

POSTOFFICE FACES BIGGEST RUSH OF CHRISTMAS MAIL

The last week of the Christmas parcels mailing out and receiving by the Medford postoffice started out with a bang with the opening of the lobby doors this morning, the rush continuing all day until closing time, with the heaviest outgoing business this afternoon.

It was the first day of a real Christmas rush both of outgoing and incoming parcels at the local postoffice, which caused Postmaster Warner to establish an additional stamp window and put on duty all the sub-clerks and clerks and the other extra help, which insures no delay in receiving and forwarding parcels to the depot and delivering the out-of-town parcels as fast as possible after they are received.

This hubbub will continue with the postoffice until Monday night at midnight, by which time every Christmas parcel received in the city by early that evening will have been delivered at the homes. There will be no delivery Christmas day.

Wednesday is expected to be the peak day, both in outgoing and incoming parcels, although every day will be an exceptionally busy one from now until Christmas.

While much incoming Christmas mail accumulated at the postoffice over Sunday, which was delivered today, more continued to arrive throughout the day, an especially large consignment arriving on the daily Christmas parcels train between Portland and Ashland this forenoon.

The great majority of parcels are arriving in good shape, having been well packed and tied, but here and there comes a dilapidated parcel that was poorly tied and packed.

And, despite the fact that the Medford postoffice as well as all the other postoffices of the land, refuses to accept a parcel which on its outward looks indicates that it is in poor condition for mailing, all such packages are turned back to the would-be senders by the clerks at the stamp windows for better packing and tying, especially if the packages are insured.

If only the public could see the piles of Christmas parcels in the postoffice after arrival from distant and other points and note their condition, especially some that come in all kinds of dilapidated shapes, all sane senders would take extra pains thereafter to see that their parcels are securely prepared to withstand shipment through the mails.

LOCAL LUMBER FINDS FAVOR IN SOUTHWEST

C. G. Corklan, sales representative of the Owen-Oregon Lumber company, with headquarters at Sacramento, Cal., is in the city after a six weeks' road-trip through the southwest, visiting the principal cities of Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, parts of Kansas, and the east. Corklan, known in the lumber circles as "Big Jeff," conferred with General Manager James H. Owen of the local plant, on trade conditions as he found them.

According to Mr. Corklan, the Owen-Oregon company is in high favor among the southwest dealers, and their products in demand. The Owen-Oregon company within the past year has established a market in that section, and a large percentage of its fir cut is shipped there.

DALLES SERVICE CLUB SEES VICTORY IN DEFEAT

The following item, from a bulletin issued by a service club of The Dalles, was unearthed by Carl Y. Tenwald and read by members of the local Kiwanis club at the regular noon luncheon today.

"Last week the club showed by their attendance that they do support the high school football team and appreciate the wonderful work accomplished this year by our coach, Bob Portland admits themselves that The Dalles has the best amateur team in the state, and the year's result proved that."

AIRPLANE CRASH DISAPPOINTMENT FOR ALL, SUNDAY

The proposed airplane crash, which was to have taken place at the local fair grounds yesterday at 2:30 and failed to materialize, was entirely successful as a financial crash, according to Ed Reames, discouraged high school boy, who had worked for the past two weeks, with a group of other students, to put the project over in order to earn the 25 per cent of the net proceeds which had been promised the football team by Finley Henderson, VASTLER aviator.

There was only about \$121 taken in at the gates, according to Reames.

"When the feat didn't come off there was an aggregate demand for \$150 in admission refunds. Figure it yourself. Henderson didn't get anything out of it either, except abuse, I guess."

Reames explained carefully that the project was not in any way sponsored by the high school, but the ticket sale was handled by a group of students who were endeavoring to put the project over with the hope of making money for the team. Henderson wanted enough to pay for a small stunt plane which he had already purchased. After the expenses were taken out he was to receive 75 per cent and the students 25 per cent. When the crowd didn't guarantee enough to meet the expenses, the stunt was called off and the ticket money was refunded at the gate.

