

EVERY PORTLAND STOCKING FULL

Christmas 1907 Will Pass as Most Generous One in City's Annals.

Santa Claus came to every home in Portland some time during the darkness last night, and this morning well-filled stockings were hanging in front of every fireplace and gaslog in town.

Reports from the various homes where the heads of the families were able to make themselves understood over the telephone above the noise of beating drums, shrieking steam engines, trains and horns show that never before in the course of his many visits to Portland has Santa Claus been so generous as he was last night.

Whether it was that the North Pole National bank didn't take advantage of the holidays or whether the Santa Claus toy factories refused to accept shorter hours will probably never be known, but anyway the results show that it was a very prosperous Christmas for Portland.

Just how much the visit of the good old ruddy-cheeked saint to Portland cost this year is a matter for conjecture—estimates range from \$2,000,000 to \$10,000,000, with the majority in favor of the larger number.

Figuring on a population of 200,000 people in Portland it seems probable that the lowest estimate would place 100,000 who bought presents, with an average expenditure of more than \$50 each.

Many very expensive presents came this morning, such as automobiles, rare jewels, rich furs and other expensive luxuries. True there were many little things that Santa got at a bargain and that pleased just as greatly, but the average expenditure per present was higher this year than ever before.

At the various Catholic and Episcopal churches the celebration of Christmas was universal. It is one of the great holidays of the church year, commemorating as it does the birth of Christ, and the Christmas mass gave the day its name. Three masses were said in all of the Catholic churches, and in some of them five were said this morning.

Long before daybreak the churches were crowded with worshippers. The midnight masses, however, which are celebrated in the east and in continental cities were not said in Portland. The beautiful Christmas services drew thousands to the churches all day. At St. Lawrence's church the first mass was said at 5 o'clock, others at 6, 8, 9 and 11 this morning. At St. Mary's six masses were said, at St. Francis cathedral six were said, and five or six masses were said in most of the churches.

In the Episcopal churches also Christmas services were held usually at 7:30, 8 and 11 o'clock this morning. Bishop Scadding conducted the 11 o'clock communion at St. Stephen's pro-cathedral. At the White Temple tonight there will be a Christmas tree and a dramatization of "The Birth of Christmas." Special music marked the services in both the Catholic and Episcopal churches.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR IN ANNUAL SESSION

Commanderies All Over the United States Met at Same Hour This Morning.

The Knights Templar of Oregon Commandery, No. 1, of Portland, observing the honored custom of Templars throughout the country, met this morning at their new asylum at West Park and Yamhill streets for Christmas services. Another feature of the meeting was the installation of the new officers of the commandery.

All commanderies in the United States met at the same hour this morning, allowance being made for the difference in time. Thus, in New York the hour for the convocation is noon, while on the western coast it is 9 o'clock. The committee of the grand encampment prepared the following sentiment for the day: "To our most eminent grand master, Henry Warren Rugg, with the love, respect and cordial support of 172,000 loyal Knights."

This is the first time Oregon commandery has met in the new temple. Following the Christmas observance an address was delivered by Past Grand Commander William A. Cleland. The installation of officers for the coming year was conducted by Deputy Grand Commander A. M. Knapp.

The officers elected are as follows: T. D. Froeland, eminent commander; D. L. Tomasin, grand scribe; H. C. G. George, H. Hill, prelate; J. W. Cook, treasurer; W. S. Macrum, recorder; M. Anderson, grand warden; J. W. H. L. Pitcock, warder; F. A. Vankirk, sentinel; William Davis, captain-general; George F. Robertson, sword bearer; V. A. Avery, standard bearer.

MID-WINTER REDUCTION SALE

Tomorrow morning we place on sale 300 Men's and Youths' Suits and Overcoats—all this season's make—none of them sold for less than \$12.50, and many of them as high as \$20.00—all will be closed out at the surprisingly low price of

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CHRISTMAS WEDDING AT ALBANY.



Prof. Bert E. Burrows, principal of the Silverton schools, and Miss Katie A. Finnerty of Cottage Grove will be married at Albany today. After a short trip south they will return to Silverton to reside during the remainder of the school year.

DOG PLAYED HIS ROLE OF SANTA

Canine of the Four Hundred Brought Unexpected Happiness to a Little Girl.

Bob's heart was full of Christmas spirit in his dumb and doggy way. Every event of his pampered and aristocratic existence was one of care-free luxury, sleepful days and nights crowded with feasting dreams, for Bob was a dog of the upper ten.

It was Christmas eve and all the nooks and recesses of the mansion-house were flooded from cellar to garret with the glad light of anticipation and warmed with the glow of Yuletide cheer. In the gleaming window which gave out upon the street stood a towering, glittering tree with limbs and branches weighted and bending under the load of toys and gifts.

Happy children and parents calm in their deep content grouped about the room in the glad reunion of their family bands and blessings. Here and there Bob wandered, no want unsatisfied, carrying his present, a furry yellow Teddy Bear. Tired at last he sought the deep cushions of the window-seat back of the gift-robed tree. Snuggling amid the high-piled pillows he laid his burden on the broad sill and composed himself to sleep.

