

NATION'S POOR GET ATTENTION

NEW YORK WILL SEE THOUSANDS FED BY CHARITY

NO CHRISTMAS TREE AT THE WHITE HOUSE; ONLY GIFTS

San Francisco Will Celebrate With Annual Custom by Singing of Populace and the Star Musicians—Portland Is Planning Gifts to Starving Married Men Annually.

New York, Dec. 23.—Today being the last shopping day before Christmas and a half holiday for many thousands of workers who had no time during the week to make their purchases, the street cars, the streets and the shops were crowded all day with shoppers, especially in the afternoon. For weeks the slogan, "Do your shopping early" had been hammered into the general public and, no doubt, a great many persons gave heed to the admonition, but it is human nature to be forgetful, especially during the excitement of Christmas shopping. The result is that even "early shoppers" crowd the shops during the last hours available.

Judging from the preparations made Christmas will be unusual bountiful this year. As usual the poor will be remembered throughout the city. The Salvation Army has arranged to distribute 30,000 Christmas baskets among the deserving poor this year and the Volunteers of America will probably feed as many more. Food and other gifts will also be distributed by the Bowers Mission, the Bowers Y. M. C. A., at the Young Men's home, at the Home of the Little Mothers, the Little Sisters of the Poor, the Friendly Sons and scores of other charitable institutions.

The newsboys will have their customary Christmas feast, given to them in memory of their late benefactor Wm. M. Fless, while Frank Tilford will preside at a spread and distribution "Tim" Sullivan the Laird of the Bowery, has arranged to feed 5,000 persons at his annual Christmas banquet. In addition to that scores of wealthy men and women have made liberal arrangements for having baskets with food and other gifts sent to poor families in various parts of the city.

The inmates of the prisons, of the various charitable institutions and even of the hospitals will, in a limited measure take part in the general holiday cheer. All kinds of good things and delicacies will be on their Christmas menus to replace for that day at least severely plain though nourishing fare of other days. In many cases the inmates will also be entertained with music, singing and even with moving pictures.

The several hundred immigrants detained at Ellis Island will make their first acquaintance with American Christmas cheer. They will be given a regular Christmas dinner and afterward entertained with music and addresses in German.

Christmas Cheer at the Capital. Washington, D. C., Dec. 23.—For the time being all threatening international complications, the obstreperousness of the insurgents, the war against the trusts and the uncertainties of the political horizon have been pushed into the background by the impending Christmas celebration. "Peace upon Earth" rules in the national capital and the last preparations for the greatest holiday of the year kept everybody busy today, from the members of President Taft's family down to the last department clerk.

Of course, there will be no Christmas tree at the White House, as there are no small children, but the members of the president's family, all reunited for the holiday season, will exchange gifts and enjoy Christmas cheer at the festive board, with only a few personal friends added to the family circle. For weeks large quantities of Christmas presents from all parts of the world have arrived at the White House, but in deference to the wishes of Mrs. Taft the opening of the packages has been postponed until the morning of Christmas day, next Monday.

President Taft today distributed Christmas presents to the attendants of the White House. Each policeman got a turkey and each white house secret service operative was given a jeweled stick pin and other employees received \$50 in cash.

Pope Sends Greetings. Rome, Dec. 2.—Cardinal Farley was granted a long audience with the pope today who sent Christmas greetings to the people of America.

Prisoners to Greet Christmas. San Francisco, Dec. 23.—Fifty thousand San Franciscans tomorrow evening will carol a welcome to Christmas from Letta fountain in the heart of the city. This is an annual custom. The fete will open with a band concert at sundown. Then the professionals, including Kubelick, the violinists, will play and then the populace will sing.

Everyday Gifts for Hungry. Portland, Dec. 23.—"Man will go hungry so long and then resort to crime for food," said Councilman Burdette in discussing his measure to provide a \$5,000 appropriation from the city funds to give more to the unemployed married men. Burdette says this is the only means to keep down crime. It is probable that the measure will pass.

Chicago Employers Liberal Givers. Chicago, Dec. 23.—The manner in which Christmas will be celebrated in Chicago this year promises effectively to allay the pessimists who have been complaining of poor business and hard times. There have been, no doubt, more prosperous years, but if there was a slight decline in business activity and prosperity this year, it will not be reflected in the celebration of Christmas. The big Chicago corporations, industrial concerns, banks, department stores, etc., have distributed more than \$2,000,000 in bonuses and other Christmas gifts to their employees and other smaller firms have also followed the time honored custom of remembering their faithful employees in various ways. The Salvation Army and the Volunteers of America as well as many other charitable organizations, the churches and many private individuals have made extensive preparations for distributing food, clothing, toys, groceries, shoes and other gifts among the poor of the city. The contributions for that purpose have been exceptionally liberal this year.

