

OUR CHRISTMAS.

For days before the great event arrived our little folks had been figuring on the mystery and glory of Santa Claus and the wonderful Christmas they were to experience. It is now a memory, but we firmly believe that it is a pleasant one. Not only were the students excited over the approaching Christmas—employees seemed to catch the "spell," for all entered in an observance of the joyous time with youthful enthusiasm and made merry with the students, young and old.

Of course, the Christmas trees and their precious crop of presents was the attraction on Christmas Eve. The trees were placed on the stage in the gymnasium—one tree for the boys and one for the girls. The large "gym" had been most artistically decorated for the occasion and when the electric lights were turned on the scene reminded one of youthful fancies relative to "fairyland."

Shortly after 7 o'clock the students began filing into the gym, and after all were seated Supt. Chalcraft and Mr. Campbell read a few telegrams indicating the whereabouts of Santa Claus. Presto! In came Santa. To the astonishment of the majority of those assembled, Mrs. Santa Claus came along this year. The dear old lady showed the marks of travel. Age is telling on her and the writer thought she seemed quite care-worn. But the couple were as welcome as royalty.

Directly after the departure of this generous old couple the distribution of presents began and it was accomplished by the employees, who took hold with alacrity and enthusiasm. Santa was generous this year and there was something for everybody. Happy were the students when they marched to quarters

that evening—and happy, too, were the employes, for merriment and mirth, where free from alloy, are infectious.

During the morning of Christmas Day exercises appropriate to the occasion were held in chapel and were as follows:

Hymn, No. 25	School
Lord's Prayer	School
Hymn, No. 64	School
Concert Recitation—Luke	11-8-14
verses	School
Hymn, No. 60	School
Reading of Scriptures	Supt. Chalcraft
Hymn, No. 67	School
Sermon	Dr. McGaw
Doxology,—Praise God From Whom	
all Blessings flow	School
Benediction	Dr. McGaw.

A little after 12 o'clock, noon, all had congregated at the spacious dining-room of the students. Here, too, was the all-pervading Christmas "atmosphere." The decorations were elaborate and tasteful, and the scene was one never-to-be-forgotten. Dr. McGaw, who was present, said grace and then began the interesting task of serving the students, which on these occasions is always accomplished by the various employes. That the menu was ample and tempting there can be no doubt. The menu follows:

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Mr. Herbert J. Campbell was up from Portland to spend Christmas with the "home folk."

Ernest, Ella, Loulin and Katie Brewer arrived at the school from their Tacoma, Wash., home in time to spend their Christmas with other members of the family and friends. They will return to Tacoma during the fore part of next week.