CHIMES TO CARRY YULETIDE MESSAGE

Anniversary of Christ's Birth Will Be Celebrated at Many City Churches.

MUSIC TO BE TRIUMPHAL

Archbishop Christie Will Officiate at Pontifical Mass in St. Mary's Cathedral and All Episcopal Churches Will Have Services.

Chimes from the church bells will ring out the glad tidings of Christmas morning to the congregations of the Catholic and Episcopal and a few other churches which, with impressive services, will celebrate the anniversary of the birth of Christ tomorrow morning. Music in most of the churches will consist of some of the most impressive masses, anthems and carols.

At St. Mary's Cathedral high mass will be celebrated at 6 o'clock in the morning and masses at 7, 8 and 9 o'clock. At 11 o'clock Archbishop Christie will preside at the pontifical mass and the sermon of the day will be preached by Rev. Father Darby, of the Order of St. Benedict, of Liverpool, England.

Tonight at 11 o'clock there will be a service at Trinity Episcopal Church, and another at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning.

St. Stephen's Pro-Cathedral.

In St. Stephen's Pro-Cathedral, Thirteenth and Clay streets, on Christmas day the services will be, Holy Eucharist at 6:45, 7:30, 8:30 and 10:30 o'clock in the morning. At the last service there will be a sermon by the Dean Rev. Horace M. Ramsey. The programme of music follows:

Organ prelude; processional, "O, Come All Ye Faithful" (Traditional); communion service in A (W. A. Owst); introit, "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"; hymn, "O Little Town of Bethlehem"; anthem, "There Were Shepherds" (Foster); recessional, "Shout the Glad Tidings"; postlude.

The full vested choir will sing. Carl Denton is choirmaster and organist.

Immaculate Heart.

The choir of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Williams avenue and Stanton street, under the direction of Mrs. Catherine Covach-Fredrich has prepared elaborate musical programmes for Christmas morning and Sunday evening. For Christmas the following is the programme: "Adeste Fideles" (Lambolitti), arranged for solo, duet, trio and chorus; mass A major; Kalluvoda; offertory solo and chorus, "Noel" (Adams); "Holy Night"; "Peaceful Night." After the blessing of the sacrament the services will close with "Glory to God in the Highest."

The soloists will be Miss Reta Manning, Miss Gertrude Kunz, Mrs. Scott Kent and Louis E. Fredrich.

The personnel of the choir is: Miss Reta Manning, Miss Ruth Brady, Miss Katherine Frainey, Miss Marie Marpet, Miss Addie Thayer, Miss Genevieve Layne, Miss May Barr, Mrs. Hazel Gurr Bell, Miss Gertrude Kunz, Miss Gertrude Hogan, Miss Julia Burke, Miss Edith Williams, Miss Edna Halstead, Mrs. B. Mantle, Scott Kent, Ed. Kettleberg, F. Strickland, E. Cattleman, F. Ponto, T. Manning, J. Brost, F. Tomlinson and Louis E. Fredrich, assisted in both services by Miss Julia Burke and E. Kennedy, violins, O. Larson, 'cello, and Miss Ethel Mahany, organist.

St. Mark's Episcopal.

In St. Mark's Episcopal Church, at Twenty-first and Marshall streets, Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at 6:30, 7:30 and 11 o'clock. The late Eucharist will begin with solemn procession of choir and Sunday School; hymn, "O, Come, All Ye Faithful." Adams' communion service will be sung, and for introit and gradual the carols, "The First Noel" and "Carol, Sweetly Carol," by the Sunday School. Offertory anthem, "Sing, O, Heavens," by Simper. Other hymns, "O, Little Town of Bethlehem" and "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing." Sermon by Rev. John G. Hatton.

On St. Stephen's day, December 26, and Holy Innocent's, December 28, and the "Circumcision," January 1, Eucharist at 7:30 and 9 o'clock. The Sunday School will hold its festival Monday evening, December 28, at 7:30.

