2000 Extra Clerks Taxed to Limit by Demands of Holiday Shoppers.

## WOMEN MOST IN EVIDENCE

Real Estate and Automobiles Popular as Gifts, but There Is No Relief From Pressure at Old Points.

With close to 2000 extra clerks hired and arrangements completed for extended business hours. Portland business houses are prepared for the annual strife and turnoil of final-week Christinas shopping. From now on until Christmas the atores will be scenes of constant activity, with every clerk, department head and proprietor husied to the limit of his capacity. Business men generally said yesterday that Portland has failed to heed the appeal for early shopping, at least to any considerable degree, so that the bulk of trading remains to be done.

All comers capable of service as salespeople were being hired yesterday by the leading stores. One big firm had taken on 400 extra hands, mostly girls and women, when its employment bureau closed for the day. These clerks were put to work at once and are already distributed among the various departments so as to prevent any hitch or delay tomorrow when the homestreich shopping scramble is scheduled to set in.

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Substantially all the stores will operate evenings from now on. Ensiness hours range from 12 to 13% hours. The opening hour is from 8 to 2:20 A. M. and the closing hour invariably is 3:30, although some of the smaller stores will remain open until 10 and 10:30 c'clock.

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The hours of the women will not be greatly increased in any of the dozen large stores of the city. Lipman, Wolfe & Co. announced that the women sales force would not be required to appear for duty until 9:30 o'clock and would be relieved at 9:30 P. M. At Meler & Frank's, which has 1200 women in the various departments, it was announced that everything would be done to take the burden of the rush off these employes. The store will open at 8 o'clock A. M., but will be operated by men clerke until 9:30 o'clock. The women and girls will be relieved at 9:30 P. M. Two hours off will be allowed each clerk for meals.

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clerk for meals.

Judging from preliminary sales, Portland will spend as much again for Christmas this year as during any past aceson. Five million dollars is the eatimate one business house fixes for the final ten-day's dash in Portland. Every manner of business will profit by the annual stimulus in trade. Everyone, from the automobile dealer to the wood man, will feel the guickened business pulse. For big new automobiles will be popular as gifts among the rich and loads of wood will be exceedingly acceptable as gifts for the poor. In the complex arrangement of city life it is true that many persons would be more pleased at receiving warrath-giving and muchly-needed fuel than others would be in receiving pleasure-giving autos.

Skump windows going day and night, as against three in the day only in 1808.

Every nook of the present building has been utilized for space to accommodate the public, and officers of the Government believe the limit of the present building has been reached. There is no place to cut in other windows and there is no room for the additional boxes which are daily demanded. Postmaster Young thinks the increased business of another year will swamp the office. The receipts of Demanded Postmaster Young thinks the increased business of another year will swamp the office. The receipts of Demanded Postmaster Young thinks the increased business of another year will swamp the office. The receipts of Demanded Postmaster Young thinks the increased business of another year will swamp the office. The receipts of Demanded Postmaster Young thinks the increased business of another year will swamp the office. The receipts of Demanded Postmaster Young thinks the increased business of another year will swamp the office. The receipts of Demanded Postmaster Young thinks the increased business of another year will swamp the office. The receipts of Demanded Postmaster Young thinks the increased business of another year will swamp the office. The receipts of Demanded Postmaster Young thinks the increased business

### be in receiving pleasure-giving autos. Real Estate Gifts Popular.

Even the real estate dealers will profit, for the giving of real property for Christmas has of late years become for Christmas has of late years become popular among people even of limited means. The digar stores, stationery and book stores, lewelry shops, furniture houses, department stores, dealers in staples and fancy goods, liquer dealers and stores, toy shops. In fact most everyone excepting the undertaking establishments will profit immenseive by by the season when sentiment dominates the city. And there are those cynical enough to hint that the undertakers ultimately will roap an added harvest out of the ranks of the overworked.

Fred Deming, alias Custis, 24 years old, and thought to be an ex-convict from the penting level from the penting at Follow, Cal., was arrested for alleged forgery yesterday morning by Detectives Snow and Coleman at Fourth and Burnside coleman

were in a turnoil of activity. Elbowing was out of the question in some of the stores. It was purely a matter of waiting until the opportunity of moving a step or two presented itself. The shoppers were welded into a single being, imbued with a single purpose, and the units of the shopping monster had merely to wait until their wholly subservient personal whims and wishes might be carried out. To progress ten feet in as many minuites in any of the big toy departments was to achieve a feat worth beasting over.

