TOTS TELL SANTA 'HEART'S DELIGHT'

Illusions of Childhood Are Realized in Department Stores of Portland.

JOLLY SAINT PLEASES ALL

Daily Mail Burdened With Requests of Every Kind, Each One Knowing What Is Needed to Make Christmas Joy Complete.

During this busy holiday time when all is hurry and bustle, making preparations for the merry Christmas, there is no one busier—no one who has more to think about than the jolly old Santa Claus who entertains the little ones each day at the department store. There is really no end to the wants whispered into his ear and if one can imagine all of the requests being chronicled on paper—it would require yards and yards of it.

But Santa doesn't put these items down with pen and ink; he is supposed to be able to remember everything—the name of each little tot, whether or not he or she has been good, where they live, and just what articles they want to repose in their stocking on Christmas morning.

Surrounded by crowds of youngsters, each little one standing on tiptoe to get a glimpse of the old fellow, and pushing others aside to get near enough to receive the genial greeting and give that order which has been carefully rehearsed over and over before leaving home, jolly Kris Kringle sits placidly fanning himself and giving each small visitor the most courteous attention.

So laugh-provoking are many of the requests and the manner in which they are given, that one wonders how Santa can resist enjoying the funny side of the situation instead of treating the matter with such seriousness and showing the deepest interest in all the tots from the tiniest up.

Tots Have Special Wants.

One little girl modestly asked for a ship and $200, while another insisted that she wanted a "pair of boxing gloves."

Some will remember an additional want as they are leaving, and will rush back with "an a—an a picture book, an don't forget some candy." Some who have never seen Kris Kringle before are so overcome when they behold a "really and truly" Santa Claus, with white whiskers, red fur-trimmed costume, the little red cap perched "saucily" on the mass of white hair, the jingling bells and all, that they quite forget what they "want for Christmas."

Numerous letters are laboriously penned to the kind old "toy-distributor." The youngsters find this plan more convenient than giving orders verbally, although in some cases the crumpled and crushed letter remains clasped tightly in the tiny hand until the benign old Santa saves the day by asking: "Is that letter for me?" when the epistle is handed over to the host, accompanied by a timid "Yessir."

The following letter is the product of much painstaking work and prolonged thinking on the part of an 8-year-old youngster, who no doubt is awaiting the fruits of his labor:

"deer santa claus

"i want a magic lantern and a moving picture machine a sled a set of soldiers and a ship and a humpty dumpty set and a painting book and some paints a dump wagon and a horse and buggy a set of writing paper a bottell of ink a pen a piledriver a streetkar en a trak a autmobel a foxegrandpa book and a buster brown book and a katzandjammer book a water pistol a postoffice, wil you bring it Christmas?"

Surprises Are Desired.

One little maid makes her wants known in the following manner: "a dollswing a parr of red gloves a parr of red gaters and a drinking cup a story book a parr of har ribbond red pink and something to surprise me and something you wod thik is nice. a mery Christmas."

Not a few wants are set forth in the following: "Please giv me a air ship, a drum a magic lantern big steamer tran and circle trak target set hand organ sord dagger some good story books and a domno set and oblige——"

One little note is in the form of a plea. It says: "dere Santie I have ben a good boy and I want a tran of cars and a gun and a book please, please santie dont forget me."

Whether or not these orders will all be filled complete or if some of the articles will be "back-ordered," remains to be seen, but there is no doubt that at least a portion of the wants will be gratified on Christmas morning.

GATES WANTS FRANCHISE

Hillsboro Needs Water; Forest Grove Considers Proposal.

FOREST GROVE, Or., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—A tentative franchise has been submitted to the City Council by O. B. Gates, who desired to purchase water from Forest Grove to supply Hillsboro and other towns.

According to the franchise, which is to be acted upon at a subsequent meeting, Mr. Gates is to begin work on the installation of the conduit line about April 1 and to have the system completed as far as Cornelius by July 1 and to Hillsboro by October 1. Gates recently offered to pay the city 4 cents per 1000 gallons, but no definite action was taken. The city had set its rate at 6 cents per 1000 gallons.

MEDFORD COOKS COMBINE

Three Score Eligibles Form Union With Paul Meyers President.

MEDFORD, Or., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Medford is to have a Cooks', Waiters' and Waitresses' Union.

A meeting of over 60 eligibles representing all of Medford's hotels and restaurants held a meeting last night and organized a local union, electing Paul Meyers president, and A. H. Gray, secretary.

The union will endeavor to join the ranks of the State Federation of Labor and delegates will be sent from Medford to the convention of the state organization at Salem in January.

PERSONAL MENTION.

