#### NO. 52.

# Store Closed Until Tuesday at 1 o'Clock

#### Everything Reduced In

Men's Underwear, Socks, Shirts, Suspenders, Neckwear and all other Furnishings.

#### Everything Reduced In

Women's and Children's Cotton, Wool, Lisle and Silk Hosiery.

## Everything

### Reduced In

The Silk Store-the world's best makes of Black and Colored Silk are all less!

#### Everything Reduced In

Dress Goods-Black and Colored-all wool and silk and wool-all are less.

#### Everything Reduced In

The Linen Store-Towels, Cloths, Napkinseverything of linen is less!

## Everything

Reduced In Cotton Goods-Sheets and Pillowcases, Sheetings, Prints, Battings, etc., all are less.

#### Everything Reduced In

Dress Linings and Findings-Button Shields, etc.-all are less!

#### Everything Reduced In

Ribbons, Laces, Embroideries, Trimmings, Appliques and Neckwear-everything

## Everything

Reduced In The Picture Store-Helps for making home beautiful are all less!

#### Everything Reduced In

Handkerchiefs, Veilings, Fans, etc.chances to buy for little-all are less.

#### Everything Reduced In

The Leather Goods Store-Purses, Suit Cases, Bags, Belts, all are less.

# pman.Wolfe & Co.

# We Wish You

# A Merry Christmas!

We did a vastly greater holiday business than ever before in our history, and did it with less friction. The vexations of holiday shopping were reduced to a minimum. This proved to be the store for hurried shoppers. Exclusive novelties from many lands were shown in /such variety and profusion as to make a visit to this store a distinct relief after viewing the long successions of commonplace things seen elsewhere around town. The one feature you evidently appreciated was the fact that our prices were indisputedly the lowest.

Tomorrow (Monday) will be a day of genuine rest for our hundreds of employes. They richly deserve it after the strenuous time of the past few weeks.

We will remain CLOSED TUESDAY UNTIL 1 O'CLOCK, devoting the forenoon toward rearranging and marking down our entire stock for the greatest sale event of the season-

# Our Great Sale

# Every Article in the Store Reduced

(Barring Contract Goods)

There are thousands of people who eagerly await this great sale event, for they realize from past experience how extraordinary the savings are to them. We wish to say that "Sale News" was never more important to careful buyers. A visit to the store will convince everybody that this is the store for actual values.

# man.Wolfeaco



Holiday Rush Greater Than Ever Before.

HEAVY MAILS WELL HANDLED

Postmaster John Minto Has Extra Force at Work Clearing the Tons of Christmas Presents and Letters for All Portland.

Here's a facer for the pessimistic business man who is reported to have complained of the duliness of the holi-

day trade: The Portland Postoffice has done about one-third more business during the past few weeks than during any similar holiday period since it was es-tablished here. It is generally conced-ed that no better indication of good or bad times is afforded than by the amount of Christmas business trans-acted through a postofiles.

One business man is said to hold that Portland is dull, and that it is dull because of it a "closed town." usual because something like 4000 new homes have been established during the past year, and that the owners are conomizing to pay the monthly installments on houses, lots and furniture Still another maintained that people were tightening up in preparation for the Fair season next year. Just why that should be imagined is not stated.

But here are a few figures from the lo-cal Postoffice.
"The October business," said Postmaster John Minto, yesterday, "was 15 per cent above that of October last year; the November business was 29.3 per cent above that of November has year, and a fair estimate for December would place the increase from 20 to per cent above December last year." All estimates of Postoffice business

are based on the stamp receipts. M W. Godfrey, superintendent of the stamp division, said: "A conservative estimate of our receipts for the present month would show an increase of \$6000 to \$6000, bringing the total stamp

sales up to about \$25,000."

The registry department has been almost stalled by the flood of packages It has been sending out about 25 pouches a day of late, and doing a far greater amount of work than ever before, Said George F. Whitehouse, superin-

tendent of the money order division. "The money-order business of the city during the Christmas season this city during the period of a more than double that or the sales this year were of a more sales this year. Christmas business begins way back in November, when people commence sending money orders to Europe and other parts of the world far distant from Portland. Few people realize the from Portland. Few people realize the best noneasy trade in years, and the fur trade, which last year was near disaster, is now said to be in a prosperous condition.

Christmas celebrations will begin at hunches. Sunday schools and clubs this

Mora Colliery is Afire.

MAHANOY CITY, Pa., Dec. 24.—The fire that broke out in Mora colliery last night is still burning flercely. All of the employes are still fighting the fire. The mine may be totally destroyed.

Other parts of the world far distant from Portiand. Few people realize the extent of to be in a prosperous condition. Christmas celebrations will begin at churches Sunday schools and clubs this ments and receipts of the eatent of \$2,500,000. This year the cash payments are still fighting the fire. The mine many be totally destroyed.