There were more men about than heretofore, but again the women were 16 or 20 to one. The male portion of Portland's shoppers has not awakened to the nearness of Christmas. From the riewpoint of precedent they are not expected to awaken before the end of the new week. Go into the stores next Friday night and the proportion will be reversed. There'll be 20 men to every woman.

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And, unbelievable as it may sound, nen prove even harder customers than men prove even harder customers than women. Salespeople say that when it comes to shopping "finnikineas" the male Christmas shopper is in a class by himself. The woman shopper invariably goes with a definite ides of a suitable present for each person that must be remembered and follows that idea. The average male shopper, on the other hand, sailles forth at the eleventh hour with no idea other than that there are unlimited relatives who must be are unlimited relatives who must be fittingly recalled. He fumes and frets along through the bewildering maze of toyland until the 59th minute of the eleventh hour and then plunges.

Postmaster Believes Limit of Present Building Is Reached.

careful taily of the number of persons who have transacted business at the Portland Postoffice durins the past week is indicative of the tramendous heliday business which is taxing the building to its utmost capacity.

During the middle of the day an average of 20 persons has passed into the corridors each minute, and the doors have awang ontward a corresponding number of fimes. In each hour 1200 people have visited some one of the departments and gone again.

The Postoffice employes have thus far been able to handle the crowds without serious delay, but the throng has been so great at times it was almost impossible to wedge a passage. Compared with last year, the office has eight windows in use at the general delivery as against four; two registry window against one, and three sixmp windows going day and night, as against three in the day only in 1908.

## FORGERY CHARGE FACED

Alleged Former Convict Arrested on Complaint of Astoria's ex-Mayor.

Fred Deming, alias Cuatis, 34 years

check for \$50 on the ex-Mayor, Deming worked.

While the various business houses have been experiencing a lively business for two weeks or more, the first touch of real Christmas shopping developed last night. Strests and stores

## "Buzz Saw" Hums no Stinging Tunes

Flery Editor Now Runs the Cardinal, Which He Once So Hitterly Contemned, and His Critics Say It is as Girly a Publication as Ever—Sad Story of a Reform Gone to Seed.

PORTLAND, Dec. 18.—(To the Editor.) of its good work, as it occupied much space in print at the time.

Not only the frats, though, had to feel the sharp teeth of the "Buss Saw," for the Cardinal, the high school publication, us know and care nothing about, I refer the coals in a very starting manner and was accused of being manner and was accused of being game being played that meets little publicity and that the general majority of us know and care nothing about. I refer to the same played by youthful politicians at Lancoln High School Being acquainted with several of the students there, I have managed to gather in piece by piece a rather interesting "yarn" of school politics.

It seems that the school last year was infested by a party of organized youths—"frats," they were called. By adopting the controlling members of social and athletic bodies, the "frats" dominated the various important school bodies. Social and athletic events are the important parts of high school life now.

But as these "frits" were very select and as their members often falled to recombine their members of the falled to recombine the falled to r

who was elected by the students was merely run by the teachers. But great things were blinted in this "Buzz Saw." The hint given was that some day the editor of the "Buzz Saw" would run for the editorship of the Cardinal and give the "harbs" a chunce to redeem themselves, regain all their power and live happily ever after. Almost too good to be true, One day the name of the editor of the "Buzz Saw" was made public.

But as these "frats" were very select and as their members often falled to recognize their common classmates upon the street, it was not long before this common crowd, or the "barbs," began to see that they were out in the cold. The latter considered that since they were a rude, unorganized "banch," there was nothing they could do or say to help elect a track capital or gain a position on the football team. So they continued to do nothing.

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Wity didn't hall who ever showed signs of leadership were adopted and branded by the "frats" as their own.

But the "barbs" at last found a champion. Cone morning, an anonymous publication was found scattered broadcast throughout the school, it was called the "Burs Saw." The "Burs Saw" pointed out streat wrongs committed by those who had commanded that all contributions to the "jesh" columns should be signed. Also the bracking used to designed. Also the bracking used the marky is pages of good "hot stuff for this "josh" columns and retain the page of ancient and seedy jokes and personals. Yes, the soft-brained stuff by the teachers was decaying the Cardinal affect the invest toyal were exitting tired of supporting it, in such a condition. With they want to and taken country was gained to forget his dreadful "Burz besselves on the word word the right in such a common herd.