News of Co. A National Guard

(Contributed) The Guardsmen of Medford will have muster tonight and it is expected that they will also have an inspection, with the calling of the muster roll.

The following officers of Company A will have to take the annual physical examination: Captain Tenwald and Lieutenants Lindley and McBea. It is a question whether Captain Tenwald will ride horseback for the 50 miles or walk the 15. If he rides the 50 he will not be able to do anything else but walk and stand up for the following week. Lieutenant McBea says he will ride the horse, as he knows that he can walk. The boys are looking for a padded saddle for comfort.

The club room floor is being oiled and waxed, so watch your step on entering. The scrub deck is being worked on the upper main, and the heating plant in the basement is now keeping the building good and warm. Instead of being too cold for the wrestling it was so hot that the Turk passed out.

The high school basketball team are doing fine work, and while the Army men have great hopes of beating them, they figure it will be no disgrace to have the high school win.

Corporal Brazg is insisting that his squad will be in perfect uniform for muster. Beware, you rookies, if you're not.

DICKENS STORY OVER RADIO TUESDAY NIGHT

Dickens' "Christmas Carol," one of the best loved Christmas stories ever written, will be presented by William Lee Greenleaf during the Copco hour tomorrow night. The Copco people were very fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Greenleaf, who has just returned from a series of engagements in Portland and vicinity, to spend the holidays with his family. It is safe to say that there is no one man in the state, or perhaps the west, who could more faithfully portray all of the characters in Dickens' famous story than William Lee Greenleaf. Those who heard him in his recent Copco presentation of "Rip Van Winkle" are familiar with his ability to present each character in his true light and are looking forward to a most interesting radio hour tomorrow evening. An appropriate musical program will lend the proper Yuletide atmosphere to this Christmas radio play which will start at 9 p. m.

PORTLAND OBSERVES FLIGHT ANNIVERSARY

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 17.—(AP)—Sixteen planes flew over Portland's business district today as part of the city's celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of Orville Wright's flight at Kitty Hawk, N. C.

The Aero Club of Oregon sponsored a public banquet tonight with Captain Aubrey L. Eagle, commandant of Pearson Field, Vancouver Barracks, as the main speaker.

Advocate Barge System. PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 17.—(AP)—Resolutions urging permanent operation of a large system on the Columbia river and its tributaries, and asking the United States senate to approve the Utmatilla flood irrigation project were adopted late Saturday by the Pacific Northwest agricultural rate conference here.

Indian Scout Dies. CHICO, Cal., Dec. 17.—(AP)—Captain Luther Sage Kelly (Yellowstone Keli), famous Indian scout, died at his home in Pasadena, Cal.

New Carrie Nation



Infuriated, she said, because her husband and daughter had obtained liquor at the place, Mrs. Maude Wilson, Kansas City cafe proprietor, emulated Carrie Nation and wrecked a soft drink parlor with a hatchet. Mirrors, windows and bottles were smashed.

INTERSCHOLASTIC DEBATE TO START ON FEBRUARY SIX

The interscholastic debates between the high school teams in this district will begin February 6, according to an announcement made this morning by Principal B. H. Conkle, director of the southern Oregon district, state debate league, who called a meeting of all the debate coaches and principals here last Saturday night to decide upon a schedule. Representatives from Medford, Ashland, Grants Pass, Gold Hill and Glendale were present.

The teams of these five cities will compete for the district championship. February 6 will find Medford, Ashland and Grants Pass engaging in a triangular debate, and Gold Hill and Glendale in a dual debate. The winner of the triangular debate will then meet the winner of the dual debate. The debate held in Medford will be staged in some downtown church, and will be open to the public.

STRIKE FUE ON BORDER

(Continued from Page One.) The classes affected by the decree are those between 13 and 23 years of age. They must appear for duty before tomorrow. Both chambers of parliament being in recess, the decree was read before the council of ministers by President Gimenez. The action was described as being considered necessary to provide for defense.

