

STREET SCENES REFLECT VARIOUS HOLIDAY MOODS OF PORTLAND PEOPLE.

LAST GRAND RUSH ENDS GIFT BUYING

Stores Are Swamped and Deliveries Will Continue Today and Tonight.

BUYING RECORD IS MADE

Tired Salespeople Welcome Two-Day Rest—Nearly All Lines Report Heavy Business—Some Are Almost Sold Out.

Last night when the shops closed and was made to the busiest Christmas shopping season Portland ever had, and proprietors and clerks alike sighed with relief that the end of the big drive was over.

The two-day holiday, today and tomorrow, will be welcomed as an opportunity to rest from the labors of the past few weeks. For Portland people have bought with a liberality never before known. In every line they have outdone former holiday records and established new ones.

Yesterday was given over to 11th-hour shoppers. They charged the stores in regiments and platoons, clamored for gift purchases and made hurried selections. It was quick-action, last-minute stuff, with no time remaining for deliberate choosing.

Deliveries Continue Today. Anxiety cropped out yesterday that in the rush of purchases, deliveries would not be made in time for Christmas, and telephone calls poured in upon the stores. Customers were assured that all deliveries will be made yesterday or today.

Sunday offers an opportunity for the stores to deliver every purchase, and the trucks will be running all day and well into tonight.

"Twice the business we had last year," said a tobacconist, and increased Christmas sales were announced in all lines. The first dry Christmas, merchants say, is one of the reasons for the record trade. More money is available for gifts, now that the saloons are out of business.

It was feared for a time that stocks would be depleted in some lines, dolls and French ivory articles being two special points of attack that threatened to be wiped out completely. However, the goods held out so that everyone was supplied, and no good little girl need go without her doll this Christmas.

Jewelry Sales Heavy. Jewelry sales were heavy during the pre-holiday period. Candy and flowers have been remarkable even for the season that always makes home inroads upon the stocks of merchants in these lines. But the same could be said of all the varied assortment of merchandise spread before the Christmas shopper.

Toys, of course, held the center of the stage in the Christmas buying. Thanks to the American manufacturers, there was an abundance of these articles.

The markets had an extraordinarily busy day, for housewives had to crowd for a double holiday, in addition to the big Christmas dinner.

Last night the streets were crowded with people loaded down with all sorts of packages on their way home. It was the typical end of the holiday shopping season.

PERSONAL MENTION.

S. J. Campbell, of Salem, is registered at the Oregonian Hotel.
J. C. Jensen, of Kelo, is registered at the Perkins.
A. E. Stoenmeister, of Astoria, is at the Multnomah.
S. B. Morgan, of Engles, is registered at the Carlton.
W. C. Read, of Denver, is an arrival at the Portland.
Sam Jackson, of Pendleton, is an arrival at the Oregon.
T. H. Taylor is registered at the Nortonia from Boise.
Adam Dopp, of Ostrander, is registered at the Perkins.
W. Fagstad, of Cathlamet, is an arrival at the Carlton.
W. H. Edwards, of Joliet, is registered at the Perkins.
Homer I. Post is registered at the Corneliuss from Astoria.
Frances Clark, of Burns, is registered at the Portland.
William Amesley, of Spokane, is an arrival at the Carlton.
Helene Osgurg, of Eugene, is registered at the Portland.
R. W. Rasmussen, of Molalla, arrived at the Seward yesterday.
Grace McCullister, of Lewiston, is an arrival at the Seward.
Oscar Snider, of Clatskanie, is registered at the Imperial.
Charles E. Miller, of Tillamook, is registered at the Seward.
Tom Kennedy is registered at the Imperial from Eugene.
C. D. Moore, of Bridal Veil, is registered at the Washington.
J. D. Trenholm, of Seattle, is registered at the Multnomah.
James L. Fitch is registered at the Multnomah from Berkeley.
O. J. Nelson, of Hood River, arrived at the Imperial yesterday.
Louise C. Rosenberg is registered at the Perkins from Eugene.
Samuel B. Holt, of Thomas, Or., is an arrival at the Perkins.
A. Burley Cash, of Eugene, is an arrival at the Washington.
Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Johnson, of Pasco, are registered at the Oregon.
Miss N. Williamson arrived at the Nortonia from La Grande yesterday.
Sigurd Legus and J. Wilson, of Corvallis, are registered at the Carlton.
Mr. and Mrs. A. Newman, of Seattle, are registered at the Washington.
Mr. and Mrs. William Anderson, of Everett, are registered at the Nortonia.
Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Duffie, of Lewiston, arrived at the Portland yesterday.
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hallgarth are registered at the Nortonia from Elgin.
Mr. and Mrs. H. Williams, of Salem, are registered at the Corneliuss.
Louise Miller Harriman, of Spokane, is registered at the Seward with her daughter.
Mrs. Maude Kinney and Master Maurice Kinney are registered at the Multnomah from Astoria.
W. J. Wiley, and Mrs. M. Weston, are registered at the Corneliuss, where they arrived yesterday.
P. L. Campbell, president of the University of Oregon, is registered at the Imperial, where he arrived yesterday.
Arthur Halle, a business man from Walla Walla, is registered at the Nortonia. He is accompanied by his family.
Dr. J. J. Pittenger, of Astoria, arrived in the city yesterday. He is registered at the Oregon with Mrs. Pittenger.



