

Fund for "Little Sammy" Grows

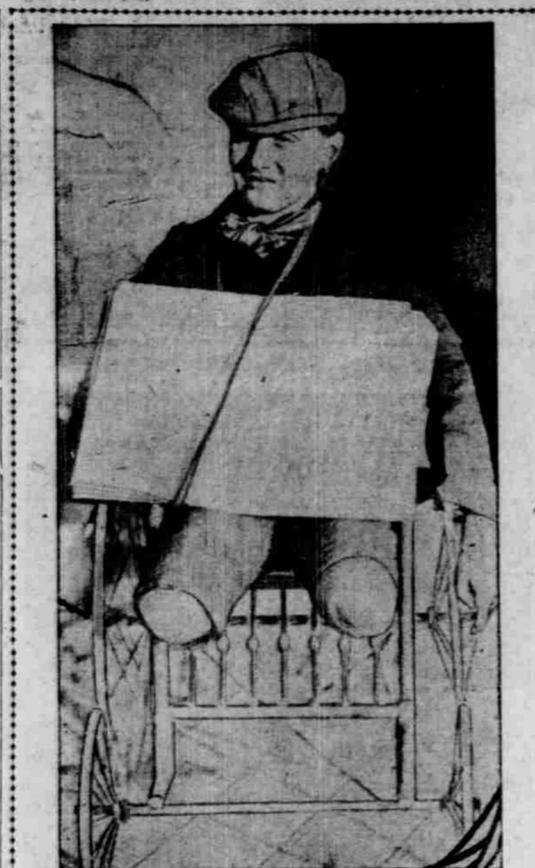
One Hundred Dollars Is Donated to Get Crippled Newsboy Artificial Legs, But \$150 More Is Needed

LITTLE SAMMY, the newsboy who sells his papers from his wheel chair at Fifth and Morrison each evening, is beginning to think that this big old world is not bad, after all, and that perhaps he may eventually have feet like other boys—for Santa Claus has visited him. Since The Oregonian took up Sammy's cause some weeks ago and told its readers of his helpless condition and his desire to make sufficient money to purchase artificial limbs and feet for himself, many kind friends have come to the front with the generosity for which Portland is noted, and at present about \$100 has been received for the crippled boy's benefit. Over \$25 of this the boy has in his own savings bank, most of it earned by his labor, the rest given him by pitying friends on the street. The rest of the fund has been received by Miss Valentine Pritchard, superintendent of the Institute Club at the Men's Resort, Fourth and Burnside, where Sammy is being taught three mornings each week. Miss Pritchard has long been interested in the boy, and is much gratified at the response to her suggestion that the children of Portland give half their Christmas money towards a fund for purchasing the means for him to walk.

"I've got nearly \$25, and as soon as I get \$250 I'm going to have feet like other boys," boasted Sammy when questioned about his finances. He doesn't know about the money. Miss Pritchard has received for him, as she will hold it intact until the fund reaches the proper proportions. Several citizens gave the lad presents of money at Christmas, and to him the accumulation of \$25 is a great event.

"Did Santa Claus bring you what you wanted?" was asked him, but instead of looking happy he immediately closed up like the proverbial clam, and not a word would he have to say about Christmas or Santa Claus.

"Some one promised him a good chair," explained his mother, "and he had great faith in the promise. When the chair did not come Christmas morning it nearly broke his heart, and since then he won't even talk about Santa Claus. All his interest is in getting feet."



"LITTLE SAMMY," THE CRIPPLED NEWSBOY.

Children Swell the Fund.

A number of letters have been received by Miss Pritchard, some of them from young children. One little girl laboriously printed her letter and inclosed 42 cents, which she said was just half of what she has to spend for Christmas. A little boy from Forest Grove writes the following, inclosing 25 cents:

Editor Oregonian,
Portland, Ore.

Dear Sir:—
Please give this to a little crippled newsboy. I do not know his name, but he will sell newspapers. The one with out legs. I am ten years old and think it is awful to be crippled like he is.

I wish you would give this quarter to him and tell him that I hope he will have a merry Christmas. I am writing this before school and it is time for the bell to ring so good by.