Before the decree was made public, advices from the Paraguayan forces in the border region of Chucho, stated that Bolivians had seized four forts, three of which were later recaptured by Paraguayan troops. The commander said that six Paraguayan soldiers had been killed in the encounter, as well as two Bolivian officers, many Bolivian soldiers and unknown Indians.

Bombs Dropped. The industry of war also announced in an official bulletin that a Bolivian airplane had dropped four bombs while flying over Bahia Negra, none of which exploded. Bahia Negra, which is also known as Puerto Pacheco, is in the disputed territory about 250 miles north of Assunition and the Paraguay river.

The commander of the Paraguayan forces in the Chucho, said that the Bolivians had attacked Forts Mariscal Lopez, Valde, Rivarola, and General Gomez. The Paraguayans had resisted for eight hours although the attacking forces were said to be superior in the point of numbers.

Word of the attack on the forts started a tremendous demonstration of patriotism in the capital. Citizens bearing banners with patriotic inscriptions paraded to the palace, headed by brass bands. There they cheered President Guaguilar and the country. Many women marched in the parades, some wearing dresses adorned with the national colors—red, white and blue.

Winter Queen



Kay Harrison of Vancouver, B. C., has been chosen as queen of the winter carnival at Banff, Alta. She is an expert ski runner and snowshoer.

JEALOUSY LEADS TO KNIFE WOUND FOR BIG TACKLE

CORVALLIS, Ore., Dec. 17.—(AP)—Lewis (Hib) Dickerson, former all-star coast football tackle, was in a hospital today with a punctured lung as a result of a stab wound, and Lana Bryant, a young man, was in jail charged with assault with a dangerous weapon. The stabbing occurred in a fight over a young woman, officers reported.

Bryant was declared to have confronted Dickerson and the girl on a street last night and in a rough and tumble fight on the sidewalk an eight-inch knife blade was sunk in Dickerson's back. Dickerson, who is six feet seven inches tall, was reported resting easily today, and was expected to recover.

Hope Chest Forest of Anatolian Town Planted by Fathers

TSCHKEKIRGE Turkey, Dec. 17.—(AP)—This Anatolian town near Broussa boasts of a forest of hope chests. For centuries it has been the custom for every father Tschekkirge to plant a tree whenever a daughter is born to him and to mark the tree with "that daughter's name. When the baby girl grows up and it is time to start the hope chest, without which no Anatolian husband can be won, the father cuts down the tree, sells the wood and with the proceeds the filling of the "hope chest begins."

SEARCH CONTINUES FOR FIRE VICTIMS

HAZARD, Ky., Dec. 17.—(AP)—Search for the seven persons missing in the Combs hotel fire of Saturday night, from which three bodies have been recovered, was renewed today with a detachment of Kentucky National Guard on duty. The property loss was estimated at \$200,000. It was feared that several of those unaccounted for might be dead.

The known dead are J. Edward Piette, 36; his wife, Mrs. Mayme Watson Piette, 26; Mrs. Emily A. Sizemore, 18, chambermaid. The bodies, badly burned, were taken from the ruins and identified by keys and rings.

AMERICA CONTRIBUTES TO HEIDELBERG FUND

HEIDELBERG, Germany, Dec. 17.—(AP)—American affection for this ancient university city found eloquent expression today by an exchange of cordialities when Ambassador Schurman presented an American fund of \$500,000 for a new hall of instruction. Subsequently honorary citizenship was conferred upon him by Dr. Max, the lord mayor.

The ambassador explained that no strings of any kind were attached to the gift. He expressed the hope that the gift would prove to be a new bond of union between students and teachers of the two countries and also between the two peoples.

New Commissioner. NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Grover A. Wahlen, New York's official greeter of celebrities, accepted the position of police commissioner today, to succeed Joseph A. Warren, resigned. Warren retired after widespread criticism of his department in connection with investigation of the killing of Arnold Rothstein.

Six-Day Wonder. BELGRADE, Dec. 17.—(AP)—A six-day wedding celebration has just ended here with the exhausted guests sleeping 48 hours. Six cows, 16 pigs, 15 calves, 1,200 fowl and some 30,200 quarts of liquid refreshment were among the provisions consumed by the 510 invited and 2,200 uninvited guests.

