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A FEW COPIES OF THE CHRISTMAS HERALD STILL FOR SALE

WE last week gave a short item concerning the Portland Commons and its philanthropies. In the item was a statement in regard to the Louise Home connected with the Commons. The Louise Home is for unfortunate young women. The management has secured donations for the construction of a new building and these funds were deposited with the American Bank and Trust Co., which failed last Monday. The deposit amounted to over \$3500 and the loss was enough to make the managers frantic for a time as they had worked hard to get the amount together. Having shown some interest in the Commons Home in a publicity way we made a personal investigation of the building and plan of operation on Wednesday of this week. The institution is largely self-supporting. Neither the city, county, or state lend it any assistance. In the building at Front and Burnside are accommodations for from 350 to 400 men. It is not the best in the world, nor even what we would like to see in an institution of that sort. But every evening at 10 o'clock it begins to fill up with people who find it the best their means can afford. A bed or a room with a warm fire, a shower bath, with a chance to have their clothes fumigated during the night. Transients pay nothing, or a dime, or 25 cents. Quite a number of men make it their permanent boarding place at 25 cents a day, and some of the third story rooms are quite comfortable. On the first floor is a small entertainment hall, kitchen and dining room.

No drunks or diseased people, so far as is possible, are allowed admission to the rooms. Beyond this no questions are asked. Other matters of personal importance are left to the poor people who are so unfortunate as to need the assistance offered. If there is no money to be used for a bed, at least a place to sit during the night is ensured.

The Louise home is of a more charitable nature even yet. Not only is the place a sleeping place, but it is a home for those who come to accept its hospitality. It then seeks to find suitable locations for all those who may come within its influence. Being a home, its needs are even more than the place on Burnside Street. Food and clothing and financial assistance must be provided. All this must come by donations and hence the motive of the effort made last week to direct attention to the institution.

THE Western governors special is proving the greatest advertising feature ever attempted in the interest of the west. News of its coming is abroad in the land and thousands awaited at the stopping points not only to receive them with open arms but to hear of the great resources and possibilities of the western states.

The tour of the western governors will result in the bringing about of a better understanding and closer friendship between the east and the west. The eyes of the east are not only being

opened to the possibilities of the west but its people are being brought to realize that our interest is their interest and whatever is done to develop the west is bound to rebound to the benefit of the east. They know that a movement of the "landless man" of the east to the "manless land" of the west is one not only in the interest of business but one which will make for good government.

When told of the great variety of resources of a state like Oregon—of its 29,000 square miles of virgin forest, of water power that measures twice that of New York, Massachusetts and Maine combined, of its great variety of grains, grasses and vegetables and fruits, of its mines and fishing, of its orchards and hop fields, of its live stock industry and last but not least of its delightful climate they can hardly believe the statements true. As a result of the trip thousands are becoming interested and it is sure the coming year will see a westward movement such as never was seen before.

WHILE speaking of the Pacific States Telephone Co. it would not be amiss to mention that repeated rumors of a consolidation of the interests of that company and the Home Company leads us to think that there may be something in the rumor. Such a consolidation might have its advantages. The necessity of maintaining two phones is a nuisance and a hardship, as well as additional expense. Would the change lead to improvements in service, on the whole, however. We doubt that. The service now offered by the Pacific States Company is about as bad, seemingly, as it could be. Half the time when a call is turned in, "the line is busy," or it is out of repair, or it is absolutely ignored. When you do get your party its a chance of two to one against you that you won't be able to hear half that you ought to hear. If you pay your rental chances are even that you will be called to pay them again, but, if you have your receipt you may be able to establish your veracity on that point. On the whole it appears to us that any consolidation of the two companies should be fought to a finish. It looks like a case where the Sherman Anti-Trust law might come convenient. As it is at present there is some reason for competition in efficient service. Remove that cause and we may as well prepare to be flayed alive.