The office does a great deal of formany dinners to the poor will be given.

to \$6700, all going to Japan."

The city delivery department has been doing at least if third larger business than ever before at this season. Twelve extra substitute carriers are employed, and the wagon service has been increased. Six messengers have been kept on the jump delivering from 200 to 300 special-stamped letters and packages. The carriers have and more

hope for a couple of days more.
"In the mailing division we have been handling an average of 800 sucks a day for the past week," said C. P. Holloway, superintendent of that divi-sion. "This represents some \$1200 more than during the same period last year, and is a lot of mail at 1 cent pound. In the past, sometimes there has been a great scarcity of sacks, so we got together and stored 4000 sacks just for the holiday rush, and all are now gone. Our 18 to 29 men here worked until midnight last night before we had all the mall sacked. have to get cleaned up every night, no matter how late."

### SWAMPED WITH PACKAGES.

#### Express Companies in New York Are Loaded Down With Purchasers.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.-Express compailes and suburban package carriers doing business in this city have been swept in Another business man, with more an avalanche of Christmas packages, ogic, thinks things are tighter than Mountains of parcels are piled up in the transfer office, and although extra men and wagons are at work the accumulation seems to grow larger instead of smaller.

That many parcels containing gifts will not be delivered before the middle of the week is admitted by the express officials. Delivery systems operated by many of the large retail shops will be at work throughout Sunday and Monday in the hopes of entching up.

on Friday, and, according to merchants in the retail district, the sales this year have passed all records. From early in the morning until 19 o'clock at night crowds of eager buyers filled the stores. Ar-ticles for gifts were soon wrapped up hurriedly and the unprecedented demand left many stores short of goods that are ordinarily left over to be disposed of at

crush of women shoppers in narrow aisles or near the elevators of the big stores wished they had remained at home. Sidewalks in the shopping district were moving masses of humanity. Surface cars and elevated trains were jammed with passengers, and the subway shared in the crush. When the homeward rush of workers began at night the crush was

Merchants of many years' experience said that the Christmas buying this year was begun earlier than usual, and that everybody seemed to have money. Pur-chases were made on a liberal scale and

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#### Everything Reduced In

The Glove Store-The best Kid Gloves and Warm Gloves-all are less!

#### Everything Reduced In

The Jewelry Store-Watches, Cut Glass, Jewelry, etc.-all are less!

## Everything

### Reduced In

The Drug Store-Perfumes and Toilet Goods of all kinds-all are less.

#### Everything Reduced In

The City's Best Book Store-Chances to stock the library for little.

#### Everything Reduced In

The Great Notion Store-Pins, Tapes-Thousand and one every-day needs-all are

# Everything

Reduced In The Stationery Store-Papers and all correspondence helps-all are less.

#### Everything Reduced In

Our Great Cloak Store-Women's and Girls' Wearing Apparel-all of it less.

#### Everything Reduced In

The Muslin Wear Store-American, French and Italian Lingerie-all of it less!

## Everything

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The Corset Store-The world's best Corsets on sale at cut prices-all less.

#### Everything Reduced In

The Art Store-Cushions, Doylies and everything else-all of it less,

#### Everything Reduced In

The Drapery and Bedding Store-Curtains, Draperies, etc., all are less.

Councilman and Assessor-Elect Charged With Extortion.

## RELEASED ON \$1000 BONDS

That He Threatened Injury to Property of F. Joplin With Intent to Extort Pecuniary Advantage Is Alleged.

Biuford D. Sigler, Councilman and County Assessor-elect, has been indicted by the grand jury on a charge of threatening injury to the property of another, with intent thereby to extort pecuniary advantage or property from Ferdinand Joplin, a street confractor, and to compel Joplin to do an act against his will.

Mr. Sigler was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Harvey L. Moreland early in the afternoon, and was released on \$1000 bonds, with Captain E. W. Spen-cer, Abe Tickener, W. H. Grindstuff and John W. Baker as sureties The law only requires two bonds-en, but Sigler evidently intended to

#### show that he was able to precure ap-abundance of them. Penalty is Imprisonment.

The indictment is drawn under the extortion section of the statute, and the penalty upon conviction is im-prisonment in the County Jail for not less than three months nor more than one year, or imprisonment in the penitentiary for not less than six months nor more than two years. A convicmoving Sigler from the office of As-sessor, of which he takes charge in January, 1905, except during the term of his confinement, as the statute on that subject so specifies. It reads us

"A judgment of imprisonment in the penitentlary for any term less than life suspends all civil rights, and forfeits all public offices and all private trusts, authority or power, during the term or duration of such imprison-

It has been noised about for some time that an indictment would be found against Sigler, and the circum-stances of the case were fully published. It was reported to Judge Cla-land at the noon hour yesterday, in the absence of Judge George, and a beuch warrant was immediately is sued and the amount of ball fixed.