CLAUDE M. BOWARD,
The King's Daughters, Marshall Street Presbyterian Church, sent in a contribution of \$5, and a collection amounting to \$25 was received from Mrs. M. Book, The Heights grade, and B. Shattuck School, contributed \$5.25, and Mrs. D. C. Burns contributed \$10 through her own efforts. A contribution which particularly pleased Miss Pritchard is that of the Garmentworkers' Union, an organization of girls on the East Side, who raised \$7.15 among themselves for this unfortunate boy.

and who hope to send more at a future date. This offering was in amounts ranging from pennies to quarters, and represented a sacrifice on the part of every contributor.

Little Girl's Contribution.

A pathetic feature of this popular contribution was that of Gladys Clemmens, who had just had a limb amputated. When her mother read her the story about the helpless newsboy the child was much affected, and at once expressed a desire to assist him. She gave what money she had of her own, and asked her friends to add to the amount, and \$5 was soon raised. But before the money could be taken to Miss Pritchard, Gladys died of her own affliction, her last act being that of charity towards the unfortunate.

Miss Nellie C. Palmer sends 50 cents,

and a number of people have handed Miss Pritchard amounts of 50 cents and \$1 helping to swell the little fund. From the Heiler building a contribution of \$11.55 was sent in from the following:

C. D. Fowl, Mrs. Fannie L. Lash, Mrs. Walter, Mrs. Averill, Dr. Seaman, Dr. A. H. Johnson, Dr. Byron Morris, F. McDonald, Mrs. T. H. Blavat, Miss Blanche Gardner, Dr. W. Fairbough, H. Roth, Mrs. Clara, Paul Averill, M. H. Deconmore, Mrs. Ida Deconmore, Felix Lesser, Miss Mabel Lash, Mark Averill, H. R. Black, M. O'Connor, V. Bell, E. H. Warden.

Miss Pritchard is at present taking a week's vacation, and her telephone number at her apartments in the Hill Hotel is Pacific 218. At the termination of the coming week she will again resume her duties at the Institute Club and will be there daily; telephone Main 1871. Contributions will be received by her or may be left at The Oregonian office.

TALES OF THE STREET AND TOWN

"Moocher," the Newsboy, Has a Merry Christmas—Why M. Moessohn Was Forced to Be Ungallant—Judge Wolverton's First Official Order

"MOOCHER," the newsboy of labyrinthine disposition, stood on the corner in the residence district just as the shadows of evening began to fall. It was Christmas eve, and hurrying figures scurried past bound for home, warm firesides, Christmas trees and pleasure. But "Moocher" stood apart and wept the tears of woe. Life had no pleasures and Christmas had no joy for him. Tears streamed down his quivering cheeks and dried in the chilling wind.



"Moocher," the Newsboy.

Two ladies, wrapped in furs, stopped beside the boy and gazed at him sympathetically.

"What is the matter, dear?" asked the larger one, with the hair of light and the eyes of blue.

"Moocher" was willing to tell his story, said though it was. Often during the short recital his voice choked with sobs and his slender form quivered and shook with the grief he could not master.

"I sold all my papers," he confessed, "and thought I would buy me either a present or the dime I had over the 50 cents my stepfather makes me bring home at night." Here the girl of his grief dismissed his utterance, and he mumbled brokenly:

"But," continued the newsboy, "I lost me purse with the whole 50 cents. An' I can't get me either the present, and I am afraid to go home without the 50 cents because the old man will lick me if I don't bring it."

"Poor little abused here," wept the ladies in a watery sigh and a tremulous sob.

"Never mind, we will give you more than you have lost," and each pressed a coin in the grimy hand.

The ladies passed on around the corner and out of sight, and as they went the newsboy smiled slowly at them.

"Good," he said. "Two plunks! Day

was easier don de oder I tackled. It's de blue-eyed ones dat shells out de needful. Cigarettes fer me now."

THE drummer with Mosiah lineage and the self-satisfied air took dinner at the Portland on Christmas day, and not alone. He had provided for that after some exertion and with misgivings as to the cost, but in the end the result was all that could be desired, even if his partner was a little young and painfully conscious that it was the first time she had dined apart from her paternal ancestors and the family table.

The course followed each other as they have a habit of doing, and the man of simple expanded with the good cheer, brought on by the wine. With that aid to his sight he saw himself in his true light of importance.

"Don't you know," he said to the 17-year-old maiden by his side, while the other diners passed in silence. "Don't you know you ought to be proud, to feel honored, that I should have invited you out to dinner with me today, on this day of all days? Don't you know you ought to feel grateful that out of all my large and select circle of lady friends I should have picked you out as the guest at this, my Christmas dinner?"