St. David's Episcopal.

In St. David's Episcopal Church, East Twelfth and Belmont streets, there will be celebrations of the Holy Eucharist, 6, 7 and 10:30 A. M. The rector, the Rev. Henry Russell Talbot, will preach the Christmas sermon.

The chorus choir of St. David's Church, under the direction of Mrs. Leonore Fisher Whipp, will sing Tours' communion service in C, also "Sing, O, Ye Heavens," and Bruce Steaves' "Break Forth Into Joy."

St. James' Lutheran.

Christmas services will be held at St. James' English Lutheran Church, West Park and Jefferson streets, at 7 A. M. Both the regular and junior choirs will sing, and the address will be by the pastor. At 7:30 on Christmas night, the Sunday School will hold services consisting of music, recitations, readings and tableaux.

St. Joseph's Catholic.

In St. Joseph's Catholic Church the masses for Christmas day will be: At 6 o'clock, solemn high mass, followed by two low masses; 8 o'clock, low mass, at which the children will sing and receive holy communion in a body; then follows another low mass; 10:30 o'clock, solemn high mass and benediction. Rev. Father Hendricks, of Mount Angel, will assist the pastor. The choir will render special music.

Swedish Tabernacle.

An early morning service will be held in the Swedish Tabernacle with songs by the choir and a sermon by the pastor, Rev. B. J. Thoren. After the service coffee will be served to all needy persons who care to call. Tomorrow night at 7 o'clock the joint Sunday schools will hold a festival at 7 o'clock.

St. Lawrence.

The hours set for the masses in St. Lawrence Catholic Church for Christmas day are as follows: 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 11 o'clock. The children's choir will sing at the 5 o'clock mass. The 11 o'clock mass will be a solemn high mass. An elaborate programme of music is being prepared for this service by the members of the regular choir, under the direction of Mrs. Fleming as organist. The mass selected for the occasion is Gounod's solemn mass.

First United Presbyterian.

In the First United Presbyterian Church, Sixth and Montgomery streets, Rev. F. D. Findley, pastor, the Christmas entertainment will be given tonight. The room will be decked in holly and greens, and there will be a tree with a remembrance for each child. A playlet, "Helping Santa Claus," will be given. There will be a treat for all.

Immanuel Lutheran.

In the Immanuel Lutheran Church, Nineteenth and Irving streets, there will be a Christmas day service at 8 P. M. The children will be entertained. Special singing by the choir will be a feature.

Matin ("Jul-Otta") services will be conducted on Christmas at 5:30 A. M. with Christmas anthems, under the direction of Charles Swenson. Rev. J. Richard Olson is pastor.

Trinity Episcopal.

In keeping with an established custom, Trinity Episcopal Church will hold its 11 o'clock service tonight, with communion at midnight. The musical setting for the communion service will be an elaborate affair, by Noble. The full vested choir of men, women and boys will render the music and Dr. A. A. Morrison, rector, will sing "Oh, Holy Night." This is a standard feature of the service, Dr. Morrison having given this solo for many years on similar occasions. The church has been elaborately decorated with garlands by the Altar Guild, of which Mrs. W. J. Van Schuyver is president. Mrs. McCord assisted. Tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock there will be a similar service. Gounod's "Nazareth" will be sung. The soloists will be Fred Crowther, Dr. Morrison, Mrs. Tucker and Mrs. Delphine Marx.

St. Paul's, Woodmere.

Services at 11 A. M.; hymn, "Once in Royal David's City," Kyrie, Simper; Gloria; solo, "The Birthday of a King," Duvall; hymn, "Oh, Come All Ye Faithful"; Gloria in Excelsis, old chant; anthem, "Glory to God in the Highest"; hymn, "While Shepherds Watched."

Grace Memorial (Episcopal).

