



Merry Christmas

SUNDAY AT THE CHURCHES

St. George's Episcopal Church. Rev. T. H. Allenson—Friday, 4:30 p. m., children's carol service, Christmas day, 10:30 a. m., Christmas service, Sunday, Dec. 26; Morning service omitted. Sunday school at 11. Special Christmas music by the choir. Subject of the sermon, "Good Cheer." B. Y. P. U. will meet at 7:45 a. m., Y. P. S. at 6:30 a. m.; evening service at 7:30.

The First Baptist Church, Lane and Rose streets. Rev. J. H. Dickson, pastor—Bible school at 9:45. O. P. Coburn, Supr., morning worship at 11. Special Christmas music by the choir. Subject of the sermon, "Good Cheer." B. Y. P. U. will meet at 7:45 a. m., Y. P. S. at 6:30 a. m.; evening service at 7:30.

The Church of Christ will hold all day services Sunday, Dec. 26, with basket dinner at the noon hour. Everybody invited. No collections taken. Everything free. The church is located in South Roseburg, corner Roberts and Cobb streets.

Methodist Episcopal.—There will be a highly interesting Christmas program at the Methodist Episcopal church next Sunday night, to which the general public are cordially in-

ited. The arrangements are in the hands of Mrs. Churchill and committee, and a most enjoyable time is assured. A complete list of the different numbers will appear and the ones taking part. There will be a decorated tree and a treat for all the children who come. Any poor children that may be in the neighborhood are asked to be present. They will get a treat with the rest. The morning service will be in keeping with the season, and Guy Fitch Phelps will speak from a theme consistent with the occasion. Let this be a rally day for all the members of the church and the Sunday school.

Movie Closeups

Arnold Bennett and Edward Knoblock are the authors of "Milestones," which is showing at the Antlers theatre for the last time tonight.

Arnold Bennett is one of the leading figures in English literature today. His work combines depth of thought with the most delightful of entertainment. His books are read in every civilized country. For many years Edward Knoblock has maintained a reputation in the front rank of American playwrights with many pronounced stage successes to his credit. Neither of these two brilliant authors whose names alone act as a powerful magnet on the public have ever done anything to surpass their latest success, "Milestones."

As in everything involving the production of this exceptional picture, the cast was selected with the greatest care. This task, because of the wide range of years covered by the picture, was necessarily a most difficult one. But the result leaves nothing to be desired. The difficult part of John Rhoad, is taken by Mr. Lewis Stone. Alice Hollister as the sister of Gertrude Rhoad is given ample scope for her skill and beauty as are Mary Allen, Gertrude Allison and Corrine Kirkman in equally attractive parts. Other leading characters are admirably taken by Harvey Clark, Gerald Pring, Boyd Irwin, May Foster, Lionel Belmore, Carrol Fleming and Jack Donovan.

For a second time Jack London's yarn of seal fishers, "The Sea Wolf" has been filmed and in the present incarnation may be seen at the Majestic theatre tonight for the last time. Here and there it sticks none too close to his pages, but it remains an exceptionally good picture in which Noah Beery, Walter Long and Raymond Hatton cover themselves with blood and glory. "Brutal Sea Wolf" was in print, and brutal it is bound to be on the stage or screen. George Melford, who directed this remarkable piece of work, and his adaptor, has been unusually respectful to London's plot and his personages. Occasionally he modifies and moderates them, but not the plot. For instance, in the book, Humphrey VanWeyden, the critic, was swept out to sea from the wreck of

the ferryboat in the harbor of San Francisco, but the film demands that both the hero and heroine be swept through the Golden Gate, and picked up by Wolf's schooner, "Ghost." Of course the tale loses in directness, for it cannot be told in the first person on the screen, and losses in strength because some of the brutalities are omitted. Yet many of them remain, and the flight of "Wolf" Larsen in the foetus, is done in a graphic fashion, while true to London, Coffy-O'By, the Kanaka, and Kelly engage afterwards in their memorable altercation.

COLD-BLOODED WITH GIFTS

Program for Those Persons Who Think Santa Claus Deception Should Come to End.

We have tried to work out a little Christmas program for those who object to Santa Claus. We respect the opinions of all who think the deception should be stopped and feel that we ought to help them to arrange a disillusioned and thoroughly harmless Christmas—what you might call a germless and renovated and disinfected and veracious joy season— which the children will take hold of with enthusiasm without in after days wishing to upbraid their parents and hiss at them, "You lied to us!"

