CHILDREN JOYFUL IN CITY HOSPITALS

Toy-Laden Christmas Trees Brighten Day for Little Ones Who Are Ill.

NURSES DISTRIBUTE GIFTS

Cots of Many of Youngsters Heaped High With Presents—Attendants Enjoy Feast and Destitute Men Are Served.

Children who were obliged to spend Christmas in the hospitals this year were the favored guests of Santa Claus yesterday, particularly at the good Samaritan Hospital, where a large children's ward is maintained. All children who had been inmates of the word since the last Christmas, children whom misfortune had touched early in life, children of many of the long-time patients at the hospital and many of the old patients themselves, gathered around the Christmas tree and presents and candy were there in abundance for each one.

Children on stretchers peered out, bright-eyed and smiling, from under heaps of presents, babes gurgled and cooed as they handled their dolls and toy animals, older children poured delightedly over presents of books or games or of some new mechanical top, girls hugged their dolls and all were happy.

Nurses Aid Santa.

Long dressing tables were pressed into service by Santa Claus, who found his pack and his tree much too small to contain all the presents he had brought, and these were distributed by light-footed nurses, as Santa called out the names he had put on the packages.

One of the happiest boys in the ward was little Freddie Hermit. Freddie has been at the hospital more than a year and during all that time has lain patient and cheerful. He is only 6 years old and has rosy cheeks and bright blue eyes, curly ringlets of golden hair and a smile that almost never fades. His nurses say that in all the time he has been at the hospital he has been known only twice to cry. He suffers considerable pain at times. About a year ago he fell from a cherry tree and suffered an injury to the spine from which he may not recover, although his doctors are hopeful.

Freddie's Prayer Answered.

It is Freddie's ambition to be a soldier and that is why he tries to be so brave. For many months he has breathed silent prayers to the Christmas saint to bring him a drum and a gun with real bullets and a fire engine. Not only did he get what he asked for, but many more things. His stretcher was heaped with teddy bears and games and books and trains and cars and boxes of candy until they fell off the sides.

Freddie thinks that the little robin that pushed him off the cherry tree and hurt him felt sorry for him and told Santa Claus about him and that that is the reason he got so many presents.

It is Freddie's firm belief that when he tried to climb the cherry tree in the back yard of his home at Vancouver one bright day last Spring, to get a peek at a nest of little robins way up in one of the limbs, the old mother robin pushed him off.

A happy girl yesterday was Marie Wagner. Marie and Freddy have been in the nursery together for almost a year and have become fast friends. She is two years older than Freddie and believes herself, by the peculiarity of her position, to be Freddie's proper nurse. All of the other nurses become her assistants when Freddie's welfare is in question.

Saturday something happened that made Marie very sad and almost promised to make Christmas for her sad, too. Freddie was stricken with convulsions. For once his cheery smile faded and nurses and doctors gathered and shook their heads in solemn whispers. Someone said Freddie might not live and Marie heard of it. All night long she buried her head in her pillow and wept and when morning came she refused to eat. At noon also she would not eat, but in the meanwhile Freddie gradually revived. His smile and rosy cheeks once more returned and Marie was persuaded that she was mistaken about the seriousness of Freddie's illness.

Youngsters' Smiles Many.

Shew as happy again yesterday. She received a large number of presents that tended to heighten her happiness. But she was more absorbed in Freddie's presents than her own. Freddie held tightly to his drum as he lay on his stretcher, surrounded by his other gifts, and guarded it most jealously as his most precious possession. And Marie alone was the favored individual whom Freddie would permit to beat the drum.

Earl Norden, a little 5-year-old boy who was kicked by a horse, received his presents propped up in bed. Marjorie Barnard is another little inmate of the children's ward who was made happy yesterday. She has tuberculosis of the hip and, like Freddie, is obliged to spend her time on a stretcher.

CHRISTMAS TREE AT SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH, WHICH DELIGHTED HUNDREDS OF CHILDREN.

SOME OF PRESENTS DISTRIBUTED BY VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA.

TOTS FETED AS WIFE, NOW DEAD, PROMISED

Alexander Kerr Is Host at Big Christmas Tree for Poor Children of North End, as Young Bride Wished.

FIFTY-SIX wildly excited youngsters from the North End of Portland were given an idea yesterday afternoon of how the "other half" lives when they were entertained at a gigantic Christmas treet and dinner at the home of Alexander H. Kerr, at 129 Fourteenth street. In the giving of the party to the waifs, the promise of Mrs. Albertina Kerr, who died recently, was fulfilled.

