

COMPRESSED O.S. FOR SALES FORCES

Christmas Buying Reaches High Point and Exceeds Volume of Previous Seasons.

PROSPERITY IS INDICATED

Shops So Crowded That Difficulty Is Experienced in Moving About and Report Is That Better Quality Gifts Are Sought.

Christmas shopping reached its height for the present season yesterday, with department stores clamoring for help to handle the crowds. One of the big stores is soliciting personally old employees no longer with the firm to come in this week and help out.

The Christmas season to date, say retailers, has outdone similar periods of former years in the amount of business transacted. The grand total of the present week is expected to be very large and, with the shortage of goods reported, the late Christmas shopper is in for some exciting experiences in the annual rush to the stores.

Crowds literally jammed the shops every day of the Christmas rush, and the main aisles of the stores the congestion reached the maximum. Progress was difficult throughout the afternoon and the store officials acted as traffic officers to keep the lines of people moving. Keys to the right was the order and this meant the crowds were handled satisfactorily.

The people who shopped were intent on buying. Keys to the right in making collections of gifts that ranged throughout the entire shopper's list. In every department of the big stores there were many more salespeople than usual.

Orders Placed for Poor. One store reported it has been made the custodian of many Christmas secrets by busy people who have made deposits of money, with the understanding that it is to be spent, so that the purchaser is relieved of much time and worry. These lists are mostly for the benefit of children and some of the orders are charitable in their nature. The plan works well and its adoption is likely to become more general in future.

It is now too late to shop early for the final week of the maddening rush is upon gift choosers. However, shopping early in the day is advised in order that customers may be served satisfactorily.

EXPLOSION FACTS ASKED

SENATE CALLS FOR NAVAL SECRETARY FOR REPORT

Findings of Investigating Board Not Made Public by Mr. Daniels. Opinion Is Divided.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Secretary Daniels called on by a resolution introduced by Senator Vandenberg, adopted without objection by the Senate today, to send to the Senate the report of the investigating board which investigated the explosion aboard the submarine E-2 at the New York Navy yard some months ago, and later went over the whole subject in detail.

PIANIST DIVORCES HUSBAND

Former Agnes Gardener Eyre Gets Divorce From F. W. de Jahn.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—(Special)—An interlocutory decree of divorce for Mrs. Agnes de Jahn against F. W. de Jahn has been granted by Justice Guy, of the Supreme Court, on statutory grounds. The plaintiff is well remembered as Miss Agnes Gardener Eyre, who, as an American virtuoso pianist, toured Europe and played before many of the crowned heads. Among her social and musical achievements was an appearance before the then Prince and Princess of Wales, who were being entertained at Medbury House as the guests of the Earl and Countess Leches.

AVIATION GROUNDS BOUGHT

War Department Plans Extensive Plant on Chesapeake Bay.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The War Department has purchased about 1700 acres of land on Lower Chesapeake Bay near Fort Monroe for use as an aviation experimental and proving ground for the Army. The price paid was \$250,000. War Department officials estimate that \$1,500,000 will be asked by Congress for buildings and equipment, with the idea of making it one of the foremost stations of the

kind in the world outside of countries now engaged in war. The station probably will be named "Langley Field" in honor of Professor Langley, the first official of the United States Government to make experimental flights with heavier-than-air machines.

Oregon City Maid Becomes Physician's Bride.

Wedding of Miss Ruby Esther Francis to Dr. Victor Lumen Rocho Social Event at Oregon City.

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 16.—(Special)—The marriage of Miss Ruby Esther Francis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Francis, of this city, and Dr. Victor Lumen Rocho, of Woodburn, was solemnized at the Presbyterian manse in this city Thursday at 2 o'clock. Rev. J. R. Landborough, pastor, officiating. Only relatives were in attendance, and following the marriage ceremony Dr. Rocho and his bride left for Portland, and from that city proceeded to Woodburn, where they will make their future home, and where the former has been practicing medicine for the past six months. The

bride was becomingly gowned in a brown traveling suit with hat to match. Dr. Rocho and Miss Francis met at the Good Samaritan Hospital while the latter was in training for a nurse, and the former connected with the institution. Graduating from the Oregon City High School with honors, Mrs. Rocho took a course in training for a nurse at the Good Samaritan Hospital in August, 1915, and completed her course in the Spring of 1915. Since graduation from the institution she has been very successful as a nurse. Her many friends in this city were taken by surprise when the announcement of marriage was made, as her engagement to Dr. Rocho had been a secret, except to the families of Dr. Rocho and his bride. While residing in this city she was one of the most popular young women of the younger set.

