

BELLS WILL CLANG NEW YEAR WELCOME

Celebration of the Birth of Nineteen Hundred and Five Will Be General.

SPECIAL SERVICES AT ALL THE CHURCHES

Chief Hunt Has Warned Enthusiastic Youths Against the Use of Firearms.

Bells will clang a welcome tonight and a solemn dirge; they will toll a funeral and a joyful halilulujah; whistles will scream shrill sounds of welcome and farewell notes of sorrow. The noise and clamor that will express grief for the departing year will tell also of the joy and gladness for the new.

Throughout the city the celebration will be general. The noise will begin at the clock strikes 11 tonight. Special services will be observed in nearly every church and house of worship in the city. At private homes at clubs, at business houses and at all about the event will be observed. At the various Salvation Army posts services will begin at 11 o'clock and continue until after midnight.

The Young Men's Christian association, on Fourth street, has secured a large bell, as well as several strings of sleigh bells, to ring at the auditorium of Fourth street tonight. Commencing at 9 o'clock services will continue until after midnight. A fine program will be presented.

Watchnight services will be observed at the Norwegian Danish M. E. church, Thirteenth and Davis streets, beginning at 9 o'clock and continuing until after 12.

There will be watch meetings at the Men's Resort, Fourth and Burnside streets, and at the headquarters of the Volunteers of America, 267 Ankeny street. At the Volunteer headquarters coffee and cake will be served free. There will be special services.

At the White Temple a special program and special music has been arranged for each hour, beginning at 9 o'clock. All Baptist churches of the city have been invited to participate. The following program has been prepared:

9 p. m. prayer and praise service; 9 p. m. meeting of the Baptist union, Dr. Wooddy presiding, the annual report will be made and several addresses delivered; 10 p. m. social hour and reception, refreshments being served; 11 p. m. preaching and consecration service. Dr. Brougher will preach on "The Trodden and Untrodden Path."

Portland Tent No. 1, Knights of the Macabees, has prepared a unique program that will be observed at a house-warming January 2. During tonight's celebration the explosion of fireworks will not be permitted, according to instructions issued by Chief of Police Hunt. Strict orders have been given to arrest any who ignore the order.

SIGLER RETIRES AND BOOTH SEES PLACE

B. D. Sigler has handed in his resignation as councilman from the fifth ward. It will be presented to the council next Wednesday, when it will be accepted and his successor chosen. Sigler will enter the office of county assessor next Tuesday, to which position he was elected last June.

It has not been settled who will be Sigler's successor in the council. All the members of the council express ignorance regarding the matter, yet it is rumored that a slate is made out and that someone who is agreeable to the Republican machine has his name written there.

J. V. Booth, the only candidate who is making an open fight for the position, has stated that he thinks he has a good chance of being elected.

FORGER WALLACE HAD MAN HELPING HIM

Information was received this morning by Detectives Hartman and Weiner, who arrested Samuel Waller for passing about 20 forged checks in this city and vicinity, that he had an accomplice.

It is believed by the detectives that the forgery of the name of Edson M. Rowley's signature to a check at Vancouver, Wash., was the work of Waller's accomplice.

TOKEN OF ESTEEM TO RETIRING CHIEF

Employees of Engineering Department Present Mr. Elliott With Gold Watch.

THE GIFT PROVES A COMPLETE SURPRISE

With George Scoggins, Who Was Also Remembered, He Will Go Into Business.

W. C. Elliott, whose official duties as city engineer ceased today, was presented with a handsome gold watch by the employees in the engineering department. He knew nothing of what was coming until summoned into the front office, where he found the place crowded with the men who have served under him since he has been at the head of the department. Mayor Williams, who had been asked to preside, presented Mr. Elliott with the gift.

The watch has a hunting case, on the front lid of which are his initials, in the back his name and the inscription, "From the employees of the city engineer's department, Dec. 31, 1904," are engraved.

Mayor Williams said, in presenting the gift: "Mr. Elliott, you are about to retire from the office of city engineer, which position you have filled for the past two and a half years, and the duties of which you have faithfully and honestly performed."

These men who have been associated with you since you have been in office know better than any others of your fidelity to the public interests and your kindness and consideration for your subordinates. They have decided to make you a substantial testimonial of their appreciation of your merits as an officer and a man.

"I have been requested on their behalf to present this gold watch which they ask you to receive and to keep as a token of their friendship and as a testimonial of their belief that the unfriendly attacks made upon you are unfounded. It joins with them in wishing you a happy New Year and prosperity and happiness in your future life."

As Mr. Elliott received the present tears stood in his eyes and he made several attempts before he could reply. He spoke of the friendly feeling which has always existed between himself and his subordinates, and stated that he would always hold a warm place in his heart for them. He expressed his thanks for the handsome present, saying that he would carry it with kindly remembrances of them.

The surprise of George Scoggins was equally great when he was presented with a handsome gold watchcase. On one side of the case was his monogram and on the other was engraved the following: "To George Scoggins, from the employees of the city engineer's department of Portland December 31, 1904."

Elliott and Scoggins severed their official connection with the city engineer's department this afternoon. They will go into business for themselves under the firm name of Elliott & Scoggins, civil engineers. They have secured offices in the McKay building where they formerly had their headquarters before entering the city engineering department.