Nearly a year ago Mrs. Kerr, Mr. Kerrs' young bride, said that on Christmas day, 1911, she would fill her home with the poorest and most destitute children that could be found in the city, W. G. McLaren, of the Portland Commons, to be her courier.

Mrs. Kerr died last October and shortly before her death she again emphasized her desire to hold the party. In place of Mrs. Kerr being hostess, her widower, aided by his daughter and son-in-law and the sisters of the late Mrs. Kerr entertained to the utmost the youngsters who took advantage of the invitation.

Every Child Gets Gift.

Good things abounded. The Christmas tree, sparkling with scintillating electric lights, seemed to be an inexhaustible treasure house, for there was not a child that Santa Claus failed to remember. Sacks of candy, popcorn, oranges and a metal savings bank were among the other treasures the youngsters carried away.

Neither the bar of color nor that of race was drawn and the only time trouble loomed was when a little negress insisted that the only white doll on the tree, garbed in a dress of the same color, should be hers. Her claim was admitted.

Many little ones were carried in on crutches, others possessed various deformities but their all and every trouble vanished before the good cheer set before them.

Poor Children Made Happy.

Poor children who had not been able to get in at any of the other entertainments were entertained during the evening at the Second Baptist Church, at Seventh and Ankeny streets, by the Volunteers of America. It seemed as if every unattached little boy and girl, in many cases their rags, showing through their rags, found that Santa Claus was "really, truly" at the Volunteers' celebration.

Still another home to be thrown open to the poor is that of Mrs. H. V. Van Duzer, at 581 Jackson street. Mrs. Van Duzer personally combed the city for poor youngsters of every possible description and today will play Lady Bountiful by throwing open her home to those for whom otherwise Christmas would have been a hollow sham. A Christmas tree and a good time of every description will be arranged.

The Late Mrs. Alexander H. Kerr, Whose Promise to Give a Party to Poor Children Was Fulfilled Yesterday.

Knights Templars Celebrate.

Portland's Knights Templar organizations yesterday held their usual impressive observance of Christmas. Members of Crusade Commandery, of the East Side, accepted the invitation of Oregon Commandery No. 1 and the services were conducted jointly, more than 150 sir knights being in attendance. This was the largest number of members participating in these exercises in Portland. Following the programme newly-elected officers for the ensuing year were installed by J. B. Cleland, past grand commander, assisted by George F. Robertson, marshal. The new officers are: Eminent commander, Victor A. Avery; generalissimo, Hopkins Jenkins; captain-general, William Davis; treasurer, James W. Cooke; recorder, C. F. Wiegand; senior warden, Roy Quackenbush; junior warden, N. R. Cox; warder, James Hislop; standard bearer, H. E. Hutchinson; sword bearer, A. M. Brown; captain of the guard, E. L. Pettis; guards, J. G. Garrow and W. M. Darling.

BED-RIDDEN YOUNGSTERS IN CHILDREN'S WARD OF HOSPITAL MADE HAPPY BY CHRISTMAS TREE.

DISTRIBUTION OF PRESENTS BY GOOD SAMARITAN'S "SANTA CLAUS."

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By C. K. Holsman, M. D. The Leading Specialist

C. K. Holsman, M. D.

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In offering my services to the afflicted I am giving you the BEST that can be had anywhere. My reputation and experience for the past 18 years can leave no doubt as to my ability, honesty and integrity and should be sufficient to convince the most skeptical that I am the FOREMOST and LEADING Specialist in Portland. I possess skill and experience acquired in such a way that no other can share it and should not be classed with inexperienced doctors or specialists.

A thorough investigation should be made by every ailing man as to the specialist he consults. Duty and destiny to self and those who depend upon you demand the best medical attention. I have the ability and can give you this service. I have always charged a very reasonable fee, so that my services may be obtained by any man who sincerely desires to be cured. I make no misleading statements, false promises or unbusinesslike propositions. I would like to have you for a patient if you will come to me on a strictly professional basis, accepting inducements that I offer, which are my ability, 18 years' successful experience, time-saving treatment and cure of certain diseases.

I daily demonstrate that varicose veins can be cured in nearly all cases by one treatment in such a satisfactory way, pain ceases, swelling subsides, a healthy circulation is rapidly re-established, instead of the depressing conditions. I guarantee you a cure to stay cured or refund the money.