Georgia Prisoners to Be Remembered. Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 23.—For the first time in the history of the state of Georgia the inmates of the prisons and prison camps of the state will this year take part in the Christmas cheer which reigns at this time in all Christian countries throughout the world. For this they owe their thanks to the Atlanta committee of one hundred of Men and Religion Forward movement which started the movement, collected the necessary funds and arranged for the distribution of the gifts to the prisoners through the Sunday school in their respective localities. It has been arranged that in all prisons and camps short services will be held on Monday, followed by a distribution of gifts, including a small Bible for every prisoner.

Royal Christmas at Sandringham. London, Dec. 23.—Owing to the absence from home of King George and Queen Mary this year's Christmas celebration of the royal family will be rather quiet and devoid of many of the features traditional with the Christmas observances of the British court. The royal children, it has been arranged, will have their Yuletide celebration with Queen Mother Alexandra at Sandringham, the scene of so many happy family gatherings in former years. As customary there will be a big Christmas tree for the younger members of the royal family and an exchange of gifts among the older. For the members of the household at Sandringham and the villagers separate celebrations will be held at the castle.

"EASTERN OREGON" CELEBRATES First Christmas Entertainment of New O. A. C. Organization.

Corvallis, Ore., Dec. 23.—(Special)—The first big party to be given by the Eastern Oregon club, one of the youngest of the O. A. C. organizations, was the Christmas dance in the gymnasium, which proved a brilliant success.

A short program opened the evening's entertainment, including an address by President E. B. Stanley of Lone Rock, Gilliam county, music, and a speech by Orville Reeves of Pendleton, on the plans of the club for the forwarding of the interests of Eastern Oregon through the application of scientific agriculture to its problems, and the advancement of the college in that part of the state by carrying to the different counties a knowledge of what the institution can do for the people of each district.

UNION BONDS SOLD. Denver Agency Takes Over \$12,000 Water Bonds in Union.

Water bonds to the extent of \$12,000 have been disposed of in Union this week. The Union Republican states: F. W. Keeler, representing the Keeler Bros., financial agents of Denver, Colo., was in the city Wednesday afternoon, conferring with the mayor and city council relative to the purchase of the \$12,000 city water bonds. The deal was closed, the bonds signed up and placed in the banks to be delivered to Keeler Bros. upon payment of the price agreed upon. This means that the price system of the city of Union will be placed in first class shape as soon as the weather conditions will permit. This will be a most gratifying piece of news to our people, and means that Union will have one of the best water systems in eastern Oregon.

CHRISTMAS JAGS START. Chief of Police Rounds up First Contingent of Celebrators.

The first arrests growing out of hilarities because of Christmas, were made last night and the men were turned out this morning after paying their fines. The arrests were as a rule kindly acts for some of the fellows jailed carried big sums of money earned by hard labor during the summer and when they were returned their dollars this morning broad smiles of gratitude went with the fine money.

Mrs. Dugan Recovering. Mrs. Richard Dugan, who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis, is reported today as progressing satisfactorily as could be expected under the condition. She was taken ill early in the week.

DEAD SENATOR'S GHOST WALKING

ANNANIAS CLUB GIVEN ADDITION OF ONE MORE MEMBER

LA FOLLETTE REVIVES CHARGES AGAINST DEAD SOLO

La Follette and Roosevelt Jump Into Limelight Today by Publication of Statements Teeming With Sensationalism—Roosevelt Asks for Publicity of Campaign Fund.

New York, Dec. 23.—Dramatic details of a tense situation when the late United States Senator Sawyer of Wisconsin tried to bribe R. M. La Follette to corrupt Judge Siebeck, La Follette's relative, is given in his autobiography in the current issue of a magazine. He said Sawyer tried to get him to influence the judge during the suits of the state against the several former state treasurers and their bondsmen to collect interest on he saw funds they had appropriated.

Sawyer a republican boss had gone one many bonds and stood to lose thousands. He met La Follette in Milwaukee and offered \$10,000 which was refused.

La Follette said that decided him to fight the political bosses.

SHELDON AN ANNANIAS.

Roosevelt Opens Door to His Private Club for a Few Moments.

New York, Dec. 2.—Theodore Roosevelt today opened the doors to his private club long enough to make George Sheldon, treasurer of the republican national committee a member, following the publication of correspondence regarding the late E. H. Harriman's contribution to Roosevelt.

The colonel said "Sheldon asked me why the truth was not stated and I kindly volunteered to make a statement on the matter. I told him I would be glad to have him do so."

UNION HENS CACKLE.

Not Only Horses but Poultry to Be Proud of Union Folks.

