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NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS—Orders for copies of the New Year's Oregonian, which will be issued on January 1, 1914, to be sent to friends, should be sent to The Oregonian at once. Price 5 Cents.

CATHOLIC CHRISTMAS SERVICES.—Dr. O'Donnell, of Corvallis, will assist at the solemn high mass and preach the sermon tomorrow morning at St. Mary's Church, Williams avenue and Stanton street.

THREE OFFICERS TO BE FILLED.—Three important appointments of officials in the Public Works Department will be announced within a few days by City Commissioner Dieck.

66 NEW PRECINCTS MADE.—Clackamas County Adds 50 Per Cent to Number of Polling Places. OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Sixty-six new precincts have been created by the County Court as against 44 under the old system.

DAMAGED SUIT SETTLED.—After the case had gone through a portion of the testimony had been heard, the suit of Mrs. Teresa M. Lowe and Fred Lowe against the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company was settled yesterday.

F. C. RITT INJURED IN ELEVATOR.—F. C. Ritt, 433 Vancouver avenue, an employee of the Occidental Warehouse Company, 5 and 11 West street, was injured in the freight elevator at the warehouse yesterday.

CHURCH TO SUPPLY DINNERS.—Westminster Presbyterian Church, through the pastor, Rev. Henry Marcotte, will furnish several families with Christmas dinners, who otherwise would go without.

DEVELOPMENT COMPANY INCORPORATED.—C. C. Holzel, D. O. Tenney and Walter S. Asher yesterday filed articles of incorporation of the Northwest Development Company, which will conduct a general real estate business.

CHRISTMAS BOOKS.—"McLaughlin and Old Oregon," "McDonald of Oregon," "The Conquest." At all bookstores.

FOR COAL call Main 2494, A. 4356.—Adv.

SINGER'S MOTHER KNOWN HERE.—Bradford Morse Melvin, tenor in the Leland Stanford quartet, which will take a prominent part in the Glee Club's performance at the Hedig Theater tonight, is the only son of Judge Melvin, of the Supreme Bench in California, and Mrs. Melvin, formerly Miss Louise Morse, of Portland. Judge Melvin was formerly president of the Bohemian Club in San Francisco, and took a prominent part in the club's theatrical program while in Portland.

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SANTA IS HOST TO 1000

ROTARIANS PASS DAY MAKING CITY WAIFS HAPPY. Christmas Goodies, Feast at Oregon Hotel and Theater Parties Are Provided for Youngsters.

Children from the various children's homes in Portland were given an advance celebration of Christmas yesterday by the Portland Rotary Club. The celebration lasted all day and evening, ending with a theater party at the Baker, at which the children were the rulers of the balcony and gallery to the extent of more than 1000.

At 11 o'clock the children were assembled by the Rotary Club committee and escorted to the Columbia Theater, where their day's fun began with special programme of Christmas films and Christmas music. Then they went to the Oregon Hotel, where Santa Claus was awaiting them with a well-lit Christmas tree. The hundreds of children swarmed into the Crystal dining-room of the Oregon, where the tree stood.

D. L. Williams, the Rotary Santa Claus, assisted by R. R. Routledge, F. W. Pratt, W. H. Whiting, W. S. Scott and W. A. Wilson, poured out the little guests. Toys and sweets there were sufficient to satisfy the dearest dreams of the children.

There were more than enough of the gift bags and after the children had been laden with them, the remainder of the bags were turned over to the Salvation Army and the Associated Charities to be given to the needy.

The Christmas tree held presents for the members of the club also, but all of the presents were joke presents, and every man was compelled to open his package in the presence of all the other members. There was no limit to the diversity of gifts that the Rotary members had thrust on them. They ranged all the way from live goldfish and chickens to toys of all kinds.

COUNTY WORK IS HELD UP. Pacific Officials Complicate Affairs, Says State Bureau.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Because of a mistake of Pacific County Commissioners this fall in issuing illegal warrants to the extent of over \$11,900 against the road and bridge funds, absolutely no new construction work can be done next year. The State Bureau of Inspection states in a report just issued on the financial conditions of this county, in addition, maintenance expense for existing roads will have to be met out of the road district funds.

Failure to comply with the new law prohibiting issuance of warrants to the extent of more than 50 per cent of the tax levy and a mistaken idea that warrants issued last fall could be paid out of the indebtedness fund, is responsible for the plight of the county, the report states.

The report shows that excess payments of \$25,135 have been paid county newspapers for publication of legal notices, and more than \$1000 worth of school district warrants are listed as issued illegally.

The assets of the county are listed at \$246,855.95 and liabilities at \$777,953.51.

BANKS PAY OUT \$1,000,000. Lumber Camp Employees Clash to Grays Harbor Cities to Flock In.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Approximately \$1,000,000 in time checks will have been cashed by banks of Grays Harbor cities and other towns of Chehalis County by tomorrow night as the result of the shutdown of logging camps and mills tributary to this section. During open hours today all banks were busy.

Long lines of men, stretched from tellers' windows to the doors and business men, hastening to deposit, had to wait their turn. The money paid out will come back again in full measure, for the buying spirit is abroad and stores are jammed with customers. This condition probably will continue throughout tomorrow night, when most stores will be open until midnight.

WILKINS SENTENCED JANUARY 5. Sentence will not be passed on Lloyd H. Wilkins, convicted murderer of Lou Winters, until January 5, according to an order made by Judge Morrow yesterday at the instance of Attorney Williams and Hume, who defended Wilkins during his trial and who have filed a motion for a new trial. Lou Winters, real estate agent and actor, was found almost dead near his home at 833 Milwaukie street early Sunday morning, October 15, his head crushed by a blow from a heavy instrument. Wilkins was arrested several days later at Vancouver, tried and convicted of the first-degree murder of Winters. The penalty for the crime is death.

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