

HOLIDAY BUSINESS ENORMOUS

Christmas Trading Greatest in City's History—Department Stores and Smaller Houses Are Packed With Shoppers—All Have Cash.

Eastern Bank Notes and Gold Largely in Evidence—Clearing House Certificates Take Back Seat—Merchants Jubilant.

Portland's Prosperity.
More clerks employed than ever before during the holidays. The Christmas business ending last night was the largest in the history of the city.
Much gold and new greenbacks from the east were in evidence. There was a perceptible decrease in the number of clearing house certificates in use.
Meier & Frank had all the business they could possibly handle. Their force was composed of 1,323 persons, a big increase in the force of last year.
Olds, Wortman & King had more than 800 clerks at work and their business was equally as good as last year at this time.
The business at Lipman, Wolfe & Co.'s department store was much greater than last year. Yesterday was one of the greatest days in the firm's existence. More than 800 clerks were at work.
In addition to the firms mentioned all other stores reported exceptionally good business.

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Saturday night, and with only two buying days left before Christmas, the crowds of people came early and stayed late. Every store in the city and every kind had as much business as could be handled with few exceptions.

A slight rain fell during the evening, but this only seemed to stimulate the people to buy—buy—buy. Washington, Morrison and the downtown side streets were filled with people all day and until late at night. These people were going from one store to another. The larger stores were jammed to their capacity and all of the smaller concerns did equally as well.
Soon after 9 o'clock last night the crowd became so confused in one of the department stores that a policeman had to be called to keep the people separated and moving along. An important feature of the holiday shopping was that every one seemed to have money—cash—and plenty of it.

New York Bank Notes.
Thousands of new notes issued by the Chase National bank of New York city appeared yesterday, showing that the money recently brought from the east is rapidly being put into circulation. In addition there was much gold in evidence.

Another fact that caused comment among the merchants was the fact that there was a perceptible decrease in the number of clearing-house certificates in general use. In other words, the people seemed to have more money than they did just previous to last Christmas. To illustrate this point several of the dealers said that many of their customers who formerly did a credit business were now paying cash for their goods.

Regarding the business at the Meier & Frank department store, Julius Meier said:
"We have all the trade tonight that we can possibly handle. I never saw such crowds. This week has been the best in the history of our store. We have a small army of clerks here—1,323 of them. After the holidays we must all boost the Rose Festival."

Reed Meyer, superintendent of Lipman, Wolfe & Co., said: "This is the greatest holiday week in the history of the store. We did a tremendous business which was much larger than that of last year at this time. Approximately we had 800 clerks at work."

Business Is Immense.
W. P. Olds, of the firm of Olds, Wortman & King, said: "This year's business is all that we could expect. We are perfectly satisfied. It is equally as good as last year. In fact we are selling more goods of every description than we thought possible. And there

HOLD-UP ARTISTS ARE BUSY IN CINCINNATI

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Cincinnati, Dec. 21.—Tonight's police record shows the high water mark for holdups on the streets, nine cases being reported between 8 and 9 o'clock. Until times and lots of unemployed men resulting from the financial stringency are believed by the police to be the principal cause for the reign of lawlessness.

Rheumatism

Is one of the constitutional diseases. It manifests itself in local aches and pains, inflamed joints and stiff muscles, but it cannot be cured by local applications. It requires constitutional treatment acting through the blood, and the best is a course of the great medicine

Hood's Sarsaparilla which has permanently cured thousands of cases.
For testimonials of remarkable cures and for Book on Rheumatism, No. 7, C. I. Hood Co., Lowell, Mass.

ROBBED BY \$65,000 IS ASKED

Footpads Hold Up Roy Neil Amputated Limb, Crushed Anatomy and a Bruised Bank Taken From Him—Same Pair Attempted to Rob Grocery.

A young man named Roy Neil was held up and robbed of \$125 near the corner of Thirty-fourth and East Madison streets shortly after 6 o'clock last evening by two masked men armed with revolvers. A few minutes earlier the same thugs made an unsuccessful attempt to hold up J. Hicks, proprietor of a grocery store in the vicinity.

Neil was on his way home from downtown, where he had gone to draw the money afterward taken by the robbers. The sum represented the savings of many months and was to be used by him in defraying the expenses of a visit to his relatives in eastern Washington, with whom he was to spend the holidays. After making Neil elevate his hands above his head the larger of the two robbers kept the young man covered with a revolver while his companion searched the victim. They permitted Neil to retain possession of 40 cents in change which he had, but declared their unwillingness to share with him the roll of bills.

After satisfying themselves that the money taken was all that their victim possessed the robbers threatened to return and take his life if he reported the facts to the police or in any other manner attempted to bring them to punishment. They then took to their heels, going in the direction of the downtown portion of the city. A block from the scene of the hold-up they passed George Smith, an uncle of young Neil. Smith, who was in the neighborhood because he was running, but as he knew nothing of the robbery he made no attempt to detain the robbers.

