has been employed as a building plan examiner in the bureau of building inspection. Mr. Smith claims that by reason of his being the oldest man in point of service in the bureau he should be shifted to another position in the bureau, there being several others held by men who have been in the service a shorter period than he.

Mr. Smith contends that his dismissal has been for personal motives and not for lack of efficiency. He says he has qualified for other positions in the bureau.

Roseburg Has Chickenpox Cases. ROSEBURG, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special.) Considerable alarm was occasioned here today when Dr. B. R. Shoemaker, city health officer, discovered several cases of chickenpox in the local school. A case of measles also was found by the health official. The health authorities have decided to take drastic action immediately, that a spread of the disease may be averted.

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\$39.50 Outfit

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LEONARD ESTATE \$184,200

Chester V. Dolph Is Petitioner for Probate of Property.

An estate valued at \$184,200 was left by the late Herman C. Leonard, who died December 17, at the age of 33

years, according to the petition for probate of the will filed in the County Court yesterday. Of this property, \$100,000 is in real estate, \$25,000 in stocks and bonds, \$50,000 in notes and mortgages and \$9,000 in cash.

Chester V. Dolph is the petitioner, for the estate is left to him in trust for the relatives of Mr. Leonard. His heirs at law are: Emily Camp Leonard, of Oswego, N. Y., aged 85, a sister; Laura Ann Leonard, of Oswego, N. Y., aged 80, a sister; William A. Leonard, of Cleveland, O., aged 68, a nephew; Louis H. Leonard, of Oswego, N. Y., aged 66, a nephew; and Louisa B. Van Nostrand, of New York City, aged 63, a niece.

There are also mentioned in the will, it is understood, a grand-nephew, a grand-niece, and two great-grand-nephews, all living in New York state. The will was not filed.

To "Someone" for Christmas

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