Holy communion at 8 A. M. tomorrow. The 11 o'clock service will be as follows: Hymn, "Come All Ye Faithful"; Kyrie, Eyre; Gloria, Hodges; anthem, "Glory to God on High," from Mozart's 12th Mass; hymn, "Oh, Little Town of Bethlehem"; Sanctus, Garrett; Benedictus, Gounod; Agnes Dei; Gloria in Excelsis, Ellwanger; hymn, "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear."

The solo in the offertory, "He Shall Reign," by Simper, will be sung by Miss Edna Slater. Rev. Oswald W. Taylor is vicar.

St. Michael's (Episcopal).

Christmas Day services at the Episcopal Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Broadway and East Forty-third street, North, will begin at 10 o'clock. The following music will be rendered: Carols by the choir, boys; hymn, "Oh, Come All Ye Faithful"; Kyrie, Eliesen; Gloria Tibi, Laus; Christi, Eyre; hymn, "O Little Town of Bethlehem"; anthem, "O Holy Night"; solo, Mrs. J. H. Walker and chorus; violin obligato, Miss Rhubena Larson; Sanctus, Benedictus, Agnes Dei, Eyre; hymn, "Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face"; anthem, "Sing, O Heavens," Gaul; recessional, "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing."

Church of Good Shepherd.

Christmas services in the Church of the Good Shepherd, Vancouver and Graham avenues, will be held at 7:30 and 10:30 A. M. A special offering will be taken for the "Disabled Clergy" fund.

Holy Rosary, Cathodic.

Masses in Holy Rosary Church will be as follows: The first mass will be sung at 5 o'clock, celebrant, Very Rev. J. D. O'Brien. From 6 o'clock until 10 o'clock, inclusively, masses will be said every half hour and solemn high mass will be sung at 11 o'clock. The sermon on the nativity at this mass will be preached by Rev. F. J. Twohig.

The 5 o'clock mass will be sung by a special choir under the directorship of J. Darby, with Lucien Becker at the organ; sopranos, Mrs. J. A. Johnson, the Misses M. Hughes and E. Kissel; tenors, F. Fitzgerald and T. Sullivan; altos, Mrs. E. Ellers and Mrs. J. Darby; bass, A. King.

The 9 o'clock mass will be sung by the children's choir.

The 11 o'clock mass will be sung by the male choir of Holy Rosary Church; under the directorship of H. Cass, with Miss A. Neppach at the organ, assisted by the Misses M. Larkins and Duffy on violins and E. Beck on the cello; first tenors, D. Morris, Beli and H. Cass; second tenors, J. Malley, T. Sullivan, Worst and C. Niedermeyer; bassos, J. Darby, F. Fitzgerald, F. D. Arcy, A. King and J. Tauscher.

St. Mary's Cathedral.

The musical programme at St. Mary's Cathedral includes: 6 A. M., solemn high mass; before mass, "Adeste Fideles"; reading; proper of the mass, Vatican plain chant; ordinary of the mass, "Missa Noctis Sanctissimae" (Mass of the Holy Night), Daniel H. Wilson; offertory solo, "O Mira Nox" (Noel), Adolphe Adam; after mass, "Holy Night," Gruber.

11 A. M., solemn pontifical mass; procession, "Ecce Sacerdos," Elgar; during vesting of the Archbishop "Adeste Fideles"; reading; proper of the mass, Vatican plain chant; ordinary of the mass, "Messe du Sacre Coeur" (Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus), Gounod; offertory solo, "O Mira Nox" (Noel), Adolphe Adam; after mass, "Adore and Be Still" (Le ciel a visite la terre), Gounod.

Frederick W. Goodrich is organist and director of the choir.

Church of the Madeleine.

The music at the Church of the Madeleine tomorrow will be: 6:30 A. M., high mass; before mass, "Adeste Fideles," reading; proper of the mass, Recto Tono; ordinary of the mass, mass in A major, F. X. Schmid; offertory solo, "O Mira Nox" (Noel), Adolphe Adam; after mass, "The Snow Lay on the Ground," F. W. Goodrich.

