IS NOT ALL JOY ON CHRISTMAS

There Are Those Who Dread Its Coming.

Postoffice Workers and Express People Are Rushed to Death on the Holidays.

Early and late, morning, noon and night, there is a fog of people about the doors, windows, the entrances and exits of the postoffice and the various express offices of Portland. Thousands of different people, from thousands of different directions and bearing bundles addressed to thousands of different places, surged and rushed and almost fought about the places where those bundles could be deposited for forwarding to dear ones expecting presents.

Sweet, pink lips were drawn together in white, hard lines as the bud of a single season almost swore from the pain of the laborer's feet grinding down upon her dainty corns—but she would not leave her place in line. She had come to stay until her purpose was achieved.

So slowly did the army gathered in the postoffice move forward that men were privileged to stand in blissful contentment for hours on a woman's train without being called down. The fair sex had troubles of its own, and did not even know the standers were there.

In the express offices it was nearly as bad, but there were larger packages and more determined persons. Skirmish firing was indulged in between the various integers of the crowd all day, and many hot sallies and horse-radishy retorts were recorded.

DISLIKE CHRISTMAS.

"Christmas is the worst time in the lives of express people," said an employe of the Wells-Fargo & Co. office last evening to a reporter for The Journal. "There is no rest even in the night time. Packages pile in upon us until we are buried, and while others are planning dinners and receiving and sending presents we are working ourselves out from beneath the heap they have showered at us.

"And these troubles do not end with the coming of Christmas. Usually it requires from three to five days for the things that have reached Portland through our office to be distributed. You can just tell the people that if they do not get all the presents they want on Christmas morning not to despair, for they are as likely as anyone else to draw a prize in the grab bags that are still to be sorted at the express offices.

OUT ON THE ROAD.

"Then the troubles we have right here in the local offices are as nothing compared with what Christmas brings to the messengers who run out on the road and have to sort all of the express matter and put it in the right boxes to reach the place to which it is addressed. While the train is rushing along at lightning speed these men must sort and throw and all that is billed to a certain station must be ready by the time the train reaches that point. If it is not the messenger is in disgrace. You can imagine how fast they have to work.

"There is not much Christmas pleasure for the man who works in the express business."

There is plenty of work for those inside the postoffice on Christmas, too, and employes there said yesterday the responsibility and the extra labor took away all the joys of what ought to be the happy yuletide.

SUIT OVER CERTIFICATE.

The case of Ladd & Tilton against E. Schiller to have a judicial decision on the question of to whom a certain certificate of deposit for $200 shall be paid, came up yesterday. The certificate was issued to Edward Nelson, who stopped payment on it later, claiming he parted with it when intoxicated, and that he received nothing in return. It is said he lost it in a gambling house.

Schiller claims to have received the check in the ordinary course of business. He further claims he offered to file a bond with the bank to secure them on the payment of the certificate. The bank refuses to pay the certificate until a decision is given as to who should receive the money.

A decision will be given in the case later on.

Coffman's Xmas Candies.

THE CHRISTMAS HEARTH.

Barrett's Wareroom, Sixth and Alder Streets, Beautifully Illuminated.

There is an enchantment about an open fire which in every day and generation has held its sway. Driftwood (wreckage from the sea), with its brilliant play of color, makes the most beautiful firelight in the world. As we cannot have the real driftwood now, a wonderful powder has been made called "Driftwood Blaze," which is sifted over the logs and repeats the marvels of the burning driftwood fire. With magical splendor the "Driftwood Blaze" illumines the open wood fire.

