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## ODELL FACES CRISIS; BLACK MEN VENGEFUL

### Some Leaders Believe Chairman's Power in Grave Peril.

## PLATT'S AGE A FACTOR

### Platt and Black Followers Seeking to Draw Higgins Into a Combination that Could Depose Chairman.

For Chairman B. E. Odell of the Republican State Committee the new year was ushered in with a more ominous prospect of trouble than he has had to face since his political career began. The scathing arraignment of him made by Senator Brackett of Saratoga for his withdrawal of his support from ex-Gov. Frank S. Black for United States Senator to succeed Senator Chauncey M. Depew, was supplemented yesterday by other leaders who have heretofore been among his chief political aides, and it was said by some of them, speaking privately, that the days of Odell's leadership were numbered.

With the friends of ex-Gov. Black bitterly antagonistic to him, with no apparent possibility of his being able to form an alliance with the Platt men, and with Gov. Higgins acting independently of him, it was argued that Odell's power as a leader was practically gone, and there were even some who went so far as to predict that when he came to a full realization of the strength of the forces against which he must operate he would hand in his resignation as chairman of the State Committee.

There is good authority for the statement that there will be a sufficient number of Platt Senators who will join with Senator Brackett to block in the Legislature any measure which will in the slightest degree have a tendency to strengthen Odell's leadership. Both the Platt men and the Black men are now working to effect an alliance with Gov. Higgins from which Odell will be excluded.

If Gov. Higgins should accept their overtures, it is generally agreed among the politicians that Odell might as well step down and out, for he could not hope to be more than a figurehead under such conditions. If, however, Gov. Higgins continues to recognize Chairman Odell as the leader of the organization and accepts his recommendations in matters of patronage where there is nothing involved that would affect him personally, Odell may be able to hold his own against his enemies, and ultimately regain the prestige which he enjoyed as a leader previous to the Black fiasco.

## WEIGHING OF THE CHANCES.

One of the most conspicuous figures in the recent contest over the Senatorship, in weighing yesterday the chances of Odell weathering the storm of opposition which he has aroused, said that he has no doubt that Platt were ten years younger Odell would have to go back to Newburg. But politicians are cold calculators. Those men in the Republican organization who have ambitions are not likely to tie up hard and fast to a man as old as the senior Senator. A course of action which has for its motive mere revenge will not commend itself to the far-sighted. Odell is a matchless organizer. His abilities in that line are needed by the Republican organization, and there is no other man in the organization who has ability in that line which approaches his. Gov. Higgins recognizes that fact, and his prediction is that Higgins will scorn all overtures which have for their object the undoing of Odell as the State leader. He will continue as he has begun, so far as his personal independence is concerned, but his judgment is that he will stand by Odell, if he does, some of the men who are now loudest in their talk against Odell will be quick to make peace with him in order to secure favors.

Senator Brackett's statement giving the details of Chairman Odell's desertion of Black, printed exclusively in yesterday's Times, created a genuine sensation in political circles. Wherever politicians gathered it was the all-absorbing topic of discussion. When Senator Platt was asked what he had to say about Senator Brackett's assertion, he replied: "I want to confirm on holy writ before I believe anything that Brackett says. Anyway, he is going too far back. He takes credit much more bitterly than 'Lou' Payne, but he will have to swallow it as best he can."

Col. Abraham Gruber, law partner of ex-Gov. Black and Republican leader of the Twenty-first district, takes the defeat of Odell as a matter of course. In commenting upon Senator Brackett's statement as to the manner in which ex-Gov. Black's desertion was brought about, Col. Gruber said: "I know Senator Brackett to be an honest man in every relation of life, professionally, politically, and socially. Besides the value of any statement that comes from him I knew that what he is reported to have said in THE TIMES of this morning is so easily capable of absolute proof that no one will dare deny his charges and conclusions."