Charges In the Indictment The indictment recites that Sigier. on September 22, 1903, and for some time prior thereto, alleged that he heid unpaid notes against E. Joplin for \$312, when in fact Joplin did not legally owe the same, or any part thereof. In a conversation with Joplin, on September 22, 1963, it is charged that Sigher said to Joplin. that Sigler said to Joplin: "You will get no more assessments made until you pay those notes," and Sigler threatened to prevent the passage of Carnegie Lib any ordinance or ordinances for the

The witnesses whose names appear on the indictment are F. Joplin, his partner, J. Glebisch, and B. D. Sigler

at his own request.

A statement previously made by
Sigler in connection with this affair is that Joplin borrowed money from his father years ago, but which was his (Sigler's) money. He admits he held up a street acceptance to com-pel payment of the debt. Joplin says the notes were 12 years old and out-lawed and that he had rout newtons. lawed, and that he had paid usurious interest on them. Sigler contends that the debt was just, and that Joplin owns property worth over \$5000, and was well able to liquidate.

# Other Findings Returned.

William Cohn, alias Rill Booster, an East Side scowdweller, was indicted by the grand jury for stealing goods in the grocery store of H. J. Faust, at East Twenty-sixth and Powell streets. December 3. The goods were valued

An indictment was returned against Frank Seeley, charging him with stenl-ing \$262 in cash and a gold ring with a diamond setting, from W. S. Harris. "Not a true bill," was the verdiet re-turned in the case of John Morrison, who was charged with adultery. The woman concerned is Bertle May John-son, and the complainant was the woman's husband, C. Johnson. In the case of Louis Henrich, charged with assault with a knife, on Edgar Payne, "not a true bill" was the do-

#### THOUSANDS GO WITH NAME. Massachusetts Towns Have the First Chance to Change Title.

GREENFIELD, Mass., Dec. 24.-Ten thousand dollars awaits the town which will adopt the name of Cush-By the death at Salem of Mrs. Anna Cushman, widow of the late Lieutenant-Governor Henry W. Cushman, formerly of Bernardstown, this amount of money, held in trust, goes to Ber-nardstown if it takes the name of Cush-

In case Bernardstown falls to avail itself of the money, any Massachusetts town of more than 1000 population may have the money under the same condi-tion. In the fallure of a Massachusetts town to take the money in five years the offer is open to any town of 1000 population in the United States.

### Japanese Medal for Francis.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 24,-According to a cablegram from Baron Kiyoura, Minister of Agriculture and Commerce of Japan, received here, D. R. Francis, of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, is to be deco-rated with the gold medal of the first grade of merit of the Order of the Rising Sun. Other officers of the Exposition are to receive similar decorations.

### Potatoes for Starving Irish.

GREELEY, Colo., Dec. 24.—A mass neeting, presided over by Mayor Wat-on, was held here this afternoon to provide 100 carloads of potatoes for the Irish famine sufferers. A committee will be appointed by the Mayor to solicit potatoes for the shipment.

Christmas Present From Carnegie. PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 24.—Andrew Carnegle has presented to the Braddock Carnegle Library and the Homestead Carnegle Library \$35,000 each as a Christ-

Acting Paymaster Is Sentenced by Court-Martial.

PRESIDENT TO TAKE ACTION

It is Believed That He Will Approve Findings of the Court\_Charge Against Him Is Technical Embezziement.

> OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 24,-Papers in the case of Major Harry L. Rees, recently courtmartialed at Vancouver Barracks on centenced to dismissal by that court, have charge against Jones was interfering been received at the War Department and with the rights of a citizen in that he

SIGLER IS INDICTED | Payment of street work performed by Joplin until Joplin paid the 4812. TO DISMISS REES | BUSYAT POSTOFFICE | BUSYAT POSTOFFICE | Gign business. For instance, a Japan-ton. The investigation, suspension and court-martial of the Major followed. In his defense Major Rees held that at no time had be been an embezzler, for at all times he had retained possession of the undeposited balances, having the money in his office safe. That he had not deposited because of confusion in his books, owing to alleged mistakes by the bank. The borrowing of the money at the time was but a coincidence, he said that he was in pressing need of money for a personal matter. The witness re-

lied upon to corroborate this statement falled to appear because, it was said, of personal animosity to the Major. Major Rees was appointed from civil life shortly before the Spanish War and served with marked ability and honor in Paymaster's service in the Philip-

#### SINGULAR CHARGE BY NEGRO Says He Was Beaten So He Could

Not Vote at Presidential Election. NEW YORK, Dec. 24 .- A charge, the like of which has never been enter-tained in a United States Court in this district within the memory of the old-est official, was preferred today against various charges relating to irregularities Henry Jones, a Louisville, Ky. negro, in his accounts while Acting Paymaster of the Department of the Columbia and States Commissioner Shields. The