11, high mass; before mass, "Adeste Fideles," reading; proper of the mass, Recto Tono; ordinary of the mass, mass in A major, F. X. Schmid, with "Sanctus" from St. Cecilia Mass, Gounod; offertory solo, "O Mira Nox," Adolphe Adam; after mass, "Nazareth," Gounod. The mass will be followed by benediction of the blessed sacrament.

Mrs. Donnerberg is organist and Frederick W. Goodrich director.

St. John's Episcopal.

There will be an elaborate Christmas service at St. John's Episcopal Church, Sellwood, consisting of a celebration of the holy communion, with sermon and special music at 10 A. M. The sermon theme will be "Spiritual Revival Through Service to Men.

Rev. J. D. Rice is vicar.

Special Programmes.

At Ascension Episcopal Chapel, on Portland Heights, there will be a Christmas tree this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, when the young people of the chapel will have as their guests children of the Woodstock chapel.

For the benefit of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Charles Swenson, Mrs. Virginia S. Hutchinson, Waldemar Lind, Miss Constance Piper, pianist; John Colleti, Bruno Colleti, Hans Heilig and other prominent artists of Portland and a chorus of 60 voices will appear in a concert on Tuesday evening, December 29. George Hotchkiss Street will direct the chorus.

A Christmas cantata, "Santa Claus' Advice," will be given tonight in the Woodlawn Methodist Church, East Tenth street and Highland avenue.

DEMURRER MAY TEST LAW

Commission Men Attack Constitutionality of Regulations.

The 1913 law regulating commission merchants will be tested in Circuit Court here if a demurrer filed yesterday by B. H. Levy and J. J. Cole comes up for hearing. The men were arrested under this law for operating as commission merchants without first having procured a state license.

The constitutionality of the law is attacked in the demurrer on grounds that it permits imprisonment without due recourse to law, it is an attempt to regulate instsate commerce, and permits imprisonment for debt other than in cases of absconding debtors.

MILLMEN AID FUND

Bridal Veil Lumbering Company Helps Belgium.

EMPLOYES DONATE $25

J. C. English Is Moved by War Film at Heilig to Send Check—Goldendale, Wash., Would Help. Cash Now $7901.60.

Touched by the need of suffering Belgium, employes of the Bridal Veil Lumbering Company yesterday sent a contribution of $25 to the Oregon Belgian relief committee. That they might help in the work of keeping starvation from suffering thousands, many of the workmen have foregone the usual distribution of presents to friends, preferring rather to use the money for the good of the needy.

J. C. English wrote Samuel Hill, chairman of the committee, yesterday enclosing a check for $10, saying that he saw the war pictures at the Heilig Theater and was so impressed by the need of the unfortunate Belgians that he was hastening to send his check.

Goldendale Residents Aid.

Residents of Goldendale, Wash., are so desirous to aid the cause that the chairman of the Goldendale committee has written Chairman Hill asking for directions for shipping provisions contributed for the aid of Belgium. The Goldendale shipment naturally would be added to the Washington contributions, but because of the nearness of that city to Portland the committee will be advised shipments may be made either to Seattle or this city.

Cash and supplies contributed for Belgian relief up to last night totaled more than $23,000. Edward Cookingham advised the committee yesterday of a contribution of 20 barrels of flour, worth $100. The Union Meat Company sent 1000 pounds of pickled pork, valued at $100. H. H. Paget, of Pratum, Or., notified the committee of the shipment of eight sacks of provisions.

$7901.60 On Hand.