We have the "Driftwood Blaze" and the little shakers to use it in; $1.50 buys enough for 50 evenings. This kind of an open driftwood fire is the prettiest fad ever taken up by discriminating people in Portland. Our warerooms will be open evenings from now until after Christmas, for the accommodation of evening shoppers. A fairyland of lighting fixtures and lamps of every conceivable artistic kind awaits you here: the mantels, the grate fire furnishings, lanterns, sconces, candelabra, tankards, candlesticks, crystal ornaments, mirrors, exquisite glassware, fenders, spark guards—all the refinements that art has devised to embellish the lighting and heating arrangements of the modern home—all these and more have we gathered together this merry Christmastide. And we cordially invite you to come and look, even if you do not intend to buy. We have had a very prosperous year, and we are happy. At Christmas and throughout the holiday activity we want to share our happiness with our customers and visitors. All are welcome. We are proud of the brilliant goods we have to show.

We serve our friends with light and cheer
And wish them all a happy New Year.

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CITY BRIEFS

If city subscribers fail to secure their paper they will confer a favor if they will call up Main 500 and enter their complaints.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Reports from all stations east of the Rocky Mountains, at the mouth of the Columbia River, and on the Strait of Juan de Fuca are missing, and the weather conditions in these sections are unknown at this office.

There has been a complete reversal of barometric conditions in the last 24 hours. The high pressure area that was expected to control the weather in this district has moved eastward and a storm of considerable intensity has moved rapidly inland from the ocean. This storm is apparently central on the mouth of the Columbia River.

Precipitation has been general in the North Pacific States, being heaviest in the Willamette Valley and Sound country, where over an inch and a quarter of rain has fallen.

Western Oregon—This afternoon, tonight and Thursday, occasional rain; probably cooler; southerly winds, increasing in force.

Western Washington—Tonight and Thursday, occasional rain; winds shifting to southerly and increasing in force.

Eastern Oregon—Tonight and Thursday, occasional rain or snow.

Southern Idaho—Tonight and Thursday, occasional rain; probably cooler Thursday.

Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho—Tonight and Thursday, occasional snow or rain. A. B. WOLLABER, Acting Forecast Official.

Football! Football!
All Oregon,
vs.
Multnomah Club.
Xmas Day, 2:30 p. m.
Multnomah Field.
Tickets for sale at Aldridge Pharmacy, Reams cigar store, Fifth street, and Levy & Kalasky Cigar store, Sixth and Morison streets.

The Oregon Fish and Game Association will hold a meeting on January 6, in the Chamber of Commerce Building to discuss plans for amending the game laws.

As a result of yesterday's storm wires were down last night between here and Astoria, The Dalles and several other points. About two feet of snow fell at The Dalles and 18 inches at Bonneville.

The recent drydock controversy has cost the taxpayers of Portland $1,000, according to an estimate made by President M. C. Banfield, of the commission. This includes $280 for engineer's fees, and the balance for lawyers' fees and incidental expenses.

A couple of black bears, less than two years old, were captured in Eastern Oregon recently and brought to Portland to be sold. They are very handsome fellows and quite docile. There is some talk of their being purchased for the City Park.

A grand banquet will follow the seventh annual meeting of the Travelers' Protective Association, which will be held at the Portland Hotel Saturday evening. Previous to the banquet a short business meeting will be held. Rev. S. S. Wise, Dr. A. A. Morrison and S. S. Pier will deliver the addresses of the evening.

Portland Club, Fifth and Alder.
Finest lunch in the city.
Portland Club, Fifth and Alder.
Football! Football!
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PERSONALS.

R. K. Neill of Spokane is in Portland today.

J. F. Dore is down on business from Seattle.

Homer Fisher is in the city from Dundee.

J. A. Creecer is in this city from Port Townsend.

A. G. McKinley of Eugene is visiting in Portland.

John H. Main, of Butte, Mont., is at the Portland.

George Fairbank of Lewiston, Idaho, is in this city.

C. S. Thomas, a resident of Seattle, is at the Perkins.

Harry Parker of Albany is registered at the Perkins.

Jacob Evanson of Kalamazoo, Mich., is at the Imperial.

M. R. Wagner is visiting in this city from Forest Grove.

W. T. Sauls, a Seattle business man, is in Portland today.

Mrs. C. A. Stine is visiting in this city from Hoquiam, Wash.

