

GOOD CHEER FOR CITY'S TOILERS

PORTLAND WILL OBSERVE CHRISTMAS BY CHASING ALL WORK FOR THE DAY—POSTOFFICE OPEN FOR TWO HOURS IN THE MORNING—OTHER OFFICES CLOSE.

Along Washington street from First street to Seventh is where the crowd is thick on the day before Christmas. There are always a few little presents for sale, and some one that must not be overlooked, and Christmas eve means business for the storekeeper. The proprietor stands and rubs his hands in silent mirth as he watches the busy clerks. For tomorrow's Christmas, the usual festive dining among the jumping jacks and toy engines, seeking something for the children, smiles inwardly, thinking of the joy his gifts will bring. For tomorrow's Christmas, the little ragged boy peeping into the gorgeous show window, wishing he had everything in sight, gurgles with glee and points with a grimy finger at some object that the baby sister by his side, has overlooked. He can't have it, neither can she, but both are happy. For tomorrow's Christmas, the Salvation Army worker, dressed as Santa Claus, who jingles his bells and asks for contributions that the poor may taste of the joys of the rich, rattles his "stuffed turkey." The big blue-coated policeman on the corner tells the crowd not to block the street in front of the baker's stand in a tone meant to be gruff, but it isn't. For tomorrow's Christmas, and even the stray dog as he dodges the broom of the playful guardian of the peace, does so without a yelp and trots on his journey nowhere in particular. For tomorrow's Christmas and he may get something to eat.

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Longing for his old home at the jail, "Boxcar" Casey returned voluntarily Wednesday afternoon. Casey had just secured his freedom after serving sentence. He soon found sufficient Chinese gin to make him happy, and returned. Jailer Branch "shooed" him away, but Casey refused to go. He became so boisterous that he had to be locked up, and Casey will spend Christmas as usual behind the bars. The police say Casey was afraid he would get no dinner at all Christmas, so he broke into jail.

At St. Vincent's hospital the day will be celebrated with mass at 5:30 a. m., celebrated by Monsignore Blanchet, followed by two other masses. At 2 p. m. there will be benediction and vespers, and it is expected that Archbishop Christie will be present to celebrate this service.

On all holidays the Flower mission usually visits the hospitals, brightening the lives of the sick and sad with presents of flowers. Christmas will be a visiting day, and many a patient will be remembered by friends and relatives. There are nine poor children at the hospital, and while as yet no arrangements have been made to make the day one to be remembered by them, it is expected that some kindly persons will interest themselves and make the occasion a memorable one for them. An unusually fine dinner will also be served.

"In addition to giving out baskets of edibles," said Major Dubbin of the Salvation Army, "we will give a dinner to 100 men lodging in our Men's Shelter at 48 North Second street. The dinner will be served from a nearby restaurant and paid for by the Salvation Army, for we have no time to cook it ourselves."

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RELEASED FROM COUNTY JAIL

AUGUST CHAPLAIN, DESERTER FROM FRENCH BARK EUROPE, PUT ABOARD THE VESSEL TO MAKE VOYAGE TO THE UNITED KINGDOM.

Taken this afternoon from the county jail where he has languished for the past few weeks on a charge of desertion, August Chaplain, able seaman, was placed aboard the French bark Europe from which he quietly fled shortly after her arrival in port. Chaplain will now be obliged to make a voyage to the United Kingdom unless he again manages to escape before the sun rises in the east on Christmas morn.

The vessel is now anchored in the stream and according to the present program will leave down the river tomorrow. After Chaplain deserted he went to Sullivan's sailor boardinghouse and remained a couple of days. He was regarded as a first-class seaman and the captain decided to institute search for him. His whereabouts were soon learned and it was decided to have him placed in jail until the bark was prepared for the sea. To take him back to the vessel it was feared that he would only repeat his former offense by going ashore without permission.

To keep Chaplain in his employ has been an expensive undertaking to the shipowners. For the two days he was at the sailor boardinghouse Sullivan presented and collected a bill of \$17.75. A big board bill was also run up at the jail, which will come out of the owners' pockets.

The Europe is bound for Queenstown or Falmouth for orders. Her cargo consists of 132,517 bushels of wheat, valued at \$106,600. The shipper is the Portland Grain company.

This cleans up the French vessels in port and perhaps the wheat export business for the calendar year. The bark La Pontaine will probably be the next French vessel to reach Portland. She is now out 165 days from Antwerp with a general cargo. The La Pontaine was here last year but only remained a short time. Shortly after her arrival she was ordered to Puget Sound. Captain Haumon, her commander, is well and favorably known in Portland.

ASPHALT DECISION WOULD CAUSE RUIN

JUDGE KIRKPATRICK'S ORDER FOR A LEVY OF A \$24,000,000 ASSESSMENT UPON STOCKHOLDERS OF TRUST CAUSES UNEASINESS IN FINANCIAL CIRCLES.

