Christmas Day to Be Appropriately Observed.

### SERVICES OF SONG AND SERMON

Sunday Schools Hold Their Annual Entertainments-Church Worship to Be in Accord With True Significance of the Holiday.

Christmas Eve entertainments were held by many of the Sunday schools last even-ing, while this morning services will be held in many of the churches. Christmas day has another significance aside from the family Christmas tree and the Sunday school entertainment, and the services in the churches will, by their beautiful music and sermons on the birth of Christ, at-tempt to bring home to the listeners the true significance of the day. Those who are privileged to attend these services will spend the remainder of their holiday with a lighter heart after having remem-

bered the religious part of the day.

The midnight services at Trinity chapel were beautiful, yet impressive. The long room was tastefully decorated with ever-green, and a glowing star hung over the embowered altar. Special music was well ndered by a choir of men's voices.

The first was the processional, "Hark, the Angels' Voices Sing." Stainer's communion service in B flat was beautifully given, and Dr. Campbell, assisted by the chorus, sang a bass solo. Then the audience knelt in stlent prayer until the stroke of 12, when it arose and sang "Ali Hall the Power of Jesus' Name." Following this Dr. A. A. Morrison, the pastor of the church, sang the "Cantique Noel," by Adams, as a bass solo. The offertory was "Calm on the Listening Ear," by Marston, The recessional hymn, "O Come All Ye Faithful," closed the service.

### Good Shepherd Church.

At the Church of the Good Shepherd (Episcopal), Sellwood and Vancouver avenue, Albina, the choir will be vested on Christmas day, and will consist of the following: The Misses Louise Kandle, Levie Lillie, Eva Jameson, Lottie Callwell, Gertrude Rockwell, Enger Loyd, Marion Hall and Bessle Cowles, sopranos; Misses Fay Kandle, Dorothy Mayfield and Elsle Lillie, altos; A. G. Ott, bass, and Miss Luiu H. Ott, organist.

Hely communion at 8 o'clock in the morning; high celebration and sermon at 10 o'clock. The musical programme for Christmas day will be as follows:

Miss Ott.							
Hymn,	"It Came	Upon	the	Midnigh (R	ıt	Cle	ar"
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"While Shepherds Watched Their 

..... (W. A. Muhlenberg) The Christmas tree exercises of the

iay school will be held Friday evening at 7:20 o'clock. All are welcome. St. Mark's Episcopal Church.

The order of services at St. Mark's Church, corner of Nineteenth and Quimby streets, will be: 7 A. M., hely co

communion; 10 A. M., matins and Sunday school services; 11 A. M., holy communion. The 11 o'clock service will be fully choral. Dr. W. A. Cumming will sing. "Shout the Glad Tidings"....Avison ory, "Blessed Is He"......Simper

'Sanctus' C. E. Miller C. E. Miller 

..... Mendelssohr

At Matthew's Episcopal, The Christmas service at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, corner First and Car-uthers streets, the Rev. W. A. M. Breck in charge, will be a full choral celebration of the holy communion, with serme

Theretendened districts Williams
Processional, "Adeste Fideles"No. 48
"Kyrie" (Tours
"Gloria Tibi" (Dykes
Hymn, "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" No. 5.
Sermon
Hymn, "It Came Upon the Midnight" No. 50
Offertory anthem, "Behold, I Bring You
Good Tidings" (Simper
"Sursum Corda" From Ely Service Bool
"Sanctus" (Tuckerwood
"Benedictus" (Gilbert
HA server Parity
"Agrius Del" (Adams
"Gloria in Excelsis"Old Chan
"Nune Dimittis" (Gregorian
Renewlend "O Little Town of Buthleboott

St. James' English Lutheran. Christmas services will be held in St.

James' Church, corner West Park and Jefferson streets, this morning at 6:30. The order of strvices will be:

Initiatory, "Unto Us a Child Is Born." Venite. Psalm 19, "Gloria Patri."

Solo, by Miss Margaret Gelinsky. Closing service.

In the evening the Sunday school en tertainment will be given.

Trinity Chapel. At Trinity Chapel, Nineteenth, near Washington, Christmas day services, at 10:30 A. M., will be as follows

"Venite" Randail
"Te Deum" Thomas
"Benselictus" in A Stainer
Introit, "Hark, the Glad Sound" Mendelssuhs
"K verie" Mendelssuhs Services will be merning prayer and com-

St. David's Church.