We suggest, therefore, that the children be called together on Christmas morning by the governor and addressed as follows:

"Kids: We shall now enjoy our gift giving. I tore off a few seals from my roll the other day and handed them to your mother, and she did bend down into the bargain counter, food for two whole days appeared not again, and when she did crawl out, battered, jammed, ragged, torn, bruised and old, she clutched to her bosom these few gimcracks, fol-de-rols and highly un-serviceable articles. We have placed them upon these chairs so as to divest the business of any stage effects that might heighten the pleasure in any way or give a false impression. You are to understand that I had to give up for these things, and I wish to forget about it before I feel real good inside again, and with these few remarks we will now fall to, and you want to be quick about it, for I want to read my paper in peace."—Judge.

WONDERFUL SPIRIT OF GIVING

Another year is nearing its close and with the ending comes that glad time, the Christmas holiday season. The absent ones are home again or if they cannot come there are the letters and tokens to be sent and received. The remembrance need not be expensive as to money value, to be very much appreciated.

Christmas is pre-eminently the children's day. Do not insist that Santa will not remember them if they are not good. For we all know that Santa Claus will surely come and the children know it, too. He did not forget us in our own childhood whether we were very, very good or not. Let us teach the children about the wonderful spirit of loving and giving that brings a happy Christmas time.

FIRST CHRISTMAS OBSERVANCE

It is said that Christmas was first observed in the year 68 and that it was not until the year 137 that it was made a solemn feast. Pope Telesphorus decreed that it should be celebrated by all Christians in that year. On one early Christmas day the Roman Emperor Diocletian, hearing that the Christians assembled in their church were engaged in celebrating the birth of Christ, commanded that the doors of the church be closed and the building set on fire. This was done and six hundred persons lost their lives in the burning church.



A BRAVE SOLDIER
Jack-in-the-Box: Ha, ha, you're a brave soldier, to be scared of me.

A THRIFTY SAINT
"Don't you think holidays tempt us to extravagance?"
"Not at all. If you will study the pictures of Santa Claus, you will observe he has on the same old clothes he has worn for years."

The word "Yule" has in reality nothing to do with Christmas. It is an old Scandinavian word signifying the winter solstice, which was always kept as a feast by the old heathen Goths.

In the olden time the Yule log was always laid aside before it was burned out, so that the next Christmas day the new Yule log might be lighted from the charred remains of its predecessor.

CHRISTMAS BELLS

The great yule logs are blazing high. The halls with holly green are drest, And blitheome maids and merry lads Are gayly clad in all their best. And have ye seen the fairest maid That e'er hath dwelt 'twixt sea and sea?

And for my love and for my faith, Think ye she'll bring a gift to me? O, ring, ye joy-bells, gayly ring! O, merry minstrels, harp and sing! Fill every heart with Christmas cheer. For Christmas comes but once a year.

The yule fire blazes warm and high. On askened rafters, blackened walls; It shines upon the fairest maid, As down she dances thro' the hall. I fling my weary lads aside.

(And will she stoop to such as I? I hate to meet her underneath. The myrtle branches hanging high. O, ring, ye joy-bells, gayly ring! O, merry minstrels, harp and sing! O, fill my heart with Christmas cheer. For Christmas comes but once a year.

Who hath so rare or fair a gift As this my love hath brought to me? For I was but a minstrel lad. A dainty, high-born maid was she. Yet with her lips her heart she gave. Her heart, all pure as Christmas snow. And for her love and for her faith, Fourth unto fourth and war I'll go. O, ring, ye joy-bells, gayly ring! O, heart of mine, rejoice and sing. For Christmas love and Christmas cheer Shall bless our lives the whole round year.

—Annie Louise Brackenridge.

FUN IN PLAYING OLD CHRIS

Amusement for Both Young and Old in Impersonating Blustery, Present-Laden Santa.

HERE is great fun in impersonation and none more than in taking the part of that prince of good fellows, jolly old Kris. Several little brothers, sisters or cousins should make up the audience to be amused, all of them young enough to believe implicitly in the whole story of the journey in reindeer sleigh from the North Pole to country to one's own particular chimney. Parents and other big folks must, of course, be in the scheme and coached to play an active part.

