

FIRE CHIEF WARNS OF HOLIDAY DANGER

People Urged to Eliminate Hazards at Christmas.

DEATHS ARE NUMEROUS

Statistics Said to Show Average of One in Ten Accidents Results in Fatality.

With the holidays almost here, officials of the fire bureau are apprehensive over unusual hazards. Chief Young yesterday issued a statement covering this subject with a note of warning to all people.

"Above all other days, Christmas should be an occasion of universal cheer," said Chief Young, "but in many households it is likely to become a time of tragedy because of death and injury from fire. I have received statistics from the national board of fire underwriters from which I learn that an average of one in every ten Christmas fires last year resulted in a fatality.

"The Christmas tree is an old and beautiful symbol, and one that should be preserved. But it becomes none the less symbolic when it is made safe. As long as a tree is decked with lighted candles there is danger. Illuminated, colored electric lights are more ornamental and are far safer.

Candles Warned Against. "It is not only on the tree, however, that candles are dangerous," the chief continued. "Placing them in windows, where there are inflammable curtains and decorations, is extremely dangerous. All open flame lights are dangerous. I wish to lay particular emphasis on the candles, however, because the use of candles seems to have come back in fashion, and back into our fire records, too.

The chief also called attention to the fact that fire insurance protection may be voided by the introduction of hazards not contemplated by the policy and this possibility is another reason given by him for care.

Additional precautions which the chief urged for observance in homes, stores and elsewhere follows: "Make sure that the Christmas trees are securely set up, so that they will not topple over, and keep them away from heating and lighting fixtures. Use metal tinsel, flake asbestos and powdered mica for snow effects. Instead of paper clippings and cotton, smokers should be extremely careful with matches and smoking materials while near trees and decorations. Evergreens should be removed immediately after Christmas before they have completely dried out.

Toys Cause Fires. "Avoid toys requiring alcohol, gasoline or kerosene for their operation and also flimsy motion picture machines using inflammable films. Low-priced electrical playthings, too, should be taboo, since they are often defectively wired and frequently have dangerous connections.

"If Santa Claus is to be present at the celebration, persuade him to avoid the use of long cotton whiskers. His costume should be partially fire-proofed by spraying water-tight on it.

"If anyone's clothing catches fire he should be promptly rolled in a rug or woolen cloth to smother the flames.

"Let every individual do his utmost not to spoil the merriment of the day, for no one wishes to hear the chimes of Christmas converted into the jangles of the fire alarm."

LEGION TAKES OVER CITY

Mayor Urges Public to Support "A Night in Paris."

Mayor Baker yesterday informed a delegation representing the American Legion post No. 1 that he would turn the city over to them for the next week, so that they might conduct effective advertising for the legion's show, "A Night in Paris," which will be held on December 29 in the auditorium.

After assuring them of this privilege the mayor issued a proclamation advising the public not to be alarmed at anything that may occur between now and the night of the show.

"A large number of advertising stunts have been planned which will be announced at the proper time and there will be others of which no announcements are to be made," the proclamation reads.

"The ex-service men and women have been working hard to make this show a success and the entire city should co-operate to its utmost to help them. Not a cent is going for promotion purposes, the proceeds are going to the organization to pay off its indebtedness and look after the legion's welfare work for the ex-service men and their families."

201 EGGS LAID IN YEAR

Record of Plymouth Rock Champion 25 1-3 Dozen in 2 Years.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Dec. 22.—(Special.)—The world's champion Hatched Plymouth Rock owned and bred by the college, has completed her second laying year with a production for the 365 days of 201 eggs. This number, added to the 224 produced last year, makes a total of 25 1-3 dozen eggs in two years. This hen is known as K-24.

The champion did not miss more than seven days in her first 22 months of laying. During September and October of the first year she went through a gradual moult, but kept producing eggs. In her second year she moulted again, but has continued to lay in spite of the fact that she has undergone a complete change of feathers, and her feeding schedule has been changed.

ROBBER REFUSES MONEY

Discovery of Lone 50-Cent Piece Gains Holdup's Sympathy.

Boy, the smiling salt. Quick! A tender-hearted footpad has taken up his abode and is at work in Portland.

P. Peterson, who lives at 780 Longview avenue was en route to his home Thursday night. He reached Massachusetts and Falling streets.

"Stick 'em up," declared a footpad, stepping out from the darkness. Peterson stuck 'em up. The highwayman searched the

victim's pockets with a practiced hand, turning each one inside out. The net result was a lone 50-cent piece.

