

1907 LOOK HUGE ONE

Stamp Sales Increase Over
16 Per Cent in 12 Months
—Increase in December
Over Same Month in 1906
Nearly 14 Per Cent.

STAMP SALES OF LAST TWO YEARS.	1906.	1907.
January	\$ 44,765.11	\$ 51,716.82
February	40,025.00	46,582.82
March	46,210.73	54,773.98
April	44,189.32	48,322.87
May	47,228.85	52,757.70
June	41,831.42	48,632.43
July	42,496.55	51,953.48
August	43,932.71	48,692.67
September	42,149.81	54,292.22
October	47,054.56	56,270.87
November	46,514.37	53,013.06
December	55,789.24	63,467.97
Totals	\$540,895.47	\$628,475.19

Stamp sales at the Portland postoffice for 1907 show such an increase over the corresponding months of 1906 that every Portlander should point to the figures with pride.

The business for the year ending yesterday amounted to \$628,475.19. This is an increase of \$87,579.72 over the stamp sales of 1906.

December of the year just past was the greatest in the stamp line in the history of the office. The total sales amounted to more than \$63,000. This is an increase of nearly \$5,000 over the December business of 1906, or to exact a gain of 13.9-10 per cent.

In addition to the stamp sales, the money order business and every other department at the Portland office this year will show the largest increase ever reported from this city. The money order department during the last two months has been unusually rushed as are every other branch of the office.

SOLDIER BOYS ON WAY TO FRISCO

Tomorrow the steamer Spencer, on two trips from Vancouver, will bring the fourteenth infantry to Portland to take passage on three Southern Pacific special trains for San Francisco, from which point the regiment will sail January 6 for the Philippines. The regiment consists of about 900 men.

These troops go to the Philippines to relieve the First Infantry, which has served two years there and will return some time in June. The special trains carrying the Fourteenth will leave Portland tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock, 4:30 and 5 o'clock p. m. The men will have just time enough to disembark from the Spencer and go to the Union station and get comfortably ensconced for the railroad journey. They go to the Philippines in command of Major Dent. The assignment of another regiment to these barracks.

ARCHITECTS WILL DISPLAY WORK

The Portland Architectural club has issued an attractive and tasteful invitation to the architectural exhibit, which opens in the Museum of Art, Fifth and Taylor streets, Monday evening, January 6. From 8 to 10 o'clock in the evening, and get comfortably ensconced for the railroad journey. They go to the Philippines in command of Major Dent. The assignment of another regiment to these barracks.

POWDER EXPLOSION ENDS IN DEATH

August Riou, a Frenchman, lost his life yesterday because he attempted to fry some giant powder in a pan on his cook stove. Riou had a contract to blast some stumps on the farm of Charles Cleveland, near Gresham, and the powder used in this work became so damp that it would not explode. The explosion that followed his attempt to fry the powder mangled his lower limbs and caused injuries that were at once considered fatal. The man was taken to the Good Samaritan hospital by Dr. S. P. Bignner, of Gresham. There his left leg was amputated, but he was so weak from shock and loss of blood that he expired shortly after the operation was completed. The body was given in charge of Coroner Finley.

FEW CASES FOR NEW GRAND JURY

The federal grand jury for 1908 will probably be drawn some time in February.

Should W. C. Bristol be removed as United States district attorney within the next month it is probable, however, that the jury will not be called upon for duty until some time in March or possibly later. The change in office of the United States attorney will naturally cause a delay in the proceedings of the cases which are now on hand awaiting the action of the grand jury.

Four men and four boys are in the county jail to be taken before the grand jury. Another is out on bond, making nine in all. Those in jail have confessed and the business of the jury will be comparatively light compared with that of last year when 42 indictments were returned.

Those awaiting a hearing before the federal grand jury are Claud Hornberger, arrested at Sacramento, on a charge of using the United States mail to defraud; Charles Anderson and Fred Kuhn, arrested for counterfeiting; Frank McPherson, George Wilson, Fred Johnson and John Simpson, 17-year-old boys, held for robbing branch postoffice No. 2; H. H. Higley, held on a charge of sending obscene matter through the mails; and George W. Bever, charged with using the mails to defraud. Bever is out on bond and is the only one of the nine who maintains that he is innocent of the charge.

In the case of the four boys it is quite probable that the government will recommend that they be sent to some reform school. Several of them have expressed a willingness to learn some trade if given the opportunity.

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PUTER THINKS M'KINLEY WILL RETURN TO PORTLAND



Regiment of Chinese Troops at Tientsen. Horace McKinley Stands in Front of It With His Hands in His Coat Pockets.

S. A. D. Puter, convicted in the land-fraud cases and pardoned by the president, believes that Horace McKinley, who was recaptured in Manchuria several days ago, will return to Portland at once without offering any resistance whatever. Furthermore, Puter says that McKinley did not leave this country fearing that he was to be prosecuted by the government for connection with the land-fraud cases.