At St. David's Church, East Twelfth and East Morrison streets, Rev. George B. Van Waters, D. D., rector, Christmas services will be held today as follows: Holy communion at S A. M. Special Christmas music has been prepared for the 10:39 o'clock service. An offertory will be sung by Miss Helen Goss. Holy communion will be celebrated at this service. The Right Rev. B. Wistar Morris, D. D., will preach the sermon

of aged and infirm clergy and the widows and orphans of deceased clergymen.

At Second Baptist Church. Christmas exercises will be held this evening in the Second Baptist Church, East Ankeny and East Seventh streets. The following programme will be given: Violin and organ duet, Misses Smith and Shogren; invocation, Rev. William E. Randall; reading, Miss Christine Nellson;

and Mr. Heimbach. Following the exercises presents from a Christmas tree will be distributed. The programme will open at 7 o'clock sharp.

At Third Presbyterian. The festivities of the Third Presbyter-ian Church, corner East Fifteenth and East Pine streets, will be held this even-ing. "The Star" will be the subject of the programme, and a wand drill by a number of the Sunday school scholars will be the principal feature.

First Congregational. Christmas festivities will be held in the First Congregational Church temorrow evening. The pastor, Rev. E. S. House, D. D., will read an original Christmas story, A cantata, "Santa Claus' Dream," will be given by a number of the members of the Sunday school. bers of the Sunday school.

St. Stephen's Chapel. At St. Stephen's Chapel (Episcopal) Thirteenth and Clay streets, Rev. T. N. Wilson, clergyman in charge, will have services at 10:30, followed by celebration

Swedish Luthernn Immanuel. The Sunday school of the Swedish Lutheran Immanuel Church, 428 Burnside street, will be held this evening.

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

Fine Programme of Christmas Music Will Be Rendered. This programme of Christmas music will

be given at St. Mary's Cathedral this

morning at 10:30 o'clock, at solemn high mass, when the celebrant will be Arch-bishop Christie: "Ecce Sacerdos" (Milne). chorus; solo, "The Birthday of a King" (Neidlinger), Mrs. Walter Reed; "Ave Maria" (Masten), Miss Kathleen Lawler, J. W. Belcher and chorus; "Kyrie Elei-son" (Guilmant), chorus, after Gregorian school: "Gloria in Excelsis Deo" (Gounod), Miss Lawler, J. W. Beicher, J. Adrian Epping and chorus; "Credo in Unum Deum" (Mozart), Miss Lawler, Mrs. Waiter Reed, J. W. Belcher, J. A. Epping and chorus; "Cantique de Noel" ping and chorus; "Cantique de Noel" (Adam), Miss Lawler and chorus; "Sanctus" (Gounod), J. W. Belcher and chorus; "Adeste Fideles" (Novello), Mrs. Walter Beed and chorus; "Agnus Dei" (Hayden), chorus; benediction, "O Salutaris Hostia" (Shelly), Miss Lawler, Mrs. Reed, J. W. Belcher and J. A. Epping: "Tantum Ergo" (Gregorian), chorus. The director of the choir is J. Adrian Epping, and the organist is Miss Edith McGinn. Soloists-Sc prano, Miss Kathleen Lawler; alto, Mrs. Walter Reed; tenor, J. W. Belcher; bari-tone, J. A. Epping. Chorus-Sopranos, tone, J. A. Epping. Chorus-Sopranos, Misses O'Brien, Nell, Donovan, Glenden-ning, Royal and Lind; altos, Mrs. Matz. Mrs. Conant, the Misses Conolly, Breslin, Stratter, Spencer and Shea; tenors, Messrs. Davies, Barrett and Jannelli; baritones, Messrs. Cearns, Dukehart, Bruce and Samuel; bassos, Messrs. Atkinson, Coffey, Hampton and Beesouet

St. Mary's Church.

Solemn masses will be celebrated today at St. Mary's Church, Williams avenue and Stanton streets, by Rev. Fathers O'Relley, Curley and Marr at 6, 6:30, 8:30, 9 and 10:30 A. M. At the solemn high mass at 10-30 A. M., Rev. Father Marr, of Columbia University, will preach the sermon. Following will be the music at that

(Monari's 12th) (Gounod) (Gounod) 'Credo' "Agnus Dei" (Marzo)
Offertory, "Adeste Fideles".....
Solo and chorus. "Alielulia" .... Chorus.

Sopranos-Mrs. Masten, Mrs. Keating, Misses Major.
Altos Mrs. Ellers, Miss Wiser and Master Henry Masten.

Tenors-Messrs, Keating and Ludwig Bass-Messrs. Barff, Menth and Morris. Director-Mr. Keating. Organist-Miss Kearney.

Holy Hosnry Church.

