

REPORTS THEFT MANY WATCHES

O. L. Holgate, Jewelry Salesman, Says His Loss Is Over \$4000.

O. L. Holgate, a jewelry salesman living at the Hotel Mathiesen, corner of Front and Madison streets, really sustained the loss that he reported to the police last night, he was robbed by a sneak thief of jewelry valued at between \$4000 and \$5000.

Holgate's story is a queer one, to say the least, and if there was any robber, the man must have been absolutely reckless and ready to take desperate chances. Holgate stated this morning that about 10:45 last night he left his room and went down the street a short distance to a restaurant to get something to eat. He was not gone more than 15 minutes but when he returned he found that the room had been entered and that his sample cases, in which he carried his stock of jewelry had been broken open and the contents stolen.

Holgate says that he left the light burning in his room when he went out. The room is No. 495, at the end of the hall, and a robber to get to it would have to pass a large number of other rooms with every chance of being seen. Besides that, he could not know but that the man occupying the room would return at any moment.

Holgate says that he travels through the lumber camps of Oregon and Washington—and sells the lumberjacks high-grade watches. The poorest watch he carries, he says, is a 15-jewel movement. All the jewelry stolen was of high grade, and the peculiar part of the story is that Holgate has a partner, who is out of town at present and not aware of his loss. For the jewelry he sends to both of them. Holgate says that, among the stuff stolen, were 205 high-grade watches, besides chains, watch fobs, razors, knives, etc.

Holgate was philosophical this morning. He slept until 3 o'clock and arose smiling and as happy as a man is supposed to be on Christmas day. He did not look at all like a man who had just been robbed of over \$4000 worth of valuables.

The detectives who are working on the supposed robbery are skeptical in regard to the truth of Holgate's story. A peculiar circumstance is that, although Holgate stated this morning that all the watches taken were of high grade, some of them made to order, and all unlike other watches to be found in this part of the country, and that he had a record of the numbers of the cases and movements, yet he had not given a description of them to the police and did not think it wise to do so.

He claimed that his reason for withholding this information is that if he gave it out, the robber might get out of this part of the country. He also stated that he believed the man who committed the theft was a roomer in the hotel and that he has a pretty good idea who he is.

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN PORTLAND REPUDIATES ALLEGED SANATORIUM



Sister Mary Theresa, Whose Charitable Work Is Not Sanctioned by Local Catholics.

Sister Mary Theresa and her associates, who are conducting what purports to be a sanatorium at Center station on the Sellwood car line, are not Benedictine sisters, as represented by themselves. For some time the two women have been in Portland and have been carrying on their work here by the aid of charity. They have been repudiated by Archbishop Christie, by Father Gregory of the Sellwood church and by Father Hildebrand of Mount Angel. Father Gregory and Father Hildebrand are both members of the order of St. Benedict.

Father Gregory asserts that the women are not members of the Benedictine sisterhood. The younger of the two women, Sister Mary Theresa, was at one time a member of the Benedictine sisterhood at Elizabeth, N. J., but left the institution without the consent of the sister superior and has since that time been living apart from the jurisdiction of the order. The older of the two women was never a member of the order, says Father Gregory.

Complaint is also made by both

popular gift and if you are a woman you will probably receive one today.

Another article that the stores have been busy handing out to the more up-to-date and fashionable customers with plenty of money is the very latest thing in trays—the cocktail tray. Possibly you can guess for what purpose it is used. The trays are about six inches in width and two feet and a half and three feet in length. The bottom of the tray is of silk embroidery which is covered with glass to prevent its getting soaked with—wise precaution that! These things cost all the way—well, you can't get on for less than a four spot. And fountain pens. There has been a regular run on them. They have been selling from 25 cents up. Some of the fountain pens sold this year were worth almost their weight in gold.

Jade stick pins and jade rings have also been quite popular. In fact the jewelry stores have done a most magnificent business.

SPOKANE MAN KILLED ON HUNTING TRIP

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Wilson Creek, Wash., Dec. 25.—Allan P. Gill, former city engineer of Spokane and manager of the Independent Asphalt Company, was found dead on the ice on the shore of Moses lake, some 30 miles south of here. It is the opinion of those who found him that he had either slipped on the ice and his gun discharged or that the trigger had caught in the tules. He was on a hunting trip with F. C. Robertson of Spokane.

The charge of shot had struck him in the right jaw and his head was horribly mutilated. He was found by a searching party and the body brought here tonight. The remains will be sent to Spokane on Great Northern train No. 2, due there at 10:45 in the morning. J. T. Omo and G. K. Burt and Undertaker Smith arrived tonight from Spokane.

PICTURE SHOWS PUT OUT OF BUSINESS

(United Press Leased Wire.)
New York, Dec. 25.—Mayor McClellan has revoked the licenses of the moving picture shows, moved by the protests of ministers who complained that the majority were exhibiting pictures detrimental to the morals of youth. The mayor also had a report from the fire department stating that the halls where such shows are given are only partially equipped with fire safeguards.

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COSTLY EXHIBIT

Original, Business-Getting, and Artistic Exhibit of Eilers Piano House.

One of the most attractive exhibits of the holiday season, and one that has attracted the attention of thousands of pedestrians is the unique and costly display of Eilers Piano House, at Washington and Park streets.

The front of Eilers Piano House has been partitioned off, papered, painted and decorated—the effect produced being the interior of a modern mansion. The front store is divided up into three rooms, each being beautifully furnished with oriental rugs, mission and Chipendale art furniture and lighted with the very latest electrical devices. In the corner room is placed a beautiful mahogany cased Eilers Orchestral piano, this being the instrument manufactured by the Eilers Piano House. In the second room is placed a glorious Chickering Baby Grand piano, which adds greatly to the artistic appearance of this apartment. In the east room a typical bachelor's "den" has been fixed up, with its sideboard, Victrola Talking Machine, Edison Business Dictation phonograph, etc., but the instrument most prominently displayed in this apartment is a beautiful Weber Flanola piano. Through the folding doors, one gets a glimpse of a Christmas tree and a dining room table, creaking under its load of exquisite china and silverware.

Many costly curtains and portieres are artistically draped about the windows and doors. The exhibit is on such an extensive scale that it took many days to put it in place.

PORTLAND PEOPLE SPEND HUGE SUMS FOR HOLIDAY TRIFLES

The sales of little things for Christmas in Portland this year have run up—away up—into the millions. For instance, there are the greetings which have been sent out everywhere on picture postal cards. Shoppers had a greater variety to select from this year than ever before and as a consequence tons of them were sold. There was a demand for elaborate cards and some sold at as high as 50 cents each.

Hundreds of Portlanders this year bought little oriental buckles which the women love so well. The buckles are of silver, the design exotic enough to be really fascinating and they have been selling like hot cakes. The Japanese and Chinese salesmen have been explaining that the reason these buckles were sold so cheap this year is because there had been a drop in the price of silver in the orient. But the buckles are a

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