W. D. Bruce, a resident of Victoria, B. C., is at the Portland.

Mrs. John Dooly of Walla Walla will spend Christmas in this city.

E. B. Hanley, a Seattle and Alaskan miner, is at the Imperial today.

A. H. McEwen, a prominent citizen of LaGrande, is stopping at the Perkins.

J. B. Beresford, whose home is in Omaha, is stopping at the Hotel Portland.

C. H. Fisher, editor of the Boise Capital News, is registered at the Hotel Imperial.

N. T. Conklin is spending the day in this city. Mr. Conklin is a resident of Pendleton.

E. C. Finch, a mining man from Spokane and the Coeur d'Alene country, is in Portland today.

STRICTLY UP TO DATE.

The Order of Washington Is Recognized as a Leading Insurance Society.

We know of no fraternal insurance organization that is increasing in membership so rapidly as the Order of Washington. It is today numbered among the leading fraternal orders of the United States, and during the year 1903 the officers of the supreme union expect to reach the handsome number of 30,000.

The business affairs are placed under the insurance department of the States of Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Utah, Montana and Colorado, and its laws provide for examination by the officers of those states. Its officers are bonded in a reliable guaranty company.

It admits both men and women on an equality, has a representative form of government and pays old age, sick and disability, life expectancy and death benefits to its members. Being one of the first in the field to adopt up-to-date plans, it claims for itself some features in advance of all others. It has a dozen good features to commend it and that serve to insure its perpetuity.

It is a home institution and daily hundreds of good men and women are availing themselves of the privileges offered. The office of the supreme secretary, J. L. Mitchell is located in rooms 611-13 Marquam Building, Portland, where all requests for information will be promptly complied with.

The Christmas number of The Journal, to any address, for 5 cents a copy. All one has to do is to hand in or send in the money and the addresses and The Journal will do the rest. Five cents a copy includes postage.

FOOTBALL! FOOTBALL!
All Oregon,
vs.
Multnomah. Xmas, 2:30.

MEAT PACKERS LOOK THIS WAY

Portland Should Be a Canning Center.

Energy, Properly Directed, Alone Is Needed to Bring Great Trade Here.

"Portland is a giant, but she is a sleeping giant. Her commercial possibilities are colossal, but they are dormant. Some day some one will take advantage of the splendid opening there is here for meat packing establishments, will go out and get the trade and will make millions. The time is coming when the Pacific Northwest will pack and ship all of the pork it grows. Portland is the most central shipping point. Many railroad lines converge here. This is the place for Western meat kings to hold their sway. All that is wanted is energy."

Live Stock Commissioner C. J. Millis of the O. R. & N. Co. holds the above views and expresses them in a way that leaves no room for doubt that he is acquainted with conditions and knows whereof he speaks. Through every section of the country tapped by the O. R. & N. and into many stock regions that are not tributary to the line he represents, Mr. Millis has gone, working ever in the interests of sheep, cattle and horse men, and to upbuild the stock business generally.

THERE ARE LIMITS.

There are limits to stock raising in the Northwest. Mr. Millis realizes that and speaks of it openly. "I would never advise the breeder of heavy draught animals to open business in this portion of the world," he said today to a reporter for The Journal. "Those horses want a nursery and not grazing ground. They are the product of the highest state of comesticity, and there is none of the roving, rollicking, wiry West in them. But the Northwest has a horse that is distinctively its own, and the cultivated East can no more produce him than the ranges of the West can bring forth the big-headed, big-footed worker. So we are at a stand-off with them on horses and we have the best of them along other animal lines."

Mr. Millis works along every line that will be of benefit to the live stock industry in the Northwest, and is just at present planning to secure for Portland the next session of the National Live Stock Association, soon to meet at Kansas City. Continuing, Mr. Millis said:

WILL REMAIN AHEAD.

"The Northwest and Pacific States will always be able to ship beef and mutton toward the East. We can always loan sheep to Wyoming and cattle to Colorado. Our beef will always be canned in Chicago and Omaha and St. Louis will pack our mutton, and as time goes on the Middle Western packers will come more and more to look toward the ranges of the Northwest. And they will not look in vain.