At the Holy Rosary Church, East Third and Clackamas streets, services for Christmas day will be as follows: Commencing at 6 o'clock and until 9 o'clock mass will be celebrated every half hour. At 10:30 o'clock solemn high mass will be offered up, Rev. Father Henry being the celebrant, and Rev. Fathers Shaw and O'Brien deacon and subdeacon. The choir, consisting of a double quartet, will render Marzo's first mass, Miss Shelland presiding at the organ. The double quartet singers: Sopranos, Mrs. M. A. Miss Josephine Mahoney; altos, Mrs. Elia H. Hogan, Miss Cunningham; tenors, Mcssrs. Malley and E. C. Masten; bassos, Messrs. Roach and Alstock. At the of-tertory Miss Mahoney will sing "Cantique de Noel," and the quartet will render "Adeste Fideles" in variations, without accompaniment.

St. Lawrence Catholie Church. At St. Lawrence Church, corner Third and Sherman streets, masses will be offered at 6, 6:30, 7, 8, 9, and solemn high mass at 10:30 A. M., when the following

order will be observed: "Adesta Fideles" Werner
"Kyrie Eleison" Victor Hammerel
"Gloria in Excelsis" Victor Hammerel
Sermon Rev. P. J. Carroll, C. S. C. Sermon Rev. P. J. Carroll, C. S. C. Carroll, C. Agnus Del"......Victor Hammere N. C. Zan, director; Miss Mattie Kelly, or-

Church of the Precious Blood. At the Church of the Precious Blood, Mount Tabor, solemn high masses will be celebrated today by Father Brossau as follows: 5 and 9 A. M. and 3:30 P. M.

Vespers in the evening.

TREES FOR LITTLE ONES. Sunday School Children Make Merry at Annual Exercises.

The Christmas exercises of Grace Methodist Episcopal Sunday school were held last night under the auspices of the Epworth League. There was a short mu-sical programme, with merry carols and recitations by the children, and afterward they were given presents from a tree. At Taylor-Street Church last night an elaborate Christmas entertainment was given. The programme, which was ar-ranged by Miss Jessie Farrell and Miss Edith Blaisdell, was very much enjoyed by the members of the Taylor-Street congregation, of whom a large number were

There were several charming vocal num-

bers by Mrs. May Dearborn Schwab and Mrs. Will Bushong, as well as a nun of pretty songs by the children. Anna Stuart was also to sing, but was unable to be present on account of a cold. "The Story of Christmas" was told simply, but very effectively, by J. R. Greenfield, who was followed by a duet by Mrs. Schwab and Mrs. Bushong. Two ringing choruses, "Hunting for Santa" and "Santa Claus' Band," were sung by a number of boys and girls. Other songs were by Gradon Oliver, Howard and Frances Strowbridge, Jean Jacobs, Marion Martin, Vera and Alice Schoonhoven, Edith Olds and Roberta Stuart. There were also interesting recitations by Blaine Smith, Jr., John Ditchburn, Ben Van Buskirk, Henrietta Heffner, Ruth Connell, Werre Short, Elvira Thurlow, Evelyn Saylor, Mildred Pawley, Mildred Ryan, Ruth Farrell, Clarice Churchill Bernice Lakin and Irene Johnson. Th entertainment closed with a dialogue, "Christmas in All Lands," in which the characters were an American girl, an Es-

kimo, an Indian, an African, an Arabian A very beautiful Christmas programm A very beautiful Christmas programme, with a tree, was given last evening in the First United Presbyterian Church, Grand avenue and Wasco street. The church auditorium had been attractively decorated and a fine large tree, garnished with variegated lights and loaded with good things, delighted the children of the Sunday school, and members of the church as well. A programme made up of musical ren; invocation, Rev. William E. all; reading, Miss Christine Nellson; Misses Shaw; reading, Miss Flor-Waiton; zither and violin, Miss Smith and recitations given by two mutes, Miss

Mins Murton and W. W. Ragnan. The meaning of the songs could be understood even without the interpretation, but Mrs. J. H. Gibeon interpreted the words of the signs for the benefit of the audience. There is quite a large number of mute members of this church, most of whom were present last night. In behalf of the congregation George Edwards with a few appropriate words presented Miss Margaretta Gibson, organist, with a very handsome opal and pearl pin. This number was not in the programme, and Miss Gibson was taken by complete surprise. The present was a token of appreciation of her services as organist.

A happy Christmas entertainment, with

A happy Christmas entertainment, with a tree, was given last night in the Cal-vary Baptist Church, East Eighth and East Grant streets. The auditorium had

been elaborately decorated with evergreen, while the tree stood in one corner. It was loaded with presents which were distributed to the children.

