

THEIR CHRISTMAS NOT MERRY ONE

How the Thirteen Murderers Confined in County Jail Spent Holiday.

FEW PRESENTS RECEIVED

Gifts Sent to Daley, Who is Under Death Sentence, All Intended for Present Use — Finch Gets Box of Candy.

Thirteen men held for the taking of human life spent Christmas day in murderers' row at the County Jail. There were few smiles, few greetings, few lighter moments for this fatal lot. They are intent not so much on sorrowful reminiscences of happy Christmas days gone by as upon the far more compelling subject of Christmas days to come.

Of the number it is safe to say that not one-half will live to see the dawn of another Christmas day. Not that they are in broken health. On the contrary, every man enjoys the most satisfactory physical condition. But the law will deprive many of their lives, they put to sad misuse when they were free moral agents.

One man of the number known to a certain extent is Harry Daley. He was sentenced to hang early in the new year. The Circuit Court has so ordered and there seems little chance of that order being rescinded. Several others have been sentenced to long years in the penitentiary. One of this class, Jack La Rose, gasped a thing at a murderer of another Christmas. Not that he is in jail. With the others there was more or less of the element of hope to buoy them up. And yet the murderer always has a certain amount of hope, there being no mystery cases, and it is the estimate of the authorities that few of those charged with first degree murder will live through another year.

Foremost in the ranks of those who were kept up by hopes was James A. Finch, the murderer, murderer of Ralph Fisher and his bridegroom of nearly two months. Finch spent nearly all the day at work on his case, which is now being presented in the Circuit Court. He jotted down memoranda and suggestions in great profusion for the guidance of his four lawyers when cross-examination of the prisoner is under way this morning. Finch has already told to the jury a story of the crime which he hopes will relieve him from an introduction to the state's executioner. He has yet to undergo the final part of a searching cross-examination by alert attorneys for the state, who are seeking to tear his narrative to shreds and hold it before the jury as a base fabrication.

Finch Receives Box of Candy.

Finch received but one present—a little box of candy with half a dozen chocolates in it, sent by some friend at Eugene. And he had but one visitor—his aged mother, a small, sad-faced little woman dressed in black, who kissed him through the bars and told him with tears in her eyes and her implicit faith in his innocence and of her belief that he would soon be free to return to her and the wife of six weeks, who is lying ill in a hospital at Mount Tabor. Finch's mother went to the jail at the middle of the afternoon and remained nearly a half hour, the jailors kindly overlooking on this occasion the rules which declare no visitor may remain more than ten minutes.

Finch went to bed early, saying he was tired after the nervous fatigue of the trial and he wished to be fresh for the ordeal of his cross-examination which he must undergo today. Before retiring he ate heartily of the elaborate Christmas dinner prepared by Matron Cameron and smothered one of three fat Havanas provided by Sheriff Stevens.

Edward Hugh Martin's Christmas.

Edward Hugh Martin, whose Christmas of ten years ago was spent in Cuba as the commanding officer of Company A, Twenty-first United States Infantry, received a box of needles from his wife. The little woman called at the jail with this token of Christmas early in the morning, but she did not go into his cell to see him, leaving the box with Jailors Hunter and Phillips, and hurrying away from the place. Martin, who must serve 15 years for the brutal murder and robbery of Nathan Wolfe last Spring, was the most cheerful man in the row. He is trying hard for a new trial, but the matter of spending 15 years in jail does not worry him, for he declared that in jail he is free from the drugs that dragged him from his commission in the Army and took him on down into the very gutter.

Dr. G. B. Whitney, the young dentist who must serve five years for complicity in the death of his fiancée, received a little token from his aged father and mother, who live at St. Paul. It arrived with the morning mail and Whitney, who has hardened himself to his fate so as to show little feeling at the turns of misfortune, actually cried as he opened a little box in which there were two neckties and some handkerchiefs with "Merry Xmas to our poor boy" neatly written on a slip of paper by his mother's hand. Whitney got a big box of candy from his sister, which he divided with the other prisoners.

Then there were those who got nothing. Tony Peters, the black-eyed, black-haired Italian boy who is awaiting sentence for the murder of his countryman, V. Desantis, sat picking sorrowfully at his mandolin. He was a reminiscent mood and he alternately sang and cried to the accompaniment of the mandolin and those who were with him throughout the day. They got nothing.

Chaspar Bilkenstoffer, slayer of his best friend in an angry moment, got nothing and doubtless expected nothing. He sat empty-eyed and mute through the day. Christmas meant nothing more to him than any other day, and all days have been tragic since the unexpected turn of fate which landed him in a felon's cell. Carl Logsdan and William Barkley, in-



CHRISTMAS TREE AT BABY HOME.

