

MERRY CHRISTMAS.

Our Store Will Be Closed Tight All Day.

We have been very busy day and night and had an immense Christmas trade.

For all of this we are indebted to the liberal patronage extended to us by our many patrons, and for which we thank them sincerely.

COOPER & LEVY

202, 204 AND 108 FIRST AVENUE SOUTH, SEATTLE, WASH.

A Merry Christmas To You This Morning.

A Christmas would not be perfect without your candy. Lowmays or Gunther's name on the box is a guarantee that you have selected the best.

Stewart & Holmes Drug Co.

KLONDIKE

A Commodious and Fast Sailing Steamer Will Leave Seattle on or about June 10, 1898.

And every ten days thereafter, taking freight and passengers.

For Get There, St. Michaels Island, Alaska, mouth of the Yukon river, making connections with the river steamers West, Cudahy, Hamilton, Healy, Fowler and Hamilton for Circle City, Minook Creek, Fort Cudahy and Klondike gold fields.

Reservations for passage or freight on steamers may now be secured by making a deposit.

Flour and quartz mines bought and sold. Investments in mining property made, saving expense of sending agents. Our agents and experts are on the ground and have been for years.

North American Transportation & Trading Co.

101 1/2 First Ave. S. E., Seattle, Wash.

MR. DYEA AND SKAGUY.

First-class steamer Noyo will leave Seattle December 29, 1897, for above points.

Freight to St. Michael, Dawson and intermediate points can now be contracted for with storage and insurance free to destination.

For freight and passage apply to E. E. CAIRN, Agent, Arlington Deck, telephone 74, or C. E. THURSTON, 169 Cherry street, telephone Main 21.



MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.

The Store Open Today From 9 O'clock A. M. to 3 O'clock P. M.

Our Eleventh Annual Clearance Sale Will Last to the First Part of the Year 1898.

Store open to 10 O'clock all this week.

another the flames, but before they secured water and a rush for safety. Fortunately the flames were wide, and owing to the comparatively small number of people in the building, there was little difficulty in reaching the doors. Most of those endeavoring to escape ran to a large door on the east side of the building,

FRISCH BROS., Watchmakers and Jewelers,

720 First Avenue, Seattle.

CHICAGO COLISEUM LEAP OF RUINS.

Destroyed by Fire in Only Twenty Minutes.

A NUMBER OF LIVES LOST.

Many Narrow Escapes From the Blazing Death Trap.

Conflagration Originates in an X-Ray Exhibit—Flames Instantly Spread, and Envelop the Immense Structure—Two Hundred People Wedged in Front of the Great Doors, but Finally Get Out—Occupants Save Themselves by Springing From Windows—Arches Collapse With Loud Report—Loss \$475,000.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Fire tonight destroyed the Coliseum building at Sixty-third street and Stony Island avenue, in which the Democratic national convention was held last year. The fire was one of the quickest ever seen in Chicago.

The building had been rented for a manufacturer's exhibition, and was filled with booths, all of which were destroyed, with all of their contents.

It is supposed a number of people were lost in the flames and, although no bodies have been recovered, the following people are missing:

Victims of the Fire. Two women, dancers in the midway exhibit, seen entering the building just before it collapsed.

Two men, seen in the center of the building during the fire by firemen.

Howard Griser, Wilmington, Del., decorator.

Joseph Byrnes, Hoboken, decorator.

Griser and Byrnes were decorating one of the booths in the balcony when the fire broke out. The manager of the exhibit ran to the booth and called to the men that the place was on fire and for them to save themselves. They were apparently in no hurry and the last seen of them they were still at work. It is thought that they were both lost.

List of Injured. Peter Foots, watchman, burned about face and hands.

M. J. Morley, watchman, burned about face and hands.

George De Kree, proprietor of "Streets of Cairo" exhibit, jumped from a window of the burning building, severely injured.

Robert Hartley, fireman, severely crushed by debris during the collapse of a wall of the building.

Miss Helen Conner, shocked by live wire and severely burned about right arm.

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Louis Weiss, janitor, burned about the face and hands.

Frank Murphy, St. Louis, severely burned.

Harry Hamilton, burned about face.

William Alilly, fireman, thrown from a fire engine in a collision with a Lake Shore train at Cottage Grove avenue and Forty-first street.

Albert Chamberlain, burned out and on the last day of the work in the position of a fireman.