## CRUBER'S REASONS FOR DEFEAT.

"It was Gov. Black's refusal to stand for the Eldridge railroad steel and other dishonest corporate legislation that brought the wrath of the then organization upon his head, and now, after six years, it was the contribution by corporate interests that turned the tide against him. It was Gov. Black who could do to bring about Republican success was to make the nomination speech in the Republican National Convention at Chicago, and about two weeks before the announcement of his election in favor of Senator Depew the Black men were able to count 100 votes for their date. Odell informed the Black men of the nations that Senator Depew was the ticket for a fight in the event that he defeated him, and is reported to have said: 'I will be beaten in the end.' Senator Black is said to have now you declare for me and I will take care of you."

have been subjected when it became apparent to the friends of Black that he had made up his mind to desert them is declared to have been as bitter as any man was ever called upon to endure. He was told in so many words, it is said, that he had forfeited the respect of every man who had been allied with him.

It was the insulting nature of the language used toward him which led the Governor-Chairman to refuse to attend the dinner given that night by ex-Congressman Wallace Foote at the St. Regis. That dinner was intended to be a celebration of Black's victory. It was turned into a feast of invective and a flow of venom against Odell.

## QUESTION OF ELSBERG.

It was said last night by a Republican leader, who said he knew whereof he spoke, that Chairman Odell had made a positive promise to Senator Elsberg that he should be made Chairman of the Cities Committee of the Senate. The same leader predicted that in view of the changed situation Odell would be unable to make good on that promise, and Senator White of Syracuse would get the place again.

Thursday night at the Republican Club there is to be a dinner given to President Halpin of the Republican County Committee, and his predecessor, Charles H. Murray, Gov. Odell and William Barnes are to be among the guests, and Republican leaders were predicting last night that there might be some plain talk about the next municipal campaign.

It was said that Odell's chance of rehabilitating himself politically lies in the success which he achieves in the conduct of the municipal campaign. If he should succeed in bringing about a condition which would result in the election of a straight Republican his political enemies would have to take to the woods. On the other hand, if his campaign should prove a bad failure the demand for his political head is certain to become clamorous. It was said, owing to the deep resentment cherished against him by Platt's "old guard" and by the friends of ex-Gov. Black.

## TURN ODELL'S FACE TO WALL.

### Black's Friends in Troy Bitter Over Outcome of Senatorship Fight.

TROY, N. Y., Dec. 31.—Ex-Gov. Black held his usual Saturday conference with Republican leaders here this afternoon. There was an unusually large number present. But little reference was made to the Senatorial incident. It was said by one who attended the conference that Mr. Black did not encourage comment upon the subject.

While no formal announcement was made by Mr. Black that he was to retire from the local leadership, it is asserted that the tone of his remarks warranted the revival of the story that Mr. Black was to retire from the management of local politics with the coming of the new year. There has been no announcement as to who the local leader will be, but it was conceded that it will be Superintendent of Prisons C. V. Collins.

Mr. Black is said to wish to devote his time to his law practice in New York, but will retain an interest in local and State politics with an advisory voice, but leaving the details to others, especially in Rensselaer County.

His friends are very bitter against Gov. Odell over his desertion of Mr. Black, and when the announcement was made that Odell had decided in favor of Senator Depew the picture of Gov. Odell in the Republican Club room was turned to the wall.

## IT IS GOV. HIGGINS NOW.

### Oath of Office Administered—Succeeded Odell at Midnight.

ALBANY, Dec. 31.—The second administration of Gov. B. E. Odell, Jr., ended and the succession of Lieut. Gov. Frank W. Higgins took place at midnight to-night. This State took place at midnight to-night. With Gov. Higgins the rest of the new administration entered upon their two years' term.

Gov. Higgins, Secretary of State Governor C. E. Sheppard, of New York, went to his confidential stenographer, Mr. Sheppard is Secretary of the West End Association. The Governor also announced that Gov. Odell's office staff had been definitely decided. Judge John T. Joyce, for many years executive secretary of the State, will be replaced by Edgar L. Murrell, who for two years has been executive secretary of the State. Mr. Bruce has not yet been sworn in.

## PRESIDENT ELUDES GUARDIANS.

### He and Mrs. Roosevelt Take a Walk Quite Unattended.

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES. WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—The President and Mrs. Roosevelt left the White House at 9 o'clock this morning and strolled down Pennsylvania Avenue. The Secret Service officers who keep watch over the President were unaware of his escape from the Executive mansion until he was discovered until he and Mrs. Roosevelt were returning after a half hour of exercise, which both enjoyed.

