

### ARREST RECORD BADLY BEATEN

**DURING DECEMBER 958 ARRESTS WERE MADE BY POLICE, THE LARGEST NUMBER IN THE CITY'S HISTORY—MAJORITY WERE RELEASED BY CHIEF HUNT.**

The report of Capt. Charles Gritzmaacher, who keeps the records at the city jail, shows that the month just closed breaks all previous records in the number of arrests by Portland police.

The total for December is 958 arrests, an unprecedented number. The average monthly number since Chief Hunt went into office last January has been 700, while the previous average for each 30 days was about 500.

The large increase for December, according to the chief, has been due to the vigilance of his men. A great many of those booked on the station docket were held as suspicious characters. Many of these were released after the chief questioned them, and then were ordered to leave the city. Many other "drunks" and alleged vagrants were also released by the chief.

"I have had officers in plain clothes detailed to round up all suspicious persons," said the chief today. "They have been very active, and this accounts for the many arrests in December. The floating population, which has drifted into Portland has been kept on the go, and we have been constantly hustling them along and ridding the city of the undesirable element. There has been a heavy influx of transients into this city during the last few months, and it has kept us busy rounding them up."

The great number of arrests means much work for Captain Gritzmaacher, who has to keep an accurate record of each case as well as its disposition. "Discharged by the chief" is a very frequent notation on the books.

### COMMODORE GERRY AIDS UNFORTUNATE

The generosity of Commodore Elbridge T. Gerry was felt in Portland on Christmas day when he distributed \$500 in checks among six local hospitals and charitable institutions. The charitable act of Mr. Gerry was justly praised and the gratefulness of the beneficiaries is being shown upon him by the scores of unfortunates to whom Christmas cheer was made possible through his kindness.

The baby home, St. Vincent's hospital, the Good Samaritan hospital, the Children's home, the Boys' and Girls' Aid society, the Patton-home for the aged and indigent each received a check for \$100 to provide luxuries for the inmates.

**HIS GOLD-HANDLED GIFT.**  
Twenty employes and the office boy of Hester, May & Co., walked out of the store of the firm yesterday afternoon and refused to return to work unless L. May, the senior partner, was produced in the office. In answer to the summons Mr. May appeared and met his insolvent employees, who through their spokesman, W. H. Blaney, requested him with a handsome gold-mounted umbrella.

### FOR GOVERNMENT ASSAY OFFICE

**H. L. NELSON OF BAKER CITY THINKS ONE SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED IN OREGON FOR THE BENEFIT OF MINING MEN—UPHOLDS LETSON BILLET.**

"If Letson Billet used the mails to further a fraud when he advertised the White Swan mine," remarked H. L. Nelson, a Baker City mining man, last evening, "there isn't a mining broker in Eastern Oregon who isn't guilty of the same offense. The White Swan is a good property and Billet will yet come out on top."

Mr. Nelson was born within sight of Portland but has resided in the Baker mining country for the past 25 years. He is spending the winter in this city on account of his health. He is connected with the Le Roy mine, eight miles from Baker City, and has followed mining for 25 years.

"This state is in pressing need of a government assay office," said Mr. Nelson, "and I believe it will be but a short time until one is established. Of course Portland is the largest city in the state, but still Baker is in the heaviest mining district and the establishment of the office there would be nearer the scene of the largest operations."

In discussing the forest reserves Mr. Nelson said:  
"The mining men as a general rule feel that the reserve law is too stringent and is an injustice. There is much of the land included within the reserve that is rich in minerals but it cannot be prospected. Let one find a claim over so rich and he could not acquire title to it. I believe the mining men will take some action regarding legislation on the subject themselves, before so very long."

**BRICKLAYERS ELECT.**  
The Bricklayers' international union met Wednesday evening and elected the following officers:  
President, W. E. Thayer; vice-president, Ben L. Cason; recording secretary, William Peckley; corresponding secretary, Charles T. Stokes; financial secretary, N. P. Jorgensen; treasurer, W. H. Blaney; sergeant-at-arms, J. Hankins.