A few minutes before Neil was held up two men, who answer the description of the robbers, attempted to hold up Hicks just as he drove up to his store in a delivery wagon. Instead of obeying the order to throw up his hands Hicks jumped out of the wagon and ran into the store. A woman who happened to be in the store at the moment began to yell for the police. The woman's screams frightened the robbers and they lost their nerve in getting beyond range of the light from the store. A few minutes later they encountered young Neil. A report of the robbery and a description of the men was telephoned to headquarters and later in the evening Neil accompanied two detectives in a tour of the resorts in the lower end of the city, but without result.

SNEDGAR WILL BECOME PARSON

Famous California Athlete Announces That He Will Study for Ministry.

(Greatest News by Longest Leased Wire.)
San Francisco, Dec. 21.—University of California circles were stirred today by the announcement that Ole P. Snedgar, one of the best-known men who ever attended the state institution, intends to enter the ministry.

Snedgar was graduated in 1906, after taking a course in law. He was admitted to the California bar last month and his statement that he will forsake the bar for the pulpit comes as a surprise to his friends.

As an undergraduate Snedgar was prominent in athletic circles. He was one of the fastest sprinters that ever won the blue and gold and his success in the short distance races won many points for Berkeley in the annual track meet against Stanford.

Snedgar was always good for 10 seconds flat for the distance and was one of the most consistent sprinters that Berkeley has had. In the broad jump he showed great ability and the coast record stands in his name. Snedgar was a first-class punter in the football and in the high jump and pole-vault could do as well as most of the men who specialized on these contests.

It was in football, however, that Snedgar endeared himself to the students of the university. He played halfback under the rule of the great speed and phenomenal strength made him a valuable ally and a dangerous opponent in his line of play.

The sensation of the initial game played on Stanford field by running 50 yards to a touch-down, outrunning some of his would-be tacklers, and brushing off the others.

When Ezra Beato resigned the graduate position of Snedgar was nominated for the vacant place and was elected to the office, which he still holds. He has handled the affairs of the students in good style, and is popular with every one with whom he comes in contact.

are two days left yet before Christmas. We have about 800 clerks in the store. The men's furnishing goods store also did an enormous business yesterday.

R. M. Gray said: "The last two weeks have been the greatest in a business year that I have ever experienced. The people are all buying good goods. I notice much gold and new bills in circulation. Also the disappearance of the certificates."

Ben Selling said: "Business is fine. It is equally as good in my stores as it was last year at this time. Everybody seems to have money. I am more than satisfied. The shoppers seem to be buying material of an unusually good quality."

Other merchants in all parts of Portland were more than satisfied with last week's business. Many of them have been coming to bring their orders here as soon as possible. The greatest in the annals of Portland. And two days yet for the people to do their Christmas shopping.

"What will Monday and Tuesday be?" one dealer asked last night.

Four damage suits for personal injuries against corporations in possession of a record in the circuit court. The Southern Pacific, the Northern Pacific Terminal company, the Portland and West Coast Light & Power company and the Bridal Veil Lumber company are each sued in suits aggregating \$65,000.

Largest in point of damages asked is the complaint filed by Stella Laury against the Northern Pacific Terminal company. Forty thousand dollars is asked for the loss of one of her limbs, which was ground beneath a car on North Front street on October 25 and so badly mangled that it was amputated to save her life. The plaintiff alleges that the car was operated with negligence, being sent down upon her without warning as she was attempting to cross the track. She says there was no word of warning and no brakeman on the car.

Crushed by drifting back in the lumber flame of the Bridal Veil Lumber company while superintending a gang of men who were making repairs, Chief Anderson, vice president of the company, is asked to be paid \$15,000 as damages. He says that when he left headquarters he was informed that the company would send lumber down the flume between noon and 1 o'clock and he accordingly drew his men out of the way of danger during that time.

After 1 o'clock he returned to his work, relying on the company to inform him that no lumber would be coming after that time. About the middle of the afternoon he asserts there came a rush of lumber down the flume, which he says was by mistake. The water was icy and unusually dangerous, he says, and he was unable to escape before being struck by the flying timber, which came floating down at the rate of from 150 to 200 miles per hour. The accident took place on November 21, 1906, and Anderson claims that the negligence of the company entitles him to damages.

Stella Laury is seeking to extract \$25,000 from the Southern Pacific because of injuries which she says she sustained in being thrown from her seat while on a train from Cottage Grove to Portland last June. She was a passenger on a train which collided with another train about one mile north of Cottage Grove. She says \$25,000 for her injuries and \$250 as reimbursement for expenses incurred as a result of her injuries.

E. Rogovay, an expressman, asks that the Portland Railway, Light & Power company be required to pay him \$4,500 as damages for injuries to himself and damages to his horse and wagon, the latter being struck by a streetcar after it had turned on Front street, having crossed the Madison street bridge.

