



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, Napkins—everything 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 is less!

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.

Lipman, 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.

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.

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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 less!

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 Muslim Wear Store—American, French and Italian Lingerie—all of it less!

Everything Reduced In 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.

SIGLER IS INDICTED

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.

Bigford 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 contractor, 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. Spencer, Abe Tiekener, W. H. Grindstaff and John W. Baker as sureties.

The law only requires two bondsmen, but Sigler evidently intended to show that he was able to procure an abundance of them.

Penalty is Imprisonment.

The indictment is drawn under the extortion section of the statute, and the penalty upon conviction is imprisonment 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 judgment of imprisonment in the penitentiary 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 imprisonment.

Charges in the Indictment.

The indictment recites that Sigler, on September 22, 1903, and for some time prior thereto, alleged that he held unpaid notes against F. Joplin for \$312, when in fact Joplin did not legally owe the same, or any part thereof.

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 Cushman.

By the death of Salem of Mrs. Anna Cushman, widow of the late Lieutenant-Governor Henry W. Cushman, formerly of Barnardstown, this amount of money, held in trust, goes to Barnardstown if it takes the name of Cushman.

In case Barnardstown fails to avail itself of the money, any Massachusetts town of more than 1000 population may have the money under the same condition.

In the failure 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, E. R. Francis, of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, is to be decorated with the gold medal of the first grade of merit of the Order of the Rising Sun.

Potatoes for Starving Irish.

GRETLEY, Colo., Dec. 24.—A mass meeting, presided over by Mayor Watson, was held here this afternoon to provide 100 carloads of potatoes for the Irish famine sufferers.

Christmas Present From Carnegie.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 24.—Andrew Carnegie has presented to the Bradstock Carnegie Library and the Homestead Carnegie Library \$25,000 each as a Christmas present.

TO DISMISS REES

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 Embezzlement.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 24.—Papers in the case of Major Harry L. Rees, recently court-martialed at Vancouver Barracks on various charges relating to irregularities in his accounts while Acting Paymaster of the Department of the Columbia and sentenced to dismissal by that court, have been received at the War Department and

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 fair local in its interests. Special commissioners from many of the great countries of Europe and Asia have already been appointed with plenary powers.

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BUSY AT POSTOFFICE

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 dullness of the holiday trade.

The Portland Postoffice has done about one-third more business during the last few weeks than during any similar holiday period since it was established here.

One business man is said to hold that Portland is dull, and that it is dull because of it is "closed town."

Another business man, with more logic, thinks things are tighter than usual because something like 4000 new homes have been established during the past year, and that the owners are commencing 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.

The October business, said Postmaster John Minto, yesterday, "was 10 per cent above that of October last year; the November business was 23.3 per cent above that of November last year, and a fair estimate for December would place the increase from 20 to 25 per cent above December last year."

All estimates of Postoffice business are based on the stamp receipts. St. W. Godfrey, superintendent of the stamp division, said: "A conservative estimate of our receipts for the present month would show an increase of \$800 to \$900, bringing the total stamp sales up to about \$25,000."

The registry department has been most 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, superintendent of the money order division: "The money-order business of the city during the Christmas season this year has been more than double that of last year. With this department, the 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 extent of business done here. Last year we handled cash to the extent of \$2,500,000. This year the cash payments and receipts of the office will amount to fully \$4,000,000.

The office does a great deal of foreign business. For instance, a Japanese contractor came in the other day and purchased 200 orders, amounting to \$6700, all going to Japan.

VIEW CITY AFFAIRS

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 malfeasance in office. It will be remembered that about a year ago the Municipal Reform League filed a suit against Mayor Williams, 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 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 have abandoned the idea yet.

Yesterday General C. F. Beebe, member of the Police Board, was subpoenaed 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 regarding the investigation of Chief of Police Hunt. One is that Sergeant L. G. Carpenter and Joseph Resing, humane officer, were off last Summer for a month, during which time they attended the Irvington racetrack and visited Salem and Boise when the races were on. The complaint is that they received a full month's pay from the city while on absent 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 Eddie Watkins, who conducts a disorderly house near the Portland Library, to move to a less conspicuous location.

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 International Banking Corporation for shipment today to South America, was announced.

SWAMPED WITH PACKAGES.

Express Companies in New York Are Loaded Down (With Purchasers).

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Express companies and suburban package carriers doing business in this city have been swept in an avalanche of Christmas packages.

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 retail districts, the sales this year have passed all records. From early in the morning until 10 o'clock at night crowds of eager buyers filled the stores. Articles 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 bargain sales after the holidays.

Large crowds 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 frightful.

Merchants of many years' experience said that the Christmas buying this year was begun earlier than usual, and that everybody seemed to have money. Purchases were made on a liberal scale, and the sales this year were of a more substantial character than before. Large jewelry houses report the best holiday 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 churches, Sunday schools and clubs this evening. There will be special services in the churches tomorrow, with elaborate musical programmes, and on Monday many dinners to the poor will be given.

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 institution. The mother also is among the dead.

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