Eugene Dugan, burned about the left side.

Started From an X-Ray Machine. The fire started in a booth used for an exhibition of X-rays, the booth being managed by M. J. Morley and William Robertson. The two men were examining Crooke's tubes and, when they were startled by a sizzling noise which was caused by electric light wires which were over the exhibit, they are thought to have caused the flames. They at first tried to

which is wide enough to admit a team of horses and wagon.

Narrow Escapes From Death. A crowd of fully 200 people gathered before this door, which was found to be locked, and as the fire was roaring through the building with great speed it seemed for a few minutes as though none of those would be able to escape. W. J. Wheeler, a watchman, saw the trouble, and ran to open the doors, but the crowd was packed in front of it so closely that he had the greatest difficulty in opening it. Once it swung wide, however, the crowd rushed in the open air in a few seconds. During the jam at this point, however, several people were crushed, but none were seriously injured.

The balance of the people made their way through the other doors, and several who were in the balcony were compelled to jump to the ground from the roof. The balcony is lined with windows that swing outward, and they had no trouble in getting upon the roof and from there the leap to the ground was not great.

The firemen were at hand before all the people were out, and before they made any effort to clear the hall of the crowd. By the time they were ready to pour water on the fire, the flames had spread with such rapidity that there was no chance whatever of saving the building.

Within ten minutes after the fire began the roof was a blaze, and in a short time after the fire had appeared on top of the building, one of the large arches that spanned the building gave way with a tremendous report, and then another, and another, each going down with a sound like the report of a cannon. The building fell very quickly, as after the first arch fell the others next to it, and all collapsed. It took not over twenty minutes to make a complete ruin of the building.

The total loss of the building and contents is said to be \$475,000. Of this amount, \$350,000 was the value of the building and \$125,000 was the value of the exhibit and materials on hand.

Insurance. The building was insured for \$100,000, but of this amount \$100,000 will go to the holders of the building bonds to pay these obligations in full. The owners of the building will get but \$20,000 out of the insurance. Col. J. T. Dickinson, president of the National Electric Company, said tonight that no effort would be made to restore the building.

Engine Collided With a Train. While responding to the alarm of fire from the Coliseum, Engine Company No. 19 collided with a passenger train on the Lake Shore road, smashing the engine badly. One of the firemen, Albert Chamberlain, was injured. The accident occurred on Forty-first street and Cottage Grove avenue. The hose cart of the company was ahead of the fire engine and close up on it, and when the driver closed the gates, the hose cart was too close to the engine, and before the driver could stop his horse, the engine would be run into, opened the gate, letting the cart out of danger. The driver of the engine, which was behind, thought from the raising of the far side gates that the way was clear, urged on his horses and dashed on the tracks. The train was there before he was, and

he drove squarely into the side of a rapidly-moving passenger coach. All of the firemen were rushing the work in the expectation of Chamberlain, whose horse was not severe.

History of the Coliseum. The Coliseum cost \$250,000. It was built as large as the Madison Square building of New York. It had a floor space of seven acres, including the ground and gallery roof, and it cost \$2,500,000. It was 200 feet wide and contained 2,500,000 pounds of steel, 1,200,000 feet of timber and 3,000,000 bricks. On August 1, 1885, the first Coliseum was destroyed by fire. The second Coliseum, which cost \$1,200,000, was wrecked, entailing a loss of \$125,000. The cause of the collapse was never known, but it was thought that the last cause was the being of an exhibition of X-rays, the booth being managed by M. J. Morley and William Robertson. The two men were examining Crooke's tubes and, when they were startled by a sizzling noise which was caused by electric light wires which were over the exhibit, they are thought to have caused the flames. They at first tried to

pared by cooks who were great artists.

Twelve persons, six of whom are women, are to give to this dinner, which will have a history, its enduring charm. The women will be beautiful, the men will be interesting.

Killed While Laden With Presents. OAKLAND, Cal., Dec. 21.—Laden with Christmas presents for expectant relatives, a canal collector in the Black sea was struck down by the Berkeley train near B street station today. He died before reaching the hospital, and the body was removed to the morgue.

GREAT STRATEGIC CANAL. Russia Preparing to Build a Waterway From the Baltic Sea Through to Black Sea.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: The Russian government will begin next spring upon a stupendous piece of engineering work, which, unless that which has been planned will be completed, will be a complete strategic and commercial value to her when completed.