1—Happy Child With Its Ideal Present. 2—Shoppers Choosing a Present. He Will Like. 3—Purchasers of Christmas Greens Are Brist. 4—Attractive Holly Salegirl Makes Many Sales. 5—Salvation Army Lasses Soliciting Funds for Christmas Dinner.

FAIRYLAND IS SET

Dolls, Bunnies and Other Toys Charm Baby Home Dwellers.

REED GIRLS CONTRIBUTORS

Loving Hands Make Life Bright for 38 Little Ones—Some Homes Will Hear Merry Prattle, as Several Have Been Adopted.

Thirty-eight little babes—all in the home old enough to sit alone—encircled a richly decorated Christmas tree at the Baby Home, 1044 Woodward street, yesterday afternoon, and, with eyes wide in wonder, saw Santa enter, caress a curly head here and pat a rosy cheek there, and, with his traditional graciousness, invite them to help themselves to an innumerable host of dolls, bunnies and other friends of babyhood.

The Christmas tree at the Baby Home this year was under the auspices of the Woman's Co-operative League, with Mrs. E. D. Inman in charge. The active contributors to the supplies of toys and decorations were the girls of the Amanda Reed Association, of Reed College, and the women of the H. & I. Circle, of the Ladies Aid Society, of the First Presbyterian Church.

Reed Girls Assist. "Every girl in Reed College helped with the presents," said Miss Wilmoth Osborne, chairman of the committee in charge of the Christmas gift distribution. "Heretofore we have made baskets for general distribution where ever we found a need, but this year we decided to concentrate our efforts. So we have all worked for the Baby Home." Miss Osborne was assisted by Miss Margaret Walton, Miss Adelaide Morey and Miss Zelpha Dempsey.

Babies Christmas Present. "We have not only received Christmas presents," said Mrs. Burns, "but we have given presents. Within the past few days we have placed babies in prominent homes in the city through adoption. It is a pleasure to see these little ones finding good homes. It is also a pleasure to find some of our former wards numbered among the rising young people in the business houses of the state."

POOR CHILDREN MADE HAPPY.

BAKER, Or., Dec. 23.—(Special).—Eighty children, whom Santa might have forgotten, were made happy this afternoon in Elks Hall at the annual Christmas tree of the Social Workers, a women's charity organization. In the early part of the afternoon the little ones were entertained with impromptu recitations and songs until Santa Claus arrived and gave presents to everyone from the tree. These consisted of toys, candy and clothing. The number entertained this year was about half that of previous years because of the prosperity here. The Social Workers also found a few families that needed assistance and are caring for them tonight and tomorrow.

LITTLE GIRL HELPS ENTERTAIN AT LODGE GATHERING.



Florence Nugent, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Nugent, gave a reading for the Christmas exercises given by the Knights and Ladies of Security last Monday night. The little entertainer received a warm welcome and her work was appreciated.

CARRIERS FEEL RUSH

Records Made by Express Companies and Postoffice. INCREASE IS 25 PER CENT

RAILROADS SAY MOVEMENT STARTED EARLIER, MAKING TRAFFIC EASIER TO HANDLE—EVERY PIECE OF MAIL CARED FOR.

Railroads, express companies and the Postoffice Department all felt the stimulus of the biggest Christmas that Portland ever has enjoyed.