"Say, brother, you're worse off than I am," commented the footpad. "Keep your money; I'm on my way."

LINE CONDEMNS HIGHWAY

Longview Road Starts Proceedings for Its Right of Way.

KELSO, Wash., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—The Longview, Portland & Northern Railway company, which will receive bids for the construction of 8 1/2 miles of railway January 1, is starting condemnation proceedings against Cowlitz county for condemnation of portions of the east side highway near Lexington and Hazel Dell. This method is being taken to avoid delays incident to vacating the roads.

The railway company will build new roads superior to the present roads, and will save Cowlitz county and road district No. 2 much money now required to protect the road against erosion by the Cowlitz river near the McCorkle place at Lexington and the Hagie place. The railway will be between the river and the road and the railway company will have to protect its line from washing out. At the Hagie place the highway was washed away two years ago and a new highway had to be built.

SHAREHOLDERS ARE SUED

\$1,000,000 in Assessments Asked in Scandinavian Bank Crash.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—Sixty out of a probable 500 or more cases against stockholders of the defunct Scandinavian-American bank of Tacoma have been filed in superior court since last week by John P. Duke, state supervisor of banking, and E. L. Farnsworth, state director of taxation and examination.

The suits, resulting from the failure of the bank nearly two years ago, have been brought to collect \$100 a share from each stockholder for each share of stock which he owned, and will total, if all are collected, \$1,000,000.

Merry Xmas from Edlisen's.—Adv.

PHONE MACHINES ARE IN

AUTOMATIC SWITCHING DEVICES ARE INSTALLED.

Instruction Is Being Given Subscribers by Demonstrators and Children Write Essays.

Installation of all machinery has been completed in the new Garfield, Beacon and Sunset machine switching offices of the telephone company as well as in manual offices of the exchange, according to C. E. Hickman, division commercial superintendent of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company. This means, Mr. Hickman said, that final preparations are being made for the out-over to the new machine switching method of telephone operation January 27.

The machine switching office machinery will provide for connection of approximately 12,000 subscribers on both the east and west side and the manual office equipment will be of an auxiliary nature so direct interchange may be made from machine switching to manual telephones," he said.

A group of 36 demonstrators started making personal calls on all the subscribers, who will obtain machine switching telephones, last week. Arrangements for handling the demonstration calls have been made through the assignment of 11 operators to this work. Demonstration and test work will continue for the next four weeks. Demonstrators have instructed school children in the districts directly affected on operation of the new telephone instruments and prize essays on the telephone and its operation are being written in the schools."