"Oh, I always did like drummers, if they would only buy," said the little lady, while the diners smiled at the bubbles around the brims.

MOSSESOHN, who inhabits the inner tabernacle of the Chamber of Commerce, is sorry he wore them, but he is glad that big brother Dave wears a long coat and has an office in the same building. It happened this way:

Some time ago the first-named young man sent his new suit to the tailor, and in the interim donned one that had known him in his more juvenile days, before the cares of office had made him plump. All went well until in the routine of his work he attempted to lift a letter-press from the floor. But he didn't. He straightened up and backed into his chair.

"Hello," he said nervously to the telephone. "Is this home? Well, I am send-

ing a messenger out for a pair of trousers. Please send them down to Dave quick. He needs them."

"Hello," he said again. "Is this Dave? Well, please send down your long coat. I need it."

He waited, and as he did an itchy itching dame from the East drifted in to look at the fruits and grains on exhibition there.

"Please," she said to the silent image in the chair. "Will you explain some of these things to me?"

"No, maddam," was the sorrowful reply. "You will have to excuse me just at present. Please come again."

Dave came in with the coat and the messenger out to buy.

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M. Moessohn's Predicament.

It has been reported that the first official order given by Judge C. E. Wolverton, of the United States District Court, was to the effect that there would be a special session of the court on December 31.



Judge Wolverton's First Order.

but that is a mistake. He made another and a more pleasant order.

Some few days before the new jurist took the oath of office he came down from Salmon and viewed the scenes of his future labors. In his tour he dropped in upon United States Marshal C. J. Reed and passed the time of day. As he sat, and just before he prepared to leave, he found Mr. Reed with the judicial eye, while that official wondered whether or not he was due to be sentenced for some unexpected crime.

"I don't know," said the Judge, with the gravity acquired by many years on

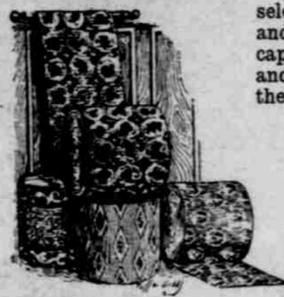
OUR JANUARY SALES

WILL COMMENCE TUESDAY MORNING

A series of first-month sales, offering throughout our different departments many and varied opportunities to those desirous of taking advantage of these extreme value-giving specials at the regular prices. These different articles fully display their worth, and the special prices at which they are marked during these sales will fully convince all of the truly liberal discount which we have applied on everything combined in these sales. To the prudent shopper these specials suggest many ideas for replenishing the many needs throughout the different rooms of the home. No mail, telephone or C. O. D. orders will be taken on any of these specials.

SPECIALS IN CARPETS AND RUGS

SECOND FLOOR



This particular special will appeal to all in that it covers a stock of well-selected, desirable and strictly up-to-date designs in the most reliable weaves and colorings. This is strengthened by the fact that our carpet department is capable of turning out the best workmanship as regards the sewing, laying and lining of all carpets. In this we assure all of perfect satisfaction. Note the prices which apply on our carpets.

YARD		YARD	
Tapestry Brussels	73c	High-Grade Body Brussels	\$1.42
Extra Tapestry Brussels	86c	Axminsters	\$1.30
Double Extra Tap. Brussels	98c	Wilton Velvets	\$1.54
Roxbury Tapestry	\$1.10	Savoniere Axminsters	\$1.62
Wool Velvets	\$1.30	Bigelow Axminsters	\$1.78
RUGS IN AVERAGE-ROOM SIZES.			
Axminsters from	\$23.90 up	Tap. Brussels from	\$14.40 up
Body Brussels from	\$23.10 up	Wilton Rugs from	\$32.40 up

SPECIALS IN DRAPERY DEPARTMENT

SECOND FLOOR

Our stock in this department is composed throughout of the most stylish and up-to-date designs, from which we have selected a variety of the best patterns in lace curtains, portieres and bed sets. From these specials can be made none but most satisfactory selections.



PORTIERES

In merchandise repp. and tapestry of all colors, in the best quality weave, up-to-date design and reliable colors.

