

BOUGIEBOS MAKE DESTITUTE HAPPY

Christmas Fund Left With The Oregonian for Poor Cheers Many Hearts.

SANTAS FIND NEEDY TOTS

Miss Pritchard and Miss Agnes Thecla Fair Give Toys and Food to Families in Albina and Elsewhere—Parents Pleased.

The fund which had been placed at the disposal of the Oregonian by a number of its readers, following an offer made by this newspaper to see that funds entrusted to it were properly expended, went to make many happy. Part of the money was given to Miss Pritchard, of the People's Institute, who promised that bountiful Christmas dinners should be the lot of a large number of Portland families, otherwise without supplies.

Albina Poor Helped.

Miss Agnes Thecla Fair kindly consented to officiate as The Oregonian Santa Claus to a number of poor families in Albina. At the result of her work, the happiest child in Portland lives in a small shack on Graham avenue. For weeks her mother has told her that unless papa found work before Christmas she could not have a much-to-be-desired dollie. On her father's return every day she asked: "Papa, did you get work today?"

When the daily reply was "No," even as late as Saturday night, the little one gave up all hope of getting a doll. So when The Oregonian Santa Claus paid a call yesterday with a real sleeping doll, there was a look in her brown eyes of heartfelt gratitude.

Santa Claus, herself, felt merrier than she has felt for many a long time, she said. "Man cannot, and certainly children cannot live by bread alone," slightly misquoted Santa, as she soon found out that the dolls and the tops put the food stuffs, flour and candy together in the shade—in Albina, anyway. Had it not been for the visit of The Oregonian Santa there would have been no Christmas dinner in any of the homes visited.

Old Folks Also Pleas'd.

The delight of the older members of different families in the prospects for a good meal were, more than outweighed by the shrieking joy of the kiddies with the toys.

Just to show the careful manner in which funds were expended, extracts from one of the bills are given as an indication that expensive toys were not needed. One doll, 50 cents; one doll, 25 cents; six boxes of candy, 49 cents; one set of dishes, 50 cents; one rattle, 10 cents; five tops, 20 cents; and a large number of small toys of a similar nature.

Among the foodstuffs there was no turkey, but there was bread, flour, rice, tea, coffee, meat, peanuts, butter and similar constituents of a Christmas dinner.

OFFICIALS HAVE MERRY DAY

How Federal, City and County Servants Passed Christmas Season.

Joy predominated in the Christmas of Portland's officials. Federal Judge Bean, who received word last week that his son, who has been attending college at Eugene, was ill with typhoid fever. He was in the city at once to the Good Samaritan and, although the lad had symptoms of the disease, it developed that the illness is not his ailment. The son was able to attend the family gathering at home yesterday.

The six grandchildren of Harvey Scott gathered about the Christmas tree at the home of Leslie M. Scott, United States Marshal, yesterday morning. Marshal Scott passed part of the afternoon at his office, although he had no arrests to make.

Postmaster Merrick's father, mother and four brothers visited him at his home yesterday. He passed the morning at the Rose City Park postal station and the afternoon at the main office. He found 80 sacks of Christmas mail stacked up on one side of the office and expected 50 more sacks to come in before night.

The Portland office handled the Christmas mail quicker and better this year than in 10 years, said Postmaster Merrick. In spite of the fact that the mail was heavier, it was generally sent to the room provided in the basement, permitting an enlargement of the registry division, and in the meantime floor put in for the carriers. Two carriers for the residence district left the main office yesterday each carrying between 2000 and 2500 letters. This is an exceptionally heavy load. Postmaster Merrick says that 225,000 letters for points outside Portland passed through the stamp-cancelling machines in the main office last Friday.

"There are still many packages of Christmas mail to be delivered," said Mr. Merrick. "One reason for the delay in delivery is generally that the mail is in late. They have been arriving late for almost two weeks."

Walter H. Evans and Robert Maguire, Assistant United States District Attorney, with their families, spent the day together at Mr. Evans' home. A Christmas tree Sunday night added to the delight of the children. Mayor Huusht passed the entire day at home with his family, stopping play with his two children only long enough to eat a big Christmas dinner and answer an occasional telephone call. A Christmas tree was enjoyed.