## ANOTHER BIG FORT TAKEN.

### Japanese Storm Sun-Shu Mountain and Capture Troops.

TOKIO, Sunday, Jan. 1, 1905.—A Japanese force of 10,000 men stormed and captured yesterday by the Japanese forces besieging Fort Arthur.

Sung-shu is another large fort overlooking Fort Arthur. Its capture leaves only the Japanese and the old city.

## CALIFORNIA VIA SUNSET ROUTE.

San Francisco, Jan. 1, 1905.—The California Southern Railway, N. Y. Office 271 and 1,185. The California Southern Railway, N. Y. Office 271 and 1,185. The California Southern Railway, N. Y. Office 271 and 1,185.

## SENATOR MITCHELL INDICTED FOR FRAUD

### Representative Hermann, Too —Dist. Atty. Hall Removed.

## ACTION IN LAND CASES.

### Hall Was Government Prosecutor in Oregon—Indictment Says Mitchell Took a \$2,000 Bribe.

PORTLAND, Oregon, Dec. 31.—United States Senator John H. Mitchell, Representative Binger Hermann, and George Sorenson, formerly a Deputy Sheriff of Multnomah County, were jointly indicted today by the Federal Grand Jury in connection with land frauds.

The indictment alleges that John H. Mitchell and Binger Hermann did in January, 1902, unlawfully and feloniously conspire together, and with S. A. D. Puter, Horace G. McKinley, N. W. Tapley, Emma L. Watson, Salmon B. Ormsby, Clark E. Loomis, William H. Davis, and others to defraud the Government of the United States out of a portion of its public lands, situated in Township 11 South, Range 7 East, by means of forged and false affidavits and fictitious persons, and that in the furtherance of such conspiracy S. A. D. Puter did on March 9, 1902, pay to John H. Mitchell the sum of \$2,000, to secure his influence with Binger Hermann, then Commissioner of the General Land Office at Washington.

The indictment also alleges that, acting upon the suggestion and the wish of Senator Mitchell, and influenced by him, knowing that the transactions were unlawful and felonious, Binger Hermann used his power as Commissioner of the General Land Office to expedite twelve claims in Township 11-7 and had them passed to patent when he knew them illegal and not according to the requirements of the law.

The indictment further alleges that on March 28, 1904, George Sorenson offered to John H. Hall, District Attorney for the United States in Oregon, the sum of \$5,000 with intent to influence him in his official capacity when acting on the indictments returned against S. A. D. Puter, Horace G. McKinley, and others to defraud the Government out of land.

In 1902, the Government alleges, Puter went to Washington on business connected with the lands of Township 11, South Range 7, East, in which he was at that time interested. The lands were held up in the General Land Office, and Puter thought that it would be of benefit to himself and his fellows to go to Washington and see what could be done to expedite them to patent. It is charged that Senator Mitchell recommended Puter to Hermann.

Senator Mitchell, who came to Portland last week to appear before the Federal Grand Jury in connection with the land fraud investigations, departed for Washington to-day. In an interview just before his departure, he said that he could see no reason why he should remain in Portland longer, and thought his public duties in Washington demanded his presence there. The Senator, in a written statement to the press, said:

"I defy my accusers. I have lived in this State over forty-four years. I have served in the United States Senate, and I defy any man to charge me successfully with any conduct that is otherwise than honorable. I am sure I cannot be connected in any way with any land frauds, except by the grossest perjury of self-conceit and convicted thieves and perjurers."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—President Roosevelt to-day directed the removal from office of John H. Hall, District Attorney for Oregon. Mr. Hall has been prosecuting officer of the Government in the land fraud cases, and the removal is made in connection with them.

The announcement of District Attorney Hall's removal was made by Attorney General Moody as he left the White House after a conference with the President. He declined to say what charges, if any, had been made against Hall, but added that for the good of the service it was believed best to dispense with him, particularly in connection with the land fraud cases.