POLICE SEARCHING FOR MISSING GIRLS

Through Detective Hawley of the Boys and Girls Aid society, a request was made of the police this morning by the manager of the Magdalen home to locate Laura Ames, aged 17 years. She made her escape last night. The girl was recently arrested at the A. B. C. school, conducted by "Jack" Moore, at Fourth and Couch streets. She came to this city from Roseburg.

The police have also been asked to locate Maude Gould, aged 16 years, who ran away from her home at Tacoma a few days ago. It has been learned that she boarded a train for this city in the company of a man whose name is unknown.

Miss Belle Noyer, the daughter of Ben Noyer, a farmer living near Molalla, is also supposed to be in hiding in Portland. She was engaged to be married to John Cross, a farmer living in the same neighborhood, and came to Portland December 26 to purchase her trousseau.

WASHINGTON IS AROUSSED AT LAST

Sieter State Determined to Make Display at Fair Worthy of Her Resources.

DESIRES A BUILDING ON FAVORABLE SITE

Commission Will Meet Next Week to Prepare Bill Asking for Appropriation.

Washington is awakening to its possibilities in the Lewis and Clark exposition. A letter to President Goode from George W. R. Peaslee, president of the Lewis and Clark commission, states that the entire state seems to have suddenly become possessed with enthusiasm and that the commission will hold a meeting at Olympia January 5 to formulate a bill providing for a legislative appropriation of not less than \$75,000 to properly display the advantages of Oregon's twin sister.

Mr. Peaslee further states that the commission is unanimous in the selection of the triangular piece of ground upon which to erect a building at the fair grounds, and he has requested well-known architects of Washington to come to Portland immediately and inspect the site, in order that they may more intelligently draw plans for a state building.

One of the very first things that will come before the Washington legislature will be a bill providing for an amendment to the Washington act, appropriating the amount required, and Mr. Peaslee has no doubt as to favorable results. He is furthering the proposition by circulating a letter among the corporate and commercial bodies of his state.

WILL ERECT NEW FINE ARTS BUILDING

All Applicants for Space at the Fair to Date Can Be Accommodated.

The executive committee of the Lewis and Clark exposition, at its meeting yesterday, voted for a new building for the fine arts. It will be a brick structure, 100x150 feet and plans have been ordered drawn for it. In addition to this action the committee ordered work to proceed at once on the projected Palace of Manufactures, Liberal Arts and Varied Industries.

Director of Exhibits Doeh states that with this addition everybody who has applied for space to date can be taken care of comfortably. He is naturally delighted over the outcome of the committee's meeting.

Secretary Giltner of the state commission has prepared his monthly report of bills allowed in December. The total is \$21,932, of which amount \$20,425 was in the interest of the Lewis and Clark exposition and the remainder for the St. Louis fair, salaries, etc. This makes the total expenditures for the state commission on the two fairs, to January 1, \$288,844.21.

One of the most effective pieces of advertising yet produced in the interest of the Lewis and Clark fair is the centennial calendar, which made its appearance today, and which will be distributed by several Portland concerns until at least 25,000 have been put out. The calendar is beautifully colored and shows the familiar birdseye view of the exposition grounds.

BURGLARS WORKING TO MAKE BIG RECORD

Seventy Cases Reported to the Police in December and No Arrests Made.

Seventy burglaries, not counting those in which arrests were made, form a part of the record of crime in the city since December 1. Not a day has passed that from one to five reports have not been made at police headquarters of losses at the hands of thieves. The circumstances showing many of them were committed by the same criminals.

While several burglaries were reported last night, that of the residence of Mrs. A. C. Latham of 316 Williams avenue is the most important on account of the value of the property stolen. In the plunder secured are a diamond brooch, two rings set with rubies, a Portland university class pin of 1902 and \$10 in coin.

The grocery store of L. Sax & Son at 451 Williams avenue was also robbed of cash, cigars, tobacco and canned goods, aggregating \$150 in value.

MANAGER CALVIN HAS NOTHING TO SAY

E. E. Calvin, general manager of the Harriman lines in Oregon, returned last night from an extended trip through Utah and California. He was accompanied by his wife. Mr. Calvin continued his journey to Sacramento and then returned home. He is noncommittal regarding the reports from Oregonia concerning his promotion to be general manager of the Southern Pacific system.

"I can't say a word about it," is all that could be elicited by direct questions from his interviewer.

There is general regret at the suggestion that he is to leave Portland.

"E. E. Calvin is a good man for Oregon," said one well known railway official who is familiar with conditions in this state and with the plans of the Harriman people.

FIRE AT LA GRANDE.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) La Grande, Or., Dec. 31.—A residence belonging to William M. Monroe in the southern part of the city was totally destroyed by fire at 4 o'clock this morning, caused by a defective flue in the second story. The house was valued at \$300, with \$200 insurance. The furniture loss is \$50.

LOGGERS IS DROWNED.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Eugene, Or., Dec. 31.—Ernest Hannon, aged 21 years, was drowned in Notli creek in the western end of Lane county, while working on the Walters log drive. Hains had swollen the creek, making it extremely dangerous to work on the drive. The body has not yet been recovered.

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