The Sunday school of the Central Methodist Church, Russell street, Albina, gave a programme last night. A tree had been prepared well loaded with presents. The programme was prepared and rendered under the supervision of U. S. Downs, superintendent.

A programme with Christmas tree was held last night in the Forbes Presbyterian Church, Albina. The children of the Sunday school were all remembered.

A wigwam and tree were set up in the Trinity Methodist Church, East Tenth and Fast Grant streets. East Grant streets. A programme of songs and recitations was rendered. Christmas exercises were held Tuesday evening in the Centenary Methodist, West-

Christmas Marriage Licenses.

Leslie R. Busby, 23; Hattle O. Brad-Leonard Wirt, 33; Ida J. Smith, 36. George H. Fiddaman, 27; Bertha M. Blessing, 24.

N. F. Melcen, 37; Ira B. Stranahan, 25, Carl G. Church, 22, Clackamas County; Nellie Ely, 19. Henry F. Epperson, 38, Clacksmas County; Cassie A. Hampton, 28.

Charles Hahn, 28, Nez Perces, Idaho; Katie Kennedy, 23, Frank Hazek, 27, Sherman County; Stella M. Gannon, 23. Harry A. Sylvester, 23; Louise Gerulf,

Louis F. Barnett, 22; Celia Hires, 18. Edward E. Hope, 33; Lucy L. Pigueron,

F. A. Beard, 20; Mary Larwood, 18. William S. Milne, 24; Mildred Smith, 18. William Moore, 36; Percilla Gonyon, 36. Clyde W. Lundy, 21; Eva Gertrude

minister Presbyterian and Hassalo-Stree Congregational Churches, during which presents were distributed. The Sunnyside Congregational Church

was elaborately decorated for the exercises held in the church last evening. A very pleasing programme had been prepared, pleasing programme had been prepared, which was as follows: Prayer; tableau, "Three Graces"; primary class chorus, "Merry Christmas"; recitation, "Welcome"; tableau, "Under the Mistletoe"; song, "Christmas Candles"; dialogue, "What Is Christmas?"; boys' chorus, "Jack Frost"; tableau, "The Night Before Christmas"; song, Midred Raymond; recitation, "A Christmas Puzzle"; tableau, "Simply to Thy mas Puzzle"; tableau, "Simply to Thy Cross I Cling"; solo and chorus, "We Cannot Say Farewell"; tableau, "Children Who Have No Christmas"; chorus, "Up-to-Date Night Before Christmas"; chorus, "The Angels' Song"; dialogue, "A Friend in Need." by brownies and fairles.

CITY HALL IN HOLIDAY ATTIRE.

Mayor Starts Out Shopping While Deputies Fall in Christmas Revery. The quietude of Christmastide pervade the City Hall yesterday afternoon, until Mayor Williams called upon Treasurer Werlein and asked for a portion of his month's salary. The gold clinked upon the marble counter, and some of the curious who were aroused by the noise watched the Mayor as he mut the money watched the Mayor as he put the money

watched the Mayor as he put the money in his pocketbook. The Mayor verbally answered the inquisitive looks.

"Just going to buy a few Christmas presents." he said with a laugh. "I can't buy a great many, for a fellow came up here with a jag the other day, and he manted only 125. If he heard that I had wanted only \$25. If he heard that I had call."

"They come at me that way," said Deputy City Auditor Grutze, when the Mayor left, "and they always remind me that it is Christmas time. seem to think that I ought to buy them e house and lot, and also to supply the furniture. But," wearlly, "it takes a lot of people to make a world."

"A lot of money, too," said Deputy Rowe, sorrowfully. "I have been sub-scribing for Christmas dinners for the past week, and I expect another call before the day is over."
"Don't worry about that, Harry," said

Deputy Lotan, "Christmas comes only once a year up this way, and the quicker you donate to the fun the easier you will And then the three deputies rattled the keys in three pockets and reflected.

King of Turkeys in Market

The spectacle of a monstrous turkey a label attached stating that was the largest turkey ever seen in Portland and weighed 584 pounds attracted quite a crowd in front of a Third-street market yesterday, and came near causing a riot, A number of the spectators disputed the weight of the huge bird, and R. Scott, of Milwaukie, said that W. S. Ladd once brought out one from the East which weighed 60 pounds. The dispute as to the real weight of the turkey continued to increase and became till finally the dealer to end the dispute cut the string which suspended the bird and placed it on the scales before the crowd. It weighed almost 50 pounds, and is without doubt the largest turkey brought to market here this year. It with a lot of others from a man named Briarly, near Amity. It is said that there is gold in the gravel near Amity, and it is supposed that this turkey has a lot of nuggets in its "craw." it has only 10 pounds of nuggets in it there will still be turkey enough for the largest family in Portland, and the gold will bring enough to pay for the bird, which was valued at \$15. It is to be hoped that no small crowd will undertake to eat it, or they will have turkey hot and cold and in stew and in hash till the sight of turkey will make them sick.

