LAST GRAND RUSH ENDS GIFT BUYING

Stores Are Swamped and Deliveries Will Continue Today and Tonight.

RECORD IS MADE

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

Last night when the shops closed an end 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 o the past few weeks. For Portland people have bought with a liberality For Portland never before known. In every line they have outdone former holiday rec-ords and established new ones.

Yesterday was given over to 11th hour shoppers. They charged the stores in regiments and platoons lamored for gift purchases and made hurried selections. It was quick-ac-tion, 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, urging haste. 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, mer-chants say, is one of the reasons for the record trade. More money is avail-able for rifts, now that the saleons

able 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. everyone was supplied, and no good little girl need go without her doll this Christmas.

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

mas 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 in the stores.

The markets had an extraordinarily busy day, for bousewives had to The markets had an extraordinarily busy day, for housewives had to provide 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 thousing season.

PERSONAL MENTION.

S. J. Campbell, of Salem, is registered at the Oregon. J. C. Jensen, of Kelso, is registered at the Perkins. A. E. Stossmelster, of Astoria, is a the Multnomah.

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 regis-tered at the Perkins.

W. Fagstad, of Cathlamet, is an arval at the Carlton. W. H. Edwards, of Joliet, is regis-tered at the Cornelius. Homer I. Post is registered at the

rnelius from Asotin Frances Clark, of Burns, is regis-tered at the Portland.

arrival at the Seward.

Oscar Snider, of Clatskanie, is registered at the Imperial. C. D. Moore, of Bridal Vell, is registered at the Washington.

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.

daughter.

P. L. Campbell, president of the University of Gregon. Is registered at the Imperial, where he arrived yesterday.

Asthur Well a business houses of the state."



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

Dolls, Bunnies and Other Toys Charm Baby Home Dwellers.

S. B. Morgan, of Engles, is registered 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 William Ainsley, of Spokane, is an the Baby Home, 1064 Woodward street, arrival at the Carlton. yesterday afternoon, and, with eyes Helene Ogsburg, of Eugene, is regis-tered at the Portland. caress a curly head here and pat a R. W. Rose, of Molalla, arrived at rosy cheek there, and, with his traditional graciousness, invite them to help Grace McCollister, of Lewiston, is an themselves to an innumerable host of dolls, bunnies and other friends of

The Christmas tree at the Baby Charles E. Miller, of Tillamook, is registered at the Seward.

The Christmas tree at the Baby Home this year was under the auspices Tom Kennedy is registered at the of the Woman's Co-operative League, imperial from Woodburn. 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 dis-tribution. "Heretofore we have made 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.

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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 Eigin.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Williams, of Salem, are registered at the Cornellus.

Louise Miller Harriman, of Spokane, is registered at the Seward with her daughter.

Miss Margaret Walton, Miss Adelaide Morey and Miss Zelpha Dempsey.

Miss Gertrude Baird, matron of the Baby Home, has under her charge almost 70 homeless babies, all less than 4 years of age. The tinest member of this large little family weighs three and a half pounds. She is now three weeks old and is able to drink milk from a bottle. Until a few days ago she was fed with a medicine dropper. Mrs. D. C. Burns, one of the active workers for the home, says this is the first Jewish child that has ever been brought to the Home, so well have they been cared for by their own people.

Bables Christmas Present.

"We have not only received Christ-

aughter. "We have not only received Christ-Mrs. Maude Kinney and Master mas presents," said Mrs. Burns, "but Maurice Kinney are registered at the Multnomah from Astoria.

W. J. Weston, of Albany, and Mrs. Weston, are registered at the Cornelius, where they 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 clip yesterday. He is registered at the Oregon with Mrs. Claus. As each infant throat gurgled its praises of the bright new toy it.

held in its hand, it said in words that

Poor Children Made Happy.

BAKER, Or., Dec. 23 .- (Special.)lighty children, whom Santa might have forgotten, were made happy this afternoon in Elks Hall at the annual hristmas tree of the Social Workers, a women's charity organization. In the early part of the afternoon the little nes were entertained with impromptu ecitations 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 to-

LITTLE GIRL HELPS ENTER-TAIN AT LODGE GATH-ERING.