Gas Shortage Makes 15,000 Idle.

WHEELING, W. Va., Dec. 16.—(Special)—Fifteen thousand workers are idle here today as a result of a serious shortage of natural gas, which has forced all the Wheeling district dependent upon gas for fuel to close.

DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.

Table with columns for Station, Temperature (Maximum, Minimum, Current), Wind, and Weather. Includes stations like Baker, Boise, Calgary, Denver, etc.

NONUNION MEN GET BONUS

Southern Pacific Provides for Employees in South.

HOUSTON, Tex., Dec. 16.—Employees of the Southern Pacific lines in Texas and Louisiana, who are not members of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, will be given a 10 per cent bonus in 1917, according to an official announcement from the general office here today. The bonus will be given to those who have been in the service two years and whose salary is \$2500 or less, including the bonus. The bonus will be paid in half yearly installments.

PORTUGUESE CORPS NAMED

Expeditionary Force to See Service With French.

PARIS, Dec. 16.—Portuguese troops intended for service with the French troops in France, according to a quotation in the Portuguese official journal, will be called the Portuguese Expeditionary Corps. It will be under the command of General Tamagnini and Amelida d'Eca.

DAILY CITY STATISTICS

STROMBERG—To Mr. and Mrs. Allan W. Stromberg, of 424 North Commercial street, North, December 5, a son. SMITH—To Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Smith, 501 East Washington street, December 3, a daughter. MANN—To Mr. and Mrs. Jerome E. Mann, 1420 North Commercial street, December 4, a son. KIRK—To Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kirkes, 73 Union avenue North, December 4, a daughter. DOTY—To Mr. and Mrs. William E. Doty, 821 Belmont street, December 4, a daughter. JOHNSON—To Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Johnson, 729 Hoyt street, December 5, a daughter. VAN AVEY—To Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Van Avey, 410 North Commercial street, December 5, a son. KELLY—To Mr. and Mrs. Francis M. Kelly, 383 East Washington street, December 5, a son. OHNSON—To Mr. and Mrs. Ernest A. Ohnsen, 346 East Forty-third street, December 5, a son. JOHNSON—To Mr. and Mrs. Chris Johnson, 47 East Eighth-second street, December 6, a daughter. GRAYHAM—To Mr. and Mrs. Ewart G. Grayham, 402 Fremont street, December 6, a son. COFFMAN—To Mr. and Mrs. Daniel A. Coffman, 485 Ross street, December 6, a daughter. MOON—To Mr. and Mrs. William E. Moon, 406 East Eleventh street, December 6, a son. GREER—To Mr. and Mrs. James E. Greer, 325 East Kelly street, December 6, a daughter. HINISH—To Mr. and Mrs. George G. Hinish, 324 East Forty-third street, South, December 7, a daughter. MCANN—To Mr. and Mrs. James W. McAnn, 12 Florida street, December 7, a son.

WIDOWED TO SUE FOR \$75,500

Liability Limit of \$7500 Is Off, Under Ruling Made by Judge Kavanaugh.

BRANN CASE IS IN COURT

Recent Supreme Court Finding Is Basis of Decision; Street Railway Company Defends Action for Damages.

The \$7500 limit bid for the amount of damages which may be obtained from a corporation or person responsible for an accidental death is off. Basing his decision on a recent ruling of the Supreme Court regarding the liability limit of \$7500, Judge Kavanaugh yesterday overruled a demurrer with the result that Mrs. Edith Brann may recover \$75,500 from the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company for the death of her husband, J. Walter Brann, last December under the wheels of a streetcar. If the jury finds in favor of the plaintiff in the full amount asked.

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TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

RENDERED—In this city, December 15, Frederick Henscher, aged 42 years, husband of Maria Henscher, of 507 East Third street, died at 10:30 a. m. after a long illness. Funeral directors, 411 East Alder street, will hold the funeral on Monday, December 18, at 10:30 a. m. Burial in the Evergreen cemetery.

CLASSIFIED AD. RATES

Daily and Sunday. Per Line. One time... 10c. Two times... 20c. Three times... 30c. Four times... 40c. Five times... 50c. Six times... 60c. Seven times... 70c. Eight times... 80c. Nine times... 90c. Ten times... 1.00.