"There is considerable land in this part of the nation that is not of value for anything else but grazing purposes, but it is of immense producing capacity along this line. Properly cared for, this range will last forever and, as the human race is not likely to become totally vegetarian, there will always be a demand equal to the supply.

"With hogs it is different. The country out here is not as good a hog producer, along some lines, probably, as is that in the Middle West. I believe the Northwest will always be able to handle all the hogs it raises.

PACKERS WILL COME.

"There is an opening right here in Portland for a meat packing establishment that will rival any in the business, and there is the market to justify it. The only trouble is that the market will not come to Portland unsolicited. It is like anything else worth having, it has to be striven for. Portland is not sufficiently belligerent in her attitude along these lines.

"Even after that market were secured it would have to be nurtured and trained and cultivated. Those who are to profit must be ever on the move. All things come to him who waits—if he doesn't wait any longer than he can help."

Mr. Millis expects to go East to the Kansas City convention of live stock men and declares that if the Portland people and the Oregon delegation give the right kind of support the next gathering is certain to be held in this city.

LORDS HAVE EASY TIME.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The business hours of the House of Lords—4:30 p. m. to 4:45 p. m.—are not onerous, for the noble lords really have very little to do with legislation, the democratic House of Commons doing the work and passing it along to the sleepy lords for approval. But the lords had to "work overtime" the other night to approve the first reading of the education bill, over which the House of Commons had been debating and wrangling for six weeks. The lords neglected to order their restaurant kept open, and when bishops, earls, dukes and minor lordlings began hunting for something to eat after their fifteen-minute session at midnight, they learned to their dismay that there was nothing to be had. Then they scampered across to the House of Commons restaurant, where they had supper, many democratic members of the Commons jeering the noble lords loudly while they ate.

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CHRISTMAS IN CHURCHES.

Trinity Chapel.

Nineteenth street, near Washington. Christmas eve., midnight service, 11:45 p. m. Special music by a choir of male voices.

Processional Hymn—"Hark the Herald Angels Sing."
Stainer's Communion Service in B flat.
Offertory—"Calm on the Listening Ear of Night" ..... Marston
Bass Solo ..... Dr. Campbell and chorus
Sharp at midnight the congregation will sing "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name," to be immediately followed by "Cantique Noel" by Adams.
Bass solo ..... Dr. Morrison
Recessional hymn—"O Come All Ye Faithful."

Cars will run till 1 a. m.

CHRISTMAS MORNING, 10:30 A. M.
Processional hymn—"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing."
Venite ..... Randall
Te Deum ..... Thomas
Benedictus in A ..... Stainer
Introit—"Hark, the Glad Sound" ..... Hall
Kyrie ..... Mendelssohn
Gloria Tibi ..... Mendelssohn
Hymn—"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear."
Offertory—"Sing, O Heavens" ..... Clare
Sanctus ..... Cooper
Communion hymn—"Bread of the World."
Gloria in Excelsis ..... "Old Chant."
Recessional—"Oh, Come All Ye Faithful."

Service will be morning prayer and communion.

St. Matthews.

Corner First and Caruthers streets. The Rev. W. A. M. Hoeck in charge. There will be a full choral celebration of the holy communion with sermon by the rector at 10:30 a. m. The order of service will be as follows:

Processional—"Adesta Fidelas .. No. 59
Kyrie ..... Tonns
Gloria Tibi ..... Dydes
Hymn—"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" ..... No. 51
Sermon.
Hymn—"It Came Upon the Midnight" ..... No. 59
Offertory anthem—"Behold I Bring You Good Tidings" ..... Simper
Sarsum Corda.. From Ely Service Book
Sanctus ..... Tuckerwood
Benedictus ..... Gilbert
Agnus Dei ..... Adams
Gloria in Excelsis ..... Old Chant
Nunc Dimittis ..... Gregorian
Recessional—"O Little Town of Bethlehem" ..... No. 58

DOES NOT WISH TO LOWER PIPES

Joint Meeting Held Yesterday Was Not a Success.