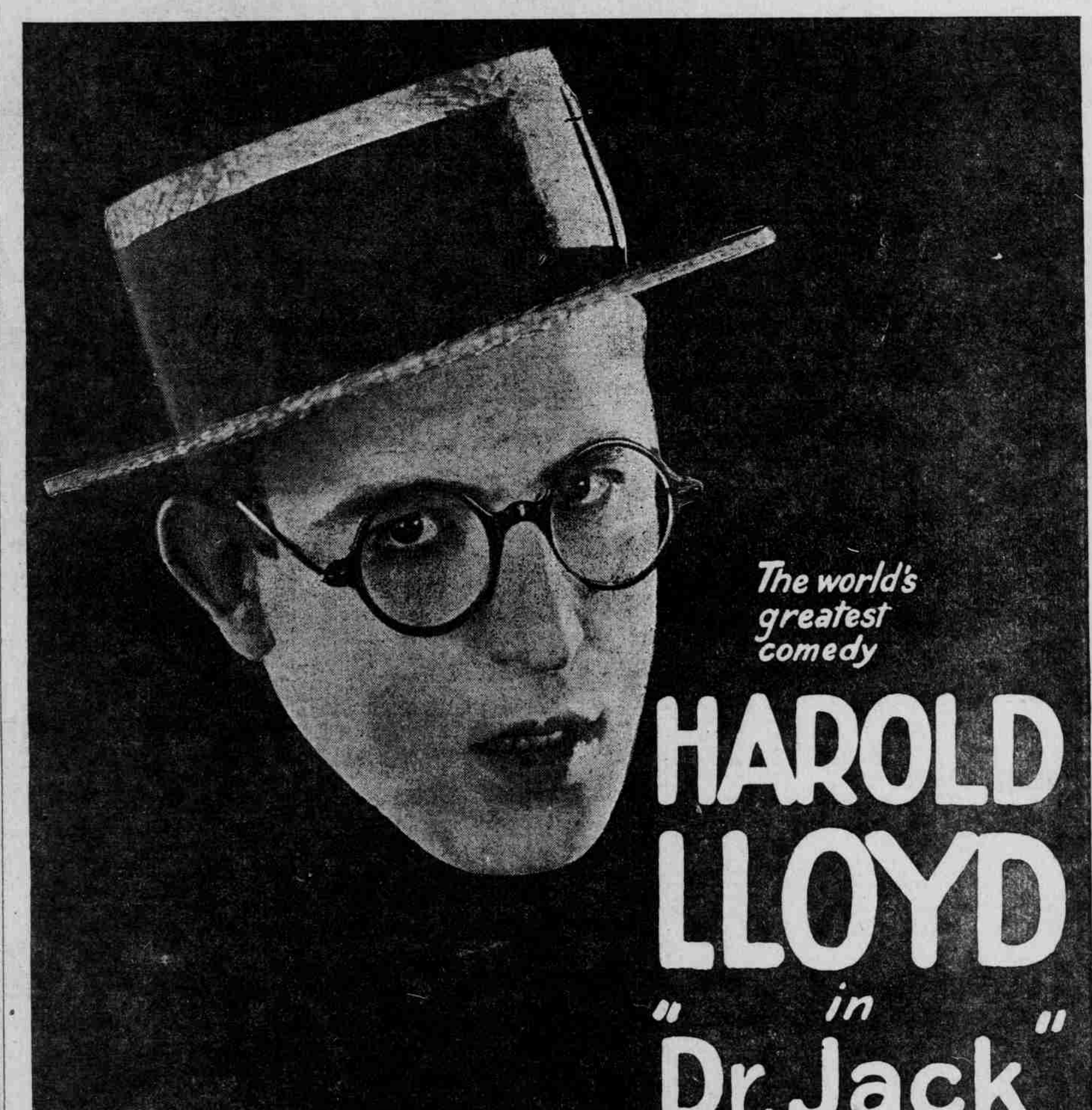
Legislators to Be Guests.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—Four dances will comprise the functions of that character on the programme arranged by the Olympia chamber of commerce for the coming session of the state legislature. The first will be the biennial reception ball, which will be held January 11. The other three dates are January 25, February 8 and February 20.

INCREDIBLE---BUT TRUE!!

Portland Wants "Dr. Jack" for a Fifth Week ---for Christmas Week!

We advertised the fourth week as the last---
We booked another picture, "The Blind Bargain," and advertised it. But so large have been the crowds during the last week and so overwhelming the demand to show the picture during holiday week---that we have---at no little inconvenience---succeeded in holding it.



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" in "Dr. Jack"

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We thank you for your appreciation and hope that our co-operation in holding the picture for holiday week will enable every one to see it.

CECIL TEAGUE
at the Wurlitzer and in Concert Tomorrow at 1:30 P. M.

Reserved Seats Now on Sale at Box Office for Majestic's Big Annual New Year's Midnight Matinee

Note:
Of course this is the last week. It is almost unbelievable that any picture could be good enough to run five weeks in Portland, and it would be quite absurd to consider a sixth.

Last Day and Call to Christmas Shoppers



We will be prepared with a large force of salesmen to handle the last-day rush promptly.

We will be open until 5:30 P. M.

Here are a few last minute items:

- Game and Beef Carvers
- Fine Table Cutlery
- Safety Razors

in all the leading and best makes.

- Pocket Knives**
 - Scissors and Shears
 - Manicure Sets
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 - McGregor and Wright & Ditson
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 - Dunlop 85c Golf Balls at 50c Each
 - Buhrke Golf Bags
 - High-Grade Fly and Casting Rods
 - Duxbak Hunting Clothing
 - Town and Country Coats
- Foot Balls at Special Reduced Prices**
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 - Mirrors, Ever-Ready Windshield Cleaners
 - Sun and Rain Visors, Flower Vases
 - Everready Flashlights and Batteries
- Tools for Men and Boys**
 - Chests of Tools From \$5.00 and Up
 - Cabinets of Tools From \$30.00 and Up
- Pyrex Casseroles**
 - Electric and Stove Percolators
 - Wear-Ever, Lisk and Savory Roasters
 - Andirons, Fire Sets, Fire Screens
 - Universal Electric Vacuum Cleaners
 - Coffield Electric Washing Machines
 - Overland Coaster Wagons, Automobiles
 - Handcars, Velocipedes
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