ONE of the most depressing incidents that has come to public notice during the last two weeks is the declaration of one of the Multnomah County Judges that certain undesirable citizens of Portland should be relieved of the necessity of paying their fines. Now that may be all right from his view point but we doubt if it will be acceptable to the majority of the people of the county. Morally, Portland is worse today than it has been for the last six months. That isn't saying so very much, and yet it is saying a great deal. Any moral improvement of that kind comes slowly and with a great deal of opposition. When we say that the town was cleaner a month ago than for six months it is the warmest commendation that we could extend. It is safe to say that the number of dives has doubled within the last two weeks. In fact we are informed that the town is about as bad as ever, and the streets are actually

unsafe, while the residence district is being terrorized by burglars, who are the common consorts of the element the judicial decision has effected. It does seem a little severe to crush people by oppressive laws and fines, but there is no evading that their continued existence depends on their degenerating influence in the community, the state or the country. Only one system will dispose of their influence and that is a system of absolute suppression.

AMONG the old line periodicals of the country that stand solid for all the institutions of the plutocracy let us mention Leslie's Magazine. It still continues to argue for high tariff, supremacy of the trusts, the Standard Oil, Steel, Tobacco, and to speak slightly of the Sherman Anti-Trust law, the Presidential Preference law, the Initiative and Referendum, and the Recall and Parcels Post. Evidently Leslie's is a periodical for the man who counts his wad in terms of four figures and upward, chiefly upward. We shall be careful in making our new magazine list to see that it does not find a place among the progressive issues of the day. It would be somewhat out of place.

THE Republican party is "up against" another problem. According to the system now in vogue in the party organization representation at the national convention is based on the votes cast at the last election for congressman. According to this plan some of the states having only enough Republicans to make a good ticket have as many delegates to the convention as the strongholds of the G. O. P. on the north. It is proposed to change this so that there shall be one delegate to every 8,000 or 10,000 votes cast for the Republican candidates at the last election of congressman. We suggest an even better way than this would be to do away with the convention altogether and enact a presidential preference law in every state in the Union.

ONCE again the county court has put down its foot. Last time it was on the payment of the bill for the entertainment of convict Morris at the Carlton Hotel. Now the occasion is the appropriation of the county roads by the telephone companies of the locality, particularly the Pacific States Telephone and Telegraph Co. The real occasion is an attempt on the part of the telephone company to extort unreasonable rates for the use of phones at the county court house. We hope the county court will be found in the right and that the telephone company will be compelled to pay something for the privilege of blocking the roads, and streets of the various suburbs of the county.

Native black marble in great quantities has been discovered in Wallowa county. This promises to be a valuable asset of that section of the state. Present supplies of black marble come from Belgium and Alaska and the new field will undoubtedly supplant the product of these two places, since freight is such a big item in the handling of this heavy stone.

Western Governors will be given a banquet by the Progressive Business Men's Club of Portland at the Commercial Club on the night of December 23. They will have returned from the trip through the East on board the Governors' Special and are expected to give an account of this trip that opened the eyes of the East to the resources and possibilities of the West.

LUMBER—At our new mill 1 1/4 miles southeast of Kelo. We deliver lumber, Jonrud Bros.

RING OUT THE OLD, RING IN THE NEW!

RING out the old year, ring in the new! In every country of the world where civilization has taught mankind the importance of celebrating his holidays brazen throated bells will obey this injunction at the midnight moment which marks the passing of 1911 into 1912.

Every bell, every chime, every peal, come it from brass or steel or glass, sounding in melodious beauty in the silence of night, marks the observance of a custom that goes back not less than fifteen centuries.

Ring out the old year, ring in the new, is not an impulse to celebrate with mere noise another swing of Father Time's scythe. The custom has a significance, a beauty of meaning identified with some of the earliest observances of the church.

From remotest antiquity bells played a part in religious worship. In Egypt the feast of Osiris was announced by the ringing of bells. Aaron and other Jewish high priests wore bells attached to their vestments. In Athens the priests of Cybele used bells in their rites; the Greeks employed them in camps and garrisons, and the most solemn moment in the ritual of the Catholic church is preceded by the ringing of silver chimed bells.

Paulinus, bishop of Nola, introduced the bell into the Christian worship in the year 400 A. D.

