

JANUARY WILL BE MONTH OF ANNUAL CONVENTIONS

Four Weeks of Meetings Will Bring Many People to Portland—Commercial Club's Banquet Next Week Followed by Staté Press Gathering and Others.

The largest and most important meeting and banquet in the history of the Portland chamber of commerce will be held on the evening of January 8, at the Portland hotel. The business meeting will take precedence in the hotel parlors, after which fully 300 members will sit at dinner at 6:30 o'clock in the palatial ball room of the big hotel. There will be prominent speakers of local reputation, and a number of addresses by men from points over the state. An effort will be made to have one or more famous speakers from abroad.

The Portland chamber of commerce has had a remarkable growth of membership and influence in the last two years. Its active membership roll now contains 385 names, including the most prominent and successful representatives of business, the professions and the arts.

The work of the chamber in upbuilding the shipping and transportation interests of the port has been of great benefit and promise to be of still greater import in the near future as development of projects now under way proceeds.

Thousands of dollars have been raised by popular subscription within the chamber membership to further its public work during the year just closed, and the new year is expected to witness important results of these efforts.

Business Conventions Scheduled. January will be a convention month for Portland, no less than five or six gatherings being scheduled for this period. Annual reports and elections will be the principal features of various programs. The Oregon State Press association will meet in Portland January 17 and 18, and is expected to be an occasion for exchange of many courtesies between the members of rural settlements and the men who shape the destiny of the metropolises. The Commercial club and the chamber of commerce will extend welcome to the state fruit growers' convention. Following this meeting, the Pacific Federation of Implement and Hardware Dealers will hold their annual convention in Astoria, commencing January 23. This organization embraces representatives from all important points on the coast, and fields a strong influence on the trade. Portland will on January 1 welcome a large delegation of Spokane and Walla Walla business men on a special train to southern California for a midwinter visit. The party will number more than 100 men and women and will reach Portland the morning of January 8. They will spend the entire day here, and be entertained with luncheon at the Commercial club.

The annual meeting of the Portland Commercial club will be held January 18. The members will elect five new officers for the board of governors, and the governors will select officers for the ensuing year. A committee of five men has, according to the by-laws, been elected by the old board of governors, to make nominations for the new ticket. These nominations, while usually satisfactory, are not binding on the club, and there have been instances wherein an independent ticket has been nominated independently and elected.

The newly organized and elected board of governors will select standing committees to rule the club for the year 1908. These committees are the house committee, the finance committee, library, publication and property committee. E. E. Trumbull is chairman of the present house committee which has charge of the club cuisine management.

President M. J. Roche of the American Association of Traveling Passenger Agents, states that a canvass of the executive committee has been made and it has been decided that the association will spend two full days in Portland on the occasion of its next annual excursion, from Chicago via Portland to Seattle, during the Seattle-Yukon exposition.

On January 14, 15 and 16 the Oregon Horticultural society will hold an annual meeting and exhibit in Portland. The program will include speeches and papers by successful fruitgrowers in Oregon, Washington and Idaho, and is expected to be of great benefit to those who attend. The officers of the society are making an effort to have the largest and most important meeting ever held by the society in the state. There will be a great exhibit of apples and other fruits, and nuts, and it is said a number of new varieties, the products of Oregon experimentalists, will be shown.

The Northwest Retail Harness and Saddlery Manufacturers' association will have its annual meeting in Portland January 13 and 14. Trade conditions will be discussed, and prospects for the new year taken account of and the annual election of officers will be held.

A society known as "The Owls" will hold its annual meeting in Portland January 15 to 18, inclusive. The Retail Grocers' association's annual meeting and election will occur in this city January 21 and 22. J. Dresser is president, and Charles B. Merrick is secretary of the association. Meetings are held in Alisky hall.

ENGINEER-DRAW'S BOB TAIL FLUSH

Operator Turns Burnside Bridge Wrong Way—Ends Refuse to Give.

The expected happened this morning—the engineer of the Burnside bridge got the end of the draw confused in the mist and put the east end where the west end of the draw should have been. As a result officials became excited, the engineer himself was worried, traffic was tied up for half an hour, pedestrians and passengers of the streetcars were saying unkind things about the men on the bridge and several hundred people who live on the east side were late in getting to work.

