

CRESCENT CITY IS CELEBRATING

REPRODUCTION OF THE FUNCTIONS OF A HUNDRED YEARS AGO—CITY IS DAILY DECORATED—NOTED GUESTS PARTICIPATE IN THE CENTENNIAL FESTIVITIES.

(Journal Special Service.) New Orleans, Dec. 18.—The Crescent City today looks like Nice or Seville in carnival time. It is un-American in color of decorations, in the banners and mottoes displayed, and in the dress and speech of the numerous sailors and naval officers seen about the streets. True, the stars and stripes are almost everywhere to be seen side by side or interlarded with the foreign colors, but with this exception, in the detail of the decorations, studied efforts have been made to give New Orleans the same outward aspect it bore a century ago, when it was more French than American, and with a strong admixture of Spanish in the population and customs.

Elaborate Colonial Ball.
When the leaders of New Orleans society, together with distinguished diplomats, army and naval officers and other invited guests, gathered in the old French opera-house, tonight for the grand ball which is to usher in the three days' celebration of the Louisiana purchase centennial, it will not be difficult for the onlooker to see in his mind's eye the similar scene of exactly 100 years ago, when the belles and beaux of the city, with Spanish, French and American civil and military officers, danced the gay minuet at what was called the transfer ball.

Many Distinguished Guests.
The ladies of the Louisiana Historical society having in charge the arrangements for tonight's function have carried out their plans in a way to insure the success of the affair. Among the guests of note will be the Spanish and French ambassadors and officers of the French, Spanish and American war vessels now at New Orleans. The ladies will dress in the costume of 1803. New Orleans belles, descendants of those who took part in the original ceremonies, will open the ball with a minuet. At midnight the dancing will be interrupted with an old-fashioned New Orleans supper, similar in every particular to that served at the transfer ball a century ago.

PLAN FOR REFORM OF WOMEN IS FAILURE

(Journal Special Service.) Spokane, Wash., Dec. 18.—The preacher's crusade against scarlet women was given a unique test by the Spokane Press. Rev. George Wallace, head of the clergy who are agitating the subject, had declared he would hire any girl from the red light district if she would reform. His theory is to let the scarlet women hire out as servants or go to jail. The Press sent a woman of the slums to his home. He offered her a job in his mother's house, where the girl had to do washing for a family of six, wax hardwood floors, do general housework, but had no use of bath. Her salary was \$15 a month. The girl laughed in the face of her mistress and left in disgust.

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BAKER'S THEATRE HAS NEW INGENUE

The stock company of Baker's theatre has an acquisition in the person of Miss Oza Waldrop, who will take the ingenue roles, commencing next week.



OZA WALDROP.

with "The Midnight Bell." Miss Waldrop is a bright, energetic young lady, favorably known along the Pacific Coast, having played in the Alcazar theatre in San Francisco for the past three years. When here at the Marquam last year she made quite a hit in "The Dairy Farm." When asked this morning about the stage kiss, Miss Waldrop, who is a southerner by birth, would only reply that it all depends upon who the man is that is playing the opposite role. Miss Waldrop has engaged apartments at the Hobart-Curtis.

LEA, BUT NOT "THE FORSAKEN"

The young French girl, Lea, who, about three months ago was sent to the House of the Good Shepherd, is now free to remain in this country. The immigration authorities had her arrested shortly after her arrival on the ground that she had come to this country to lead an improper life. When the case came to trial recently, her friends in the north end, who were fighting for her release, won. The girl has reformed, it is said, while under the sisters' care, and now refuses to return to the slums. Her former friends are consequently disgruntled at having spent the money to get her out of the authorities' hands. The girl will for the present remain under the sisters' charge in the House of the Good Shepherd of her own volition.

BIG EAST RIVER BRIDGE TO OPEN

WILL CONNECT LONG ISLAND WITH MANHATTAN—GREATEST STRUCTURE OF ITS KIND IN THE WORLD—GRAND CELEBRATION IN HONOR OF THE EVENT.

(Journal Special Service.) New York, Dec. 18.—Tomorrow, with the booming of cannon, bursting of rockets and the cheering of thousands, the Williamsburg bridge, spanning the East river from Manhattan Island to the Williamsburg section of Long Island, will be formally opened. The bridge is the largest suspension bridge in the world.

At the celebration Mayor Low, Mayor-elect McClellan, the borough presidents of Manhattan and Brooklyn, and many other municipal officials will take part, and with the picturesque marine parade and the procession on land, the opening up of the new connecting link between Manhattan and Brooklyn will be fittingly observed.

Many Will Be Represented.
It was thought up to the last moment that President Roosevelt would be able to assist at the ceremonies, but word has been received from him that it would be impossible for him to be present. However, the federal government will be represented by a number of officials, and it is probable that several craft from the Brooklyn navy yard, which is not far from the Williamsburg end of the new bridge, will take a conspicuous part in the opening ceremonies.