Every One Walts for Santa Claus Christmas shoppers were out in full force yesterday, winding up their business for the season. Delivery wagons and messenger boys were racing all over the city loaded down with every imaginable thing that could be utilized for a Christmas present. Boxes of cigars and wreaths of holly were being scattered promiscuously, and it was a mighty poor sort of fellow who did not have a bouquet of some kind tossed to him. This evening Santa Claus and his assistants will harvest the fruit of thousands of Christmas trees, and thousands of old folks will tell tens of thousands of young folks how when they were children they hanged their stockings beside the fireplace and Santa Claus came down the chimney and put a few raisins, nuts, an orange, a doughnut and a 10-cent Johnny whistle in them, and they were tickled to death.

Elks' Christmas Tree. At Elks' Hall tonight the Elks will give. a Christmas entertainment and spread in honor of visiting Elks and their friends in the theatrical profession. Presents for the Christmas tree will ceived at the hall all day.

Portland-St. Lonts. Do you know about the new service between Portland and St. and Memphis? Call up O. R. & N. office. Third and Washington.

# NINE-HOUR WORKING DAY

CHRISTMAS GIFT TO EMPLOYES OF IRON WORKS.

Wages to Remain the Same-Municipal Judge Shows Prisoner Leniney-Weather Man Does, Too.

Merry Christmas! Nine-hour working

This was the substance of a notice posted up yesterday afternoon at the Willamette Iron & Steel Works and the Willamette Boiler Works. It was received by the employes in the true Christmas spirit. The full text of the notice follows:

Beginning January 1, 1903, this shop will be run on the nine-hour basis, and the rate of wages will be adjusted so that the earning capacity of the employes will be approximately the same as at present.

The arrangements of the co-operative system will be adapted to suit the results attained.

Vice-President Corbett, of the William ette Iron & Steel Works last evening said of the company's policy:

"This step was taken after mature de "This step was taken after mature deliberation and with the full realizing
sense of the possible sacrifices which it
might involve. There has, however, been
so much said about the increased
efficiency of labor on the nine-hour basis,
so that the total output per man would
not be materially decreased, that we have
decided that the experiment was worth
of a trial, more particularly as it has always been our impression that nine hours' of a trial, more particularly as it has al-ways been our impression that nine hours' work per day was sufficient in occupations demanding considerable physical effort, combined with a high degree of skill."

This is the first manufactory of the kind in the city to inaugurate the nine-hour day, and the men were entirely sur-prised, for they had made no request for shorter hours and expected no reduction from the company. Therefore, though the from the company. Therefore, though the payroll of the iron works will remain the same, the output may be somewhat cur-tailed in the departments where machines are used entirely, as the machines are al-ready driven to their highest capacity and no amount of willingness on the part of the operator can make any increase. In the pattern-making and blacksmith de-partments, where the work must still be done by hand, nine hours of work by a satisfied and contented workman will fully equal 10 hours' labor by a man who

fully equal 10 hours' labor by a man who has no interest in his work and cares nothing for the benefit of his employers.

The employes say that a demand for a shorter day might have been made in the Spring, as every manufactory of the class on the Coast is striving for that end. Under the present schedule the men work from 7 o'clock in the morning until 5:40, with 40 minutes for noon. When the new order goes into effect, quitting time will order goes into effect, quitting time will be so much earlier that the men will have a good part of the afternoon to them-selves. Over 130 men are employed at this

