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HOLIDAY TRADE BIGGEST EVER

Pendleton Merchants Telling of Greatest Christmas Shopping Season.

SHOPPING STARTED EARLY AND LASTED LATE

Prosperity of People Reflected by Manner in Which Money Was Spent for Gifts—Though Trade Was Heavy It Was Easily Handled—Leon Cohen of Peoples Warehouse Makes no Exceptions—Similar Statements Made by Others—One Story Multiplies Last Year's Business by Four.

The best Christmas trade in many years and yet the most easily handled. That is the verdict of the many business men of the city who have just ended the busiest week in the year. Although last Saturday was not characterized by the rush of the usual day before Christmas and many people were of the opinion that not as much money was being invested in presents as in former years, but they failed to take into consideration that there was much more earlier buying this year. The great nation-wide agitation to "do your Christmas shopping early" bore fruit and merchants and clerks alike are blessing the newspapers and magazines who have been so largely instrumental in bringing about such a condition. The past year was a prosperous one for residents of Umatilla county for the wheat crop was a good one and all other businesses prosper when the gods smile on the farmer. Therefore when the gift season came around every one felt inclined to spend freely and the result has been that an enormous amount of money has been circulated through the trade avenues in Pendleton.

"We have had the best holiday business The Peoples Warehouse has ever had without an exception," says Leon Cohen, proprietor of Pendleton's biggest dry goods emporium. "This year the people shopped early and they also shopped late. It was a very satisfactory business." That such was the case with reference to The Peoples Warehouse at least is indicated by the crowds that thronged that store Saturday evening and on all other evenings last week. Saturday night the store was literally jammed with shoppers and the women's department on the third floor throughout the evening was an especially busy scene.

Alexander's Store Busy. R. Alexander of the Alexander Department store was also emphatic in stating his satisfaction over the Christmas trade. "In the entire history of our business connection with this city," he said this morning, "we have never had a holiday business equal to that of this year. I am extremely satisfied with the patronage that was given us." The Alexander store was certainly a busy place during the past week and the large force of clerks, regular and extra, was kept busy every minute of the time.

Trade Quadrupled. "Our Christmas trade has been about four times as great this year as last, declared Glen Cannon of the Koepfen Brothers store Saturday evening, while the rush was still on. "I think it must be due to the fact that we went out after it harder and got started earlier," he continued. A. J. McAllister of the Pendleton Drug company was another that expressed himself as well satisfied with the Christmas trade. "Saturday was the quietest day before Christmas we have ever had," he said, "but our trade has been the largest in years. There were many people who bought early this year and I attribute it to the efforts of the newspapers over the country."

Many other merchants expressed similar statements and their places of business during the week gave ample substantiation of their words. Among others who testified to the increase in the Christmas trade were Charles Bond, C. E. Roosevelt, F. E. Livengood, J. Wohlenberg, J. V. Tallman, L. G. Frazier, Will Hanscom, Royal Sawtelle, A. L. Schaefer, F. J. Donaldson, Max Baer and J. L. Vaubhan.

CHINESE STARVING BY MILLIONS.

Shanghai, China, Dec. 26.—Reports from the interior state that three million Chinese are starving in the northern part of the provinces of Kiang Su and Anhui. Efforts of the foreign missionaries to relieve the distress have failed. The total population of the provinces is 30,000,000. The international board of foreign missions has appealed for a million dollars to relieve the famine. The Red Cross is urged to collect the fund.

SEIBERT TAILOR SHOP IS BURGLARIZED

Santa Claus was evidently not very good to someone who decided to retaliate by taking the presents that were not put in his stockings. The Seibert Tailoring shop next door to the East Oregonian was selected as a place where something useful could be had by a little effort. That effort consisted in breaking out a window in the rear of the building. The opening made, an entrance was effected and a large assortment of suits lay before the burglar. He selected very carefully from these, choosing three of the best in the shop, besides an overcoat and an extra pair of pants. With the exception of the pants, all of the apparel was the property of customers of the shop.

Mr. Seibert discovered his loss this morning when he opened his shop and immediately reported it to the police who are now on the lookout for the stolen property.

Mr. Seibert is of the opinion that there has been a gang waiting for an opportunity to rifle his shop as an attempt was made about a week ago when the burglars were frightened away by the sudden entrance to the shop of one of the men employed in it.

POLE CAT FARM FOR SPOKANE COUNTY

Martin J. Wessels, superintendent of exhibits at the Spokane chamber of commerce, is negotiating with eastern parties for stock to establish a polecat farm near Spokane, where the animals will be raised for their pelts. He has a tract of 10 acres of land with virgin trees, which will be fenced to provide a habitat for the animals. He has received much encouragement in the enterprise from fur dealers in Chicago, New York, Boston and points on the Atlantic coast, who say they will pay the highest cash market prices for all the pelts he can produce. Black hides are eagerly sought by collectors, the price ranging from \$75 to \$150 each, according to size and color. He will begin with Indiana-bred cats, crossing them with those of the north woods. Skunk-farming is being practiced in several middlewestern and eastern states, where the owners are receiving dividends from 100 to 300 per cent on the investment.