POOR PROVIDED FOR

Plenty of Christmas Cheer at Homes for Unfortunates.

DINNERS FOR HOMELESS

Volunteers of America and Salvation Army Do Splendid Work in Taking Care of Needy—Specter of Poverty Laid for Day.

BIBLE COLLEGE PLANNED

Preliminary Steps Taken at Meeting of Northwest Institute.

The Northwest Bible Institute, conducted in the Church of the Brethren on Killingsworth avenue for the past month in Oregon, Washington and Idaho, came to a close Wednesday. It was under the charge of Professor George M. Lovett of the Bethany Bible College of Chicago, and was largely attended by ministers and laymen from the three states.

It is now proposed to purchase a full block of ground and erect suitable buildings for a Bible college in Portland. Rev. George C. Carl, resident pastor of the Portland church, Rev. J. J. Pike, of Idaho, trustees, have been authorized to select the ground in Portland for the site of the college.

The district missionary board and the conference board of charities for the Church of the Brethren, will meet today at the home of Mr. Carl, 1125 Broadway. The former board looks after church extensions and the latter board has charge of the charities connected with the church in Portland by securing ground and erecting suitable buildings.

GARBAGE PROBLEM UP

East Side Gathers Statistics in Effort to Solve Question.

A committee, with Dr. M. G. McCorkle as chairman, from the East Side Business Men's Club, is gathering statistics from different cities as to their method of collecting and disposing of garbage.

Dr. McCorkle has written to about 25 cities on the subject and answers are expected shortly. This committee was appointed to show that it would be cheaper and more effective disposition of garbage to erect a crematory near the mouth of the Willamette River and send the garbage there by barges, loaded from landing places on both sides of the river. It is expected to show from the experiences of other cities that this would be the best method for this city to adopt when a change from present method is made.

The committee will probably be able to submit a report after New Year's. After the report has been made the whole matter will go to the City Council, and may reach the people in the form of an initiative measure. From the information that has been gathered by the committee as to the sentiment of the people, any attempt to locate an incinerator inside the city limits would be resisted.

The committee is composed of Dr. M. G. McCorkle, C. L. Daggett (present superintendent of the crematory), T. J. Wilson, M. B. McFaul and C. A. Bigelow.

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EDWARDS HAS SCHEME

Would Contest Hay's Seat With Possibility of Becoming Governor.

SPOKANE, Dec. 25.—It is stated here by friends of J. C. Edwards, defeated candidate for Lieutenant-Governor, that the Democratic State committee is preparing to contest the election of M. E. Hay to that office on the ground that at the time of his election he was not a resident in Spokane, certifying that he had resided in that city for 70 days prior to that time.

It is said that affidavits have been secured for the purpose of proving these facts and that two prominent attorneys have been employed to prosecute the contest. The right is especially important because of the chance that Governor-elect S. G. Cosgrove may not be able to qualify for his office.

EXCURSION.

The Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railway, "The North End Road," has authorized the sale of round trip tickets at a very low rate during the holidays.

The tickets are sold on basis of one and one-third of the one-way fare for the round trip. Sale dates are December 23, 24, 25 and 31 and January 1.

The return limit is January 4, 1909, sufficient to give patrons along the line of the North End Road an opportunity to visit Summer homes and families over the holidays.

Concession is made between all points 20 miles or less apart.

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SENECA FOUTS GIVES DINNER

Entertains 50 Homeless Newsboys at Feast of Good Things.

Fifty or more homeless newsboys yesterday entertained at a Christmas dinner provided by Attorney Seneca Fouts at a Stark-street restaurant. It has been a custom for several years with Mr. Fouts to provide the homeless newsboys of the city with Christmas cheer. Yesterday's meal began at 12:15 o'clock, when the members of the first

division were received. At 1 o'clock the second division entered the restaurant. The dinner began with a well-filled bowl of clam chowder, Turkey with dressing and cranberry sauce followed. Potatoes, vegetables, celery, bread and butter were on the tables in abundance. Dessert consisted of pies and cakes. The two waitresses were in constant demand during the time occupied by the meal supplying the needs of the hungry little fellows.

By systematic effort, requiring much hard work and constant care, the local corps of the Salvation Army and the Portland Post, Volunteers of America, prepared for the excellent task of providing for those in need something in the way of a Christmas dinner and presents for the children.

In addition to their activity in the line of providing food, both the Salvation Army and the Volunteers had Christmas trees, hung full of toys, clothing and necessities of the young and old, and during the day and evening hundreds of little folks crowded around these trees and not one went away without one or more presents, so that all were supplied and made happy.

