

NEW YEAR'S EVE REVEL A FIZZLE

Crowds Fail to Warm Up to Artificial Celebration in Streets and Grills.

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Police Find Little to Do—Those Who Go to See Debauchery of Old Days Disappointed—Even Noise Is Lacking.

It didn't happen. Not with the usual abandon, not with the usual revelry that marked the inauguration of the New Year in Portland's grills and hotels for years past, was the evening of New Year's eve last night. The celebration was principally not.

Abstinence rather than abandon was the keynote. The only real devilishness that was manifested was by the numerous young persons, mostly high school girls and school teachers and their equally young escorts, who paid the reservation fee at the restaurants to see what "those people" were going to do.

On the paved disgust of every head waiter, sommeliers were the principal refreshments consumed. There was some champagne, but it was so few and far between that it might almost be discounted.

Celebration Is Artificial. Perhaps the fact that the celebration was an artificial one had something to do with the manner, but more than all it seemed as if the enthusiasm had spent itself at the former joyous occasions.

True, it was noticeable that the bars did not close at midnight, despite the white-gloved patrolmen who stood calmly by watching the waiters obtain bottles until after 12:30 this morning. In at least two Portland grills, Chief Blava's "mounted police" watched the law violated. They did, however, furnish some entertainment. At a certain subterranean eating place a heavy of high school girls and their immature escorts kept informing their neighbors that the mounted police were to be on duty at the grill.

Some diversion was created by the howling and hunting of a bear, but it could hardly be described as remarkably vicious.

Two Grills Are Raided. In an attempt to see if the law would be really violated, the bars attached to two local grills were searched with would-be drinkers at midnight and it took a squad of police at each to close the doors. It was after this episode that the waiters for half an hour or more were successful in having their orders mixed and served.

At the police station the reserves waiting on duty called the celebration a "fizzle".

The few minutes after midnight in one grill did seem to be promising of revelry such as have been described at other times. Ascension to table levels and promenades among the silver were apparently desired by a few. But, in reality, they did no more than threaten these things.

It is true one yellow-garbed dame did make the attempt at one "lobster palace". She insisted, however, that she remained at "Punch Room" and the old rather ungracefully to the floor.

The crowds on the streets were at no time larger than the ordinary Saturday or Sunday throngs. The honking, tooting, jangling ensemble of other days was absent.

Distinctly the artificial New Year's eve was not.

GUARD GATHERS IN ROMEO

Lad Caught Gazing at Sweetheart Is Taken to Station.

MOTHER'S MONEY IS SPENT

Before Starting for Ireland Man Has Celebration.

Money sent by his aged mother in Ireland to take him back to Dublin so he could spend the last day of her life with her, caused William Rafferty to land in the police station last night, after Rafferty had attempted to spend the money from his ticket on spirituous liquors.

When Rafferty received \$200 from his mother to go back to the old country and supply a place left vacant by the death of his elder brother, he also bought a ticket to New York for a friend named Driscoll, who was to accompany him on part of the long journey. Two hours before the train was to leave the Union Station for the East, Rafferty and Driscoll started out to get a "reef drap" to celebrate their leaving.

The "reef drap" grew until neither was able to take the train. In this condition, Patrolman Adams found them. A hurry-up call to the station, rigorous methods of getting rid of the effects of the whisky, and a dose of the potentium, sent Rafferty on his way at it o'clock last night.

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He quoted an article printed in a French newspaper, saying that if Italy were able to prosecute its African war, the lack of a quorum was because of Turkey's internal quarrels.

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