Reg. value \$ 7.75 pair, special	\$5.25	Reg. value \$10.00 pair, special	\$7.00
Reg. value \$ 8.25 pair, special	\$5.50	Reg. value \$13.50 pair, special	\$8.75
Reg. value \$ 9.00 pair, special	\$6.00	Reg. value \$14.00 pair, special	\$9.00
Reg. value \$16.00 pair, special			

LACE CURTAINS

WHITE RUFFLED

Reg. value \$4.70 pair, special	\$2.75	Reg. value \$8.00 pair, special	\$5.00
Reg. value \$6.00 pair, special	\$3.85	Reg. value \$9.00 pair, special	\$5.75

WHITE AND CREAM LACE.

Reg. value \$1.50 pair, special	\$.95	Reg. value \$2.50 pair, special	\$1.65
Reg. value \$2.00 pair, special	\$1.25	Reg. value \$3.00 pair, special	\$1.90
Reg. value \$2.25 pair, special	\$1.40	Reg. value \$4.00 pair, special	\$2.35
Reg. value \$4.50 pair, special			

BED SETS

\$ 6.00 sets, SPECIAL	\$3.00	\$ 8.00 sets, SPECIAL	\$4.00
\$ 7.00 sets, SPECIAL	\$3.50	\$ 9.00 sets, SPECIAL	\$4.50
\$11.00 sets, SPECIAL			

SPECIALS IN BEDDING

SECOND FLOOR



High-grade cured process Feather Pillows, in fancy art tickings, regularly sell for \$4.00 the pair, SPECIAL \$2.95

Comforts, in high-art silk-olines, in all colors and filled with the best sanitary cotton filling. These are all in new and pretty appropriate bedroom patterns, SPECIAL \$1.75

Marseilles full-size White Spreads, 72x80, fringed; also cut corners and are beautifully patterned. Regular \$7.00, SPECIAL \$3.95

Hemmed White Spreads, 77x86. Regular value \$1.75, SPECIAL \$1.10

Three-quarter size fringed Bedspreads, with cut corners. Regular value \$2.85, SPECIAL \$1.75

SPECIAL SALE HALL AND DESK CHAIRS

Well-designed and strongly-built Chairs in richly-polished and selected quarter-sawn golden oak, also in the mahogany finish. Can be used either as a desk, hall or other chair. One like cut regularly sells for \$4.50, SPECIAL \$2.50



Another of similar design, in either finish, regularly sells for \$5.00, SPECIAL \$2.75

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the bench, "whether or not it is right for me to make any orders at this time, but there is one I should like to issue."

Mr. Reed held he should be pleased to listen and to obey.

"Well," continued the Judge, "I understand that you are a man who is faithful to his trust and obedient to the wishes of the court. That being the case, I would state it to be my wish that you keep me posted on all the good stories you hear. Report to be made to me each day. I understand that you tell them well."

Which is the cause for the worried and preoccupied expression worn each morning by the incumbent of the Marshal's office.

R. A. W.

Will Extend Tax Roll.
If the County Court fixes the county

tax levy on Tuesday next, which it is thought will be done, County Clerk Fields will start a force of clerks at work on Wednesday, extending the tax roll. It is a settled fact that the total tax levy will not be more than 15 mills. County Clerk Fields has received notice of some outside levies. St. Johns and Greenham, both incorporated towns, have each made a tax levy of 5 mills.

Telephone Company Appeals.

The Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph Company has appealed to the State Circuit Court from the judgment rendered by Justice Field in favor of H. C. King, a lawyer, for \$50 because the company removed his telephone. King used for \$25 damages. King was using a 15-cent-a-

day telephone, and received credit for the nickels dropped into it. He paid \$5 in advance when the telephone was put in, and the company alleges that its cashier gave him a receipt by error that the telephone was 5 cents a day, instead of 10 cents. In August last a dispute arose, and the telephone went out, and the controversy still continues.

Registration Begins Tuesday.

Registration of voters for the coming primary and general election will begin next Tuesday, and the books will remain open until 5 o'clock, May 15. All voters must register to vote at either the primary or general election. County Clerk Fields has received a complete set of registration books, and is

ready to begin the work. The books for Portland West Side will have green covers, those for the East Side red covers, and the county precinct books will have straw-colored covers. This is so that the clerks can more readily select the books for applicants for registration.

Electors will be required to sign selection cards which will be kept on file. This plan will enable persons desiring to verify signatures on election petitions to make comparisons with signatures on election cards.

Methodists of this county have undertaken the task of raising \$250,000 for an India India fund. Bishop Theobald, chairman of the committee on the fund, and will go to India to take part in the operation, which is to be held at Bombay.