SHAW'S CHRISTMAS GIFT. For the Sake of His Baby Girl, Mu-

nicipal Judge Shows Leniency. For two days past a little sunny-faced fair-haired baby girl about 2 years old has been trotting about the Municipal Court at her own sweet will, gazing at the hardened hoboes and even offering several of them pieces of the cake she was eating. On three occasions she broke away from her mother, and sat on the steps leading to Municipal Judge Hogue's desk, and beat with her tiny heels a merry tattoo on the steps. People won-dered who the little girl was, and yesterday it turned out that she is the daugh ter of Frank Shaw, charged with steal ing 2500 pounds of fron pipe from the old

waterworks plant, near Pennoyer's Shaw is a stalwart six-footer, and when ter were waiting in the courtroom. Evidence was given that the pipe had been stolen by the defendant and had been subsequently recovered near the Jefferson-street depot. At this juncture Shaw said he was willing to plead guilty to larceny, and that he wished to throw himself on the mercy of the court. when I was drinking. Your Honor,

did this thing, and I was led into it, but am willing to bear the blame. Deal with me as leniently as possible. I have made a vow to myself to stop drinking for good," pleaded Shaw. "How do I know what your promise is

worth?" asked the Judge, cautiously "Well, we're all human and liable make mistakes now and then, but I'll do the best I can," returned the prisoner.
"He's got a wife and little baby to support," remarked Detective Snow, and just then the little girl ran over and stood looking at her father, with laughing eyes. "Oh, that is his little girl?" asked the Judge. "Well, Shaw, tomorrow is Christ-mas day, and we will give you one more chance on condition that you behave bet-ter in the future and discriminate be-tween your own and other people's property. Your case will be continued at present, with the understanding that sh you again break the law, you can be immediately brought to jall."
Shaw went over to his little girl, took her into his arms and she smiled de-lightedly over his shoulder. Then the

NO SNOW FOR CHRISTMAS. Weather Department Will Furnish

the Same Old Supply. . New arrivals in Portland, who expec-Christmas weather of the cold, crisp, mufher-and-overcoat variety will probably be disappointed today. Though the holi-days sometimes find the city under a snowy mantle, yet as a general thing Christmas weather is very much like that served out by Providence and the Weather Bureau on any day from the first of November to the last of February. The forecast for today predicts showery weather, with gusty, southerly winds. Toward the end of the day the temperature will probably fall, as a strong curren of cold air is due here about that time The rainfall here on Tuesday was enough to satisfy any one, but the gauge at As-toria recorded a much heavier precipitation-3.86 inches for 24 hours, against the Strange to say, the rain over the ocean was not so heavy, for North Head, a prom-ontory which abuts some distance into the sea, reports a fall of only 2.34 inches. severe storm that has prevailed off mouth of the Columbia during the past 48 hours has moved northeastward. and was central last evening over Van-couver Island. It has caused heavy rains in Western Oregon and Washington, and light snow in the eastern parts of these states and in Montana. The wires to Cape

and these gave ample warning of the gale. SPECIAL RATES EAST. For the National Livestock Association

to be held at Kansas City, the Canadian Pacific will make a rate of \$55.75 for the

round trip. Call at 142 Third street for full particulars. BRINGS CHICAGO NEARER

Flattery are down. Storm warnings

nouncing the approach were ordered dis-played at all stations by Acting Forecast

Official Wollaber on Tuesday afternoon

Seventy Hours is the Time East Via "Chicago-Portland Special."

The time between Portland and Chicago via the "Chicago-Portland Special" now is 10 hours, or two hours less than three days. Train leaves every morning at 9 g'clock. Inquire O. R. & N. ticket office. Third and Washington.

Going to St. Louis? If so, better learn about the new service inaugurated by the O. R. & N. via Den-ver and Kansas City. Inquire city ticket office, Third and Washington. Store Closed All Day Today

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The Storm"---An ar-

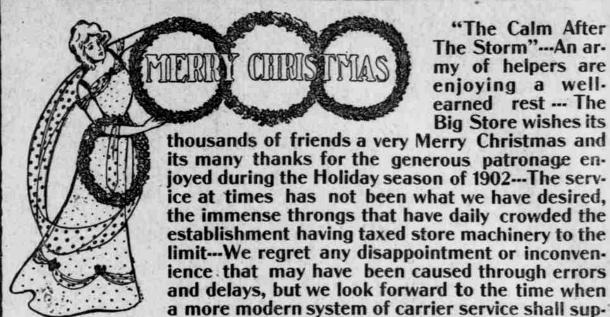
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## HEARD AND SEEN IN SANTA CLAUS' TRAIL

stood in the open doorways getting his book signed, he had glimpses of jolly faces and rooms festooned with evergreen, and old ladies rocking delightedly by blazing fires. Once in a while some to. Take it-you're a lucky man! one would shove a coln into his hand and cry "Merry Christmas!" after him as he

felt his way down the steps.