In other words, the mistake of one end of a bridge for the other caused nothing short of consternation, all before 7 o'clock this second day of the new year. When the little steamer whistled, the east end of the draw swung out over the water as gracefully as could be imagined. The end opposite did likewise, moving in the opposite direction. The draw was raised. The steamer passed on its way.

Perhaps the engineer couldn't see both ends of the bridge. Possibly it was so dark he could not distinguish which was north, south, east or west. In any way, the draw moved again, while the people, all in the usual hurry to get to the office at this hour, waited patiently.

Repairs are being made to the bridge and there is but one streetcar track crossing the structure. When the east end of the draw was put just where it should not have been the streetcar on the main line on the main portion of the bridge.

Then the excitement followed, all kinds of it. Streetcars couldn't go and the bridge men wouldn't let the pedestrians cross. And there they were, stuck. The engineer swore. So did lots of others. The engine puffed. Still the draw was stationary. This suspense was kept up about half an hour when the engineer got things to going all right. He turned the draw around and set down and started the draw which had congregated rushed across in the direction of the business district.

Oaks Rink Tonight. Skating with music at the Oaks rink every afternoon and evening. Good music and skates; largest floor space of any rink on the coast. We teach you to skate free of charge. Begin to learn to skate now. Remember tonight is ladies' night.

KUBELIK PROGRAMS WILL BE DIFFERENT. The world's greatest violinist, Jan Kubelik, will be heard in this city at the Heilig theatre in two grand concerts next week. The first will be given next Thursday evening, January 8, and the second Saturday afternoon, January 11. Two entirely different programs will be given. Mail orders from this city are now being received for both. Address letters and make checks or money orders payable to W. F. Fangle, manager Heilig theatre. Enclose self-addressed envelope to insure safe return. Kubelik will be assisted by the French pianist, Maurice Strakosky, and Herr Ludwig Schwab, accompanist.

It Does the Business. Mr. E. E. Chamberlain of Clinton, Me., says of Bucklen's Arnica Salve: "It does what it says. I have used it for piles and it cured them. Used it for chapped hands and it cured them. Applied it to an old sore and it healed it without leaving a scar behind." 25c at Skidmore Drug Co.'s drug store.



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We're stock-taking and find a great many small lots of men's and women's ready-to-wear clothing and shoes that we won't take into stock. You may have some tomorrow.

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\$5.00 for Men's damaged Vests.
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SUITS IN PERFECT CONDITION.
Best makers' makes on earth in this big lot.
\$1.95 for all the Palace \$10.00 Suits.
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\$12.50 for all \$25.00 and \$27.50 Suits.
OVERCOATS AND CRAVENETTES
\$1.95 for Boys and Young Men's fine \$11.00 Overcoats.
\$2.95 for Men's and Young Men's finest \$12.50 Overcoats and Cravenettes.
\$4.95 for pick makes \$17.50 Pants.
\$6.95 for finest Black Venetian \$15.00 Overcoats and Cravenettes.
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500 PAIRS OF PANTS
None better made in America—
\$4.00 for \$2.00 damaged Pants.
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PERFECT PANTS
\$1.00 for best makes \$2.25 Pants.
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\$2.45 for best makes \$4.95 Pants.
\$2.95 for best makes \$7.50 Pants.
\$4.29 for best makes \$10.00 Pants.
All in perfect condition, all sizes, shapes and colors.

CORSET SPECIAL
\$1.95 for 1,000 pairs of \$3.50 Corsetry Pants, cutt and plain bottoms.
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75c for all the Palace \$2.50 Umbrellas.

SHOES
\$12.00 worth of the Famous Star Brand Shoes included in this great underwear sale.
50c for better kind of Boys' Girls' and Women's Shoes in odd pairs, worth up to \$2.50.
\$1.00 for all kinds of Women's Girls' and Boys' Sample Shoes, worth up to \$3.00. Of course the sizes are broken.

LADIES' SHOES
\$1.50 for Ladies' \$2.50 Star Brand Shoes, in lace, Oxford or Blucher, patent leather and vicl calf.
\$2.25 for high class hand turned Ladies' Dress Shoes, all shapes, all leathers, the best \$3.50 shoe shown anywhere.
\$2.95 takes choice of any pair Star Brand \$5 Shoes for ladies, 10 styles.

EVERY PAIR GUARANTEED.
\$1.55 for Men's Finest Dress and Work Shoes heavy and light shoes, lace and Blucher.
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3000 BOYS' SUITS
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TEA
If you don't like it, give it away; your grocer returns your money.
Your grocer returns your money if you don't like it; we pay him.