Florence Nugent.

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

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.

Old Kris Kringle dispensed hospitality with a royal hand to the children of the Children's Home and the Frazer 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 annual state, was in-

And this does not mean that people have quit using the parcel post—for 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 have press companies are better able to have press companies are letter able to have press and below the little visitors. A grapho-

Eastern shipments began to move as mainder were entertained by early as December 10. Most of the local packages went out early in the

Packages Arrive Early.

"The incoming packages have been arriving for the last 10 days. The inbound business was heavier this year than last, but not in the same proportions as the outbound."

The same situation prevails at the other express offices—the American, the

Railroad traffic on account of the holidays was unprecedented this year. It was the first year for nearly a decade that the reillead. cade that the railroads maintained re-duced rates for the holiday season.

S. Myers last night.
On Fiday of last week the Portland
Postoffice handled an aggregate of
146,314 pieces of first-class mail. This

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includes all the normal commercial and ersonal mail, as well as the Christmas ards, Christmas letters and other such traffic inspired by the Christmas sea-

On the biggest day last year the first-class business aggregated only 306,000 pieces. 306,000 pieces.

The number of parcel-post packages and the receipts for stamps due to Christmas business increased from 15 to 18 per cent, says Postmaster Myers.

Every piece of Christmas mail posted in Portland yesterday was disposed of and dispatched on the regular trains last night. Not a single letter, card or package remained behind.

The volume of incoming mail likewise has been heavier this year than last, but the increase is not as great as on the outgoing business, as on the outgoing business,
The carriers will make one delivery
on Christmas day.

Executive Grants Clemency.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 23.—(Special.) Governor Lister will celebrate Christmas by granting executive clemency in mas by granting executive elemency in 20 cases. Three inmates of the Penistentiary will receive full pardon and 10 others conditional pardons Christmas morning. Three at the Reformatory are conditionally pardoned. One fail inmate is pardoned fully and another conditionally. Civil rights are restored in one case and a reduction of fine granted in another.

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ORPHANS ATTEND

F. T. ROGERS ENTERTAINS CHIL-DREN FROM TWO HOMES.

Candy and Toys Are Distributed and Youngsters Go to See Movies as Guests of Companies.

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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 galued some traffic besides.

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press companies are better able to han- played suitable music during the merry

reopie 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 make early as the columbia Theater and the cearly as th

HOLLAND IS IN DIRE NEED Shortage of Food, Coal and Other Necessaries Becomes Acute.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 .- Shortage of food, conl and other necessary supplies has produced a serious situation in Holland, according to a special report from Frank W. Mahin, American Con-Northern and the Great Northern.

The express companies will make deliveries all today and tomorrow until
all the Christmas business is cleared sul at Amsterdam, issued today by the

Palestine Masons Elect.

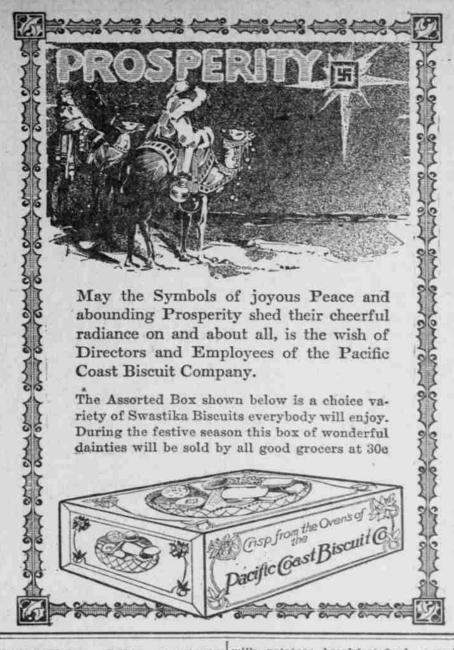
russands of people took advantage of them. The reductions applied only to points in the Northwest, but travel was not confined to these limits.