S. C. Caldwell, of Bend, is at the Cornelius.

R. A. Cowden, of Silverton, is at the Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Murray, of Walla Walla, and Mrs. F. P. Markwell, of Wallace, Idaho, are staying at the Oregon.

F. B. Wade, of Sutherlin, is at the Imperial.

W. B. Mixter, of Sheridan, is at the Ramapo.

J. P. Meek, of Tacoma, is at the Ramapo.

W. L. Jackson, of Albany, is at the Perkins.

Dr. George Russell, of Sumpter, is at the Imperial.

H. J. Meer, of Baker, is registered at the Ramapo.

A. Wyman, of Wallace, Idaho, is at the Portland.

Fred A. Williams, of Grants Pass, is at the Cornelius.

Miss Ethel Weed, of Newberg, is staying at the Lenox.

L. F. Atherton, of Corvallis, is staying at the Perkins.

L. D. White, of Eugene, is registered at the Perkins.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Robb, of Salem, are staying at the Cornelius.

W. C. Harding, of Roseburg, is registered at the Imperial.

S. V. Beckwith, of Medford, is registered at the Portland.

Mrs. M. Grafton Campbell, of Eugene, is staying at the Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Wetherall, of Sumpter, are at the Lenox.

L. O. and A. M. Kinney, of Coos Bay, are registered at the Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. V. V. Willis, of Beaverton, are staying at the Lenox.

"FAIRYLAND" NOW READY

PORTLAND CHILDREN INVITED TO PEOPLE'S INSTITUTE.

Grim Realities of Life Forgotten by Unfortunates When Beautiful Scene Is Viewed.

Long promised, the "fairyland" at the People's Institute is now ready for the children of the city to view. A fairyland it is, most certainly, composed of myriad little electric lights amid a setting of Christmas green.

The gymnasium of the Institute building has been utilized by Miss Prichard and the assistant teachers for the construction of this novelty. Small Christmas trees line the walls, banked against the sides of the room with appearance of a small forest. In one corner of the gymnasium is a miniature room, showing a very white bed with a sleeping child, apparently awaiting the morning when the stockings, which are hung suggestively before a cleverly arranged fireplace, shall be filled.

This section of fairyland is called "The Night Before Christmas." In succession comes the huge chimney, into which is clambering a well-constructed Santa Claus, heavy laden with toys in the leather pack upon his back. A set of toy reindeers attached to a sleighfull of Christmas gifts is next, and arranged upon the tops of the trees it is apparently just left for the moment by the master saint until he shall be ready to enter and hie away to the fairy home which occupies one entire side of the room. Here is the abode of St. Nicholas, represented by a tiny house in the midst of a field of ice and snow.

The effect of Winter and cold is decidedly successful and the expressions of pleasure which were uttered yesterday when the first children to see the fairyland were given entrance were gratifying, indeed, to the women who have worked untiringly that this Christmas should mean something more than the average, to the unfortunate children, used as they are to the sordid and far from fairylike realities of life.

One little pickaninny lad stood long and lingering before the white, clean scene of the sleeping child and when, without his knowledge, he was approached, he was heard to murmur the one suggestive childish word for all that pleases, "pretty," a world of feeling was hidden in his youthful heart.

In the center of the room is a huge tree, trimmed with ornaments and electric lights about which the youthful contingent of Portland will gather at specified times this week and next to receive their presents.

The pleasure of this fairyland is not restricted to the institute children, and all the children of Portland are invited to enjoy.

Thursday and Saturday afternoons have been reserved for the attendance of the children from the Boys and Girls' Aid Society, the Children's Home and the Detention Home.

It has been found this year to be more successful to divide the children into relays than to follow the previous custom of entertaining the children in one large party. Last Friday the closing exercises for the kindergarten were held, followed by a similar affair Saturday morning when the Albina sewing and girls' club closed for the holidays.

Tuesday morning the kindergarten of Albina expressed final Christmas cheer and yesterday afternoon the boys of the institute met for their gifts and a sight of fairyland.

The remainder of the week and the time between Christmas and New Year's will be occupied by the visits of outside children and the exercises of the girls' sewing clubs, kitchen garden classes, and the housekeeping section.

HOSPITAL HAS NEW WARD

Carriage-House Transformed; Many Patients Find Comfort.

Changing a carriage-house into a hospital is a feat performed by Multnomah County.

At the old County Farm yesterday construction work was completed in making the discarded carriage-house a ward wherein 28 indigent county patients may find comfort through the Winter.

The structure has been renovated from floor to roof, and in reality contains two wards, one on the lower floor and one on the upper floor, each containing 14 beds.