Puter is also of the opinion that the endeavor of the officials of the government to have McKinley returned to receive sentence for which he was convicted in connection with the land-fraud cases, is a farce pure and simple. He says McKinley's implications in the dealings was not sufficient to justify the government hounding a man for two years in an effort to bring him here to "get his."

"Mac is not such a bad fellow," Puter said this morning, "and I think now that he will be only too glad to come back to his country. I believe he will be here within five or six weeks."

"When Mac left the United States he had no idea that the government officials were after him. I know this to be a fact. It was entirely a different matter which caused him to take his departure from the land of his birth and seek refuge among the wilds of the oriental countries."

"I think Mac made a mistake when he made his escape from the prison at Mukden, if all reports are true. From what I know about the man and what I've heard from him since he went there, I am reasonably certain that he now appreciates all these errors and will return willingly to face the charges."



Horace McKinley Watching a Squad of German Troops at Pekin.

THE MAN WITH THE HAT AND THE LEMON HE CARRIED IN HIS LID

Several persons smashed stiff hats last year. This year someone got even.

He was a little man. His hat was conspicuous. It was tall. It had a suspicious dullness.

He would hang around where the crowd was the thickest. He seemed fond of the girls—particularly those who wore nice, white gloves.

The fair ones looked, the man would attract their attention. He had a horn almost as big as himself. And he blew it. And then waited for some one to smash that hat of his.

And invariably, they smashed. The hat smashed beautifully. When the girls pulled their little delicate hands away their white gloves were a sight.

Then the villain would laugh. It was a low, coarse gurgle, just like one hears on the stage.

After having his laugh, he would dodge into a doorway and straighten out his hat for other performances. It was a collapsible theatrical hat, and each time it was smashed the villainous person would dust it all over with soot from a package that he carried in his pocket. Then he would start on his "toot" again.

At last the soot was all gone. White and black gloves were to be seen everywhere on the hands of the girls who felt devilish. A lot of them felt like fighting. But they didn't.

This was just one of the numerous stunts in celebration of the New Year which came on time with all its hopes, its trials, and tribulations and anticipations for 1908.

BRIDE OF FEW WEEKS IN DIVORCE COURT

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Tacoma, Jan. 1.—Mrs. Fannie Ljubick yesterday filed divorce proceedings against John Ljubick, alleging that although the two had been married to him since December 4, 1907, he has hardened her heart against him already by his cruelty.

The divorce law commission and passed by the recent session of the New Jersey legislature goes into effect today. The new law does not change the statutory grounds for divorce in New Jersey, but it does make one very radical condition. This is the provision to the effect that if a person sues for divorce in another state on grounds furnished in another state, the decree will be refused if the offense is not recognized in the other state as sufficient for divorce. For instance, a South Carolina will not be able to obtain a divorce in New Jersey on any ground whatever, the offense taking place in South Carolina, because no divorce is permitted in that state.

BURGERS PAID EDITORIAL ROOMS

Brain Storm Department of
The Journal Visited by
Transom Artists.

Burglars, whose bad judgment in choosing a newspaper office as a scene of operation, stamps them as the worst kind of amateurs, visited The Journal editorial rooms and the headquarters of the International Post Card company, in the Goodnough building last night. They accomplished what they accomplished, so far as worldly gain is concerned, for all they secured was some small change, probably amounting to \$1 and a few postage stamps in the office of the post card concern.

In the Journal rooms desks were piled open and drawers rummaged. Forgotten clippings and newspaper "junk" that had lain in dark corners for months were disturbed and thrown aside, no doubt with calculations of disgust. But the burglars did overlook a few things of value. Some stickpins and other small articles of value, being belated holiday presents, were passed by in the search.

Entrance was made through the transom of the telephone room in The Journal office and some boys who had been celebrating the advent of the New Year and their surplus supply of horns in the office of the post card company about midnight, may have done the work. The safe in the office was not tampered with, but the drawers of all the desks were gone through and it is possible that valuable souvenir cards were taken.

PORTLAND BOY IS WINNING HONORS

The many friends of Lawrence Selling, the son of Ben Selling of this city, are glad to hear that the new boy has come of the honors won by young Mr. Selling at the close of his third year at Johns Hopkins university. Out of a class of 50 Lawrence Selling stood fourth, and this wins for him the much-coveted position of interne at the hospital.

AT THE THEATRES

"Uncle Tom's Cabin" Tonight.
The New Year's attraction at the Helix theatre, Fourteenth and Washington streets, tonight at 8:15 o'clock will be Stetson's big Uncle Tom's Cabin company. Popular prices will prevail. Seats are now selling at the theatre.

"Woodland" at Helix.
Beginning tomorrow, Thursday night, at the Helix theatre, Fourteenth and Washington streets, the attraction will be Henry W. Sawyer's production of Pixley and Luder's beautiful musical comedy success, "Woodland." This musical farce will be the bill for three nights with a special price matinee Saturday afternoon. Seats are now selling at the theatre for the engagement.

James T. Powers Coming to Helix.

