

COOING PIGEONS DRIVE CLERKS TO DISTRACTION

Cornices of Custom House Have Become Abiding Place for Hundreds of Little Fowl, Who Defy All Efforts of Janitor to Ront Them.

Uncle Sam's dignified congressional body at Washington is likely to be called upon some day to consider an appropriation for wire netting to keep pigeons from the cornices of its office buildings.

And all because these birds of a feather have insisted upon flocking together and making their headquarters on the roof and eaves of Portland's custom house building.

The pigeons decided upon the cornices of the custom house as a nice place to live almost before the building was completed. Certainly, they were there before the officials had moved into their respective offices. And furthermore, the pigeons have been there ever since. And you know how pigeons multiply!

The janitor was the first to become worried. Then the clerks on the top floor began to register kicks because the constant love-making of rather the cooing of the pigeons interfered to a certain extent with their work.

The chiefs of the different divisions took up the question. Conferences between chiefs and janitors and a few others were held. Eventually it was decided that the pigeons should be put to death. Some one lent Uncle Sam a gun and the janitor set to work to rid the building of the pest.

The janitor was a poor shot. Now and then he brought down a bird. But every time one bird fell half a dozen or so hopped from a shelf. Consequently, the shooting had no material effect upon the number of birds which insisted upon staying so close to the quarters underneath which all Portland's immigration and customs business is transacted.

After a while, finding that the pigeons merely laughed at the janitor with his gun, it was decided to try trapping the pesky little birds. A trap was procured. It was set. Pigeons are naturally smart. They refused to be trapped. They took their claws and their beaks and stealthily withdrew the little bits of corn and other good things to eat



right from the very clutches of the cruel old trap. Those who watched the unsuccessful schemes, laughed. But not so with the janitor. He gave up in despair. The pigeons are still there.

It was suggested that wire netting be bought. This was to have been placed about the nooks and corners of the cornice where the pigeons made their nests. It was discovered that old Uncle Sam couldn't afford such a thing. Or, rather, no such appropriation had ever been considered by congress.

So as a last resort a lobbyist, or some one, might be sent to Washington, D. C. in the near future to use his influence with the senators and representatives to consider for a minute the possibilities of allowing enough money for nettings to keep the birds away from Portland's customs house.

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Chamber of Commerce Room Ready for Occupancy. This Week.

Remodeling of the quarters of the Portland chamber of commerce in the Chamber of Commerce building is nearly completed. The office of Secretary Giltner will be completed tomorrow and he will move in during the day. The chamber will occupy the same floor space it previously held, on the second floor of the building, and the arrangement will be practically the same, with the exception that the ceiling will be of the ordinary height instead of three stories.

The main floor space will be devoted to exhibits of Oregon products. As soon as the room is equipped, the chamber's exhibit committee will get busy, and the coming year will see the gathering of the finest exhibit ever seen in the rooms of a Portland commercial organization.

The remodeling of the three stories formerly occupied by the chamber in the interior of the building will complete the work of a year by the owners of the building, who have spent just \$100,000 in betterments since the purchase of the property. Every room is rented, and seven applications received for rooms yesterday were refused.

Construction of the Board of Trade building adjoining the Chamber of Commerce building on the north necessitated the addition of about 25 feet to the top of the enormous brick chimney on the latter building. It is said the extension of the chimney cost \$5,000. It required 100,000 bricks.

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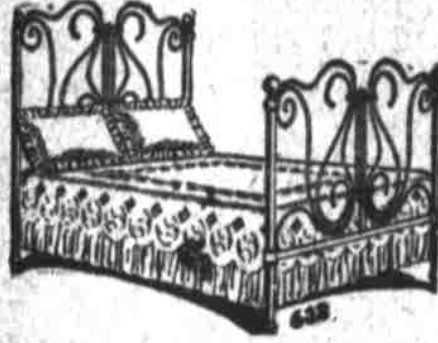
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\$21.00

\$27.50 DRESSER \$14.90

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ROUNDHOUSE MEN HAVE TREE AND SANTA CLAUS NEW YEAR'S EVE

A New Year's Christmas tree at the terminal roundhouse is the means adopted by Night Foreman George K. Brandt and Day Foreman C. H. Miller for the holiday entertainment of the 110 men employed on the night and day shifts at the North Pacific terminal roundhouse.

Brandt, who has charge of the night force, collected from among his men a tidy sum which was used in decorating the tree with a useful present for every man employed on the day shift at the roundhouse. Every imaginable

LOVE SHRANK FROM HARSH NAME OF LIAR

Marriage a Failure in Two Cases Taken Into the Divorce Court.

"Liar" is one of the pet names that Elizabeth Bock says her husband, Frederic Bock, has bestowed upon her. There were other names which she says would not look well in print, and they were applied in such copious fashion, she declares, that it is out of the question for her to live with him longer, so she has applied to the circuit court for divorce. She also says she addressed insulting remarks concerning her to her mother. They were married in Chicago about two years ago.

A long series of cuffs and bad names is the reason given by Grace Woodward for desiring a divorce from William Woodward to whom she was married in Portland in October, 1905. For two years their life glided along serenely, but the wife says that in De-

present from a bag of candy to a steel hammer was hung on the tree. In some way the secret got out and Day Foreman Miller and his men promptly took up a collection among themselves and now the tree is loaded down with useful presents for the night force.

Tuesday night, New Year's eve, a Santa Claus will be on hand, the tree will be lighted with wax tapers, decorated with silver spangles and strung popcorn and the 100 or more men will have the time of their lives.

ELEVATOR STOPS, STAMP PATRONS WALK

New cables are being put in the elevator at the postoffice building. Consequently the carrier is not working.

Although many unkind words have been said against Uncle Sam and every one else that might be connected with making the repairs by the hundreds of persons who have been compelled to climb the stairs, there is one man in particular who is glad of the improvements being made at this particular time.

This man is Lewis E. Obye, the elevator operator, who, by the way, is also a bridegroom and now on his honeymoon. He was married just a few days ago to Miss Ruth Haynes, a telephone girl. The wedding was the culmination of a romance of the wire, as was related in Friday's Journal.

SPECIAL NOTE

For the benefit of Monday patrons we extend over until tomorrow night this remarkable sale of Sheets and Pillow Slips:

\$1.00 linen finished
Sheets 55¢
25c Pillow Slips... 9¢
Limited six to the customer.



Under-Cost Sale Ladies' Garments

This entire elegant new stock offered Monday at these remarkable saving prices:

\$27.50 and \$25 Suits \$14.95
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DALLAS KIDS THANK UNCLE BILL BROWN

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Dallas, Or., Dec. 28.—Not only is making life brighter for the widows of Dallas does "Uncle Bill" Brown, the

Polk county philanthropist, expend his efforts, but the youngsters of this city are also remembered. On Christmas day Mr. Brown advised the younger population of Dallas that he would be on Main street with candy for all who cared to come after it. The youngsters still remembered the happy time had in scrambling after Uncle Bill's nickels on the courthouse square two years

ago and awaited the candy with interest. Promptly at 10 o'clock Christmas morning Mr. Brown took his stand at the front of one of the grocery stores on Main street and commenced dishing out sweetmeats. Although the rain was coming down in torrents, the donor was kept busy for two hours in giving out

the candy. About 250 of the children were thus treated amid the cheering of the assembled crowd. Earlier in the day Uncle Bill had sacks of flour sent to each family in Dallas that he thought in need and deserving of charity.

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