

CHRISTMAS TRADE IS IN FULL SWING

Morning Hours Declared Only Chance for Those Desirous of Avoiding Rush.

LAST DAYS ARE DREADED

Suggestion Made to Shoppers Wanting to Lighten Burden of Employees That They Carry Small-Sized Parcels.

The day of grace for those who would "avoid the rush" by doing their Christmas shopping early is already passed. In the opinion of the managers of the stores of Portland, the flood of people who poured into all of the stores yesterday bears out their assertion.

It is expected that the rush will continue with increasing vigor throughout the coming week, and what the last three days before Christmas will develop store proprietors do not attempt to predict.

"It has been an unusually busy season from the beginning," said the manager of one of the big department stores yesterday. "There have been plenty of indications that people were more inclined to shop early this year than ever before, but in spite of this it begins to appear as if the late shopping may be heavier also this year than ever before."

Morning Buying Urged.

"The only chance that now remains for those who still hope to avoid the rush by shopping early is to change the wording from 'shop early in the season' to 'shop early in the morning.' The late rush of people is upon us and it cannot be minimized.

"By coming to the stores early in the day to do Christmas shopping the people may avoid the greatest congestion and at the same time do valuable work in relieving that condition. The merits of morning shopping for Christmas are not confined to the one advantage of escaping from the heaviest crowds. Those who come to the stores early in the day find the stock untouched for the day and will, I believe, experience less delay and difficulty in making their selections than they will when the crowds, pouring into the stores, necessarily produce more or less confusion in their handling of the goods.

Deliveries Are Prompt.

"Morning buyers also are assured of more prompt delivery than the latecomers."

"If shoppers want to do a good turn for the delivermen they can do it easily by carrying home all of their purchases themselves, excepting, of course, the large and awkward packages. It is difficult for the layman to realize what tremendous pressure the delivery systems for the large stores work under during the holiday season. I am sure that if they did they would lighten the burden of delivermen by taking off their hands the little parcels that they can carry home themselves without inconvenience."

CHRISTMAS SNAPSHOTS FROM PORTLAND STREETS.



CHIEF SLOVER PROTESTS

Municipal Judge Said to Interfere in Chinese Gambling Cases.

That the raiding of Chinese gambling dens is useless in Portland as long as Municipal Judge Bagwell occupies the bench is the declaration of Chief of Police Slover in a letter filed yesterday with the City Auditor for reference to the police commission. The chief says the judge has ruled that he will throw out of court all Chinese gambling cases where the police raiders are broken into by police raiders unless under the direction and orders of the Mayor or Executive Board.

"Under these conditions," says the chief, "I wish to state that it will not be worth while for the police to try to apprehend this class of law violators, as there is no case on record where the Chinese have voluntarily opened their dens for the purpose of permitting officers to raid gambling games. When evidence of a gambling game is received it is invariably necessary to act at once and time could not be passed in obtaining a special permit from the Mayor or the Executive Board."

LINCOLN CLASS ELECTS

Game With February Graduates of Interest at High School.

The June 13, graduating class of the Lincoln High School met Friday and elected Frank Beach, the popular manager of the Cardinal, president. Miss Marcia Parker was unanimously chosen vice-president; Miss Marguerite Gross, secretary, and Edson E. Wingard, treasurer. The office of sergeant-at-arms was voted to Alfred F. Schilt, better known as "Icky."

Following the election of officers, the game with the February graduating class was discussed. This will be of considerable interest, and all the stars of the past season's football game have arrayed themselves with one of the eleven.

PAVING ON SANDY FINISHED

Independent Company Completes Big Contract Ahead of Time.

City Engineer Hurlbut was notified yesterday that the Oregon Independent Paving Company completed yesterday morning the paving of Sandy boulevard from East Twenty-eighth street to East Seventy-second. The contract is one of the largest carried out this year, the total cost being \$125,000.

The general contract was subdivided into two, the first involving \$25,000 for laying of asphalt between Twenty-eighth and Thirty-third. From there to Thirty-seventh the street was already paved. The second contract was for the paving from Thirty-seventh to Seventy-second, and was let for \$100,000. The street is the main thoroughfare draining Rose City Park and the Columbia Slough district. Work was started in July, and, in spite of the delays occasioned by the laying of sewers, streetcar tracks, water mains and gas mains, the contract was finished more than a month before the contract expired.

LEWISTON IS PRAISED

C. C. CHAPMAN DECLARES LIVESTOCK CITY GETS RESULTS.

Work of Idaho-Washington Development League in One Year Is Found Most Effective.