**RECEIVED BY KING CHRISTIAN.**  
Copenhagen, Jan. 1.—King Christian, who will soon celebrate his 86th birthday, appeared in excellent health today and did not allow his age to interfere in the least with his customary official obligations of the New Year day. His reception at the palace was attended by all the members of the diplomatic corps and the chief officials of the kingdom. The king, through United States Minister Swenson, conveyed his good wishes to President Roosevelt.

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### "Happy New Year"

### A Musical Greeting

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### CELILLO CANAL IS CONSIDERED

**STATE COMMISSION AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS HOLD CONFERENCE TO LEARN LAND NEEDED AND FORM OF DEED DESIRED BY THE GOVERNMENT.**

At the conference yesterday afternoon of Governor Chamberlain, Attorney General Crawford and Secretary of State Dunbar with Major Langitt, United States engineer, and United States District Attorney Hill, matters of importance in connection with the Celillo canal, chief among them being the right of way, were considered. The first named three represented the state commission and the latter two the government.

The commission's object was to learn just what and how much ground the government would require and what form of deed of transfer would be necessary. At the next meeting District Attorney Hill will present a form of deed for the approval of the commission.

The commission understands that there will be no serious obstacles to securing the right of way, but that the landholders will in all probability try to secure as much of the \$1,000,000 appropriation as possible. Another meeting of the commission will be held with Major Langitt next week, when State Treasurer Moore, the other member of the commission, will be present.

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### MEETING OF NEW MILITARY BOARD

The first meeting of the new state military board, appointed recently by Governor Chamberlain, was held shortly after 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The meeting was simply in connection with the routine work with the formal handing over of the office by the retiring board and the taking up of the duties of the new board. The members of the new board are: Capt. Gordon Voorhies, inspector-general; S. C. Spencer, judge advocate, and Dr. A. B. Gillik, surgeon-general. The military board members are connected with the governor's personal staff; they will go to Salem on Monday and will elect their officers for the coming year. At the meeting yesterday there was a very pleasant time among the members. Special orders were issued accepting the resignations of the old board.

Having served more than seven years in the Oregon National Guard, Col. D. M. Dunne, upon his own request, transferred to the National Guard Veterans. In accepting the resignations of the old board the commander-in-chief expressed his appreciation of the faithful and meritorious services of the officers named, saying that always alert and painstaking in the performance of their duty, their records are such as to warrant high praise.

**BENEFITS OF CITY OWNERSHIP.**  
(Journal Special Service.)  
Duluth, Minn., Jan. 1.—Advocates of municipal ownership of public utilities may now point to the city of Duluth as a striking illustration of the practicability and benefits of their ideas. Today the price of gas for all purposes was reduced to 80 cents per thousand feet, which makes a total reduction of \$1 since the gas lighting plant was taken over by the municipality. Contributing to this remarkable drop in price have been better management under municipal ownership and a larger consumption; but this latter has been due to better management and continued reductions. Under present conditions and at the rate of growth now made, citizens of Duluth believe a year hence will see the price of gas further reduced to 75 cents per thousand feet.

**NO MORE TELEGRAMS.**  
(Journal Special Service.)  
Chicago, Jan. 1.—Official statistics show the year 1903 to have been unusually prolific in serious railroad wrecks. The present year, it is hoped, will show a much better record and railroad officials have agreed upon several innovations and new regulations that are expected to contribute to the general safety of the traveling public. Beginning today, a number of leading lines substitute the telephone for telegraphic orders in the operation of trains. It is believed that this change, which in time

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Contrary to all previous clearance sales held by this house and others, there are few odds and ends and half-sold goods offered for sale by us at this sale. Look in the hands of the contractor for remodeling just five months ago—just the season when others were showing and selling their fall and winter goods. Ours were bought, but never taken from the store. Our pairs were complete. Now they must be sold regardless of value or cost to us. Our price-cutting has been raging all week, until every department has been slashed so low (quality considered) that even the most economical buyer will be surprised. A little money will buy more here than elsewhere.

**DON'T TRIFLE WITH TIME—COME AT ONCE**

### DRESS GOODS

**3700 YARDS**—35-Inch Worsted Scotch Plaids, double-breasted, assorted colors, just the thing for children's school dresses; wool, ready-made, during this sale, \$1.00 to \$1.25.