The project contemplates the construction of a canal connecting the Baltic and Black sea, which can be traversed by battleships of the heaviest tonnage at six knots per hour. By means of this canal, Russia will be able to mobilize a huge fleet in the Baltic in 16 hours by bringing to that sea the Black sea squadron, or can collect in the Black sea in the same time the Baltic and Black sea fleets. In case of a general European war over the division of China at the Sea of Marmora and the Dardanelles, the canal would not be difficult for Russia to send her fleet through the Bosphorus, the Sea of Marmora and the Dardanelles, and down the Indian ocean to China, while she could utilize the Trans-Siberian railroad to transport troops. The cost will be \$70,000,000.

CHESTNUT STREET BANK AFFAIRS. Bank Examiner Not Prepared to Make Any Statement as Yet.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.—The bank examiner and his assistants were busily engaged today in going over the books and accounts of the Chestnut Street National bank. The examiner declines to make any statement regarding the assets and liabilities of the institution, but says he will furnish a complete statement when his investigation shall have been completed. Every effort is being made by President Singler and the directors to adjust the accounts of the bank in such a manner that depositors and creditors will receive every dollar due them.

The Chestnut Street Savings and Trust Company, which closed its doors yesterday, made an assignment today for the benefit of creditors to George H. Earle, Jr., president of the Trustee National bank, and Richard Y. Cook, president of the Guarantee Trust and Safe Deposit Company. The Chestnut Street Trust Company is closely affiliated with the latter institution, and it is believed that the latter yesterday placed in charge of the national bank examiner. Singler is president of both companies, and on the board there is but one member who is not a director in the other.

W. M. Singler, president of the Chestnut Street National bank, and of its allied institution, the Chestnut Street Trust and

NO SOON DINNER AS HOWARD COLLEYS.

His Christmas Feast Will Surpass All Others.

FRUITS, FLOWERS, GEMS.

Lavish Display to Represent Each Month in the Year.

Only Twelve Guests at Table, Six Beautiful Women and Six Men—Presents of Jewels and Bouquets Made of Precious Stones—Vlands That Have Tasted the Highest Art of the Most Skillful Cooks—Banquet Destined to Be Historic and to Vie With the Splendid Repasts Served in Ancient Rome.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Howard Gould is to give a Christmas dinner at the Holland house. It will surpass in sumptuousness everything that has occurred in the annals of private festivals in years, and its guests will number twelve persons.

What the presents will be, those who remember that Mr. Gould gave a fan, the cost of which was \$80,000, to the beautiful woman who sat near him at Rodney Wamaker's dinner in Paris last year, hardly dare to imagine. He has selected his guests admirably. Not one of them is inclined to make set speeches, to formulate toasts or to prepare phrases in dialogue like a game of chess.

Every month at this dinner will be represented by its special fruit, and if that is extremely exotic, and its special flower, even if that is doomed to death by cold in a moment. Each month will be represented also by a special gem, in lace pins, in scarf pins and in other jewels chased by artists. There are also to be selams, which are bouquets that the Orientals make of precious stones.

There are to be in this dinner patties as tall as cathedrals, meats as delicate as crystallized candy violets, and all the vegetables that Lucullus caused to be pre-

Saving Fund Company, which collapsed yesterday, issued this statement to the public tonight:

"We have a plan, now being formulated, requiring the devotion to its purpose of all credit money, and to the creditors of the Chestnut Street National bank and the Chestnut Street Savings Fund Company. We believe, and this belief is shared by those who have been informed of the situation, that the plan, which will involve partly an acceptance of Record Publishing Company stock, is approved by the creditors of them ultimately will lose anything."

RELIEF FOR SUFFERING CUBA. People Requested to Forward Supplies to Consul-General Lee.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—An appeal to the American people has been issued by the department of state to contribute toward the relief of the suffering people in Cuba. Money, provisions, clothing, medicine, and articles of prime necessity can be forwarded to Gen. Fitzhugh Lee, consul-general of the United States at Havana, and all articles now dutiable by law so farwarded will be admitted into Cuba free of duty. The consul-general will be instructed to receive the same and to co-operate with the local authorities and charitable boards for the distribution of such relief among the destitute and needy people of Cuba.

The appeal was issued after consultation with Minister Dupuy De Lome. The Spanish minister called the state department about noon today and conferred with Judge Day concerning the relief of the reconcentrados on the island. He made it clear that the Spanish government would co-operate in any relief measures, and that there was entire willingness that the supplies be sent to the consul-general Lee instead of through the Spanish consular channels.