As stated exclusively in yesterday's Journal, a meeting of the Port of Portland Commission and the construction committee of the water committee was held yesterday afternoon in the office of the Chamber of Commerce at 246 Washington street. The meeting was called for the purpose of considering the lowering of the water mains south of the Madison street bridge, as the Port of Portland Commission maintained that a deeper channel must be dug across the river. This cannot be done because the pipes are not low enough. The water committee maintained that the Port of Portland Commission was right, but that the expense of lowering the water mains would be too much—about $28,000. No understanding could be reached at yesterday's meeting, so the matter was referred back to the water committee, who will take the matter up at its next meeting on January 6.

Those who were present were: Representing the water committee—Chairman H. W. Corbett, J. N. Teal, J. Therkelsen, C. A. Dolph, G. W. Bates, Superintendent Frank T. Dodge and Engineer D. D. Clarke. On the part of the Port of Portland Commission—President M. C. Banfield, C. F. Swigert, Col. John McCracken, Alfred Tucker, Charles F. Adams and Clerk E. T. C. Stevens. Johan Poulsen, George L. Brown, chief engineer of the Oregon Water Power & Railway Company, and William T. Muir were on hand to explain the views of the property owners.

FRANCHISE IS APPROVED

Board Postpones Granting of Cook Avenue Contract.

Four bids for the Cook avenue sewer were considered yesterday by the Board of Public Works. The lowest bid, that of J. B. Simmons, was for $9,838.41; but some little discussion was brought forth on account of the loose construction of the bid, which might admit of two interpretations, the one raising it about $4,000. The other bids were: Frailey, Sweeney & Keating, $77,959.70; the Jacobson-Bade Company, $81,810.20, and John Kiernan, $88,303.16.

A lively discussion followed the presentation of the bids which resulted in laying them over until the next meeting. It was the opinion of most of the board that the Simmons bid would be accepted if the meaning could be made clear, so that the city or property owners would not be liable to the extra $4,000.

The ordinance granting the Oregon Water Power & Railway Company a franchise on East Water street was approved by the board. Messrs. Williams and Cogswell made serious objections to the ordinance, but both stated that they would vote for it because the Council had amended it according to the wishes of the board.

Mr. Williams' objection was that the city should not be tied to a franchise for 25 years which gave a company the right to charge a flat 5-cent fare during the whole period. This objection was met by Mayor Williams, who argued that it was necessary to the life of the company and the welfare of its patrons that the 5-cent fare privilege should be granted. "At any time a Council might be installed hostile to the company and with this power to regulate the fare could kill the company," argued the Mayor. Mr. Mills sided with the Mayor, and after some discussion the ordinance was unanimously passed.

LESS THAN THREE DAYS.

Time, Portland to Chicago, via O. R. & N., is Seventy Hours.

The popular O. R. & N. "Chicago-Portland Special," leaving Portland every morning at 9 o'clock, makes the trip to Chicago in 70 hours. You can save a working day by this route. Inquire O. R. & N. ticket office, Third and Washington.

Coffman's Xmas Candies.

THEATRE

TONIGHT'S ATTRACTIONS.

The Marquam Grand—Dark.
The Baker—"Charity Ball."
Cordray's—"Pickings From Puck."

COMING ATTRACTIONS.

The Marquam Grand—Andrew Robson in "Richard Carvel," special Christmas matinee, and Thursday, Friday and Saturday night and matinee.

The Baker—"Charity Ball," special Christmas matinee and Thursday, Friday and Saturday night and matinee.

Cordray's—"Pickings From Puck," special Christmas matinee, and Thursday, Friday and Saturday night and matinee.

"Charity Ball" Brilliant Success.