**1245 YARDS**—Bright Scotch Plaids, with crepe effects and in assorted colors, all new goods, during this sale, \$1.00 to \$1.25.

**700 YARDS** of French Pin Head Checks, pure wool, sold everywhere for \$1.00—our price during this sale only, \$0.75.

**598 YARDS**—Scotch Heather Suitings in 35-40 inches wide, assorted colors, all new goods; sold everywhere at \$1.00—our price during this sale, \$0.75.

**Our line of Black Dress Goods is the largest west of Chicago.**

### SHIRTWAISTS

**363 SHIRTWAISTS**—In all grades of material and colors; were lower in price during this sale, \$3.00, \$4.50 and \$5.50.

**431 SHIRTWAISTS**—With the Oxford effects, were sold twice what we are during this sale, name \$1.75, \$1.50, \$1.00 to as little as \$0.75.

### Ladies' and Children's Underwear

**LADIES' UNDERWEAR**—From Forest galls, vest and pants in pure white, medium weight, well made up, ankle pants; good values at \$1.00 garment—so long as they last during this sale, a garment, \$0.60.

**ANCHORED LOT**—Ladies' heavy-weight color grey, ankle length pants; also light; sold everywhere in the city for \$1.00 a garment—our price during this sale, while they last, a garment, 50c.

**STILL ANOTHER**—Ladies' cream and grey colors, excellent quality and cut; sold everywhere for \$1.00 a pair, and laid down in Portland for \$0.50 a dozen—our price during this sale, per garment, \$0.35.

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### BUSINESS MAKES GIGANTIC STRIDES

**AS THE OLD YEAR DIES THERE ARE MANY PROOFS THAT DURING THE LAST HOUR OF FATHER TIME MANY INSTITUTIONS GREW IN SUCH FAVOR THAT THEIR ADVANCEMENT IS MARKED.**

New York, Dec. 31.—The close of 1903 finds many people expectant as to the reports of the financial institutions. It has been assumed with the changes in valuations of the stock and bond list since July first, that there would be considerable marking off in values and in the reduction of surplus holdings. The New York Life Insurance company is the first of the great corporations to make a statement. The applications for new insurance amounted to \$145,000,000.

The new paid for business accepted by the company for 1903 is \$325,000,000. President McCall states that this last mentioned amount is in excess of the previous year by \$23,000,000. It shows also a gain of over \$190,000,000 in total paid for insurance outstanding which is stated at one billion seven hundred and forty-five millions in amount covered by \$10,000,000 policies. The income of 1903 is over eighty seven millions and is in excess of the income of 1902 by more than eight millions. The company reports also that it does not invest in or loan upon stocks of any kind and that no credit is taken in assets for the excess of the present market value of securities over their cost value, which excess is over two million dollars. The total resources of the company exceed three hundred and fifty million dollars. Its bond holdings increased in 1903 over thirty millions. The policy reserves, as certified by the state insurance superintendent and surplus reserves have been increased during the year by more than thirty-five million dollars. The various bank and trust company officials predict an easy money market. And the stock and other exchange members appear to be well satisfied that trade stagnation and the doubtful views of business improvement will likewise be cleared away in the early part of the year. The large building and railroad operations held up by strikes and tight money market will, it is believed, be resumed very early in the new year. The government export and import figures would seem to indicate that the total exports will fall a few millions below those of 1903, and be about equal to those of 1901; but materially in excess of those of 1902. While the total imports will exceed those of any preceding year, and combined with the exports, make the grand total of commerce more than any preceding year; also that the exports of manufacturers will exceed those of 1902 by several millions. But be somewhat below those of the record year 1900 and perhaps 1901.

There were several other public receptions today. At the Hay's residence a buffet breakfast was tendered the members of the diplomatic corps, but no reception was held. Hay didn't appear among the guests as he is slowly recovering from his Illinois trip. Mrs. Hay acted as hostess.

**ALBANY MUST WALK.**  
(Journal Special Service.)  
Albany, N. Y., Jan. 1.—The heavy drivers struck this morning for higher wages.