Hereafter the poultry of Union is to be given consideration proportion to the amount of interest displayed in the annual stock shows at Union. Referring to this event, the Republican says:

Some of the local poultry fanciers have arranged to hold a poultry exhibit at the Farmers' Union hall Saturday, December 30, in the afternoon, for the purpose of showing the grade of poultry grown in this section. No prizes will be given at this time. Following the exhibit a Poultry Growers' association will be organized. All are invited to exhibit poultry at this meeting, and take part in the organization of an association, with a view to giving an annual poultry show.

CUPID RESTING THIS MONTH.

Marriage Certificates Few and Usual Activity Not Noticeable.

Cupid is slowing up in Union county the last of this year. December thus far has been unusually void of marriage certificates or marriage licenses. Hunting licenses have been few and in other ways has there been a slow up of affairs having their inception or termination in the county clerk's office.

BELL FUNERAL HELD.

Summerville Resident Laid to Rest This Forenoon at Summerville.

Funeral services over the late Mrs. Bell who died in this city earlier in the week, were held at Summerville this morning. The services were held at 10 o'clock and the interment took place in the Summerville cemetery.

Gipsy Smith Revival Failure

Portland, Dec. 23.—A minister who followed up the revival work of Gipsy Smith here say it was not as successful as announced. Of the 2300 addresses given by those who came to the front and said they wanted to be active Christians, the ministers find that many addresses are vacant lots, and vacant houses and Chinese laundries.

Governor's Son Insane.

Seattle, Dec. 23.—A complaint charging Malcolm Patterson with insanity, was filed today at the request of his father, the former governor of Tennessee. Young Patterson recently shot R. T. Seal, a liveryman, at Port Orchard.

Missionaries Reach Home.

San Francisco, Dec. 23.—After perilous journeys from the interior of China many missionaries with their families are safe here today. They arrived on the liner Manchuria from Shanghai. In the party are 20 children.

THE MISSION OF CHRIST

When we've searched the world for ease, finding ne'er a downy pillow.

Later, when the first fair Eden by man's sin had been despoiled.

And God's creatures (in His image) had by sweat of brow long toiled And by his imaginations thought to find truth's path the while.

He with each sad year's returning Was found farther from the way: His desire for sin so burning, Error's night eclipsed truth's day.

Till the world in moral darkness was most desperately vile.

Then it was that man's condition was the object of God's care, His extremity becoming God's time opportune and rare.

That the "fairest 'mong ten thousand" (He the only Son, begotten) Was to earth in mercy given, That the fallen sons of men Might not perish, but a heaven and eternal life obtain.

Thus was sent that dual Being, Son of God and Son of Man.

As was earth's primeval chaos, when the world of nature lay Dark, immovable and passive, wait-

SHUSTER HANGS TO TREASURY

REPORTS CONFLICT IN REGARD TO SHUSTER.

Teheran Reports Can't Agree but It Seems He Is "Still on the Job."

St. Petersburg, Dec. 23.—Declaring he has received "no valid" orders of dismissal, W. Morgan Shuster, the treasurer-general of Persia is still clinging to his job, according to advices from Teheran. It is said he is waiting for a formal notification from the Persian parliament before leaving.

Reports Contradictory. London, Dec. 23.—Contradictory reports regarding Shuster have been received from Teheran. Some say he quit and another report is that he is still sticking.

RICHESON MAY RECOVER.

Indefinite Point to Speedy Recovery Today—Lover Sends Flowers.

Boston, Dec. 23.—Recovering from his self mutilation Rev. Richeson may yet be ready to face trial on Jan. 18. Richeson hasn't explained his act, but it is believed he is laying plans for an insanity plea. That Miss Edmunds still loves him is indicated by a big bunch of American Beauty roses sent to his cell today.

CHRISTMAS RUSH NEAR END

cles, throughout the city are humming at the high speed tonight and before 10 o'clock tonight there will have been a reaction and sublime rest will take the place of the strenuous ante-holiday campaigns. Merchants will keep late shops tonight and then rest until Tuesday morning. This is true except in a few exceptions, namely the meat markets, which will send out on delivery Monday morning. Grocery stores, clothing stores, banks, county and city offices, the land offices and professional offices will rest. The postoffice will be open from 10 to 11 tomorrow and on the same hours the following day.

The rural carriers will go out Monday Christmas shopping and business day.

PIONEER UNION SETTLER PASSES

Once more the hour hand of time has indicated the close of the life of another of the early pioneers of the Grande Ronde valley and the spirit of Grandama Benson crossed the Great Divide on December 19, 1911, relates the Union Scout.