Just as the dreams of satiated doghood began to settle like a gently falling covert over him, a childish, wistful face was close pressed against the window pane above him. The lines of poverty were already etched about the pathetic mouth, but in the longing eyes

gleamed and danced the dreams of childhood.

Shabby clothes, home-made and mended, turned the rain that was sifting down unheeded, as the child turned and beckoned to a drooping and despondent man standing back in the shelter of the trees.

"Papa," she lisped, "you come too and see the pretty presents, and the great big tree. The man came up and stood but no glad light flashed in his eyes as the vision sank into them. He took the little clinging hand to the window ledge, and turned away.

"Come child," he said, "Mamma and Santa are waiting for us."

Bob had arisen and was standing now, his forefoot on the sill, his Teddy Bear dangling by one fuzzy leg from his mouth.

"Oh Papa," said the child as she followed reluctantly from the window, "look at the booful Teddy Bear."

Out across the sodden lawn a black shape bounded in pursuit of two figures, slipping away through the falling rain. The man turning, caught his little girl closer to him, and stood on defense. He knew aristocratic dogs, but Bob was no Bob saw no distrust. In his heart was the joy of Christmas. In his mouth, his Teddy Bear. Carefully he laid his burden down at the feet of the startled child, then with one short bark of recognition he went back to his warmth and his cushioned seat. Bob had earned his dreamless sleep.

ST. JOHNS TO DO NAUGHT BUT VOTE

Suburb to Break all Records by Holding Six Elections in 1908.

St. Johns in all probability will have a primary election in early March, according to the talk in the thriving municipality at this time. The proposed charter provides for a primary election and the city is far inside the state statute which provides for primaries in all cities of more than 2,000 inhabitants. The registration books will be opened in the county clerk's office January 6, giving ample time for St. Johns voters to prepare for a March election. In case a primary election should be held there will be six elections in St. Johns during 1908, a record-breaker. On January 6 the adoption or rejection of the proposed charter will be determined by a special election. On this election hinges the question of a city primary. Should the charter be approved the primary will no doubt be held.

The primary must be held 20 days before the city election, which occurs April 6. Following the April election will come the primaries preceding the general election in June and on November 3 will take place the national election. This will be all the elections in St. Johns during the year as known at this time.

Candidates are beginning to prepare their petitions and making ready for the early primary which will put the St. Johns municipality on the coast make a very attractive feature, and is a sight not to be missed. In addition to this there is good fishing and hunting.

The "Moore hotel," which is open throughout the year, will be prepared to serve its guests with the best of everything to eat.

Round trip tickets from Portland, via Astoria & Columbia River railway, \$2.50, on sale December 24, 25, 26, January 1, limit returning January 3.

Widener's Robertine Fowler corrects mis-

MAIL JAMMED WITH MANY GIFTS

Portland Postal Business Greatest in History of the Local Office.

The increase in the incoming Christmas mail this year over the business at the same time last year is estimated by Postmaster John W. Minto to be between 10 and 15 per cent. This means, in other words, that Portland's postoffice business for 1907 is much the largest in its history.

Thousands of cards, letters and packages, registered and otherwise, arrived yesterday on every train. There were tons and tons of Christmas presents.

This morning a small army of carriers started out from the downtown office for their respective routes. Each man had his pouch, his arms and his hearts glad. There was something for everyone. It seemed.

In addition to the regular carriers and the extra force, two men were sent out with a large wagon loaded to the brim with the larger Christmas packages.

Every train, those that were late as well as all others, brought thousands and thousands of other gifts for Portland people today. This afternoon they are being delivered as fast as possible. Tomorrow there will be more packages. Probably nearly as many as there were today.

And then the big annual rush which comes along about the end of each year will be over and the postal clerks, the letter carriers and all the others connected with Uncle Sam's department, will breathe a sigh of relief.

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CITY AND COUNTY AGREED ON JAIL

Building Obstacles Removed—Decide Now Upon the Style of Structure.

The first meeting of the joint committee from the city and county to consider the proposition of erecting a jail and emergency hospital on the present court house site resulted in putting the question into the hands of District Attorney John Manning and City Attorney John Kavanaugh for an opinion as to whether the proposition would be legal.

Suggestions of various members of the committee point to a five-story modern building to be erected to house the city and county prisoners and accommodate the proposed emergency hospital and municipal court, where the court house stands. The simplest solution of the city and county jointly occupying the same property in the minds of the committeemen is to have the city pay an annual rental to the county for its share.

When the committee got together yesterday similarity of ideas as to what is needed and the best way to obtain the results was manifested as soon as Judge Webster, representing the county, and Councilman Conannon, for the city, expressed their views. With all obstacles as to the building practically removed at the outset the members discussed the various phases of building structure that would best serve for the purpose to which the new structure is to be put. Even on these questions the committee was practically unanimous as to what would be required.

