

FAIRIES GIVE GIFTS TO LITTLE CHILDREN

Brownies and Santa Claus Play With Tots Gathered at People's Institute.

400 RED STOCKINGS FILLED

Children From Many Families Pay Homage to Christmas Saint in Program Showing Talent at Social Settlement.

Never was Christmas cheer more gratefully received than it was yesterday at the People's Institute...

They began to arrive early—long before the appointed time—and seemed to be so excited that it was impossible to keep them still.

When the lower hall was packed to its utmost capacity the programme began. The little folks of the institute had been carefully fitted to sing a number of songs and carols...

400 Stockings Filled. In one corner was a marvelous grotto, where Santa's little helpers, the fairies and brownies, were in readiness...

The responsibility of making and filling these stockings had been assumed by a committee of prominent society girls, headed by Miss Claire Wilcox...

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BISPHAM IS GUEST

Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Thompson Hosts.

MUSIC FEATURE OF AFFAIR

Mrs. Susie Fennell Pipes, Mrs. Sara Bowman Glance, Mrs. Pauline Chapman and J. H. Hutchinson Furnish Entertainment.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Thompson entertained last night at an elaborate appointed reception in honor of David Bispham, the noted singer whose presence in Portland during the week has been the inspiration for a number of interesting functions at which society has paid homage to art.

The beauty of the apartment was enhanced by the decorations, which consisted of chrysanthemums of pastel shade and Richmond roses, the coloring harmonizing with the furnishings and hangings.

An especial feature of the evening was the excellent music, which added much to the success of the affair.

At the reception hall palms and yellow chrysanthemums were effectively placed. The living-room was brightened with masses of poinsettias, and in the dining-room flowers were prevailed.

After the last good-by had been said the tired committee was able to draw a long breath of satisfaction, for the day had been a success far exceeding anyone's anticipations.

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PERSONAL MENTION.

W. A. Beer, of Eugene, is registered at the Bowers.

H. S. Hood, a Hood River orchardist, is at the Bowers.

H. M. Lewis, of Ogden, is registered at the Multnomah.

J. M. Craven, a merchant of Dallas, is at the Perkins.

D. C. Green, a Coos Bay lumberman, is at the Portland.

Professor Fletcher Homan, of Salem, is at the Imperial.

A. M. Sanders, a stockman of La Grande, is at the Perkins.

G. W. McLeod, a Kelso lumberman, is registered at the Imperial.

O. E. Thompson, a Silverton merchant, is at the Multnomah.

R. L. McCrook and wife, of Colfax, are registered at the Portland.

G. F. Skipworth, an attorney of Eugene, is registered at the Multnomah.

W. S. Bridges, a woolen goods manufacturer of Brownsville, is at the Perkins.

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Mr. and Mrs. Joe Heroux, of The Dalles, are registered at the Portland Hotel. Mr. Heroux is a prominent merchant of that city and he and Mrs. Heroux are here on their wedding trip.

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PRIZE IS AWARDED

L. A. McArthur Gets Railroad Offer for Nickname.

"WEBFOOT ROUTE" WINNER

Complaint of Limit to Contestants Decides Officials to Reopen Competition With Purse of \$50 to Go to Lucky Oregonian.

L. A. McArthur, member of the Portland Press Club, and now connected with the Pacific Power & Light Company, was yesterday awarded the prize of \$25 in gold offered for the best nickname for the Portland, Eugene & Eastern Railway Company, the road which is constructing 240 miles of electric interurban transportation lines through the Willamette Valley.

The title "Webfoot Route" won the prize for Mr. McArthur, while the suggestions of Miss McCourt and Miss Robertson were respectively "Pan-Webfoot" and "Pomona Routes."

At the suggestion of the committee of newspaper men who judged of the merits of the hundreds of names sent in, the contest will now be reopened to the hundreds of persons engaged in other professions expressed a desire to participate.

George E. Youie, mill machinery manufacturer of Seattle, is at the Multnomah.

G. H. Plummer, a Northern Pacific official, of Tacoma, is registered at the Portland.

Perry Wing and Lex Lang, shepherds of Hay Creek, are registered at the Perkins.

Charles Nickell, a Medford orchardist, and Mrs. Nickell are registered at the Multnomah.

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MENEFFEE BLOCKS

Ordinance Is Discrimination Against Heusner Interest, Says Councilman.

WATER MEASURE DELAYED

Special Meeting Arranged for Tuesday Morning to Fix Rates for 1913—Title to Strip of Land in Kenton District Is Cleared.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS ARE OF VARIOUS NATURE.

Proposed general franchise grant to Portland Railway, Light & Power Company given another set-back by objections of one Councilman.

Ordinance passed to clear title of strip of land running the full length of the Kenton district.

Mayor Rushlight upheld in arrangements for extension of Larrabee street.

City license department transferred from department of City Auditor to Police Department.

Action on proposal to submit question of location of proposed auditorium site deferred until next meeting.