SANTA CLAUS BADLY BURNED IN PORTLAND

Portland, Ore., Dec. 26.—Severely burned about her face, head and shoulders, Mrs. Eva Baker, aged fifty, is believed to be dying at St. Vincent's hospital as a result of a Christmas tree fire yesterday. The woman was dressed as Santa Claus and was lighting candles preparatory to a surprise for the two children of her employer, Charles Crogster. She ignited her false beard and was burned before the flames could be extinguished by Crogster. If she recovers she will probably be blinded as her eyeballs were seared.

RUSH OF MINERS TO INDIAN RESERVE

Veteran prospectors predict that the most important miners' rush in the history of the Northwest will follow the passage of a bill at this session of congress, opening to entry the mineral lands of the Spokane Indian reservation, northeast of this city. United States Senator Wesley L. Jones of Washington, who introduced the bill, advises the Spokane chamber of commerce, that its adoption now seems assured.

More than 25 syndicates have been formed in Spokane in anticipation of the passage of the bill, and, as soon as it becomes a law by the signature of President Taft, several hundred prospectors will be rushed into the district to stake claims.

Enormous deposits of silver, copper and tungsten have been traced across the boundaries of the reserve, part of which was opened to homesteaders last spring, and at one time development work was under way on 70 claims, when the prospectors were ejected by agents in the employ of the United States government. Senator Jones' bill provided that "from and after the passage of this act any lands of the Spokane Indian reservation, classified and reserved as timber lands under any act of congress heretofore passed, shall be open to exploration, location, occupation and purchase under the mining laws of the United States."

L. K. Armstrong of Spokane, secretary of the Western Conservation association, who interested Senator Jones in the new measure, declares that the timber and mineral provisions were purposely left out of the original act opening the reservation, adding that, while the responsibility has not been fixed, he believes it was brought about by some one friendly to the Indian bureau.

Three barleycorns make an inch, so the table says, and three drinks of barley juice sometimes make a riot.

DYNAMITERS RUIN FACTORY

Los Angeles Scene of Second Outrage—Building Wrecked But No Lives Lost.

OWNERS AND POLICE SAY WORK IS RESULT OF MALICE

Secretary of Company Openly Accuses Union Laborers and Says No Expense Will be Spared—Factory Recently Involved in Iron Workers Strike—Part of Fuse Used to Discharge Explosive is Found—Three Men Seen Running Away—Low Grade Dynamite Used.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 26.—That an explosion that partially wrecked the plant of the Llewellyn Iron works yesterday was caused by dynamite is the unanimous belief of the plant owners and the police who have begun an investigation. It is believed that a low grade of dynamite was set off by a long fuse. A portion of the fuse has been found. The loss is about \$20,000. Night watchman J. Ashbury, a negro, was slightly injured. The authorities are searching for three men seen running away shortly before the explosion occurred.

Many believe some disgruntled former employees are guilty. The first floor was badly wrecked and the second floor also. The third floor was weakened.

The company is one of the largest in the West, and has been involved in the recent iron works strike. "Our plant was dynamited," said Secretary John Llewellyn. "This miserable affair is part of a plot to get us. It was committed by enemies of the company and I am willing to say they were not non-union men. We will spare no expense to get at the bottom of this affair."

Chief of police Galloway, Captain Paul Flammer, of the detective bureau admitted their belief in the dynamite theory. Flammer is conducting the police investigation. It is believed about 25 pounds of dynamite was used.

SPOKANE MERCHANTS ENJOY HOLIDAY TRADE

Retailers report that the holiday trade in Spokane amounted to between \$6,500,000 and \$7,000,000 this season, breaking all former records. Frank W. Smith, who has been in business here for 23 years, says that Christmas buying, which began early in December, was the largest in the history of the city. Nearly \$2,500,000 worth of holiday goods were bought in Spokane for distribution in various parts of the country. Reports of increased trade also come from other parts of the Spokane country and the Northwest. Charles W. Dillingham, president of the Spokane Merchants' association, declares the output this year was from 25 to 30 per cent larger than in 1910. The jobbing trade shows an increase of \$5,000,000 for the year, the estimate of 1910 being \$2,000,000, while manufacturing concerns produced goods valued at \$29,500,000. The bank clearings for the year averaged \$20,000,000 a month, while the deposits in the state and national banks averaged more than \$31,000,000.