Rogovay says he was thrown to the ground and shaken. He alleges that the motorman of the car failed to ring his bell 10 feet from the crossing, as required by a Portland city ordinance, and also asserts that the speed of the car was from 15 to 18 miles per hour, instead of 10 miles or less, as required by the city laws. He claims \$2,500 for deprivation of his ordinary earning power, \$1,500 for pain and bodily injuries, and the remainder for damages to his horse and wagon.

BANQUET TO FURNISH FOOD FOR AD THOUGHTS

Publicity Writers to Gather Here Before Going to Sacramento.

Just to prove that it pays to advertise the men who write the advertisements for newspapers and magazines all over the northwest will gather in Portland on the evening of January 18 and give a banquet on the eve of their departure for Oakland, where the annual meeting of the Pacific Coast Advertising Men's association will be held.

As the particular guests of honor at the banquet will be H. C. Bucking, editor of Judicious Advertising, published in Chicago, and H. C. Menefee, editor of Signs of the Times, of Cincinnati. These men are editors of the two leading trade journals in the advertising men of the country. In addition, Governor Chamberlain, Mayor Lane and others will be present and will probably speak.

Letters have been received by R. M. Hall, president of the association, assuring him that the secretary of the commercial bodies of Lewiston, Idaho; Yakima, Washington; Seattle, Tacoma, Eugene and other cities in the northwest, will be sent as delegates to the convention, and will all meet in Portland to attend the banquet and leave before the special Pullman that has been secured for the excursion.

It has been decided by the Portland Rose Festival association to send L. D. Damsen, advertising agent for the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, to the convention as the special representative for the rose festival. He will give the coming festival the widest publicity possible and it is believed that much good will be done in the cause of the festival by Mr. Damsen's trip.

The Pacific Coast Advertising Men's association has about 200 members and includes all the states west of the Rocky mountains.

GLAD HAND MEN WITH SMILES TO SPIN YARNS

Sunny Faced McAllister Blushingly Declines to Be Reelected President.

Portland members of the Travelers' Protective association will hold their annual meeting at the Portland hotel Saturday afternoon, December 28, to be followed in the evening with the usual banquet.

The business meeting will be held at 2 o'clock, when the election of officers will occur. A warm contest is expected to take place when candidates for the office of secretary, to succeed L. O. Larkin, are named. Five or six men have been proposed for the position and their friends are zealously working in their behalf.

President H. C. McAllister has declined reelection, but no contest is expected to develop for an incumbent for his office. Five vice-presidents, a treasurer and board of directors are also to be elected at the meeting.

Economize

HERE IS THE OPPORTUNITY TO GET A GO-CART FOR HALF ITS VALUE; A ROASTER AT TWO-THIRDS WHAT IT IS WORTH; AN IRON BED AT ONE-FOURTH OFF THE REGULAR PRICE, AND MANY OTHER ARTICLES SUITABLE FOR PRESENTS AT A TRIFLING EXPENDITURE

EDWARDS' PRICES ARE ALWAYS REASONABLE



\$3 Folding Go-Cart \$1.69
It is a large folding cart with steel wheels, 15 inches in diameter, perforated seat and back, exactly like the picture. We purchased a cart of this kind last week at 15 price and our customers will get the benefit.

\$4.50 Iron Bed \$2.99
They may talk about low prices, but this is the limit. A double bed just like the picture, five springs in head and foot, posts, finished in white enamel. \$2.99

Savory Roasters 70c
Seamless savory roasters, enamel lined, 8-inch by 12-inch by 12-inch, the \$1.25 kind, our price 70c. No Phone or Mail Orders. Delivery at our Con-venience.

Rocker \$5.40
A ladies' size Arm Rocker, golden quarter-sawn oak with piano polish, is a great novelty at this price. For Christmas nothing could be more appropriate.

Plymouth Rocker \$8.50
This is truly a dainty thing. It is a ladies' Arm Rocker with low back, piano polished. The few who have seen it will not last very long.

Monarch Malleable
A SALE OF MERIT
Body Brussels, \$1.85
\$1.25 Velvet, 89c
THREE PATTERNS
Gas Coal Wood
THE BEST IS THE CHEAPEST

Dinner Bell Range \$31.50
This range is not as good as the Monarch, but it is just as good as nine-tenths of the ranges offered for sale in this city at a much higher price. It has four burners, shown on an ordinary steel range and is guaranteed by us to work perfectly. It has four burners, full nickel trimmings and asbestos linings with a large roll door closet and a pouch for food.

Economy Sale
Beautiful Axminster rugs of the latest design, 27x49 inches, regular \$3.00 values\$1.99
Same quality and pattern rugs, only larger size, being 36x60 and sold in some places as high as \$5.00. Our price this week\$2.99

Folding Tables
Folding sewing tables, 19 in. wide, 26 inches long, with yard measure stamped on the top of each. Special price\$1.00
Round folding cloth-top card tables, 28 inches in diameter, special price\$2.40
Solid oak folding tables, 24 in. square, very strong and substantial, only\$3.50
Barrough's wheel tables, regular \$6; sale price\$4.40

Monarch Malleable Range, 15-in. oven, drop door closet, with thermometer on oven\$57

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