Flags and Lights Galore.
Thirty-five thousand flags, some of them 50 feet long, are being used to decorate the great span and approaches. At each of the entrances stands of colors fill the air with red, white and blue, and each upright is almost hidden beneath a mass of patriotic hues. Tomorrow night the entire structure, from anchorage to anchorage, across the span over the river, and the ends of the approach, will be outlined in incandescent electric lights. There will be about 20,000 of these, and they will sparkle from the main cables and all the hanging parts of the huge web, and will outline every girder and brace of the latticework towers from their foundations to their apexes.

Supplementing the electrical display will be a show of fireworks that will last an hour. The chief feature of this exhibition will be a set piece, representing Niagara Falls. This is 1,000 feet wide and the fall will be from the roadway of the span to the river itself, a distance of nearly 140 feet.

MR. HUNT HANKERS FOR NEW QUARTERS

Chief Charles H. Hunt, the head of the Portland police department, has had the partition in his inner office removed and the two rooms into one. This gives the official a more cheerful place in which to work, and he declares, a little more fresh air. "The need of a new station," said Chief Hunt, "is quite apparent. The old quarters have been in use for more than 30 years, and besides we should have a location nearer the main business section of the city. The time is past when the telephone and other call devices bring the officers in touch with the city and it takes but a few minutes to reach the scene of a disturbance. "The East Side has been growing very fast during the past few years, and it is high time substations were located across the river. Then, too, a station should be located near the Lewis and Clark fair site when the exposition opens. But these improvements take time, and I suppose we will get them within a few years."

BAD WORDS AND TIN CANS PASSED

"The language used, judge, was not fit for publication," said Mrs. Kate Hanniford, a witness in the police court yesterday. Judge Hogue evidently was of the same opinion, for he fined Mrs. Rose Mortenson \$10 for using profane and abusive language, and warned the complaining witness, Mrs. Mary C. Dill, to be a little sparing of her talk in the future. The Dills and the Mortensons are neighbors residing on Grant street, and the trouble between them is of long standing. Mrs. Hanniford lives in one of Mrs. Mortenson's houses in the latter's yard, and the row which led to the arrest began because Mrs. Hanniford invited Mrs. Dill to call upon her. Mrs. Hanniford objected, bad words were passed, and the defendant declares also a few tin cans and other loose rubbish. The fracas occurred last month, but complaint was not made until yesterday, because Mrs. Dill's husband objected to his wife's appearing in court.

FOUND OUT WHO STRUCK PAT MURPHY

Admitting that he assaulted Pat Murphy with a "blackjack," Robert Hamilton, a bartender in the Majestic saloon, a notorious north end resort, was fined \$20 in the police court yesterday. Jonnie Davis, charged jointly with Hamilton in the assault, was fined a like amount. William Nelson, another bartender, was discharged because of lack of evidence. Murphy went into the Majestic last Sunday night, and is said to have attempted to make love to the Davis woman. She resumed his action and threw a glass of beer in the sailor's face. Trouble was on in a minute, and when the smoke cleared Murphy was stretched out with a lump on his head and Hamilton was standing over him. The smallness of the fine gives no chance for appeal, but Oscar C. Stone, who appeared for the defense, informed the court that he would endeavor to find a way to bring the case before a higher court for hearing.

WASHINGTON MAY ASSIST.
The Walla Walla chamber of commerce is in favor of the Dalles-Celilo portage road and believes that Washington as a state should favor this projected enterprise. The chamber has forwarded the following resolution, adopted December 8, to the secretary of the Portland chamber of commerce: "Resolved, That the Walla Walla Chamber of Commerce desires to assist in every way toward the construction of a portage road at The Dalles, and believes that the state of Washington should assist, if possible, in the construction of said road, and if legal objections prevent such assistance we believe that every business man and farmer of the inland



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FELL FROM THE HEAVENS.

Wednesday night Robert Wilson of Fossil saw a meteor fall on Male Shoe butte, 22 miles southeast of Fossil. He secured it next morning and placed it on exhibition at the Fossil public school. It appeared to be round and about the size of a man's fist when falling. It was flattened by the fall, and the present size is 19x24 inches and four inches thick.

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The man who looks as if he had lost his last friend is in no danger of being crushed by the jam of new ones unless he "cheers up." People are not going out of their way nowadays to associate with the man of mournful and melancholy appearance. They are afraid he will tell them his troubles and they steer clear of him as they all have plenty of their own. The most universal cause of forlorn and hopeless appearance today is dyspepsia. It unfits a man for every duty of life and causes him to become dependent and gloomy and necessarily his looks do not belie his feelings. He appears cast down and dejected and becomes a burden to himself and humanity in general.

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