

# CHRISTMAS WEEK? ASK MINTO

Postmaster Has Excellent Evidence That Season of Good Cheer is at Hand.

## CROWDS WITH GIFTS OVERLOAD MAILS

Struggling but Cheerful the Mob Pulls and Hauls to Get Its Remembrances to the Folks Back Home Into the Postoffice.

"By a good many thousands of dollars and tons of happiness, it's the best Christmas we ever had." John W. Minto begged for an opening in a line of 180 people in order that he might pass on to his private office and mope on the situation. "Look at the line there," he resumed. "Ever see anything like it? Can you see that old lady fighting to get to the money order window? No—she carries a parcel. She's made a mistake," and Portland's affable postmaster rushed forward to tell the aged party where outgoing boxes for the folks at home should be deposited. The joyous sight of an eternity in the main corridor of the postoffice building these days, when so few hours remain before somebody commits a

then he requested 50 cents from a stylish woman in the line, at the same time offering the more or less startling information that a "gang of union new-kids" was in waiting on the outside to "beat him up" if he "didn't come through" with his initiation fee by 2 o'clock noon.

The story was a hit with the woman from Portland Heights. She gave Jim the half dollar, which was regarded by the observer as a fair percentage of reimbursement for the bestowal of greetings on "the kid in Tacoma."

Not far from Jimmy there stood a French sailor, from a vessel now in harbor, who was inclined to curse the



The Registry Clerk Perspires.

luck that he didn't get there soon enough to send a gift to Paree in good season. There were a dozen or more women who have passed the half-century mark and six or eight girls of tender years. An Italian whose dress suggested that he hadn't seen a quarter in a decade took out a money order for \$250 and promptly mailed it to Milan. A Chinese laundryman who had the good sense to have had his application written several days in advance got one of the coveted, blue certificates, which will reach a brother in Spokane. In no other year, perhaps, has there been such a remarkable tendency to make remembrances in cash. The money order business is far in advance of that of any Christmas season in the history of the local postoffice, but the exact surplus will not be known for several days yet. There have been three days this week that beat the previous record for money transactions and the postmaster is highly elated. He attributes the big business to the success of the exposition and to the fact that this year the postoffice is more advantageously located, has better facilities and is therefore getting much of the business which last year went to the express companies.

Although the gross mail has been in the money department, there are thousands of visitors daily at the delivery windows. The clamor for packages was at its height today and not less than 1,000 notices of the receipt of registered letters were sent to residents of this city. Which is the record for 24 hours.

It's in the air—Portland will have a Merry Christmas.

## DODSON IS SECRETARY OF CLAIMS COMMITTEE

Senator C. W. Fulton has appointed W. D. Dodson, a well-known young newspaper man of this city, secretary of the committee on claims in the senate. Mr. Dodson will leave for his duties next Sunday evening or Monday morning, as he expects to reach Washington by January 1. The new secretary of the committee on claims was strongly recommended by Postmaster J. W. Minto, for whom Mr. Dodson was secretary during the former's term as chief of police of Portland. Since 1897, Mr. Dodson has been engaged in general newspaper work in Portland and different parts of the state, save for a year and a half of that time, which was spent as a member of the Second Oregon Volunteers while engaged in service during the Spanish-American war and the Philippine insurrection.

## Exposition Skating Rink.

The Exposition Rink, at Nineteenth and Washington streets, which opened its doors under such favorable circumstances on Monday night, has daily met with more and more favor at the hands of the Portland public, until now it gives promise of becoming one of the most popular places of amusement in the city. Hundreds of skaters are daily whirling around the polished floor and a pretty scene is presented every evening when the floor fills up and the merry throng skate in time to the music of Parsons' orchestra. The ladies seem especially graceful in their skating and add materially to the beauty of the scene. The feature at the rink last evening was a 12-lap race between speed skaters, in which Walter Worrell, head instructor and one of the fastest skaters on the coast, came in first and Mr. Eightfour finished second. The racing furnished excitement for all and a return contest is being arranged for tonight.

## Don't Miss It.

A surprise awaits you tomorrow morning at 172 Third street—London Clothing company.

Café Bros., Furniture, Out of the high-rent district.



Trouble at the Stamp Window.

on the yule log and brandied plum pudding. An enormous crowd fills the passage and makes traffic within almost impossible. Everybody has money this year. Everybody is anxious to get rid of it. They are jamming, fighting, rushing or waiting for a chance to get rid of something. Maybe it's a money order and perhaps a box with contents carefully concealed. But it is something, and one rapid glance would convince a whole jury that after Portlanders get through there will be no citizen of this stretch of property we call earth who is without a remembrance.

"The throng is cosmopolitan," suggested the postmaster. So it was. There was a little fellow who sells papers here in town for his livelihood and that of his tiny sister. He wanted to know if the well-dressed business



But Once a Year.

man next to him would be so obliging as to write out his application for a money order. The business man, hurried though he was, instantly complied. It was for \$2.

"This goes to the kid in Tacoma—nuthin' cheap about me," urged the urchin, by way of thanks. But Jimmy had an eye to business besides his other admirable traits. He had no sooner obtained his money order

# Positively the Last Saturday of This Sale

We are hounded out of this building as if we had no rights on earth, and we hereby announce to the multitude of Portland that for the next six days you are invited to come to our store and make us SOME KIND OF AN OFFER FOR ANY SUIT, OVERCOAT OR CRAVENETTE we have, and you will speedily discover that YOUR PRICE IS OUR PRICE, and that you can buy at the figures you name yourself.

## We Have to Vacate the Store on Jan. 1

Being heartlessly driven from the place by those who secured the premises on a long lease, and now

## We Ask for Bids for the Entire \$75,000 Stock of Clothing, Hats, Caps, Furnishing Goods and Cravenettes and Overcoats, to be Taken in a Lump—

Bids to be opened one week from tomorrow, terms SPOT CASH, and the highest bidder to take the bunch. We will not dally along a minute more than next week with this merchandise, the finest that ever came to Portland, and

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