Finally the last package was beside him on the seat. The address was out on North Eighth street, and as he turned his horse down past the park blocks he wondered what this bundle contained. It might be anything from a small turkey to a new bonnet—the store that he drove for sold everything. As he neared the number he began to peer up at the transom lights to see if he were in the right block. At last, in some doubt, he stopped his horse and held the package down in the glare of the lantern. The number was surmised that it was a doll inside. After a careful scrutiny of the doors he halted at the number and jumped out. He glanced at the dim numerals as he rang the bell, and wondered to himself how poor the people must be to have to dwell in so ramshackle a place. When the door was opened he saw before him a young woman. Beyond her and beside a small airtight stove he saw a high chair, and in this a little girl with red hair and dark-brown eyes. The mother seemed quite astonished when the bundle was handed to her and the delivery book held out for

"Are you sure this is for me?" she said,

doubtfully.
"Yes," said the driver, bluntly. Apparently unaware that he was waiting for her receipt, the woman carefully set the little girl straight up in her chair and laid the bundle before her. "Unwrap it, dearie," she said, gently.

sobbed: "Baby, papa hasn't forgotten us. This dolly is for 'Baby, from dear papa." "Dear papa," said the child, softly, and hugged her treasure to her breast.

The driver coughed slightly and growled.

I'm waiting for you to sign, ma'am. "Oh, I forgot! Excuse me, please," As she signed the book she looked up and said: "Do you know when-he-bought this? Do you know where he is?" The driver stuck the book in his jacket pocket and replied: "No; I'm just the

delivery man."

As he passed down the dark steps he cast a backward glance at the sickly child sitting in a high chair by the stove, with a doll to her breast. He smiled to himself, and then frowned. He looked again, The number on the door was not 59814, but 5081/2. He paused irresolutely. The door was closed, but he still saw the girl. "It means another trip," he muttered to him-"It self, "and some money out of my pocketbut I'm glad."

IT was the last car out Nineteenth street and there was but one passenger, a young man who had lost his equilibrium by devotion to the cup that is supposed to cheer through inebriation. He was lumped up in one corner, and nodded sleepily as the car rapped along through the darkness. The conductor was just about to ask him where he intended to get off, when the drunken fellow lurched out upon the platform. Under the light his sodden face was marked with gloom. "Nasty nighteh, conductor?" he said, thickly.
"Not so bad," was the answer.
Christmas eve."

There was a muttered oath, and the confuctor put out a steadying hand as the car turched around the curve and up Glisan.
"I'm pretty full," said the young man, apologetically.

"Happy?"
The conductor nodded. The man straight-

"Good many are tonight," responded the other. "I ain't, I've been working this whole blessed day."
"Family?" asked the inebriate,
"Yes—a wife and baby."

the last load. As the delivery man his pocket. He drew out a couple of gold pleces and thrust them into the conduc-tor's hand. "I haven't any family," he explained, sheepishly. "Didn't know what to do with myself tonight. Got drunk. Hayen't anybody to give presents The other demurred strongly, but the young fellow was obdurate. Finally the

tor stopped the car "Where The drunken man nodded wisely, "Old gag. Return money tomorrow. Drunk and not responsible. Don't work here," "I can't take your money," said the con-

ductor, in despair,

The other pondered a while, and the motorman rang his bell impatiently. Slowly a smile came over the young man's face and he held out his hand. "I was forget-ting my manners." he said, pleasantly. I wish you a merry Christmas, and many "All right," said the conductor, heart-

lly, "and the baby wishes you a merry Christmas." The drunk chuckled delightedly. the kid she's the only person that has wished me a merry Christmas tonight." And he swung away with his head up, quite unknowing that his feet were not working as they should. After he had traversed a block he stopped and mur-mured to himself: "The kid wishes me merry Christmas! Nice little girl. Wish I knew her.'

TIE shivered while he looked into the 1 big window filled with all manner of tremendously fine articles. With his eyes he inventoried a drum, an airgun, a small steam engine and a 10-inch yacht. His face was tense with excitement, and he rubbed his cheeks with a cold hand and never knew that his toes were out of his The little girl stretched out thin hands shoes. A weil-dressed boy went in the and loosened the paper. When a doll was, entrance with a fleshy man, and in al-disclosed she crowed with joy. Her moth-er bent down and read a card. Then she the shop window and the steam engine withdrawn. The ragged boy feit a sense of personal injury. He had coveted that engine. Disappointment bit him till he remembered that he had had no supp There was only 10 cents in his pocket, and be had thought over the possible bill of fare for two hours. Finally he scampered off toward a chophouse. He was not two blocks away from the scene of enchantment when a thought struck him. I ain't got nothin' for the baby! baby was a mite of a boy who called him big brother and couldn't walk because one leg was never finished by his Creator, Ten minutes later the boy had spent his dime and was trudging homeward with a little trinket under his arm. And he was still unaware that his toes were out in the cold. He even halled a policeman with a hilarious "Merry Christmas!" He was warmed through. For was not this Christmas eve, when every one is happy?