**CHINA WOULD HELP JAPAN.**  
(Journal Special Service.)  
London, Jan. 1.—News is current here again that China is making preparations to join Japan in the event of a war with Russia.

### CAPTAIN SHAYER'S HANDSOME PRESENT

Capt. James W. Shaver of the Shaver Transportation company is enjoying this happy New Year day at his home, residing in an elegantly hand-carved Morris chair. It was presented to him last evening as a New Year's gift by the officers of the various steamboats which he operates between Portland and points down the river. The presentation speech was made by Capt. J. A. English. The chair is one of the most expensive that could be purchased in this city.

### NATION'S NEW YEAR

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Next came Signor Mayor de Plancha, ambassador of Italy, and his wife and secretary. The ambassador's uniform was dazzling and his decorations numerous. The ambassador of Austria-Hungary followed. The ambassadors of France, Germany and Great Britain followed in the order given, with their families and secretaries.

**Panama Sends Delegation.**  
After the ambassadors came the ministers, including the representatives of the Netherlands, Sweden and Norway, Guatemala and other countries. The new Republic of Panama was represented by its delegate in this country, and today, as usual, the Chinese minister and his secretaries and attaches were on hand clad in the most gorgeous robes of costly silk.

After the diplomats, President and Mrs. Roosevelt received the supreme court of the United States, headed by Chief Justice Fuller. Then followed the judges of the United States court of claims and the judiciary of the District of Columbia. The reception of members of congress began at 11:30 o'clock and after them came the military contingent and the heads of the various departments of government.

**President Is Watched.**  
The plain people were preceded at 12:30 by the Associated Veterans of the War of 1864-67, the Loyal Legion, Grand Army of the Republic, Union Veterans, Legion of the Union Veterans and the Spanish War Veterans. For nearly two hours persons of all ages, colors, sexes and conditions filed slowly by the president, who had a cheery greeting for all.

The arrangements throughout, were admirable with the result that there were no delays and no untoward incidents. Chief Wilkie and many of his secret service men were on hand and they kept a watchful eye over the chief executive. Remembering the awful horror of President McKinley's public reception at the Buffalo exposition the detectives were careful to permit no one to pass the line with a hand in a pocket or conceal.

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### WELL-LAID PLANS WERE FRUSTRATED

**CAPTAIN WURTMANN OF THE CHRISTEL MADE AN ATTEMPT LAST EVENING TO SKIP A CREW INDEPENDENT OF SAILOR BOARDING HOUSE, BUT FELL DOWN.**

The German ship Christel has completed her grain cargo for the United Kingdom and went into the stream this morning. She will leave down as soon as she gets a crew.

Eight of her sailors deserted, while the vessel was lying in port, and Captain Wurtmann, her commander, decided it would be an economical plan to secure men to take the place of the deserters without paying the sailor boarding-house proprietors the regulation price of \$5 a head. He picked up enough men about the city who expressed a willingness to sign articles to make the voyage. They were stopping at various lodging houses and said they were experienced seamen. The captain took their addresses and completed all arrangements to take them aboard.

Last evening in company with several officials the captain called at the places designated to pick up the new men and take them aboard the vessel. None of them could be found, however, and it was afterwards stated by members of the official party that the men had been induced to take up their quarters at the sailor boarding-house by Sullivan, who had got wind in advance of the plan which was being made to ship a crew without consulting him.

It is now stated to be quite probable that the captain will be obliged to pay the usual rate of \$55 a head for the crew.

**STEAMER LEGGETT ARRIVES IN PORT**

The steam schooner Leggett, Captain Raimier, arrived in port last evening and dropped anchor below the bridges for the night. She came from San Francisco by way of Eureka, taking on there a shipment of 65,000 feet of redwood lumber for shipment to eastern points. This is being discharged today at the Alsworth dock, which is about the only place along the waterfront where any work is being done.

On the return trip the Leggett will take out a mixed cargo of wheat and lumber, which is being shipped by various firms. It is probable from now on that the Leggett will make frequent trips up and down the coast. Her home port is San Francisco.

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