At the Baby Home there was a Christmas tree, a fine dinner and toys for all the youngsters. At the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society a big dinner was served, but the tree will have its place Tuesday night. At the Florence Crittenton Refuge Home there was more than ordinary Christmas joy, despite some illness among the inmates. A chicken dinner was served. The merchants and the churches throughout the East Side remembered the homeless year very liberally with donations of provisions and the larder is now brimming with everything good to eat.

At the hospital the Christmas spirit prevailed, and everything possible was done to make the patients happy. Religious services were held during the afternoon.

PACKAGES SWAMP LOCAL DELIVERIES

Both Postoffice and Express Company Estimate Increase of 30 Per Cent.

RUSH WAS NOT EXPECTED

Registered Mail Will Not Be Cleaned Up Till Middle of Next Week — Express, Except Suburban Packages, Delivered.

Not all of Portland and its suburbs received a Christmas present yesterday, nor will some of them until the middle of next week, for it has been a physical impossibility for the employees of the postoffice and the express companies to distribute the tidal wave of packages that arrived in the city during the past day or two. At the postoffice there is yet unopened something over 200 sacks of registered matter and at the offices of the Wells-Fargo Express Company there are thousands of parcels and boxes yet to deliver.

Postmaster Minto, following a Department rule of mail deliveries on holidays, sent two deliveries in the downtown districts and one among the residence districts yesterday and on each of the three trips the carriers would load like packages with gifts, had it been at all possible. Postmaster Minto would have had every mail package delivered yesterday, but the tremendous increase in the number of packages made this impossible. Piled sack upon sack in the registry department are thousands of gifts and each incoming train adds to the store.

Rush Not Expected. "We thought we were going to be able to have our work well in hand at all times," said Postmaster Minto, "but we counted this time without our host. It is impossible at this time to give even an estimate on the amount of packages we have pending and received at this office. Guessing offhand, I should say that the increase of this Christmas will be between 20 and 30 per cent over last year. We have handled the situation the best we could under the trying circumstances and the need of a larger post-office was never more apparent than now. With a larger space for our registered mail, a place where more clerks could have worked, we should not have been so far behind. Now that the force and put it at work sorting the sacks that have arrived. If I could have had my wish, every man, woman and child that is to receive a mail package would have had it by now. Hundreds will be disappointed because their presents weren't delivered for Christmas day, but the thing simply could not be done."

Carriers Are Remembered. The carriers who made the rounds yesterday were in many instances well remembered. Many a timely and hand-some gift was waiting for the arrival of the postman, and throughout his rounds he was happily greeted. After the last delivery the empty sacks were thrown aside and the carriers hurried home to their dinners. This was not the case with the employees of the Wells-Fargo Express Company, for they toiled all day and enjoyed a splendid Christmas dinner at the expense of the company. With the exception of several thousand packages intended for people living beyond the points where the wagon makes deliveries, much matter was delivered yesterday.

Harvey Beckwith, general agent of the company, spent the entire day at the office, attending to the deliveries and rushing the work. He stated last yesterday afternoon that with the exception of one trainload of express, every package would be delivered before midnight.

30 Per Cent Increase in Express. "I would not even dare to hazard a guess as to the amount of express matter we have handled for Christmas," said Mr. Beckwith, "but I am fully convinced that there is a 20 per cent increase over last year. If not more, our basement contains several thousands of packages, but they are for people who live in such places as Mount Scott and other suburbs beyond where wagon makes deliveries. Such packages must be called for at the office. The whole force has been kept on the jump today delivering presents over the counter."

While practically all of the stores were closed yesterday, the flower stands, messenger boys and candy stores did a big business. The demand for flowers this year was by far greater than last year and at all of the florists' stores the story was the same, impossible to supply the demand. Inquiry at several of the stores as to what doors were in greatest demand was met with the statement that it was violet. "We could have sold a thousand bunches today," said a Sixth-street merchant. "They have been buy-

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ing the best and everybody seemed willing to pay any price for flowers. The violet is a great Christmas flower. I believe I could have sold 20,000 bunches had it been possible to get them."

Dynamite "Scab" Steel Building. KANSAS CITY, Dec. 25.—A three-story block and steel building in course of construction at Ninth and Oak streets was partly wrecked by dynamite here shortly before midnight last night. The loss is estimated at about \$100. No cause for the dynamiting can be given by owners of the building other than that nonunion steelworkers have been employed in its construction. The police declare it is the work of some "thoroughbred union man." Several windows in the building were shattered, but no one was hurt.

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