Special meeting called to fix water rates for 1913.

Office of Appraiser of Land Values and City Curator created.

Objection of Councilman Meneffee to the consideration of the proposed general franchise grant to the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company at yesterday's meeting of the City Council caused the postponement of the measure for another two weeks.

This probably will make it impossible for the measure to come before the Council for final action before the latter part of February.

The City Executive Board held a special meeting Tuesday to fix the valuation on the proposed grant so that it could be considered at yesterday's Council meeting, and if satisfactory, sent on to the City Auditor for advertising.

Owing to the fact that it was not on the Council calendar, 12 votes were required to get the measure before the Council. There were only 12 Councilmen present and Councilman Meneffee stood against considering the measure.

Efforts to change his action were fruitless.

Discrimination Is Charged. He bases his objection to the franchise on the ground that the company is not entitled to a franchise on Seventh street, inasmuch as George F. Heusner applied for a grant there first.

He also declares that the valuation of \$200 a mile a year as fixed on the franchise by the Executive Board is a discrimination in favor of the Portland company against Mr. Heusner and his interests.

The Council by unanimous vote transferred the city license department from the department of the City Auditor to the police department. This change was made upon recommendation of Mayor Rushlight, who declares that by having the license department under police control the city would stand a better chance of collecting all revenue due from various institutions of the city operating under permits, subject to license.

Owing to the fact that there were too few Councilmen present to pass an ordinance fixing water rates for 1913, a special Council meeting was arranged for next Tuesday morning at 9:30 o'clock. It will be necessary at this meeting for 12 Councilmen to vote for the water rate. Otherwise there will be no rate for 1913 and all kinds of legal troubles will result.

The rates have been fixed two weeks ago but opposition to rates to large consumers caused a delay. It will be necessary at the special meeting to pass the measure and send it up to the Mayor asking for his signature before closing time Tuesday.

Clouded Title Cleared. An ordinance was passed by unanimous vote clearing title to a strip of land 20 feet in width extending the full length of the Kenton district. A number of years ago Kilpatrick street was moved 20 feet eastward and in replanting an error was made so that a cloud of title existed on the strip of land. The property along the strip and the strip itself were returned to the Patton road.

The Council created the office of City Appraiser of Land Values and City Curator and authorized the temporary appointment of an engineer to inspect the work on the new jail building on Second and Oak streets. The Appraiser was appointed in compliance with the recent charter amendment passed by the people placing the work of viewing property in the hands of the City Engineer. The City Curator will have charge of the museum at the City Hall.

A proposed resolution drafted by the East Side Business Men's Club asking the Council to extend the water front question of the location of the auditorium was referred to the health and police committee, with instructions to look into the purposes of the resolution and report back to the Council at the next regular meeting.

A resolution was adopted extending the sympathy of the Council to Councilman Burgess in the death of E. A. Clark, his father-in-law.

MAYOR UPHELD BY COUNCIL

Settlement of Street Controversy Indorsed by Vote of 8-3.

Following a lively tilt between Councilman Maguire and J. B. Ziegler on one side and Councilman Baker on the other the City Council yesterday voted to uphold Mayor Rushlight in arrangements which he has made with the O. W. R. & N. Co. for the extension of Larrabee street. By the arrangement the railroad company will donate two strips of land of the appraised value of \$10,000 for use in the Larrabee extension and the city will relieve the company of the burden of maintaining the strip of land as a thoroughfare running from Oregon street down to what formerly was the Oregon-California ferry landing.

Councilman Maguire declared that the deal would lose a valuable street to the city by enabling the company to close it up. He declared that Occident street is the only thoroughfare now extending to the water front in that entire section of the city and to close it would be a great mistake. He said the street was worth \$1,000,000 to the city.

Following further arguments in which some of the other Councilmen took part the Mayor was upheld in his arrangements by a vote of 8 to 3. Under the plan Larrabee street will be extended through railroad property

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to the east approach of the new O. W. R. & N. bridge. Union Soon to Have \$5000 Theater. UNION, Or., Dec. 26.—(Special).—A new electric theater costing about \$5000 will be completed in Union in about ten days, and will be one of the best of its class in Eastern Oregon in towns of this size. The building was erected by a combination of local capital, and will seat about 400 people. It will be supplied with all the modern conveniences for such institutions.

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MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM A. SHORT. DUPUR, Or., Dec. 26.—(Special).—Dr. William A. Short, Mayor of Dupur, and Miss Leah I. Driver were married on Sunday at the residence of the bride's parents in Waukie. They left on a wedding trip to Portland and vicinity, after which they will reside here. Miss Driver has been a resident of Dupur for a number of years, having been a popular and successful school teacher and also prominent in church work. She is a native of Oregon, having passed his earlier life in the Willamette, coming to Dupur four years ago. He is one of the most prominent and popular young men in this city and is now serving his second term as Mayor of Dupur.