MEETING NOTICES

ETREKA COUNCIL, NO. 207, O. E. S. MEETING, Dec. 18, 8:00 p. m. at the home of Mrs. M. W. Hall, 11th and Commercial streets. CHRISTIAN SOCIETY, Dec. 18, 8:00 p. m. at the home of Mrs. M. W. Hall, 11th and Commercial streets. KIRKPATRICK COUNCIL, 2227, KNIGHTS AND LADIES OF SECURITY—Big free open house, Dec. 18, 8:00 p. m. at the home of Mrs. M. W. Hall, 11th and Commercial streets. PORTLAND STAR HOMESTEAD, NO. 42, P. O. Box 100, Dec. 18, 8:00 p. m. at the home of Mrs. M. W. Hall, 11th and Commercial streets. OREGON GIRLS' WOMEN OF WOODBURN, Dec. 18, 8:00 p. m. at the home of Mrs. M. W. Hall, 11th and Commercial streets.

Portland Business Bulletin

This directory is for the information of the public to give as far as possible the different lines of business which the average person may find occasion to use. Any information which cannot be found here will be gladly furnished by phoning Main 7070 or A 6075, House 40.

- ACCOUNTING AND ANALYTICAL. ACCORDION PLEATING. AGATE CUTTERS. ASSAYERS AND ANALYSTS. AUTO SPRING MANUFACTURING. BAGGAGE CHECKED AT HOME. BATHS AND CAPS. BREAD AND CONFECTIONERY. BUREAU AND OFFICE FURNITURE. CANNING. CARPET WEAVING. CELLULOSE BUTTONS, BADGES. CEMENT. CIGARETTES. CLOTHING. COFFEE. COINERS. CROCKERY. DANCING. DRESSMAKING. EYE, EAR, NOSE, THROAT, LUNGS. FINE INSURANCE. FURNITURE. GROCERIES. HATS AND CAPS. HIDE, WOOL, CASCARA BARK. HOLIDAY GOODS. HOUSEHOLD GOODS. JEWELRY. LABORERS' UNION. LUBRICATING OILS. MEAT MARKET. MEDICAL SUPPLIES. OPTICIAN. PAINTS AND LUBRICATING OILS. PAPER. PAPER HANGINGS. PHOTOGRAPHY. RAGS AND FLUFF RUGS. REAL ESTATE. RESTAURANTS. SADDLERY. SHOE REPAIRING. STATIONERY. TAILORING. TOBACCO. TRAVEL AGENCIES. WAREHOUSES. WHOLESALE AND MANUFACTURERS.

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Auction Sales

AT WILSON'S AUCTION HOUSE

REGULAR SALES DAYS MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY EACH DAY AT 10 A. M. FOR MONDAY'S SALE—Twelve rooms of medium-grade furnishings removed to our auctionroom for convenience of sale, including couches, rockers, Morris chairs, library and center tables, bookcases, pictures, bronzes, pianos, portieres, dining-room furniture, brass and iron beds, chairs, quilts, spreads, etc.; dressers and chiffoniers, washers and toilet sets, etc. Also, rug, steel ranges, gas range, kitchen treasures, cooking utensils and other effects.

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WHOLESALES AND MANUFACTURERS

- ALWAYS PICK THE BEST—Household goods, furniture, and other household goods. BUREAU AND OFFICE FURNITURE. CANNING. CARPET WEAVING. CELLULOSE BUTTONS, BADGES. CEMENT. CIGARETTES. CLOTHING. COFFEE. COINERS. CROCKERY. DANCING. DRESSMAKING. EYE, EAR, NOSE, THROAT, LUNGS. FINE INSURANCE. FURNITURE. GROCERIES. HATS AND CAPS. HIDE, WOOL, CASCARA BARK. HOLIDAY GOODS. HOUSEHOLD GOODS. JEWELRY. LABORERS' UNION. LUBRICATING OILS. MEAT MARKET. MEDICAL SUPPLIES. OPTICIAN. PAINTS AND LUBRICATING OILS. PAPER. PAPER HANGINGS. PHOTOGRAPHY. RAGS AND FLUFF RUGS. REAL ESTATE. RESTAURANTS. SADDLERY. SHOE REPAIRING. STATIONERY. TAILORING. TOBACCO. TRAVEL AGENCIES. WAREHOUSES. WHOLESALE AND MANUFACTURERS.

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