> "YEP," said the biggest of two big men, who had just registered at a down-town hotel, 'yesterday morning, "we'll go to bed right away. An' don't call us, sonny, until tomorrow morning. Are we tired? Are we-but I might as well tell you the truth. It'll all come up when they hold the inquest on Joe, anyway. Joe an' Bill here, and me live on our place 35 miles east o' Portland, and yesterday we agreed that two of us should come to town to spend Chris'mas. had to stay home, an' we dealt th' cards—leastways Bill did—an' Joe got stuck. Joe said Bill had fixed th' deal, an' wuz ugiler than tomcats all day, while we was fixin' up for th' trip. We cal-culated t' start 'fore daylight in th' mornin', and turned in very early las' night. I was woke up by hearin' Joe fussin' about th' fire, an' I seen it was a little light through th' winder. My watch showed half-past 5 o'clock, and I jumped out o'

" 'Gittin' breakfus?' I asked Joe, an' he seemed kind o' surprised. 'Yes,' he said, after a little. So I woke up Bill, an' had a hard time doin' it. 'Seems t' me I Portland, Or,

watch showed the same as mine. We chucked a little bread an bacon into us, an' Joe, who got obligin' all of a sudden, went out an' got the horses ready. Then we started, although it seemed 'most too dark t' keep th' road.

"We must'r rode more'n 10 mile 'fore I suspleioned anythin'. I'd eyeln' me purty close, an' kind'r coughin' now an' then. Bimeby I said: 'Bill,' I said, 'It seems t' me it oughter be mos' sun-up.' 'It's seemed t' me that-a-way fer more'n an hour,' Bill says, very she But I guess it won't be sun-up fer 12 iours yet,' he says. "This ain't mornin at all. It's just goin' en night.' Then seen it all, an' I mes' fell off my borse I'd only hin asleep 'bout 45 minutes an' it wuz Joe fixin' the' fire fer the night that

"Why didn't we go back? Well, my son, me an' Bill got so interested in dis-putin' over what we'd do t' Joe when we did go back that we didn't think of it.
An' we ain't decided yet. But some day
next week you'll see th' Coroner go scullyhootin' by here headed fer our place, an' you'll know we've squared things. Where's the bar, Mister? I guess me an' Bill'll take one jolt 'fore we hit th' hay,

THE festival season serves to show how L cosmopolitan a city Portland is. The rich man, who at his club or hotel today drinks sherry with his oysters, sauterne with his fish, Burgundy with his entree, champagne with his game, and cordials on top of his plum pudding, and who tel's his waiter to keep the change out of a 310 gold piece, does not have a monopoly the good things in town. Down on Third, street there is a restaurant in front of which this sign was posted yesterday:

> 10c-DINNER-10c Oyster soup. Relishes. Reast turkey.
> Fried clams.
> Crunbery sauce.
> Mashed potatees.
> Criery.
> Mince ple. Tea, coffee or milk

With the price of provisions at the present high rate this seems an almost ! sible bill of fare, but it is one of many indications that no one in Portland will go hungry on Christmas day.

STREET ROAMERS FINED ... Municipal Judge Has to Use for

Seven young men, Ed Gregory, Henry Maynard, George L. Bennett, William Murphy, Elwood Powell, H. Rockwood and Charles Davis, were before Municipal Judge Hogue yesterday, charged with roaming the streets after midnight. "One of the seven told me that he was tired of working, and that he guessed he would lead the life of an outlaw, now," remarked Policeman Mallett. "I'm a sailor and was to have joined my ship tonight," said Powell. "Rockwood has served time in the County Jail," stated another policeman.

"I don't belong to any particular place," announced Davis, in a lazy sort of tone. "I have only been here three days. Be-fore that, I was in Tacoma, and before that in Seattle, where I was a bartender. Once I was in Butte, Mont., where I worked in a saloon."
"We can't allow idle young men like

you to roam the streets at the present time. More might come of it. Maynard's case is continued, Rockwood is fined \$20, others \$10 each," announced

# LOW EXCURSION RATE.

The Northern Pacific Railway Company has named a very low excursion rate to Kansas City and return on account of the National Livestock Association meet ing to be held in that city in January. Tickets will be on sale January 8 and 9 only, and good for 30 days to make the round trip in. For full particulars call on or write A. D. Charlton, A. G. P. A., No. 255 Mortison street, corner of Third,