Spears Pleads Guilty. PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 17.—(AP)—Les Spears, Klamath Falls logger, pleaded guilty in federal court today to a liquor charge. He was fined \$200 after Assistant District Attorney Francis Marsh recommended leniency due to destitute condition of Spears' family.

Cold in Portland. PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 17.—(AP)—Heavy frost this morning followed a drop in temperature here last night to 23 above zero, and the weather bureau forecast continued cold tomorrow, with freezing to night.

Twelve Million Sets. WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—(AP)—There are 12,000,000 radio sets in the United States serving 40,000,000 people.

Oregon Weather. Oregon fair and cold tonight and Tuesday; freezing temperatures in the interior tonight. Moderate north and northeast winds.

SALEM—Federal landing field may be established here.

MANY MOTORISTS HANDED 'TICKETS' PORTLAND DRIVE

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 17.—(AP)—Today's police court docket carried names of 204 motorists arrested over the week-end in continuation of the police drive against violation of traffic ordinances.

Reports of accidents Saturday on file today showed 35, compared with 75 the preceding Saturday when the campaign against reckless drivers started.

One fatality was reported over the week-end. Henry Richardson, 69, having been killed when he stepped from between two parked cars and was hit by another car. The accident occurred at Decum avenue and Durham street.

FLUCTUATIONS AID BUSINESS STATUS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Recent stock market fluctuations were declared today by Secretary of Commerce Whiting to have strengthened the business situation. Taken in consideration with other business factors, the secretary said, "the market fluctuations have operated to strengthen business conditions, by bringing stock prices down more into line with intrinsic security values."

"In the meantime," he added, "trade and industry are proceeding at record volume, particularly due to the retail trade of the season and the general confidence in stability of commerce because of the small accession to stocks of goods on hand."

COMMISSIONS HOLD MEETING IN PORTLAND

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 17.—(AP) County commissioners of Oregon, meeting today in their 23rd annual convention, discussed suggestions for consolidated county hospitals for indigent patients to be established by groups of counties, or that the state establish such an institution where each county might send indigent patients.

The commissioners will be in session until Wednesday when they will elect officers.

County clerks meet here tomorrow; sheriffs and district attorneys Thursday.

HIGHWAY BODY FIGHTS TO STOP BRIDGE TOLL

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 17.—(AP) The Oregon state highway commission will urge the Washington highway commission to fight an injunction suit in the Tacoma federal court to forbid removal of tolls from the interstate bridge between Portland and Vancouver, Wash. A temporary injunction granted Saturday by Judge E. E. Cushman would prevent the removal of tolls until the question is evoked upon in Clark county, Wash.

The highway commissioners of the two states had agreed to take over the bridge and make it toll free at midnight December 31.

SALE AND POSSESSION LIQUOR ARE NOT SAME

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 17.—(AP)—An individual may be guilty of liquor sales and innocent of liquor possession. This was the substance of a ruling received today by the district attorney's office from the circuit court of appeals affirming the conviction of Grace House of Clifton.

Miss House was acquitted by a jury in federal court of liquor possession and found guilty of sales in November of 1927. She was sentenced to six months and appealed on the ground that the verdict was not consistent. She has until December 27 in which to file further appeal before serving sentence.

Elmer Boise, who has been ill at Corvallis since Thanksgiving, returned to Medford yesterday to recuperate. He will return north again after the holidays.

PERTUSSIN 'Clears the throat!' PERTUSSIN not only relieves the cough, but helps to clear out the infectious mucus—and in so harmless a way that even little children and those weakened by illness can take it safely. PERTUSSIN contains no dope and is considered by many physicians a most soothing and effective remedy for stubborn coughs. It is pleasant to take and sold by all druggists. safe for every cough

NEW HOMES WILL BE COUNTED FOR ASSESSOR'S ROLL

The assessor's office will take a census of all the new houses in the city, and will begin this work shortly after the first of the year. Hereafter, the new houses have been listed as the deputy assessor came to them in his rounds, but this was found to be unsatisfactory. The census will be completed by March 1st, when the deputy assessors take the field. Houses constructed before March 1st will be assessed on the tax rolls in accordance with the state law.