Earlier in the day Senator Fulton of Oregon had a talk with the President concerning the Oregon land fraud cases, but whether this interview had any relation to the removal of the District Attorney could not be learned.

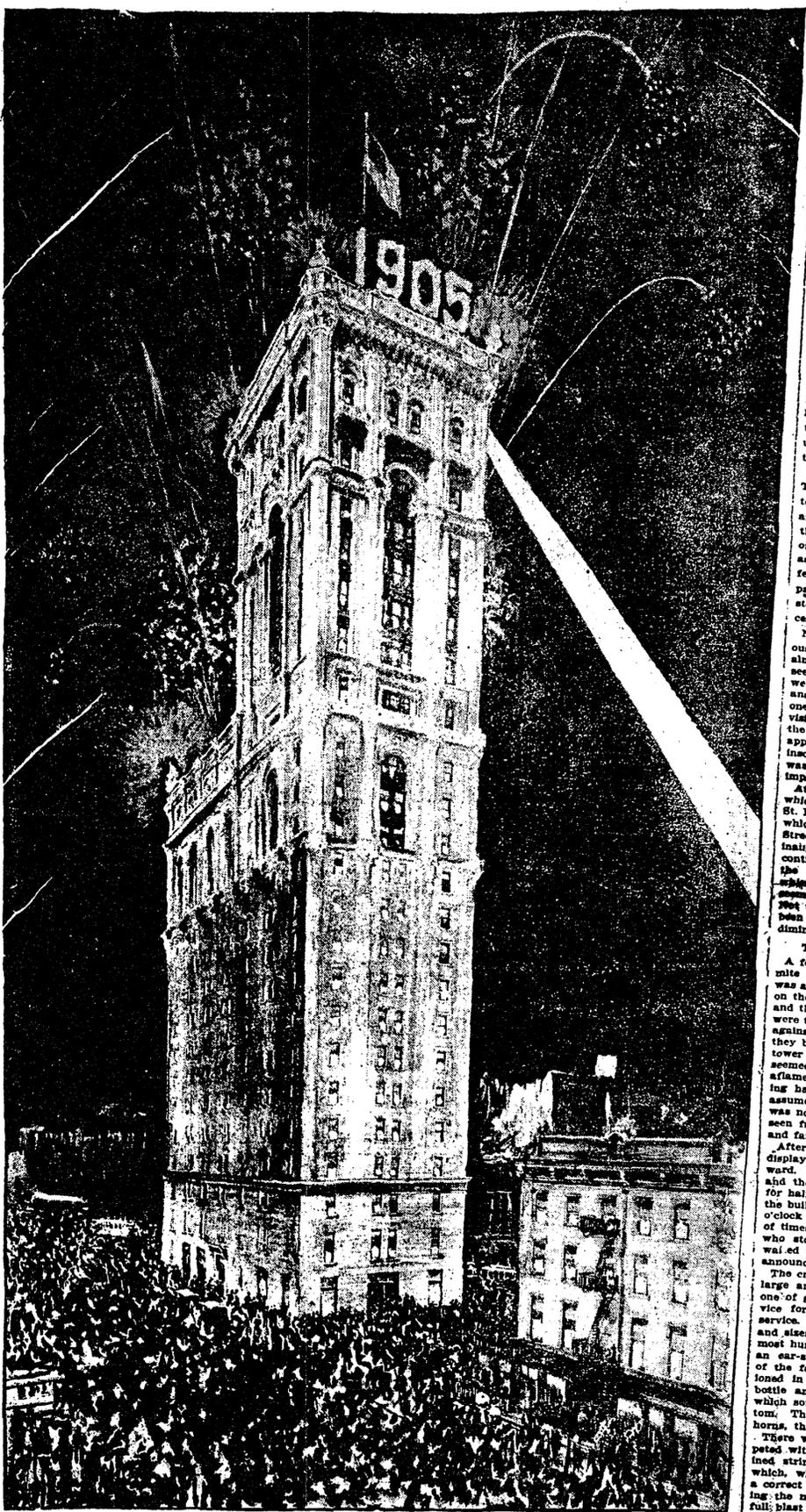
Mr. Hall was indorsed for reappointment by Senator Mitchell and Representative Hermann of Oregon, both of whom recently went to Portland, where they appeared before the Grand Jury in connection with that body's consideration of the cases growing out of the land frauds. The conduct of the District Attorney's office at Portland has been inquired into by Government representatives, and reports on the facts ascertained have been transmitted here. The reports alleged that certain prominent men had been shielded, and that attempts had been made to prevent certain persons from giving evidence.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 31.—When John H. Hall, United States District Attorney for the District of Oregon, saw a dispatch from the Portland announcing the removal of the President in removing him from office, he was greatly surprised. He had no information from Washington that the blow was to fall, and when he read the news angrily condemned several of the charges against him, being too frightened, and the threat only strengthened him in his resolve to keep silence.