Schubert Brothers will present the famous comedian, James T. Powers, supported by an excellent company of 50 people at the Helix theatre, Fourteenth and Washington streets, for four nights beginning next Sunday night, January 5, in the musical comedy success, "The Moon." A special price matinee Wednesday afternoon. Advance seat sale opens next Friday.

"Arizona" at the Marquam

"Arizona," the play which is typically American in every fiber, is the attraction at the Marquam this week and those who mean to start the year by seeing the best drama ever produced at the Marquam. There is no better play on the English speaking stage than "Arizona" for those who have never seen it. "Arizona" is a rare treat. Saturday matinee.

"The Crisis" at Baker Theatre.

The Baker Theatre company's production of "The Crisis" this week is one of the few theatrical events of the season in the city. The book is one of the most widely read amongst modern works of literature not only in the United States but in every country, and every place where there are those who can read intelligently.

"Are You Crazy?" at the Empire.

Tonight, and all the rest of the week with Saturday matinee, Hal Laurence's famous laughing success, "Are You Crazy?" will be the Empire's attraction. The piece has drawn a great crowd in this city and everywhere praise is heard of it. It is a straight farce, full of the funny scenes, characters and situations.

"A Child of the Slums"

Owing to circumstances over which he had no control, Manager Richard E. French could not present "A Child of the Slums" at the Star theatre this week, as advertised, but promised that it will be the attraction at the popular stock house the coming week. The first performance will be next Sunday afternoon. "A Child of the Slums" is a play which will please every playgoer in Portland.

"A Man of Mystery"

There is something new in plots of plays, for "The Man of Mystery," at the Star theatre this week proves it. In the drama the principal character is a criminal who, while posing as a refined gentleman and wealthy man, is the leader of a band of crooks. The villain is a hypnotist and used his power to influence his victims. Matinee Thursday and Saturday.

SOLVE SERVANT GIRL PROBLEM

North Yakima People Pay
High Wages for Do-
mestic Helpers.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
North Yakima, Wash., Jan. 1.—The business men of North Yakima and their wives are solving the servant girl problem satisfactorily, as far as this city is concerned. They are doing it by the simple process of higher wages. While this may not be as effective as the method advocated by a government official lately, it appears to be all that is necessary in North Yakima to keep servant girls employed. Domestic help are getting from \$5 to \$8 a week besides their board and room, higher wages than the average shop girl and even some stenographers get.

There is little call for domestic help here at these wages, as there are plenty of women to fill all positions open. Japanese cooks are taking the places of women in many homes, but the competition has not had the result of lowering the wages.

In all lines of work in this city in which women are employed there is just now an oversupply of help. During the holiday trade many of them found work for a few days, but now they are again idle. The wages of store clerks are from \$25 to \$30 a month, which, without board and room, is less than the average servant girl makes.

"If more of our girls and women who are able to do domestic work only realized that they can make more money than by clerking in stores or working in offices there would be less dissatisfaction among our servant girls," said a business man today. "High wages to the servant girls, I believe, will be as good a means as any in keeping them in the family. I now employ two servant girls, either of whom will make more money in the long run than my stenographer."

NEW INDIAN SCHOOL HOSPITAL COMPLETED

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Chemawa, Or., Jan. 1.—Frederick A. Erickson of Salem has completed and turned over to the Indian school the spacious brick hospital for which he had the contract. The contract price was \$12,978. The building is complete with steam heating, electric lighting, sewer system and the latest improvement of ventilation. The building is well adapted for both sexes and is equipped with fumigating rooms, operating rooms in addition to the dispensary, offices, etc. It is one of the most modern and up-to-date buildings in the Indian service. The school has a resident physician, a trained nurse and other employees to take care of the sick. A class of girls is under instruction in nursing. It has already been demonstrated that this work and girls are well adapted for the Indian service. The school, under the direction of Dr. Tucker, the school physician, will be established the school's open air sanitarium on an enlarged and permanent plan.

M. J. Young Dead.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Astoria, Or., Jan. 1.—M. J. Young, justice of the peace at Seaside, died yesterday at his residence. Dropsey was the cause. He was born in 1845 and was 62 years of age. He has been a resident of Seaside for the last 18 years and during that time held a number of public trusts. The deceased leaves a widow.

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Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 1.—Almost up to the ears in a muddy ditch at Stone House lane, near the Pennsylvania railroad, a horse, which was hurt when it ran away, was kept up physically by liberal doses of whiskey yesterday afternoon until an agent of the Women's Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals hauled it out of the mud and sent it to a horse hospital.

William Rappold, a teamster, of 2948 North Second street, owns the horse. Rappold, according to the account given to the cruelty society, had to leave his wagon at Fourth and Market streets for a few minutes yesterday morning, and the horse ran away down Fourth.

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Down in Stone House lane several men tried to stop him, and in veering to one side he tumbled into the deep mud of the ditch.

Agent John Moulle, of the Women's Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, found the horse well-nigh exhausted.

Steps were taken in two minutes; tooth-ache or pain of burn or scald in five minutes; hoarseness, one hour; muscle-ache, two hours; sore throat, 12 hours.—Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil, monarch over pain.