C. C. Chapman, manager of the promotion bureau of the Portland Commercial Club, pronounced the Idaho-Washington Development League one of the most thriving year-old organizations in the Northwest, when he returned to Portland yesterday from Lewiston, where he attended the recent livestock show. Mr. Chapman was accompanied back to Portland by J. D. Farrell, W. F. Burrell, Hugh Hume and Oscar Huber, all of whom had high praise for the Idaho organization.

"Organized just a year, the Idaho-Washington League has done more for this show throughout the past year than any other similar body has been able to achieve anywhere else in the same length of time, so far as I know. Following the Oregon plan of financing the Oregon Development League, Lewiston has paid all the bills, not asking for a cent.

"Lewiston, much like Portland, has always been a substantial city, and has had contentions with other towns, as well as having suffered from factional strife. The past year's work has wiped this out. It seemed as if the people had thought of everything for the livestock show and the entertainment of the thousands of visitors. Scarcely a business and professional person generally are willing to sacrifice time as they have been there. Committee meetings have been held preparing for this show throughout the past year."

"The well-organized publicity work now under way is about the smallest thing that has been accomplished, valuable as it is. They have developed public sentiment in the matter of good roads and can point to two steel bridges actually erected and a bond issue, passed by 90 per cent of the Clearwater River at Lewiston, while a bond issue was passed by a practically unanimous vote for a hard-surface road leading out of the city to the Orchard district lying near town."

"The people also raised subscriptions amounting to \$150,000 to hand to the Northwest Livestock Show and they are more prosperous than they ever were in spite of these activities. The stores are doing a business far ahead of a year ago and bank deposits are that class larger. Though Lewiston is noted for its wealth, it is wealthier than ever after becoming a modern, active city."

"At the annual meeting of the league, the other cities and sections represented came with nothing but words of praise for Lewiston. There are many wealthy people there and they have given their time and money to carry forward this development campaign so that the burden has not fallen on a few."

The disposition of the Lewiston people is to take no credit to themselves for all this, but to give it all to Tom Richardson, Festival and others of that class larger. They are very friendly to the Portland Commercial Club for the co-operation and assistance given them.

The Northwest Livestock Show is an established annual event and deserves to rank with the Round-Up, the Politch, Rose Festival and others of that class larger. The Lewiston people are coming to the Rose Festival and the Dairy Show here next year in special trains, and to show our appreciation, we would be abundantly justified in

DESERTER GIVES UP SELF

After Three Years Sailor Tires of Dodging Government Agents.

After eluding the Government agents for three years and stowing away on the army transport Thomas to come to America from Japan, Harry Rego, a sailor who deserted the cruiser Galtveston three years ago in Yokohama, last night walked into the police station and gave himself up to Desk Officer Blair.

Neither lack of food or money was the reason for Rego's surrender, because he was well supplied with both, but he said that the three years of dodging and fear that he would be caught, proved too much for his nerves. He said he wished to give himself up and have it over with.

Rego said he deserted as the result of a "fool idea" after payday in Yokohama, when his ship was there. He stayed in Japan a month and then stowed away in the Thomas when it brought the Twenty-first Infantry to Vancouver, Wash.

"DOLLAR DINNER" FEATURE

Greater Portland Plans Association to Honor Officers.

Newly-elected officers of the Greater Portland Plans Association will be installed Wednesday night, December 18, at the Commercial Club. A "dollar dinner" will be served at that time in compliment to the retiring and incoming officers and the members of committees and delegates from the local improvement organizations of the city. Reservations for the dinner are being made at the office headquarters of the association.

During the dinner, which will begin at 6:30, plans for the coming year will be formulated. The programme will begin at 8 o'clock. G. F. Johnson, president-elect, W. F. Woodward and E. F. Lawrence, retiring member of the executive board, will be the principal speakers. Informal comments will be made by other prominent members of the association.

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Herbert Gordon, president of the Lawyers' Title & Trust Company, has purchased from H. W. Grunwaldt the Altamont apartments, a three-story modern brick building located at the southwest corner of Fifth and College streets. The Altamont consists of 17 apartments, and is under lease at \$235 a month.

Mr. Gordon also purchased lots Nos. 12, 13 and 14, block No. 8, in Proebster's Addition to Albina. Mr. Grunwaldt has purchased from Mr. Gordon the north half of lot No. 4, block No. 56, of Couch Addition. This property

is located 75 feet north of Burnside. Mr. Grunwaldt also purchased lot No. 7 in block No. 122, East Portland. This property is located on East Stark street, 50 feet south of East Stark street.

The negotiations were conducted by the F. E. Taylor Company. The exact amount of the transaction is not given.

but it is known that the transaction exceeded \$100,000 in value.

Countess Eugenia Hingard von Boos, who is devoting her time and personal fortune to the spread of the universal peace movement, both here and abroad, is a member of the old German family of Boos at Wildcat.

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