The eastbound travel was heavier than usual. Likewise, many Eastern people came to the Northwest for the holidays.

In the last few days the railroads have been hard pressed to supply enough equipment to handle-the business.

"I don't know when we had such a holiday rush," said John M. Scott, general passenger agent of the Southern Pacific.

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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 din-ner, or for several dinners, for that

that many times your only recourse to position he held under the stop the gnawing hunger was to grit your teeth and possibly tighten your belt a notch. Then imagine sitting takes the place left vacant by the resdown to a dinner of chicken, browned and luscious, and all the other "fixings" which usually go with a Christmas dinmer of F. W. Paget, who recently left for California.

Mr. Stinson's resignation takes effect lanuary 1. His successor, Mr. Cloukets of goodies.

All Ages Represented.

Old and young were most numerous among those assisted in the basket dis-tribution, but here and there was a person of middle ago who, by reason of some infirmity or because of depend-ents, had been considered worthy of assistance. But all alike bore on their faces the brand of privation or of suf-

The Volunteers of America began the work of distributing baskets yesterday morning at 11 o'clock. About 150 were given out by that organization, some being delivered to families unable to call for them.

call for them.

A good-sized market basket filled to the handles was given in each instance. Each basket contained a bunch of celery, several pounds of beef, coffee, tea.

Salvationists Play Santa.

The Salvation Army gave out more than 200 baskets of good things. The work was in charge of Adjutant Genge and Ensign Pogue, and occupied a large part of the afternoon, beginning

milk, potatoes, breakfast food, canned fruit, vegetables and soup. The organized system used this year prevented any duplication in the way of basket-giving by different or-

Heads of the Salvation Army an-ounced last night that from present indications they would have some money left over to assist in Winter relief work after their Christmas effort had been financed. They were unable to give a complete report on receipts during the Christmas work.

The Salvation Army will have a The Salvation Army will have a Christmas tree for the children on Tuesday night at the hall, 128½ First street, at 8 o'clock. Between 206 and 250 presents will be distributed at that time, and there will be candy and nuts and the usual good things which "grow" on a Christmas tree.

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 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

Imagine being hard up for days so that many times your only recourse to resistant manager of the hotel, as resigned, and Multnomah Hotel, has resigned, and Minneapolis, part owner in the hotel. Simultaneously with the announcement of this change William G. West, "premier greeter," assumed the duties of assistant manager of the hotel, as resigned, and some or the change will be succeeded by H. H. Cloutier, of Minneapolis, part owner in the hotel.

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ship of the Multnomah, Mr. Stinson was assistant manager of the New Hotel Washington, of Seattle, and was for-merly an assistant manager of the old Multnomah Hotel.

Previous to assuming his position of

Previous to assuming his position of assistant manager of the Multnomah yesterday Mr. West was for a time manager of the Ramapo Hotel.

Mr. West's smile and handelasp was one of the big assets of the Multnomah Hotel in the old days, and he gave evidence yesterday that he was still "there with the goods" in the same old way.

"It's good to see you back," is now the customary salutation of visitors arriving at the hotel.

"And it seems good to be back," is "And it seems good to be back," in

the reply.

Ashland Insurance Loss Adjusted. ASHLAND, Or., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—
Insurance on the Alien block has been adjusted on the basis of nearly \$5000, and the work of reconstructing the upper story is under way. The insurance figures refer to losses on the building, not including contents. Most of the ground-floor tenants will remain with the property. Helrs of the Cun-ingham estate are also planning the

M. A. Oller Is Buried.

reconstruction of the business block.

The funeral of the late Maquina A. Olier was held at Finley's chapel yes-terday morning. Rev. S. N. Sandifur officiated. The pallbearers were J. E. at 2 o'clock.

The baskets given contained a Hartzell, J. L. Spoul and Frank Ziglar, dressed chicken, bread, butter, coffee, Interment was in Rose City Cemetery.