Guild Begins Third Term.
Boston, Jan. 2.—Governor Curtis Guild Jr., who recently has received some mention as a possible candidate for the Republican presidential nomination, was today inaugurated governor of Massachusetts for the third time. The inaugural ceremonies took place in the assembly chamber of the state house in the presence of the members of the legislature and many other spectators. Metzger fits glasses for \$1.

THE PASSION PLAY
EXPOSITION NEW TONIGHT
Admission 10c and 25c
Songs by Miss Millie Perkins

EASY MONEY---HUGE GOLD NUGGET GIVEN AWAY FOR ONE SMILE

A man walked up to the counter of the Imperial hotel this morning and smiled. Phil Metchan Jr. was behind the desk. He also smiled. Then he went to the big office safe. Out came a strong box as large as a grip. Mr. Metchan dived down in the box. In one hand he brought a gold nugget the size of a good-sized hen egg. This he handed to the man who hadn't said a word. Guests looking on in astonishment. The man took the wealth and walked serenely out of the door and down Washington street. The nugget was so heavy that his overcoat pocket sagged.

UNKNOWN HERO WHO HAS BEEN WINNING FAME FOR PAST 15 YEARS

There are so many heroes in this world—heroes that one never hears about. They are never mentioned in the papers. No one ever knows of them except possibly a few people in the neighborhood in which they live. There was a hero at one of the Portland hotels this morning. He is a man and has been a hero for 15 years. This man in particular doesn't know that he is a hero. He has simply been doing his duty all these years. His wife is a confirmed invalid. She has never been able to take care of herself. All these 15 years this hero in real life has attended to the every want of

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California Table Wines—Zinfandel, Burgundy, Reisling, Cabernet and Sauterne—regular 50c, special 29c
Catawba, Muscatel, Tokay and Madeira Wines—regular 50c, special 34c
Cresta Blanca, Table d'Hotel, Souvenir, St. Julien, Margaux (pints)—regular 45c, special 25c
Welch's Grape Juice, 2-quart—regular \$1.00, special 77c
Lagavulin Scotch Whiskey—regular \$1.00, special \$1.05
Fine Old Scotch Whiskey—regular \$1.65, special 98c
Brice's Pure Malt Whiskey—regular 85c, special 59c
Golden Star Champagne, quarts—regular \$2.25, special \$1.48

FRIDAY CLEARANCE SALE

—OF—
Hair Brushes and Mirrors

Ebonized Hair Brush, 9-row—regular 75c, special 19c
Ebonized Hair Brush, sterling mountings—regular \$1.00, special 29c
Imported 12-row Bleached Bristle Hair Brush—regular \$2.00, special 53c
Silveroid, 12-row, Metal Back Hair Brush—regular \$3.00, special \$1.09
Silveroid, 11-row, Metal Back Hair Brush—regular \$1.75, special 63c
Military Brushes—regular values to \$6.00, special, per pair \$1.23
Military Brushes, metal back—regular values to \$8.00, special, per pair \$1.98
Fancy Metal Silveroid Hand Mirrors—regular values to \$4.00, special 89c
Fancy Ebonized Hand Mirrors, sterling silver mountings—regular values to \$1.75, special 59c
Metal Back Combs, all colors—regular values to \$1.00, special 53c

CLEARANCE SALE OF Leather Goods

Entire stock offered at a discount of **25%**
Extra specials for Friday, 1/2 price.
1908 Art Calendars
To close them out Friday, values from 50c to \$2.25, special **25c**
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Glove, Handkerchief, Collar and Cuff Boxes

In endless varieties of fancy wood, leather, celluloid, tapestry, etc., all fancy decorated, handsomely lined in silk. The entire line at values from 75c to \$4.00; your choice, each **43c**

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Fancy Flower Box Stationery... \$.35 15c
Fancy Silk Box Stationery..... 1.25 65c
Fancy Hand-Colored Stationery... .50 25c
Fancy Hand-Colored Stationery... 40 20c
Fancy Hand-Colored Stationery... 1.00 50c
Fancy Hand-Colored Stationery... 1.25 65c
Fancy Hand-Colored Stationery... 1.50 75c
Fancy Hand-Colored Stationery... 1.75 90c
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