BASHFUL CIVIL ENGINEER IS EMBARRASSED BY PRETTY GIRL

It is sometimes embarrassing to bear a close resemblance to another person, especially if you are somewhat inclined to bashfulness and the individual who, makes the mistake is a young and pretty girl who has learned the art of being nice to her acquaintances. So thinks Harry Williams, one of the Twoby Bros, men located at Barnhart, who was the victim of such a combination of circumstances.

Saturday he ventured into the city and was accosted by a pretty girl of some twenty summers who gave him a glad greeting and held him in conversation for several minutes. Now, Williams is a single man and without a susceptible one and his blood surged madly through his veins for the rest of the day for little did he know that the young lady had mistaken him for one of the Glee Club collegians whom she had recently met in this city. No, in the bliss of his ignorance he thought that the lady had become smitten by his personal charms and life seemed sweet to him that Christmas eve.

Sunday he again came into the city and he was clad in his most fitting raiment, and, in sooth, he was good to look upon. He wandered up to one

PRISONERS EAT TURKEY DINNER

County Jail Residents Enjoy Fine Feast Through Generosity of Quelle Proprietor.

LARGE GOBBLER DONATED BY BUS LA FONTAINE

Jailer Strand, Attorneys Carter and Smythe and Sheriff Taylor and Officer Force Also Contribute to Day's Merry-Making—Kangaroo Court Fines Furnish Money for Side Dish Delicacies—Pies, Pipes, Cigars and Other Things Beside Turkey.

With a 24 pound turkey as the principal event upon their menu card and with apples, cigars, etcetera, as side issues, the prisoners at the county jail enjoyed a big Christmas dinner yesterday. There are 20 victims within the bastle at this time and one and all they did full justice to the spread.

Gus La Fontaine was the donor of the 24 pound bird and with the trimmings and all the feed made such a load that Deputy George Strand had to use a squad of three men to take it to the jail.

Aside from the turkey the prisoners were treated to a dozen pies by Strand who is the jailer, while a box of fine big apples was also presented by the sheriff's office.

Seven out of the 20 men within the jail were made particularly glad when Attorney Dup P. Smythe arrived at the jail with a supply of tobacco and seven cornob pipes. The seven are clients of Carter & Smythe and are facing a varied assortment of charges.

In addition to the luxuries enumerated above the prisoners were able to do a few things for themselves yesterday with the sum of \$2 which they had raised through the process of the kangaroo court.

MOVE TO INCREASE NORTHWEST DAIRY PRODUCTS

Districts in eastern Washington and Oregon, north and central Idaho, western Montana and southeastern British Columbia will make determined efforts early next year to induce farmers to locate in the various communities, which are now sending more than \$14,000,000 annually to outside states for dairy products.

W. J. Langdon, president of the Washington State Dairyman's association, estimates there are 195,000 dairy cows in the state. David Brown, president of the Hazelwood company of Spokane, says there is need for 500,000 cows in the district, adding that his company alone would buy the output of 100,000. He added that there are hundreds of thousands of acres of cut-over timber lands in the four states and provinces in Canada, where ample forage can be provided at a minimum cost. The value of dairy products in the district in 1910 is placed at \$9,000,000, he continued, and it should be not less than \$25,000,000. "There is no danger of over-production and will not be for many years to come."

Ross Laudenslager of Hermiston, was a Christmas visitor in Pendleton.

BAD CHECK ARTIST PICKS WRONG MAN

Another bad check artist has run afoul of the Pendleton police force and is now making a cell in the city bastle his headquarters. Last evening a stranger, rather old and resembling a shepherd in appearance, appeared in the Henneman cigar store on Main street and presented a check for \$20 which he asked to be cashed. He had two in his possession, one of which was made out to Michael Neal and the other to George Mitchell and both bore the signature of "Alford" Smith. Mr. Henneman was suspicious and refused to accept the paper. The man then offered another fellow in the store a quarter if he would cash it for him. This attempt also failed after which the man proceeded to the saloon of William Hoch but received a similar reception. He then went back to the Henneman cigar store and repeated his request and was again refused. When he left the store he was nabbed by Night Officer Shears who had been following him from place to place.

Alford Smith is a son of J. E. Smith of the J. E. Smith Livestock company but all checks made out by him bear the name of the company. Another blunder of the forger was the misspelling of the first name. The checks were written in a beautiful hand while the endorsement which was written on the back when the fellow attempted to get one check cashed by another was in a very poor scrawl. This leads the officers to believe that there may be two men working together. In the possession of the one captured was a full book of checks on the American National bank and also something over \$18 in cash which makes it probable that he had met with better success elsewhere.

The man chose an opportune time for his attempt as the banks will not be open before tomorrow morning and he would have had time to make a safe getaway before the fraud was discovered.

HOXEY IS HERO OF BIG AVIATION MEET

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 26.—Archie Hoxey is the hero of the aviation meet today. Yesterday he ascended to a height of 7500 feet, turned off his engines and shot earthward. He didn't right his planes until within five hundred feet of the ground.