"This is the one day of rest," said the Mayor, "and I generally have my work to do on ordinary days of rest, but today I rest. I haven't thought of a single one of the troubles which always confront me on the days I intend to rest. You could appreciate my interest at home if you could see the youngsters at play. I couldn't think if I wanted to."

CAMERA CATCHES PORTLAND 'NEWSIES' AS THEY SCRAMBLE FOR PENNIES, NICKELS AND DIMES ON CHRISTMAS DAY.



HUNDREDS WATCHING LADS IN FRONT OF OREGONIAN BUILDING.

1000 POOR DINED

Portland Commons Supplies Feast for Destitute.

MUSIC PLAYED MEANWHILE

Seventy-Five at a Time Are Waited On From Noon Until 6 o'Clock, the Christmas Menu Containing All Desired.

If Samuel Pickwick and his faithful servant, Sam Weller, had "dropped in" at the Portland Commons any time yesterday they would have had the opportunity of seeing what Sam would have described as the process of "swelling wisely." More than 1000 destitute men were guests at a dinner of the most lavish description. It started with soup and it ended with fruit and nuts, which may be taken as an indication that the "in between" was not lacking in any way.

At the same time, Mr. Pickwick would have been compelled to wipe from his eye that ever-ready sympathetic tear of his without any danger of Sam likening his master to Mr. Jingle, of the "tears always on tap." In fact, the only parallel to the wholesale feeding of the multitude of hungry ones can be found in Dickens' account of the Christmas dinner Mr. Pickwick gave the prisoners in the Fleet.

From noon until 6 o'clock they lined up on First street in a patient, hungry way. At 11 o'clock the men waited four after hour, 75 at a time being admitted to the banquet tables. Sam Weller's remark was made, too, in substance, for as the waiting ones watched the well-fed ones emerge more than one was heard to say: "Why, man, you look fat!"

A five-minute interval elapsed between each set of 75 diners. During that time the tables were re-covered with white paper cloths and other preparations were made for those waiting in the cold. During the time the banquet was in progress an orchestra played and a number of volunteers sang.

The dinner, which lasted until long after 6 o'clock, was described as the largest attended as well as the most successful of the many arranged by the Portland Commons.

CITY'S WARDS MADE HAPPY

Feasts Served in Every Charitable Institution Here.

Christmas cheer went hand in hand with delicious repasts at the various detention and refuge homes of the city yesterday. The big heartedness of the Portland general public was responsible for the happy smiles and general merriment at all the institutions.

BOYS CATCH COINS

Newsies Scramble in Street When Money Is Tossed.

STRUGGLE LASTS ALL DAY

One Hundred Begrimed Lads Tussle for Hours Before Hundreds of Spectators Who Throw Cash and Trash to Them.

Coins of all denominations up to a dollar were scattered lavishly among the newsies in front of the Oregonian building yesterday. Garments ripped, noses bled but these did not deter 100 begrimed boys from their scramble for silver, nickel and copper pieces thrown to them by the crowd of spectators.

The first shower took place early in the day when a man in the Wilcox building threw handfuls of metal from the third story of the structure. The money was mixed with pieces of tin and lead. The boys would watch some large piece fall and then slide for it. They soon learned, however, that the smaller pieces were the more valuable. The larger disks which came down toward the last proved to be half dollars and only a few paid much attention to them, believing them to be "fakes," as at first. One little fellow soon found out the others' mistake. Soon the bystanders and persons in some of the surrounding buildings began to throw coins to the young paper vendors, and the crowd of tussling boys became so large as to block the street for a time. The sport continued throughout the day. One lad had secured \$14 when the throwing finally ceased.

In front of the Imperial Hotel another large crowd gathered and fought for the shiny disks. A woman appeared in one of the fifth story windows and threw handfuls of nickels and dimes to the street.

Swimmer's Mother Is Happy

Or all the presents received yesterday by Mrs. George H. Thomas, the one that brought her the most joy was presented by her son, Lewis, who won the annual Christmas swim for the second successive time yesterday. It is doubtful if Lewis got as much joy out of his sensational victory as did his proud mother, who watched the aquatic stars battle for honors in the waters of the Willamette, from a point of vantage on one of the numerous crafts that crowded the stream last night.

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Every Catholic Church in City Honors Christmas Day.

PRELATE IS CELEBRANT

Pontifical Services Are Held at Cathedral, Where Concert Is Given at Night—First Prayers Are Said at 6 A. M.