The first bells were made in Campania, hence the term campanile or bell tower.

The adoption of the bell into the services of the church soon gave the chimes the comforter's office in the minds of the devout. In their simple faith the worshippers believed that consecrated bells had the power to prevent storms, to drive away evil spirits and to bring repose to the sufferer.

The direct forerunner of the New Year bell is what was known as the "passing bell." This was rung at the death of a believer. In theory devils troubled the expiring patient.

But the peals of a consecrated bell were believed to possess a potency that the most malignant of devils could not withstand; hence with every death the ringing of the holy bells exorcised the evil spirits and assured the soul a happy passing into a future untroubled peace.

From this ancient custom developed easily and naturally the habit of ringing out the old year and ringing in the new.

Centuries have passed, a thousand years, and still 500 more have been numbered since the first New Year was hailed by the music of tuned brass, but man still finds the custom beautiful and comforting, and 1912 will be saluted by more peals than any of its predecessors.

The bell most favored is made of tin and copper. In the reign of Henry II, experts decreed that a bell should have two parts of copper and one of tin. When Mr. Layard made his famous investigation of the ruins of Nineveh he found beautifully toned bells where the proportion was ten parts of copper against one of tin. Later experts have decided that four to one is about the right proportion. Experiments have also been made with bells of brass, German silver, real silver and gold. Some made of steel were shown to have a beautiful tone, but deficient from the fact that it could not be sustained. Glass bells of great thickness give out an exquisite melody, but the material is too brittle to withstand the constant impact of the clapper.

So most of the bells that greet 1912 will be made according to the formula of four parts copper to one part tin.

The most famous of the bells that have greeted New Year are now silenced for all time. One is a prized relic of the world's greatest autocracy; the other is a worshiped memento of the struggle for liberty that launched into existence the world's mightiest republic.

The great bell of Moscow, now located in the Kremlin, was cast in 1734. It was the design of its makers that it should fill the air with a volume of melody that should make it world famous. In both height and diameter this colossus of bells is twenty-one feet. It weighs 193 tons.

But how vain is the planning of mankind is proved by the tragic career of this monster of sound. Only for three years did it toll forth the beginning of the new year. Cast in 1734, it remained in its place till 1737. Then it fell during a fire and from its great weight sank deeply into the earth.

For exactly one century it was permitted to remain buried.

Then it was raised, but the excavators found in its side a gaping hole, where a great piece had been broken out. No more should the bell ring. But they raised it, placed it on a solid foundation, and it now forms the dome of a small chapel made by excavating the space beneath it. Now, though it may no longer ring in the new year, it can be the sanctuary for the New Year prayers of the faithful.

Every New Year eve citizens of Philadelphia gather around the shrine of Liberty, Independence hall, to hear the new year rung in. Formerly this service was performed by the bell now known as the Liberty bell.

Before that memorable day in 1776 when the nation's fathers gave forth to the world their Declaration of Independence, whose signing was heralded by the ringing of Liberty bell, the old bell had been used to ring in the new year.

HOLIDAY GREETINGS

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EXECUTRIX' NOTICE

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Multnomah county.

In the Matter of the Estate of Walter C. Smith, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Mollie Smith, as administratrix of the estate of said deceased, has filed her final account in the above entitled Court and matter; that said Court has fixed Tuesday, the 26th day of December, 1911, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, and the Court Room of said Court, as the time and place for the hearing of said account, together with objections thereto, if any, and for settlement of said account, and for the discharge of said administratrix.

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Mollie Smith, Administratrix
John Van Zante, Attorney.

EXECUTORS' NOTICE

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Multnomah county.

In the matter of the Estate of W. H. H. Brady, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, J. J. Johnson, has been appointed by the above entitled Court administrator of the estate of W. H. H. Brady, deceased, and has qualified as such. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same, verified as required by law to said administrator at his office, 314 Spalding building, Portland, Oregon, within six months from the date of first publication hereof.

Dated and first published December 7, 1911.
J. J. Johnson,
Administrator of the Estate of
W. H. H. Brady, Deceased.
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