The presentation at the Baker Theater of the week's offering, "Charity Ball," is brilliant. The Neill Stock Company is giving the best performance of the season, which, in view of the excellent work that has been done heretofore, is high praise. The members of the company are cast correctly, permitting the highest efficiency.

The play is a literary mosaic, in which are set in artistic contrast comedy and pathos. It abounds in situations that arrest and hold the attention in every act, with increasing interest to the end.

"Pickings From Puck."

"Pickings From Puck," a musical farce, is the bill at Cordray's and is drawing good business this week. It has no plot, and is merely a string of specialties, with dancing girls as the most prominent feature. There are several good numbers, and no small amount of amusement for those who wish for mere recreation.

MANAGERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS.

New Years' Week at Cordray's.

"The Irish Pawnbrokers," the farce-comedy to be presented at Cordray's Theatre for one week beginning Sunday matinee, December 28, is described as a play designed to promote side-shaking laughter and a contagion of fun. The new and catching title is an indication of its original and humorously infectious composition. It deals with a new subject in a unique way and appeals forcibly to that large and intelligent class of theatre goers who prefer to shed tears of laughter over comical actions, sayings and songs rather than weep over sombre and pathetic melodramatic representations of misfortunes in real life. This farce is a bracer—a genuine comical elixir. Special matinee New Year's Day. Usual matinees Sunday and Saturday.

At Cordray's Tomorrow.

Willard Simms, the "polite lunatic" in the original "Belle of New York" company, which scored such a hit in this country and in London, is now playing in the principal comedy role in "Pickings From Puck," a review of current events, humorously and artistically treated. Mr. Simms is at once a clever comedian, an enjoyable singer and one of the easiest dancers on the American stage. The play is elaborate in every respect and there is a capable interpreting company, including Miss Katharine Lisyard, a handsome woman and fine singer. This company is delighting large audiences at Cordray's every night. In fact it is just the play for Christmas week. A special Christmas holiday matinee will be given tomorrow at 2:15.

The Bostonians.

The Bostonians in their magnificent production of "Robin Hood" packed the Academy of Music, New York, to the doors at every performance. It was a question of "standing room only" every night and on many occasions the number of people unable to get admission would have filled an average New York theatre. H. C. Barnabee, W. H. MacDonald and Grace Van Studdford are the particular stars of the organization, which is reported finer this season even than the original cast of "Robin Hood." The scenic display is beautiful in the extreme; no lovelier settings have been seen on any stage than the pictures of Sherwood Forest with its ever varying lights. The gathering of "Robin Hood's" famous archers, the company of the king's men and the gorgeous costuming of the bridal party give exquisite coloring to the ensembles. There is comedy galore and a story of love and intrigue delightfully told. The new "Robin Hood" is a splendid fellow; more fascinating than ever. The Bostonians' engagement at the New York Academy of Music was the most successful of the organization's career. It is a fact that existing engagements here and elsewhere prevented this brilliant company staying all season in New York, which it could easily have done to big business, but the touring contracts could not be broken. It will be the opening attraction of the Bostonians' three nights' engagement at the Marquam Grand Opera House, beginning Monday evening.

Monday, Tuesday nights and Wednesday matinee, "Robin Hood." Wednesday night, the new opera "Maid Marion."

The advance sale of seats will be placed on sale next Friday morning at 10 o'clock, when not more than 10 seats will be sold to one person for any single performance. Seats must be taken at the window.

The Bostonians this season carry the largest chorus they have had in years, 22 more than usual, giving a total with the ballet, etc., of 82 people.

The Bostonians expect to produce an entirely new opera in the spring, and will open with it in New York this season.

Miss Grace Van Studdford is the prima donna of the Bostonians this season, and will sing the principal soprano role in the elaborate production of "Maid Marion" which will take place in this city.

Next Week at the Baker.