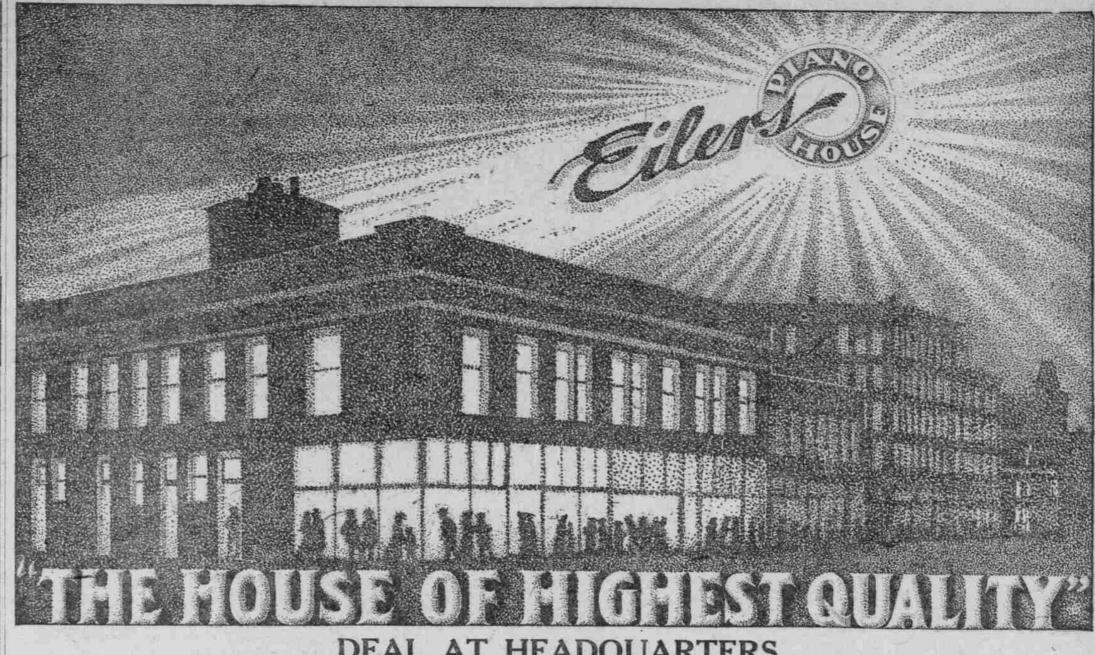
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oping bench beside the drained vessel that had contained ale, and Mr. Webb was discovered dead in a crouching position at the foot of the stairs, his head on his arms. He had evidently endeavored to get upstairs, but the poison, which it was stated would temporarily stimulate the brain and onable him to write a farewell note, had then paralyzed him.

Mr. Webb leaves a widow and several children, and it was his elder son and widow who found him dead. oping bench beside the drained vessel

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will defy anyone, dentist or layman, to tell them from nature's teeth—they look, act and feel like they grew there.

Alveolar Teeth Where Bridgework is impossible.

If only your front teeth are left, say 3 or 4 or more, we can replace all those that have been lost on both sides clear back with perfect Alveolar teeth, whilst bridgework would be impossible, even if you had 5 or 10 front teeth to the lo. If you have only two back teeth on each side, say, molars, we can supply all the front teeth that are missing with beautiful, serviceable, lifelike Alveolar teeth. This could not possibly be done by the bridge route. Suppose you have lost your last (back) teeth, itwo or more upper or lower on either side. We can replace them with Alveolar teeth. The bridge specialist would liave to advise a partial plate, which would encumber the mouth as well as to help destroy your other teeth. Where you have lost a few teeth there are dentists who would extract all the cest to make room for a plate. (Whene people have no teeth, we make plates, too. And when we do they look like they grew there. They are scientifically and artistically built for service and comfort as well as beauty.) Even where bridgework is possible, there is no comparison between the two. A very large percentage of our work is taking out bridgework put in by supposedly high-class dentists, and replacing it with the beautiful and artistic Alveolar teeth. And, unlike bridgework is taking out bridgework put in by supposedly high-class dentists, and replacing it with the beautiful and artistic Alveolar teeth. And, unlike bridgework is taking out bridgework put in by supposedly high-class dentists as incurable, is another of our specialities. We care at absolutely. It's a boastful attemant to make, but we can do anything that is possible in dentistry and what we do is always of the very highest class. Our booklets, 'Alevolar Dentistry, are free. Write for one if you cannot call. We have samples of our work to show at all times. THE REX DENTAL CO., DENTISTS, 311 to 314 Abington Bidg., 10612 3d St. Sundays, 10 to 12.

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