The negotiations have been proceeding for some time. The first active step was taken by the state department on December 1, and this was in the form of a request to the minister to learn from his government whether the regular tariff duties would be exempted on relief supplies sent to Cuba. Mr. Dupuy De Lome soon afterward announced that Spain had consented to grant more than had been requested, and that the duties would be remitted not only on articles which the president had referred to, but on all medicines, soap, salt and similar articles of prime necessity which might enter into the plan of relief.

Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer. PORT ORCHARD, Wash., Dec. 24.—A peculiar accident occurred on board the battleship Oregon yesterday while the crew was engaging in torpedo practice. By reason of a gunner's mate's carelessness a Whitehead torpedo lies at the bottom of the Sound, and a direct loss of \$2,500 is entailed.

It seems that the arrangement of the compressed air mechanism was not as it should have been, and when the torpedo left the tube and entered the water the propeller power, compressed air, failed to motive the torpedo to the target, and the vessel being open the air chamber filled with water, causing it to sink.

Divers were at once put to work trying to recover it, but the task is almost an impossible one.

A strict investigation will probably be had, and will most likely result in a court-martial for the man at fault.

The Oregon goes on the dry dock January 7, 1898, at high tide.

The Ocean Wave to Be Docked. Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer. TACOMA, Dec. 24.—The steamboat

considered as extending the pier from the inner harbor line; provided, further, that streets or other non-assessable property within the harbor area shall be valued upon the valuation of the opposite lot or lots separated from the streets or other non-assessable property from the harbor area applied for."

Seized by a Gang of Masked Men. Marched into a Stable and Left for Dead.

WALLACE, Idaho, Dec. 21.—Mr. Whitney, foreman of the Helena-Prince mill, lies between life and death at Providence hospital, the latest outrage of the criminal element that has caused so much trouble on Canyon creek. As on all similar occasions, the trust of the mill is hard to obtain. Direct street safety is generally observed, but the story, as nearly correct as can be got today, is that at about 9 o'clock last night between twenty and twenty masked men, heavily armed, opened the door where Whitney and Whitney were sitting at the table. Whitney was roaming, promptly ordering Whitney to turn his face to the wall.

He only caught one glimpse of the party, and his companion cannot talk. So the number is not known, no one else being known to have seen them. They took Whitney out and marched him through Gem to near Fahy's stable, near the lower end of the town. What occurred there is not known, but he presumably was ordered to head for Wallace, that being the customary practice.

The mob then commenced firing, partly in the vicinity of the fifty to seventy-five shots altogether, but the mob, the mainly to frighten either Whitney or people in the neighborhood, as only one man was struck. It passed through the right hand of Whitney, who was left where he fell, until later a man coming up the track saw him and reported in town that either a dead or wounded man was near the lower end of the town.

Norman Ebbly immediately offered to go after him, his companions vainly trying to dissuade him, fearing attempts at a rescue would mean more harm to Ebbly. He met Peter Barner, who accompanied him. They took the wounded man up to the hospital, where he was brought here to the hospital, arriving shortly after midnight.

Whitney had only been at the mill a short time, but was well liked by the men. Together with Superintendent Peck, he was supposed to represent the foreign owners in the mine, and too many charges had been made against him. He was made to run him out with Peck a few weeks ago. That time, when the regulators went to his room, they found him with seven companions and five guns. When they successfully stood off the mob, CHENEY NORMAL SCHOOL.

Students and Teachers Will Work to Have It Reopened. Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer. CHENEY, Dec. 24.—Fully seventy-five former students of the Cheney normal school at Cheney were in attendance at the Spokane county teachers' institute at Spokane this week, Wednesday evening, pursuant to a call by the board of trustees, organized to work for the reopening of the school, which was closed by the veto of Gov. Rogers. Miss Mabel Ludden,

the larger Christmas is a larger religion of human rights as Jesus defined them on the part of the world, and the world has followed mean there is such a condition of "peace on earth and good will toward men" that every man who is willing to work for the betterment of the world, I want a Christmas when no one will be despised because his hands are hard or his cause is poor.

I want a Christmas that will save men and society from the hell they are in here and now. I want a Christmas that will honor Jesus by recognizing the force of His words, "When ye pray say Our Father."

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