Margaret A. Jones was born on a farm near Fredricksburg, Virginia, on May 9, 1830. She was one of a family of seven, five boys and two girls, only one of which survive her, namely her brother, J. A. Jones, of this city. Her parents died during her early childhood. In the year 1858 she removed to Richmond, Indiana, where she stayed but a short time, removing in the year 1865 to the state of Missouri. On January 8, 1857, near Trenton, Mo., she was united in marriage to David R. Benson, who died at Union, Oregon, October 7, 1877. Of this union there were born six children, five sons and one daughter, Alton M., Samuel L., Virginia E., Wm., J. A., and G. W. Of these Alton M. and Wm. have preceded her and the others are residents of Union and were there with their mother at the time of her disease.

In the spring of 1863 with her husband she left Missouri for Oregon, arriving in the Grande Ronde valley in the fall of that year. Like the other early settlers she braved the hardships and privations of the life of a pioneer of a new and unsettled country. She was of that genial and kindly disposition that made her universally beloved by all who knew her. The world is better and brighter because of the lives of those about her.

The funeral was held from the Benson residence Thursday, December 21, at 2 o'clock p. m.

PIONEER LIKE DEEDS TRIED

TRUDGED THROUGH MOULDS IN SNOW FOR HELP

SUDDEN DEATH PUTS LULL ON OTHERWISE XMAS SCENE

After Coming to La Grande to Do Their Christmas Shopping, Mr. and Mrs. Burnap Reached Home Only to Be Stricken—Wife, Past 50 Years, Goes Through Snow and Cold for Help.

Some of the difficulties and hardships that beset the settling of the west were experienced last Wednesday night when Mrs. M. M. Burnap was forced to walk several miles through deep snow and bitter night cold to reach the home of neighbors to get aid for her husband, lying critically ill, at their home at Lone Elm ranch. Before help could be gotten to the isolated home Mr. Burnap was dead and his body has been brought to La Grande for burial today. Mr. and Mrs. Burnap were down from their Rock Creek ranch last Wednesday doing their Christmas shopping and while trading at the Old Town store, both seemed happy and perfectly well. They left for their home in the deep recesses of the Blue Mountains along toward dusk saying they had a long hard journey before them. On reaching their home Mr. Burnap was taken critically ill and his wife, considerably past the 50 mark, struck out boldly to the nearest home for help. This was a mile and a half away, however, and Mr. Burnap was dead before assistance reached him. The struggle through the snow, which is deep in the region of upper Rock creek, and the anxiety and fright, was a task few elderly women could successfully accomplish.

Mr. and Mrs. Burnap moved to Rock creek from Walla Walla and have been located there for a year or more. It has been the practice of the family to come to La Grande about once each month to get their mail and provisions but otherwise they have lived in their secluded home with neighbors far remote and always perfectly contented with their holdings.

FIRST QUARREL FATAL.

Mother When Accused by Husband, Suicides Before Her Family.

San Francisco, Dec. 23.—Accused by her husband before their two children of making an appointment with their chauffeur, Mrs. Harry Ball, aged 26, secured a revolver and suicided before them.

This was the first quarrel the couple had ever had in eight years of married life.

BANQUET GOVERNORS TONIGHT

West, Hawley and Hay to Be Speakers at Portland Banquet.

Portland, Dec. 23.—Governors Hay of Washington, Hawley of Idaho and West of Oregon will be the honored guests and the principal speakers at a banquet here tonight by the Progressive Business Men's league, with seats for 450.

The governors will tell of the eastern impressions and advertising for the northwest they did while on the governors' special tour.

Brigands Steal Bullion.

Pekin, Dec. 23.—Brigands today attacked the Imperial conveyance carrying \$900,000 in bullion near Kirtin, and killed the guards after a hot fight, and escaped with all the money. They operated under the disguise of rebels. Guerrilla warfare is being waged at many places in China since the armistice was declared.

Inquisitors Take Rest.

Los Angeles, Dec. 23.—The federal grand jury which is investigating the dynamiting conspiracies involving the McNamaras, adjourned today over the holidays. The sessions will be resumed January 3rd.

Shoots His Sweetheart.

San Francisco, Dec. 23.—Mose Anderson, a solicitor, who shot Miss Helen Hefferman, aged 21, with whom he was infatuated, appeared in court today. The case was continued pending the outcome of the wounds. She forbade him to call, and for that reason he shot her.

Wallowa Principal Here.

Prof. Roy Conklin, principal of the Wallowa city school, is in the city this afternoon on his way to Cove where he will spend Christmas. He was formerly located at Cove.

Turks Want More Money.

Constantinople, Dec. 23.—Determined to wage the war to the bitter end, the chamber of deputies have been asked by the minister of war for \$2,500,000 to meet the expenses of the war in Tripoli.