The express offices have no record of a volume of business such as they did this year. They have no way of estimating the increase over last year, but it is safely well over 25 per cent. Moreover, it was bigger than in the best years before the parcel post was established.

In the two years immediately following the inauguration of parcel post service the express companies suffered severe losses in their Christmas business. Now they have overcome those losses and gained some traffic besides.

And this does not mean that people have quit using the parcel post—they haven't. As a rule the Christmas shippers send their fragile and more delicate commodities by express and the unbreakable by parcel post. There seems to be little doubt that the express companies are better able to handle fragile parcels.

"People began shipping their Christmas presents earlier this year," commented A. H. Peterson, general agent for Wells, Fargo & Co. "Some of our Eastern shipments began to move as early as December 10. Most of the local packages went out early in the week."

Package Arrive Early. "The incoming packages have been arriving for the last 10 days. The incoming business was heavier this year than last, but in the same proportions as the outbound."

The volume of Christmas business in



May the Symbols of joyous Peace and abounding Prosperity shed their cheerful radiance on and about all, is the wish of Directors and Employees of the Pacific Coast Biscuit Company.



DINNERS ARE GIVEN

Salvationists and Volunteers of America Aid Poor. HUNDREDS GET BASKETS

All Necessities for Elaborate Christmas Feast and Enough for Several Other Meals Are in Each Gift.

The Christmas spirit was ushered into the homes of nearly 400 needy families in Portland yesterday as a result of the efforts of the Salvation Army and the Volunteers of America, between 450 and 500 baskets containing all the necessities of a Christmas dinner, or for several dinners, for that matter, being distributed by those two organizations. Many who were assisted by one or the other of the two organizations will consequently sit down on Christmas day to a meal such as they had not dreamed possible.

EXECUTIVE GRANTS CLEMENCY.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 23.—(Special).—Governor Lister will celebrate Christmas by granting executive clemency in 29 cases. Three inmates of the Penitentiary will receive full pardons and 10 others conditional pardons Christmas morning. Three at the Reformatory are conditionally pardoned. One jail inmate is pardoned fully and another conditionally. Civil rights are restored in one case and a reduction of fine granted in another.

ORPHANS ATTEND TREE

F. T. ROGERS ENTERTAINS CHILDREN FROM TWO HOMES. Candy and Toys Are Distributed and Youngsters Go to See Movies as Guests of Companies.

Old Kris Kringle dispensed hospitality with a royal hand to the children of the Children's Home and the Fraser Home, when they paid their annual visit yesterday to the shop of F. T. Rogers in the basement of the Corbett building.

A Christmas tree, decorated with candles, gold balls and stars, was installed at one corner of the shop. This delighted the 140 children who were brought from the two homes for the occasion, by the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company.

HOLLAND IS IN DIRE NEED

Shortage of Food, Coal and Other Necessaries Becomes Acute.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Shortage of food and other necessary supplies has produced a serious situation in Holland, according to a special report from Frank W. Mahan, American Consul at Amsterdam, issued today by the Department of Commerce.

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HARRY STINSON RESIGNS

MANAGER OF MULTNOMAH HOTEL TO LEAVE JANUARY 1.

Harry H. Cloutier, of Minneapolis, Will Assume Position, His Assistant Being W. G. West.

Harry E. Stinson, manager of the Multnomah Hotel, has resigned, and will be succeeded by William G. West, of Minneapolis, part owner in the hotel. Stinson's resignation takes effect January 1. His successor, Mr. Cloutier, is connected with the Grant Securities Company, a syndicate which holds an important interest in the hotel.

Prior to his accepting the management of the Multnomah, Mr. Stinson was assistant manager of the New Hotel Washington, of Seattle, and was formerly an assistant manager of the old Multnomah Hotel.

ASHLAND INSURANCE LOSS ADJUSTED.

ASHLAND, Or., Dec. 23.—(Special).—Insurance on the Allen block has been adjusted on the basis of nearly \$5000, and the work of reconstructing the upper story is under way.

M. A. OLLER IS BURIED.

The funeral of the late Maquina A. Oller was held at Finley's chapel yesterday morning. Rev. S. N. Sandifur officiated. The pallbearers were J. E. Martin, T. S. Lawrence, J. Johnston, E. Hartzell, J. L. Spaul and Frank Ziegler. Interment was in Ross City Cemetery.