Stoves have been placed on both floors, modern plumbing is installed, and the lower flooring was renewed. In all respects the place presents a brand-new appearance.

County Judge Cleeton, Commissioner Lightner and Superintendent Jackson, after inspecting the new quarters yesterday, pronounced them just as habitable and comfortable as some of the more pretentious structures.

WHAT TO GET.

"What shall I get," the maiden cried,
"To make him love me more?"
"Mi Hogar smokes," her pa replied,
"Also, a Humidor."
(We sell Mi Hogar and Humidors to keep them perfect.) Sig Sichel & Co., 92 Third or Third and Washington.

Want To Help Some One.

For thirty years J. F. Boyer, of Fertile, Mo., needed help and couldn't find it. That's why he wants to help some one now. Suffering so long himself, he feels for all distress from backache, nervousness, loss of appetite, lassitude and kidney disorders. He shows that Electric Bitters work wonders for such troubles. "Five bottles," he writes, "wholly cured me and now I am well and hearty." It's also positively guaranteed for liver trouble, dyspepsia, blood disorders, female complaints and Sprains. Only 25c at all druggists.

'LIAR,' SAYS OLSON

Epithet Amended and Hurled Back by McElroy.

RECALL MOVE THREATENED

Justice and Attorney Exchange "Compliments" in Yankwich Case in Judge Bell's Court, but Dove of Peace Returns.

An implied threat to invoke the recall on Justice Olson, a charge that the magistrate incited the prosecution of Attorney Harry Yankwich, the exchange of the lie between Olson and Attorney McElroy, and the utimate discharge of Yankwich, were the features of a sensational afternoon in the court of Justice Bell yesterday.

The orginial charge, that Yankwich embezzled $600 from five Roumanian laborers, was lost sight of in an attempt made by the defense to show that Olson, who was re-elected as Justice of the Peace over Yankwich in the late election, had inspired the prosecution on account of political jealousies, and had so brought it about that the warrant was issued late in the evening in order that his late rival might have to endure a night in jail.

District Attorney Cameron was called as a witness. He said the matter had been brought before him by Olson, who himself had sufficient authority to issue the information, had he so desired.

Judge Cameron did not examine the witnesses, but relied upon the statement of the magistrate that there was sufficient evidence. After the arrest he recommended the release of Yankwich upon his recognizance, but Olson refused to accede.

Justice Olson was the next witness. "You are a justice of the peace, are you?" asked Attorney McElroy.

"Yes, and will be for two years after the 1st of January," replied the witness, with an oblique glance at Yankwich.

"Unless recalled by the people," said McElroy.

"There's no danger of that," interjected Deputy District Attorney Page.

"There may be more than you think," was McElroy's retort.

McElroy had not proceeded far with the examination when Olson told him he was full of "hot air." Olson said he had made written notes of the statements made to him by the witnesses against Yankwich, and McElroy demanded an order of the court that he should produce them.

Without waiting for the order, Olson announced flatly he would refuse to do so. He was sustained by his colleague.

The witness said he had sworn to the information about noon, and the warrant was issued and served about 3 o'clock.

"Isn't it a fact," asked McElroy, "that you requested Constable Wagner to delay the service until 5 o'clock, so that Yankwich would have to lie in jail?" When the witness denied the charge, McElroy said: "I think you did."

"You are a liar," said Olson.

"Mr. Olson, you are a —— liar!" shouted the attorney.

Each man was ready to spring at the other, but they were quieted by the court and made apologies.

Olson said he had affidavits reflecting upon Yankwich before the election, but scorned to use them in his campaign.

As to the bail of $2000, which the defense held excessive, Olson said he placed it low because he knew his motive would be impugned.

A. T. Lewis was called as an expert on fees in such cases, and said $1000 was not excessive for the work done.

Attorney Page asked him what he thought of an attorney who would collect $1633 when he knew that but $23 was due his clients, but the question was withdrawn.

Page argued that the contract upon which Yankwich relied for his immunity had been drawn without the knowledge of the Roumanians, who thought it was a receipt.

Justice Bell held the evidence was insufficient, and dismissed the case.

Pasco Holds Alleged Hold-Up Man.

PASCO, Wash., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—James White, a negro, who arrived here Monday, was today bound over to the Superior Court of Franklin County for trial. He is charged with having held up Bootblack Bill, a negro porter in a barbershop. Both of these men were in the Eagle Messenger office, when White produced a billiard cue and forced the messenger boy to search the pockets of his colored brother. After securing two or three dollars in silver, he retired to his room to rest, where he was later found by the officers. In default of bail bond, Justice Reider sent him to jail, to be tried at the next term of court.

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