#### A \$25,000,000 FAIR

The Lewis and Clark Centennial Exposition that will be opened in Portland on June 1 next, will not be a Fulr local in its interests. Special commissioners from many of the great countries of Europe and Asia bave already been appointed with plenary powers. These commissioners have been instructed by their home governments to make the largest and most creditable exhibits thie at the great Fair. When these exhibits may have all been installed the Exposition will have represented an outlay in excess of \$25,000,000. The litustrations of the buildings of the Fair, of the natural beauties of the Fair Grounds, and of the artistic details of the leading Fair structures, that will be published in the New Year's Oregonian will convey accurate information of the scope of the coming Exposition to thousands of people. The New Year's Ore-gonian will be published Monday morning, January 2. It will be mailed to any address in the United States or Canada, postage prepaid, for 10 cents a copy. Address The Oregonian, Portland, Or.

will be laid before the President for final | beat John Suppertonight, another ne-

Major Harry L. Rees was charged with

techincal embezzlement and conduct prejudicial to good order and military discipline. His office books were straight and his cash was not short when investi-gated by a special inspector sent to Portland by the Paymaster-General last Sep-tember. But at the recent court-martial at Vancouver Barracks It was proved that the Major had faisified his reports to the General Paymaster's department through a period of several months, the falsification being in overstating his actual balance at the bank. It was further shown that about the time he arned that he was to be inspected he had borrowed sums from personal friends amounting approximately to the sum he was alleged to be short, and that he had immediately thereafter deposited the amount required to balance his account at the Government depository. This was about the middle of last June. He falled to repay all but a small part of the \$900 he borrowed, and his creditors, Charles Barenstecher, of the Louvre Cafe, and a

action. It is generally understood the President will approve the findings of the unable to vote at the last Presidential court. Secret service officers had been searching for Jones for some time, and finally located him in this city. When

arraigned before the Commissioner to-day he waived examination and extra-

dition formalities and will be taken

back to Louisville at once by the Federal authorities for trial. Deaths in Smallpox Hospital. CHICAGO, Dec. 24 .- Four deaths in the isolation hospital today broke the record for the institution, and cast a chill over the Christmas festivities which had been announced for the 63 smallpox patients. One of the dead is a babe 5 days old, born in the insti-

The mother also is among the

may be totally destroyed.

than they can do, so that probably not before Tuesday will the department be clear. So people who have been isap-pointed about getting an expected Christmas package should not give up

Christmas shopping reached its high tide

bargain sales after the holidays.

Men who were caught in the vortex of

Grand Jurors Inspect Conduct of Officials.

CHIEF OF POLICE AMONG THEM

Mayor Williams Also Was Under Consideration, and Threats Were Made That He Would Be Indicted.

The grand jury has been investigating matters concerning the affairs of city officials generally, and some time ago went so far as to threaten to indict Mayor Williams under the statute which provides for the punishment of officials who neglect or willfully refuse to perform their public duty, and for malefeasance in office. It will be remembered that about a year ago the Municipal Reform League filed a suit against Mayor Willlams, the Police Commissioners and the Chief of Police to compel these officers to close the gambling houses and abandon the monthly fine system. The case went to the Supreme Court, and a decision favorable to the league was obtained. Soon vorable to the league was obtained. Soon after the grand jury was sworn in the foreman of the body applied to Judge Frazer for a copy of this decision of the Supreme Court, and a few days later there was a rumor that the grand jury wanted to indict Mayor Williams. It is reported that the members talked over the matter more than once, and may not

ave abandoned the Idea yet. Yesterday General C. F. Beebe, member of the Police Board, was subpensed to attend the session of the grand jury, but did not appear, probably having other business of importance to attend to. There are a number of rumors regard-

ing the investigation of Chief of Police Hunt. One is that Sergeant L. G. Car-penter and Joseph Resing, humane officer, were off last Summer for a month, during which time they attended the Irving-ton racetrack and visited Salem and Boise when the races were on. The com-plaint is that they each received a full month's pay from the city while on ab-

sent leave. There is also talk that inquiry is to be made to ascertain if the Chief protects any saloons which run all night, and about his system of holding a court of his own and discharging prisoners after having looked into their cases. There is also a report that a complaint is to be made to the grand jury as to why Chief Hunt does not request Easte Watkins, who conducts a disorderly house near the Portland Library, to move to a less con-

There are reports current that M. B. Keefer, an attorney, will present charges against R. M. Riner, of Tanner Creek sewer fame, but if so, Mr. Keefer declines to discuss the matter.

### Gold for South America.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.-Another engagement of \$250,000 gold coin by the Inter-national Banking Corporation for ship-ment today to South America, was an-