Starting with the usual Sunday matinee and running for the balance of the week the Neill Stock Company will present at The Baker Theater the late Charles Hoyt's best comedy, "A Temperance Town." This play is strictly a comedy and of an order that will please and entertain any and all who are fortunate enough to witness a production of it. The characters are every one of them splendid, depicting the curious natures of the various characters they represent in a manner that is absolutely correct to the smallest degree. "A Temperance Town" will be received with an ovation by the patrons of The Baker Theater, the capacity of which will be tested at every performance.

On New Year's Day a special holiday matinee will be given by The Neill Stock Company at The Baker, for which occasion the usual Saturday and Sunday matinee prices will prevail.

Richard Carvel.

Andrew Robson is announced to appear at the Marquam Grand Theatre tomorrow, Christmas afternoon and night, Friday and Saturday nights, and a special matinee Saturday, in the part of all parts for which nature seems to have moulded him, the daring "Richard Carvel," in the play of that same name; and it is said that few actors have fulfilled the requirements of a character with more distinction and satisfaction. The play is of intense interest, and its composition so natural in construction that one does not think of it as a romance created in the imaginative brain of a literary genius, but simply accepts the events as if they had really happened, so deftly and ingeniously are the characters drawn and presented. The entire play betrays an originality in conception and a naturalness of force and harmony in coloring that places it today as one of the greatest romantic dreams of this decade; and in its presentation this season the management has spared neither effort nor expense in obtaining what is promised as a most excellent company, as well as embellishing the play with a scenic investiture which is said to be superior to any former presentation of this celebrated romance.

NEW SECRETARY IS KEPT BUSY

Receives Letters From Future Oregon Citizens.

W. B. Harris, superintendent of schools at Danbury, N. C., has written a letter to H. L. Sisler, the local agent of the C., St. P. M. & O. Ry., asking for general information concerning this part of the country, as he is about to emigrate to either Oregon or Washington the early part of next spring.

Mr. Sisler referred the letter to Secretary Shillock, of the Portland Board of Trade, who has prepared a lengthy communication, as also other advertising matter, which he will either mail or ship to Mr. Harris, for the latter's benefit and information.

The new secretary is also in receipt of a communication from a gentleman from Grand Rapids, Mich., who wishes to come to this city to establish a manufacturing concern whose business it will be to manufacture plumbing supplies. He states that there is a good field here and with the financial assistance of either the commercial organizations of this city or that of individual citizens, he would assist in making Portland the manufacturing city that it ought to be. Mr. Shillock referred this letter to the Manufacturers' Association of this city for further action.

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AMUSEMENTS.

MARQUAM GRAND. Cal. Heilig, Manager. Xmas attraction. Beginning with the Xmas Mat. and continuing Xmas night, Fri. and Sat. nights, with a special Mat. Sat., Mr. Andrew Robson in "RICHARD CARVEL." Evening prices—Entire parquette, $1.50. Entire parquette circle, $1. Balcony, first 6 rows, 75c; last 6 rows, 50c. Gallery, 35c, 25c. Boxes and loges, $10. Xmas Matinee prices—Entire parquette, $1. Entire parquette circle, 75c. Entire balcony, 50c. Gallery, 35c 25c. Boxes and loges, $7.50. Seats are now selling.

The BAKER Theatre. Geo. L. Baker Manager. Tonight and every night this week (except Friday night). Matinee Sat. and Special Matinee Christmas Day, Belasco and De Mille's beautiful play, "THE CHARITY BALL." Christmas Matinee prices same as any Matinee—10c, 15c, 25c. Evening—15c, 25c, 35c, 50c. New Year's week, starting with usual Sunday Matinee, Dec. 28, Hoyt's best play, "A Temperance Town."

CORDRAY'S Theatre. J. F. Cordray, Manager. Christmas Week — Tonight and every night this week. Grand Christmas Holiday Matinee and usual Sat. Matinee Mr. Willard Simm's in the latest musical novelty, "PICKINGS FROM PUCK." Select specialties, rich melodies, diverting dialogues and a cast of 25 people. Prices—Evenings, 25c, 50c. Sat. Matinee, 25c to any part of house; children, 10c. Christmas Holiday Matinee prices same as evening.

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