(Journal Special Service.)
Philadelphia, Dec. 24.—Judge Kirkpatrick's order for a levy of a \$24,000,000 assessment upon the stockholders of the American Asphalt company threatens several capitalists of this and other cities with financial annihilation. The decree opens the way for suits that may maul three men, George W. Elkies, George Crocker and William J. Latta in no less sum than \$4,000,000. It is certain that Elkies and Crocker could survive the blow and still have a few millions on which to live, while with William J. Latta the disaster will be complete. Although prominent as a successful promoter, Latta, according to reports is not a rich man, and the decree assessment of \$40 upon each of his 3,000 shares in the defunct asphalt trust ruins up a total that menaces him with ruin. P. A. B. Widener and his son, George M. Widener, are among the hardest hit of the original asphalt group. The father stands to lose \$2,000,000 and the son \$150,000.

CONDUCTOR SHOTS TWO DESPERADOES

(Journal Special Service.)
Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 24.—Conductor Carr of the Southern railway train which reached here today shot and killed two negro desperadoes near Heatham, Miss. this morning when the latter attempted to terrorize passengers. The desperadoes shot an innocent negro bystander, and when the conductor attempted to quiet the negroes they fought. He then shot them and the bodies fell from the moving train. A sheriff who was on the train witnessed the shooting and released the conductor on his own recognizance.

THOMSON WILL BE GIVEN ALL CHANCE

Washington Bureau of The Journal.
Washington, Dec. 24.—Asa B. Thomson of the La Grande land office and Senator Fulton called upon Secretary Hitchcock today. The secretary assured Mr. Thomson that he should be given ample opportunity to present his case and will arrange for a hearing so that it may be gone over in detail and the results submitted to President Roosevelt for his information. Thomson is hopeful that the showing he can make will result in his reinstatement.

GREAT WORK OF THE LAWMAKERS

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H. B. 21, special committee—To appropriate \$100,000 for a right of way for a canal at Celilo; passed.
The house joint memorial favoring the passage of the Brownlow bill by congress was adopted.

H. B. 16—Fixing the salary of county judge of Josephine county; passed.
S. B. 12, Mays—Relating to title to state lands; reported favorably by committee on ways and means and referred to the judiciary committee.

At 11:30 p. m. the senate adjourned sine die.

Branded Hypocrites.
The last salary bill was thrashed just before the closing of the senate last night. It brought out some fireworks in the discussion line. Brownell and Kuykendall insisted that the bill was unconstitutional. Smith of Multnomah rose in ire and sent some hot shots at the opposition, insisting that they answer the question whether they were pledged to support the bill or not. Smith wound up by saying the constitution in this case cut no figure. That the bill was one of merit and would save the state at least \$50,000 a year, and the idea of bringing in a remote technical point in the face of a wide-open business proposition was absurd. He declared that all the Republicans had opposed the bill were political hypocrites.

DETAILS OF THE WORK.

Notable Measures Enacted Toward the End of the Extra Session.
Salem, Or., Dec. 24.—It was nearing midnight last night when the Oregon legislature adjourned the extraordinary session sine die, after disposing of the most important legislation that has come before that body in a decade, and in the best of humor the members left for their several homes, happy in the thought of work well done.

For only three days the solons were in session, but those three days were the busiest of any half week ever put in by the Oregon lawmakers. Called in special session to remedy a defect in the assessment laws so as to enable the state, counties, cities and school districts to levy and collect their taxes in 1909, the legislature did not stop at that, but after repealing the Phelps act, the objectionable piece of legislation, the solons re-enacted the old tax law, re-enacted the \$300 exemption law, placed an act on the statute books legalizing the collection of fees for recording documents and transfers by the several county recorders, and appropriated \$100,000 for the purchase, by the state, of a right of way for the ship canal at Celilo, so that the general government will build the canal at a cost of \$1,250,000. The bill was largely drawn up by Judge M. L. Egan of Portland who attended the session in its interest. In addition a number of minor bills were disposed of, charter bills passed and other defects in existing laws cured, and all at an expense of only \$7,500 to the state.

Car Shortage Bill.

When the car shortage bill came up for consideration yesterday afternoon a sharp fight was on. Speaker Harris called Mr. Banks to the chair, and an effort was made to go into committee of the whole. This was objected to and the reading of the bill was proceeded with in the house, when, after it was read, Mr. Eddy moved a committee of the whole, so that amendments might be offered. This was agreed to after a short wrangle, but when the motion carried, Mr. Banks called Mr. Eddy to the chair and that gentleman himself cut out of the debate by being compelled to take the chair. The bill was read and on considering the first section, Mr. Hodson offered several amendments, increasing the time limit from 10 to 15 days, to 15 to 20 days, and providing that the transportation companies should be required to furnish only the equipment in case the desired equipment was in the possession of the companies. A wide discussion followed. Then Mr. Judd offered an amendment changing the limit to 10 days. This was defeated. Hodson, Cobb and Reed supported the measure, while Jones of Lincoln, Banks, Harris, and others opposed the amendment. On motion of Malarky the amendments offered were taken up separately. During the progress of this vote Reed suddenly broke out and attacked the speaker to the great amusement of that gentleman and the whole house. The committee voted for all of the changes and then the bill was read and passed. Mr. Jones offered an amendment for discussion, Judge Hale, Mr. Malarky and others opposing the amendment, until Mr. Harris offered an additional amendment providing that the kind of cars required be furnished. This was adopted.