You will be missed from the company, to be sure, and dad and mother should search the house and look up and down the street and make all sorts of excuses for your absence. And if your voice cannot be continually and very successfully disguised you had better not talk, but convey your meanings by nods and motions, not forgetting to shake hands all round repeatedly and to laugh, silently but heartily, with much shaking of sides and bending over.

Santa may play at being late, and after he has filled the stockings he is caught by dad, who loudly notifies the household and insists that the old fellow pay a visit and distribute the gifts. Questions are asked about the sleigh, which is supposed to have gone on without its driver, so that the youngsters won't want to run out and look for it.

At the end of the ceremony, which should not last over half an hour, a sudden disappearance may be arranged by calling the children to the window with the supposed discovery of the returning sleigh, and Santa may slip out of the room door, shed and hide his duds and get out of the house by the back way, returning presently, with much noise, by the front way, as though having been gone for a long time and, of course, much disappointed to have missed seeing Santa.

As for the costume, that is a matter of varied opportunity, except that the white whiskers and wig, the funny little old tasseled cap and the fat stomach are essential.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

Come back to Bethlehem, The year is on the wane, A truce to strife that wears life, A truce to grief and pain. Oh, heart, return to Bethlehem And hear the wing again!

If e'er you're during these Have turned thy thoughts aside, If thou hast quaffed the bitter draft Of envy or of pride, If thou in guany of shame Hast thy dear Lord denied,

Come back today to Bethlehem! Though thou hast wandered far, No rest shall fit thy yearning breast Until thou see the Star. Oh, heart, return to Bethlehem, Where yet the angels are!

EXCUSE FOR CEASING WORK

The Russian working people have always ceased upon Christmas as an excuse for ceasing all work for a somewhat lengthy period—sometimes for a month. Before the recent revolution "Kolenda" was the celebration on Christmas eve, when the peasants gathered about the houses of the nobles, sang carols and scrambled for the coins tossed to them from the windows. Then came a great masquerade, when peasants of all ages dressed themselves to represent animals, the idea being to perpetuate the memory of the lowliness of the Saviour's birth in the stable.

Origin of Yuletide

Yule was the name of the ancient Scandinavian festival held at the time of the winter solstice. The word is of uncertain origin, says The Housekeeper, but it probably is taken directly from the Icelandic word "Jol," meaning a feast. It is curious to note how many nations of old marked the "turn of the year"—that is, the December solstice—by festivals. The Egyptians, the Hindus, the Persians, the Greeks and the Romans all had feasts at this season, but especially the Northern nations—the Teutons, the Scandinavians, the early natives of Britain—rejoiced at the event of the sun's turn on its course. The festival was kept with much eating and drinking and noisy jollity. One of the ceremonies was the placing of an enormous log of wood—often so large that it required the strength of several men to bring it in—upon the hearth fire in the huge fireplace. The burning of the Yule log was thought to insure good fortune to the family, especially when charred pieces of the log burned the year before and kept over for that purpose were used to light it.

Xmas Posy Party

"A Garden of Flowers"—an ideal scheme this for a fancy Christmas dress party. When the invitations are sent out each guest should be requested to come to "the Garden of Flowers" dressed to represent a flower. Whatever flower is chosen should be tinted to the hostess when accepting the invitation. For the supper table decoration for this party, in the center stand a large doll dressed as a rose—the queen of flowers. In her hands should be fastened as many garlands of lady ribbons or strings of small blossoms as there are guests. Attach little gifts at the other ends of the garlands appropriate to the costumes of the guests that are to receive them, such as brooches and scarves with flowers in enamel, baskets of sweets trimmed with flowers, or pretty cut glass bottles of perfume, decorated with blossoms. The ribbons or garlands should be arranged that each small guest finds a corresponding gift; thus, Violet's present is adorned with the flowers she represents, etc. The menus should be in the form of flowers or petals, and the lamp or candle shades of rose colored silk.

As we were driving through the city we were forced to come suddenly to a halt. Two old ladies were walking in front of the car. One of them stopped dead still and giving me a very defiant look, said: "You don't dare run over me. Why, we are as side the lines."—Chicago Tribune.

In the Balkans it is believed that to die on Christmas day is an ill omen as regards one's place in the after-death life.

That bathing on Christmas day insures freedom from both fevers and toothache during the coming year is one of the old-time superstitions which still exists in France.

A recent conference of Christian natives in the Kukema river district in west central Africa arrived at the momentous decision that henceforth it should be considered not improper for a man to eat with his mother-in-law.

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