"Keep your trap closed and go right back to the dining room," directed the man. With Williams leading the way, the pretension of the two robbers, it would be robbers walked away toward the dining room at the rear of the hall. All this time Ping, the spaniel, was standing on the top of the stairs taking everything in. It was all done in such an orderly and businesslike manner that he did not scent anything wrong at first. But just as the door of the dining room was closed the air was split by the loudest and angriest bark he had ever uttered that ever directed an object of canine disapproval.

Continued on Page 2. Quick Line to Cleveland. Leave New York 5:25 P. M. arrive Cleveland 11:00 A. M. Washington New York 5:00 P. M. St. Louis 9:45 P. M. by New York Central. Fine service. No excess fare.—Adv.

## NEW YEAR'S FIREWORKS AT THE TIMES BUILDING, TIMES SQUARE



## PUG SCARES ROBBERS.

### Six-Inch Spaniel Saves the Hurd Family Silverware—Butler in Terror.

Ping, the tiny black spaniel in the home of Ebenezer Hurd, at 10 West Eighty-sixth Street, saved his master's home from being looted by two masked robbers last evening about dinner time. Ping is only six inches tall, but he can make a noise that would do credit to many times his size. He was on the rug just last night, and now he wears a blue ribbon on his neck and may be entered at the next Dog Show at Madison Square Garden.

About 6:30 o'clock William Webb, the negro butler, heard the door bell ring. With a made-to-order New Year's Eve bow he swung open the heavy door and found the shining muzzle of two revolvers in unobtrusive fashion, when the robbers entered the room. He was greatly surprised. He had no information from Washington that the blow was to fall, and when he read the news angrily condemned several of the charges against him, being too frightened, and the threat only strengthened him in his resolve to keep silence.

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Continued on Page 2. The Alpers Pharmacy, Broadway and 21st St., is headquarters for reliable prescriptions. A band will be engaged for the New Year's pure drug, elegant perfumery. Its soda water from germ-proof apparatus is unsurpassed.—Adv.

## COTTON BURNING CONTINUED.

### FFires of Staple Built in Georgia and Alabama Towns.

CARNESVILLE, Ga., Dec. 31.—The farmers and merchants of Franklin County burned some cotton here to-day to show their willingness to destroy their property of the 2,000,000 bales it is proposed to burn in order to reduce the supply and restore the price. The burning of the cotton caused great excitement, as a bonfire was built in the square fronting the Court House.

COVINGTON, Ga., Dec. 31.—Much excitement was caused here this afternoon by the burning of cotton by planters and merchants. As the flames leaped up the planters and merchants cheered, crying, "If we can't sell it for a fair price we can burn it."

HATCHECHUBBEE, Ala., Dec. 31.—To-day a bonfire was made of a small lot of cotton by planters and merchants who favor destroying 2,000,000 bales in order to restore the price. Much enthusiasm was manifested while the cotton was burning.

Chorus Jo Greet President. WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—When President Roosevelt is inaugurated there will be present plans are carried out, at least one feature entirely new to inaugurations. The Committee on Music, of which Percy S. Foster is Chairman, has planned to have the President greeted on the steps of the Capitol by an immense chorus of 10,000 voices. A band will be engaged for the New Year's exercises. The advocates of the chorus think it will add a striking and unique feature to the ceremonies.