Kay Takes the Floor.

When the amendment was disposed of Mr. Kay took the floor and showed that the rate question should be considered with all the other questions involved. Mr. Jones also took the floor and pleaded with the opponents of the bill, to not let it go. Mr. Follett followed and pleaded for the bill, for his opposition to the measure which, he said, would relieve the distress in the lumber and other industries, and argued for the measure that would give relief. Judge Hale also opposed Kay. Reed followed, even by the way, saying, could not be continued long enough to effect a cure; for a disordered and worn-out stomach.

among them one increasing the pay of circuit judges in Multnomah county to \$4,000, \$1,000 of the salary to be paid by that county.

A senate memorial to congress, asking that rural mail-carriers' salaries be increased to \$800 per annum, passed both houses.

The house appointed a committee providing that the desk clerks of the house, together with the speaker and one member revise the Journal at the per diem allowed the chief clerk. Mr. Gault being appointed on the committee.

A senate memorial urging the Oregon delegation to support the Brownlow good-roads bill in congress was adopted by both houses.

The house also passed a senate bill appropriating \$2,500 for the Soldiers' home for furnishing new barracks, and one providing that lands sold for taxes may be redeemed with a penalty of 10 per cent.

The senate, after a hot fight, defeated the Kay flat-salary bill by a vote of 13 yeas to 10 nays. From 11 to 12 o'clock the house was in recess most of the time, and at the latter hour both houses adjourned after resolutions were adopted, thanking the presiding officers for their impartial work.

Car Shortage Bill.

Aside from the gambling bill, the measure attracting the most attention and causing the most debate in the house, was the bill introduced by Mr. Jones of Lincoln county, the purpose of which was the giving of relief to the shippers from the present car famine. There seemed to be a well-organized railroad lobby in attendance, at any rate a number of people in the lobby was anxiously watching the progress of the bill, and when the opponents of the measure lost point upon point, and the passage of the bill became assured, the lobby appeared crestfallen. They picked up new hope, however, when it became evident that the many minor amendments would

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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 the forlorn and hopeless appearance today is dyspepsia. It unites a man for every duty of life and causes him to become despondent and gloomy and necessarily his looks do not belie his feelings. It appears cast down and dejected and brings a burden to himself and humanity in general.

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By this means a man can go right about his work, keep his mind clear and keep him in proper working condition. His system is not deprived of its necessary nourishment as it is in the case of the "starvation cure" or the employment of some of the first-class chicken foods now on the market. Starvation, even by the way, is a thing, could not be continued long enough to effect a cure; for a disordered and worn-out stomach.

prevent its immediate passage, and that it would have to go to the enrolling committee, for it appeared that if the bill went to the committee there was a chance of having it snowed under. The refusal of the house, therefore, to suspend the rules at 5:30 p. m., to place the bill on its final passage, came as a gleam of sunshine after a storm, but at the evening session, the bill came up for final passage, and after a brief debate, was defeated by a vote of 26 yeas to 24 nays, failing to receive the necessary 31 votes.

SHE FLED TO MARRY
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the statute of limitations. But her statements, while failing to harm the men she accused, proved that she was an illegal resident in the country and subject to deportation.

Chow Sheem was not taken into custody at the time, the officials believed that she would make no attempt to escape from the rescue home. But when the proposed elopement was discovered the warrant was immediately issued.

Moy Bun's Claim.
The dispute over the girl, which led to the taking of the case in hand by the authorities, has been settled, it is claimed. Moy Bun was willing that his slave should become the wife of young Lim Yow, but he demanded that he pay her full value. The demand was refused. Shortly after the escape, Bow Kam, another of Moy Bun's slaves mysteriously died and Yuen Bing was charged with the responsibility by the Chinese highlander societies. It is claimed that Yuen Bing and Lim Yuen have now settled with Moy Bun, but their discussions served to bring the case to the attention of the authorities, who now insist on the deportation of Chow Sheem.

WOMAN SETS FIRES.
(Journal Special Service.)
Cleveland, Dec. 24.—Mrs. Dora Robinson has been arrested at Oberlin, charged with arson. Seventeen incendiary fires of recent date are attributed by the officers to her.

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