His height record yesterday corrected today, shows he ascended 9233 feet.

Willard shows he is the premier marksmen of the birdmen. Armed with oranges, representing bombs, he dropped ten out of 25 on a space the size of a battleship deck at a height of 2000 feet.

Aerial warfare will be the effort of the aviation enthusiasts Wednesday if the consent of the aviation committee to the scheme proposed today can be secured. Willard plans to carry aloft real bombs, constructed on specifications furnished by the federal war department and hurl them at targets in San Pedro hills near the field. He will maneuver as though real fortifications or a battleship were his object and his aerial attack will have all the characteristics of grim reality. The consent of the committee must be obtained because of the danger that attaches to such an exhibition.

WAGING HOT FIGHT AGAINST PARCELS POST

New York, Dec. 26.—The New York branch of the American League of Associations, a powerful combination of leading mercantile houses throughout the country, today followed the lead of the Chicago branch in taking up a campaign against the proposed establishment of local rural parcels post service and a big fund will be raised in this city to fight the bill now before congress. The association has a total membership of about 300. The members of the association do a wholesale mail order business and are aiming their fight against the retail mail order houses. The apparent purpose of the campaign according to the promoters, is to save the country merchant from elimination.

SENATOR ROOT IS TO VISIT CARNEGIE

New York, Dec. 26.—United States Senator Root, chairman of the Carnegie Peace Foundation will have a conference with Mr. Carnegie today to personally notify him of the government's action regarding the \$10,000,000 given by Mr. Carnegie for the promotion of world peace.

Helix Masons Celebrate.

The Helix chapter of the Masons lodge will hold its installation of officers this evening following which they will enjoy themselves at a banquet.

Bogus counts sometimes win American girls, and bogus counts quite frequently win elections.

PROGRAM FOR WOOLGROWERS

Arrangements Completed for Annual Convention of Oregon Flockmasters.

SECRETARY SMYTHE PRESENTS STRONG LIST OF SPEAKERS

State Convention of One Day Will Precede National Gathering of January Fourth—In Addition to Annual Reports of Secretary and President—Prominent Men Will Discuss Questions of Vital Importance to Shipment of State—Tariff Also to be Considered at Meeting.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 26.—Wool-growers of the state will hold their convention in Portland just prior to the annual gathering of the National Wool Growers' association. The session will open on the morning of January 3 and will probably be concluded that day. The National association will open its convention on January 4.

The program for the Oregon Wool Growers' association convention is as follows:

- Invocation—Rev. Luther R. Dyott. Address of welcome—G. F. Johnson, chairman promotion committee Portland Commercial club. Response—Jay H. Dobbin, vice-president state association. Annual address—George McKnight, president state association. Annual report—Dan P. Smythe, secretary state association. "Co-operation of Bureau of Animal Industry with Wool Growers of Oregon." Dr. R. A. Ramsey, U. S. department of animal industry. "Federal and State Sheep Quarantine Laws and Regulations." General discussion. "Best Method to Sell Oregon Wools." General discussion. "Transportation of Wool and Sheep rates and Minimum Speed Laws." General discussion. "Range Development and Improvement on National Forests." C. S. Chapman, district chief of grazing, forest service. "National Forests." general discussion. "Schedule K." General discussion. "Oregon's Predatory Wild Animal Laws." General discussion. "Legislation Needed." General discussion. "Better Sheep Breeding." General discussion. Appointment and selection of advisory boards, reports of committees, unfinished business, new business, election of officers and delegates, selection of place of next annual meeting.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 26.—Four men are dead today and another is dying because of leaking gas in the Pacific lodging house yesterday. Charles Draft, a laborer is the only one identified.

LEAKING GAS CLAIMS VICTIMS IN SEATTLE

Physicians say William Parker, who is at a hospital will die. Four others are in a critical condition at the Municipal lodging house. All occupied different rooms. The authorities are investigating. Masons Observe Christmas. This morning at nine o'clock the Knights Templar all over the United States held their annual Christmas observance. Allowance is made for the difference of time in the different sections of the country so that at exactly the same hour each chapter is carrying out the same program. Tomorrow at 2:30 the Royal Arch Chapter No. 23 of the Masons will hold their initiation of officers.

William Randolph Hearst is elected commodore of the Brooklyn Yacht Club at the Hotel Knickerbocker, New York, on Wednesday evening. It is understood that Mr. Hearst's flagship in which he will lead the club's fleet next year will be a high-speed power boat which is now being constructed. The new yacht is said will be 160 feet long and one of the finest in this section of the country.

BATTLE FOUGHT IN ISLE OF HAYTI

San Domingo, Hayti, Dec. 26.—Troops were sent today to the Dominican-Haytian frontier as a result of a report that a battle occurred there. General Antenor Firman is leading the rebels.