## BIG NEW YEAR FETE AT TIMES SQUARE

### Mammoth Crowd Centres There for Celebration.

## FIREWORKS GREET 1905

### With Crash of Bombs Tower the Year is Usher'd —Record Throngs in City.

As the old year died and 1905 was born the news flared out from the tower of the Times Building to the north and to the south, in giant figures which took on all the colors of the rainbow and bore the tidings to thousands who waited and watched over many miles of territory.

No more beautiful picture was ever limned in fire on the curtain of midnight. From the four corners of the skyscraper, lamented flames flared. From base to dome the giant structure was alight—a torch to usher in the new born, a funeral pyre for the old which pierced the very heavens.

Broadway had been waiting for the signal. The instant the first flash on The Times tower showed, a great shout went up, and an ear-splitting blast was sounded from the horns of the myriad of merry-makers on the streets below. As the first bomb ascended in a graceful arc, and burst 1,000 feet in the air, the city knew that 1904 had passed, and from factory, locomotive, and steamship whistles welcomed its successor.

Never was a New Year's Eve more joyously celebrated. The streets were crowded almost as darkness set in. Broadway seemed the thoroughfare to which all faces were turned, and about every man, woman, and child who poked his foot on the street, at one time or another. As early as 9 o'clock the square was packed, and when the time approached when another year should be inscribed upon the century book the crush was so great that progress was well nigh impossible in any direction.

At 11 o'clock Fancullin's Concert Band, which was one of the official bands of the St. Louis World's Fair, filed into the stand which had been erected on the Forty-third Street side of the building, and played the inaugural number of a programme which continued for more than an hour. With the first note the stream of humanity which was pouring up and down Broadway had turned away from the birth of 1905 had been signaled did the throng show any diminution.

THE NEW YEAR HERALDED. A few minutes before 12 o'clock a dynamite bomb was fired from the tower. It was a warning that the old year was poised on the brink. Another bomb and another, and the fixed pieces figuring the new year were touched off. First they showed white against the sky. The color changed and they burned red. The color changed and they burned red. The color changed and they burned red.

Throughout the night the building assumed its function of newsgiver. There was no mistaking the signal. It might be seen from any part of Greater New York and far into the adjacent territory. The first signal there was a fitting display of fireworks. Rockets hurried upward, and the colored lights were exploded and the colored lights were kept burning for half an hour. The concert in front of the building was continued, too, until 12:30 of times. The throng was cheered by those who stopped to listen to the music and waited until the coming of 1905 was pronounced.

The crowds on Broadway were unusually large and the spirit of the occasion was one of good fellowship. Every known device for making noise was pressed into service. There were horns of all shapes and sizes—horns which wailed with almost human note and horns which carried an ear-shattering volume of sound. One of the favored instruments was a champagne bottle and gave forth a series of notes which sounded the scale from top to bottom. There were long horns and thin horns, thin horns and stout.

There were other inventions which competed with the horns. Of the lot the resented string with the tin-can attachment, which, when properly angled, gave forth a correct imitation of seventeen dogs baying full blast at once and the same time, was very popular. The corked champagne, which cracked like a volley of musketry, which it was twisted also had a large following.

Every restaurant on upper Broadway turned out the patrons apace commencing at 10 o'clock. The crowd of prominent establishments had reserved their tables far in advance. Tickets were issued, and none were admitted without them. Fashionably dressed men and women were turned away by the score. It did not make any difference who they were or how much money they had. There were men at the doors of the restaurants who were not to be bribed or bribed. Large sums of money were offered in many instances to no avail.

As a matter of course the crowds were monopolized the streets. There were many cab and auto parties. One auto party carrying six men and an equal number of women, attracted a world of attention for several hours. The men blew horns and the women played the piano. The price for horns was 10 cents, and the price for piano was 10 cents. The price for horns was 10 cents, and the price for piano was 10 cents.

As is almost always the case, with New Year crowds, the utmost good nature was maintained. There was not the slightest quarrel, and the extra large bill of the police, which was a number of mounted police, was not needed.

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