The work of fixing the tax levies for the year is being temporarily delayed by non-receipt of budgets of many school and road districts, but all are expected to be on file before the first of the year.

According to the assessor's office, it is not expected that the county levy will be any higher than last year, and is expected to be around 17 or 18 mills, plus the state and other levies.

The county budget, recently approved, as yet has not been turned over to the assessor.

FRUIT PROBLEMS DISCUSSED

(Continued from Page One.) census of 170 cars. This is very gratifying until you determine the quantity of Bosc pears New York City will be asked to sell 10 years from now, based on the same proportions and assuming a total Bosc crop from the Rogue River valley of 2300 cars. At that time New York City would be handling 1025 cars of Bosc—a quantity three times as large as they handled this year.

A recent inventory shows a total of 197,750 Bosc trees in the Rogue River valley. Based on six boxes to the tree, these trees would produce 2300 cars of pears. A glance at these figures will convince any fruitgrower it is almost a certainty that the Rogue River valley will have three times as many Bosc pears to market in 1938 as compared with the present year.

Anticipate Needs.

Experience has taught us we meet with success only when we do not trust the market in the Rogue River valley to supply us with abundant moisture when we need it. We anticipate our wants through the construction of reservoirs and canals which bring to us a generous supply when the occasion demands. Our pears require similar treatment. We must look ahead to take care of our increased Bosc production. New markets must be opened up. Markets that are now taking a few cars must be educated to take a greater number.

And, in the nature of things, markets that are now absorbing considerable quantities will take more as the popularity of the Bosc pear increases.

Several plans were considered this year by your Bosc committee. All of them were finally rejected because here and there certain growers or their representatives disagreed on details. I am not prepared to say some of the details were not serious, but I am willing to make the statement now that any plan evolved by any committee appointed will not meet with the entire approval of all of the growers unless we are willing to submerge our personal convictions on minor details.

Bosc prices in 1928 were not good. They were at least 50 cents per box lower than in 1927.

The crop harvested in 1928 exceeded the 1927 crop in the proportions forecasted by your Bosc committee.

Certain cities in the United States handle only a few cars of Bosc per year.

Over 80 per cent of the population of this country have never seen a Bosc pear.

Many of the wholesalers in cities where a few cars of Bosc are being sold require only a better knowledge of the pear to secure their cooperation.

Many retailers are afraid to handle the Bosc because the public in their cities ask for Bartlett's and D'Anjous. These retailers also require educating.

Taking the city of Minneapolis as a sample. More Bosc pears were sold there this year than ever before simply because the

wholesalers were asked to see what they could do. As a result of their efforts, more cars of Bosc will be sold there next year and I venture to say if we had a good salesman on the job there are few cities in this country such as Minneapolis, that could be opened up.

The Bosc pear is a wonderful article and it will not sell in generous quantities in new markets until the public know what it is.

The public will never know what you have to offer until you place it in their hands. They are not coming out west to get it. You must take it to them and convince them that Bosc is a splendid pear which you are determined they will eat.

How to Do It. Select a certain number of mar-

kets. Place a definite amount per week on sale at auction and a certain number of cars per week, depending on the size of the city involved.

Have a salesman travel from city to city telling the trade what different restrictions, as in that event, your committee will resign and nothing be accomplished. Get together! Act!

MOLALLA—Teaser creek cut-off will be built shortly.

RIALTO NOW MILTON SILLS AS THE BOSS OF THE BO-HUNKS, IN A STIRRING HERMAN ROLE. Here is a Show You'll Not Forget. The CRASH. Crash of steel against steel as two trains meet in a head-on collision. The crash of emotions as a burly leader of men marries a beautiful burlesque queen. Also GOOD ADDED SHORT FEATURES ROTHERMEL'S MUSIC Admission Mats. 10 and 25, Eves. 10 and 35. Scrip Books Make Ideal Xmas Gifts

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