Many of the matters of the institution, once it is erected, it was the opinion of the committee that one man should be in charge of all the prisoners. Kitchens will be provided for and the proper care and management of the prisoners will be a subject of greater consideration than heretofore.

CLUB TO WORK HARDER UNDER ITS NEW NAME

Nolta Progressive Organization Is Now North Albina Push Club.

At a meeting Monday evening in the new farmhouse on Albina avenue a re-organization of the Nolta Progressive club was effected and the old association merged into what will hereafter be known as the North Albina Push club. The action was taken pursuant to a prior move made a week ago, when it was decided that the district should hereafter be known as North Albina.

The district in the surrounding Piedmont car barns, but is not generally known as Piedmont, this name being applied to the vicinity south of North Albina. H. C. Parsons presided at the meeting, but no new officers were elected. A special meeting will be held for that purpose tomorrow evening.

Nominations were made Monday. J. H. Nolta has been the president during the past year, and to him is given a great deal of the credit for keeping the organization together during the last 12 months and bringing about what improvements have been accomplished.

The Nolta club has been the strongest advocate of municipal ownership of rock crushers among the east side clubs. It has built a home for a volunteer fire company to be organized the first of the year and to be supplied at that time with the city with a hose cart. They also are urging strongly that school authorities bond the city for the erection of a \$250,000 high school building in North Albina.

BRIDE DISAPPEARS ON EVE OF HONEYMOON

Well-Dressed Young Man May Be Now Spending John Wilson's Sack.

John Wilson, of Raymond, Washington, reported to the police last night that his wife, to whom he had been married but 24 hours, had disappeared from the waiting-room at the union depot, and his efforts to find her had proved unavailing. Incidentally, she had in her possession at the time she was last seen a valuable service, the property of Wilson and the means by which he had intended to defray the expenses of his honeymoon trip to Oklahoma City.

When pressed for details Wilson said he met his bride at Raymond several months ago, she being then a waitress in a boarding house at that place. Their acquaintance, made in surroundings so prosaic, soon ripened into love and the marriage followed. Wilson was unable to account for his wife's disappearance, but voiced a suspicion that she may have come to some Mot Hotel road and it is his intention to take personal charge of the place.

When the morning engine houses in the city were designed by Mr. Holden and erected under his supervision, he being a practical architect and builder. Incidental to his valuable services in this particular line the city and taxpayers have been saved considerable sums in fees and time.

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THIRTY-FIVE VICTIMS FALL BEFORE CUPID

The county clerk's office was a busy place yesterday afternoon. Quilt-looking young men came by ones and twos, sometimes accompanied by blushing maidens, and hesitatingly approached the desk where Cupid sits the pen. That desk could not be mistaken, for above it hung a string of bells to which had been attached a spring of mistletoe.

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COMMERCIAL CLUB REMEMBERS EMPLOYEES

Organization Has Had Tremendous Growth During Eight Years' Existence.

Nearly \$300 in the aggregate of the Portland Commercial club's annual Christmas purse to be distributed to the club's employees. The custom of remembering the employees with a cash gift at Christmas time has prevailed in the club since its organization.

There are about 20 regular employees of the club. The oldest in point of service is the secretary, Gordon A. Peet, who began as a collector eight years ago. Jack Dempsey and Frank LaVoy are next in order of service, having been with the club about five years.

The Commercial club now numbers 1,080 members, the largest organization of its kind in the country. The up-building of the Commercial club really began about eight years ago, when H. M. Calko was first elected president. At that time it was well nigh the point of failure as an organization.

Since the date of Mr. Calko's election the club has steadily advanced in membership and influence, until today it is completing the construction of a \$250,000 club building, practically paid for and on a sound financial footing. The building will be complete March 1, and it is expected that the club will move into its new quarters in May.

The annual meeting of the club will be held January 10. Ten days prior to that date the nominating committee will meet and nominate a new board of governors and this board will at its first meeting after election select a president for the ensuing year. The present incumbent is C. W. Hodson. Under his administration the club has had a prosperous and successful year, increasing its membership steadily and carrying on a far-reaching promotional campaign in the city's business interest.

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FAKE RAID PULLED OFF BY MORAL SQUAD

Kay and Klienlin Arrest a Bunch of Celestials Not Known as Gamblers.

Detectives Kay and Klienlin, the "moral squad," descended on a room at 93 Second street last night, arrested six Chinese and charged them with participating in the conduct of a Chinese lottery. The raid was the first worthy of the name that has been attempted by the police since the word went out that more than 10 days ago that the lid had been lifted from Chinese gambling.

The place at 93 Second street has not been known as a resort for gamblers and the Chinese who were arrested as the keeper of the place is not known to have any financial interest in any of the 24 lotteries now being operated in the quarter. All of the men arrested are over 40 years of age and are of the class that are sometimes bled to take the part of what are known in police parlance as "fall guys."

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