Every Catholic church in the city celebrated the day yesterday with Christmas masses. At St. Mary's Cathedral solemn high mass was sung at 6 A. M. and solemn pontifical mass at 11 A. M. There were low masses at 7, 8 and 9 o'clock in the morning. At the solemn high mass Rev. William Cronin was celebrant, Rev. E. V. O'Hara, deacon, and Rev. A. J. de Lormier, sub-deacon. Father O'Hara preached. The music was "Kalliwoda's Mass in A," with the "Noel" of Adolphe Adam, and the old German carol, "Hellige Nacht."

Archbishop Christie was celebrant at the solemn pontifical mass. The large choir sang Gounod's "St. Cecilia Mass," "Noel" by Adam, "Noel" by Gounod and selections from Stewart, Elgar and Molitor. The solos at both masses were sung by Miss Irene Flynn, Miss Rose Fricke, Albert Gianelli, E. A. Cairns and S. A. McCartney. Rev. H. J. McDevitt was assistant priest of the solemn pontifical mass. Rev. E. A. Davis was deacon, Rev. A. J. de Lormier sub-deacon, and the deacons of honor were Rev. E. V. O'Hara and Rev. Robert Koehler. Rev. William Cronin was master of ceremonies. Father Davis preached the Christmas sermon.

A musical recital was given at the cathedral last night. Among the selections were "Splendide Te Deum," Mozart; "Blessed City, Heavenly Salem," Goodrich; "Andante Religioso," Trome; "Sanctus," Gounod; "Meditation," Massenet; "Ecce Deus," Clifton; "Praise Ye the Father," Gounod-Federlin; and "O Salutaris Gounod-Federlin" and "O Salutaris Gounod-Federlin." Professor F. W. Goodrich was in charge of the music at all the services.

At St. Francis' Catholic Church at East Tenth and East Pine streets, nine masses were said yesterday, beginning at 5:30 o'clock and ending with the solemn high mass at 10:30 o'clock. Rev. William J. Kane was celebrant at the solemn high mass. Rev. James H. Black was deacon and Rev. F. Galligan was sub-deacon. Father Black delivered the sermon on "The Nativity." The church, which is a new one, was several times filled to overflowing, there being many non-Catholics in attendance. The choir was under the leadership of Joseph Aitcock.

At St. Lawrence Catholic Church the first mass was at 8 A. M. This mass was sung by the children. There were low masses at 6, 7, 8 and 9 o'clock and solemn high mass at 10:30 o'clock. Rev. John C. Hughes was celebrant, being assisted by Rev. H. S. Oglivie and Rev. J. P. O'Flynn. Father Gallagher preached a sermon on "The Meaning of the Christmas Feast." The music was under the direction of Mrs. Mattie A. Fleming.

At St. Mary's Catholic Church, at Williams avenue and Stanton street, there were nine masses, beginning at 5 A. M. Rev. D. V. Kelly was celebrant at the solemn high mass at 10:30 o'clock. Rev. George Marr, of Columbia University, was deacon and Rev. John A. Ryan, of St. Paul's Seminary, St. Paul, Minn., was sub-deacon. Father Marr preached. Rev. W. A. Daly was master of ceremonies. The choir was under the direction of Daniel Wilson. The Bible school of the White Temple gave a Christmas entertainment last night.

DAY QUIET AT CITY'S CLUBS

Newspaper Men Will Celebrate With Christmas Tree Thursday.

Christmas in the clubs of Portland was celebrated with little ostentation besides appropriate decorations and Christmas dinner, with all of the time-honored dishes appropriate to the season. Several of the clubs had their holiday celebrations beforehand. Others have the formal celebration of Christmas still in prospect.

The Portland Press Club will welcome the spirit of St. Nicholas next Thursday night in the jinks room at the club, where a Christmas tree will be set up and loaded with presents indicative of their recipient's chief characteristic. Yesterday, therefore, the members contented themselves with stringing holiday decorations and with a buffet lunch and a bowl of Christmas punch.

One of the best celebrations of the day was in the Elks' clubrooms yesterday afternoon. Nearly 300 members gathered and held an impromptu program of music and speeches in which all had an opportunity to participate, and the afternoon was passed in Christmas good fellowship.

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