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MY DIRECT TREATMENT FOR NERVOUS DEBILITY.

That disorder commonly known as weakness has for years and generations baffled the efforts of physicians, yet to his very day a majority of doctors, specialists not excepted, are attempting to overcome it by methods that have been in constant use and have always failed for half a century. They dose the system with powerful stimulants and tonics, calculated to restore nervous force or strength, that is not and never has been lacking, with the result that the functions are temporarily excited to the positive detriment of the patient. Weakness is only a symptom, resulting from many local conditions and is curable by local treatment only, without the giving of a single internal dose, which demonstrates the absolute accuracy of my understanding and treatment of this disorder. In years I have not met with a single failure and I have entire confidence in my ability to cure all cases that come to me for treatment. I am equally certain that no treatment other than that which I have perfected can completely and permanently restore strength and vigor.

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PARCELS PILE HIGH

Express Companies Need Week to Deliver Packages.

POSTAL RUSH NOW OVER

Carriers Deliver Mail to Have Christmas Presents Reach All in Time—Messenger Boys Are Kept Busy All Day

It will take a week for the express companies to make deliveries of all the Christmas packages now in their hands. At the postoffice the Christmas work is virtually completed. Whatever remains to be done is due to delays in shipment or tardiness of the senders.

Delays at the express offices are due partially to the people themselves. The express companies do not make deliveries outside of a limited zone. Notices are mailed to persons living beyond that limit and they are expected to call at the office for their parcels. Sometimes it is a week or more before they call. Meanwhile the packages are held in storage.

Occasionally a package cannot be delivered and is retained by the express company. After the expiration of a specified period it is advertised and sold for charges. Wherever possible, in case the charges have been prepaid, the sender is notified and given an opportunity to reclaim his present. The rule at Christmas time is to prepay charges, so few such packages ever have to be sold.

Few Parcels Unclaimed.

As a matter of fact that percentage of unclaimed holiday goods in the express offices is much smaller than the regular commercial packages. Every year, however, the Portland offices of the various express companies operating into this city accumulate a small number of presents the intended recipients of which they are unable to find. This may be due to a number and variety of reasons. The address may be insufficient, the wrapper may have been mutilated in transit, thus destroying the address—in this case, however, the waybill would be a means of identification—or the consignee may have changed his address, making it impossible to find him.

Unclaimed packages at the postoffice go through their regular channel to the dead letter office at Washington, D. C., on their way back to the senders.

Letter carriers made a regular delivery yesterday morning to accommodate their patrons who were to receive presents from distant places. The volume of their deliveries was as heavy, if not heavier than that of any previous day of the season, owing to the accumulation over Sunday. An effort was made by the carriers yesterday to dispose of all holiday mail and in this they were satisfactorily successful. Only delayed packages will pass through the mail carriers' hands now.

Every express wagon in the city was busy yesterday morning making deliveries in their prescribed districts. The full force of street and wagon employes was required to take care of the rush. As a result everything in the delivery district was disposed of. The packages held in the various offices now are those destined for residents outside the delivery district. Many of this class called at the express offices yesterday in response to cards sent out notifying them of the presence of Christmas packages.

Messenger Boys Busy.

No less active than the expressmen and the mailcarriers were the uniformed messenger boys of the Postal and Western Union Telegraph companies and the delivery boys of the various special messenger agencies. Deliveries of bundles from one part of the city to another demanded the attention of a small army of lads, but the messengers of the telegraph companies were engaged with the added duty of delivering Christmas "letters" transmitted by telegraph.

With the inauguration of the "night service" by both companies and the "day letter" service by the Western Union this form of exchanging holiday greetings has grown in popularity. Hundreds now adopt this method of remembering distant friends or relatives at Christmas time. For the holiday period the telegraph companies waived their rule of telephoning the contents of the messages to the addressees and mailing the typewritten sheet when convenient, and made direct delivery by messenger Christmas day. Many Portland homes were made happier yesterday by the receipt of these long-distance communications.

The inauguration of the cable-letter service by the Western Union a few weeks ago also encouraged many to send Christmas greetings between Portland and European points. Several London firms having agencies in this city cabled cheering messages to their local representatives.

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1. Articles should not be more than 800 words in length.
2. The writer should be a bona fide homeowner, or a member of a homeowner's family.
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