The sum on hand and cash contributions reported yesterday are:

Previously acknowledged	$7475.60
Charles S. Moore, Klamath Falls	50.00
A. Strong	10.00
C. W. H. Reckers, White Salmon, Wash.	2.50
Lumbermens National Bank	25.00
Church of the Strangers, Portland	20.00
E. V. Blanchar, Hood River	5.00
Bridal Veil Lumbering Company and employes	25.00
Ames-Harris-Neville Co.	100.00
Calvary Presbyterian Church	12.50
Rev. John H. Boyd	5.00
Prescott W. Cookingham	5.00
Gertrude I. Beaton	.50
A friend, Forest Grove, Or.	5.00
L. J. Barber, Portland, Or.	5.00
A. W. Brookings	5.00
R. L. Gilsan	20.00
Covey Motor Car Company	10.00
W. H. Anderson	2.50
John S. Bradley	5.00
W. A. Cadwell	5.00
Walter J. Cook	10.00
J. C. Bayer	15.00
William Adams	2.00
Portland Iron Works	25.00
H. G. Durand	5.00
J. C. English Company	10.00
F. A. Jaddis	5.00
C. V. Breckel	10.00
D. W. Wakefield	5.00
L. Gerlinger	20.00
Total	$7901.60

Letters to Santa Claus Are Answered Materially.

Tots' Requests for Dolls and Toys Granted by Parent-Teacher Association—One Little Girl Asks Employment for Papa.

LETTERS written to Santa Claus by children in and about Portland were opened by some of the good St. Nick's assistants yesterday in the Central block, where the Portland Parent-Teacher Association has charge of a big toy depot. Many requests contained in the 100 letters opened were granted.

The toy distribution was planned by Mrs. Ella J. Clinton, who had the cooperation of Superintendent L. R. Alderman and the school department. They arranged the gathering of toys and the social service department presided over the distribution.

One of the letters asked Santy to send a little girl's father a job. That order hasn't been filled yet, but the committee is hoping that the needed "job" may materialize. Another small girl wrote:

"Dear Santa Claus—I know times are very hard, and I get very cold, and so I wish you would please send me a sweater, and never mind about toys, though I love them. My dress is thin and I would rather have a sweater."

She got it—a doll, too—and just for good measure a friendly visitor went out to call on the child and found a score of ways in which a struggling family could be aided.

A grandmother out in the country wrote for something for her grandchildren, whose mother was murdered several months ago. Dolls of every description were requested of Santa Claus and his workers in the Central building granted all those requests. The 500 dolls were beautifully dressed by the girls of the domestic art department of the public schools and the 2000 toys were repaired and decorated by the boys of the manual training department. More Santa Claus letters will be answered today.

In a letter addressed to Santa, North Pole, care The Oregonian, Frederick Klemmer, who gives his address as Marion street, in the rear of Hall Stable, Lents, writes as follows:

"Will you please send us something for Christmas? I am 9 years old and have three sisters and two brothers, one sister 10 years old, one 5 years, one 11 years and one brother 8 years, one 3 years old. Papa is not working. Thanking you in advance, I remain yours truly."

The officials at the postoffice are swamped with letters addressed to Santa containing every possible variety of handwriting and all sorts of present requests. Those who wish to help the youngsters get what they are expecting are asking for these letters in order that they might help them. One mother, whose child confided to her that she had written to Santa, but would not divulge the requests, came to Postmaster Myers to inspect the letter and learn her child's desires.

Perhaps the frankest tot of all is Marjorie Heckard, who writes as follows:

"I want a doll and a set of dishes, some nuts and candy. I have been kind of bad, so don't give me very much, and please give me a rubber ball and a pair of ribbons."

PENDLETON PLANS READY

Available Funds for New Postoffice Are $122,000.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Congressman Sinnott is advised by the Treasury Department that plans are completed for the Pendleton public building, and bids will be asked for in February.

The amount available is $122,000.

Store Open Tonight Till 10 o'Clock

The Bankrupt Sale

at 145 2d Street, Former Bon Marche Location, Is, Without Question, the Greatest Bargain Event Portland Has Ever Known!!!

D. SONDHEIM has Disappeared! Louis Domb, of San Francisco, buys the complete stocks of the Strand, the Bon Marche and the Money Back Stores from R. L. Sabin, Receiver, and throws them to the public at unparalleled reductions.

Greatest Bargain Event in Portland's History

now on! Doors open this morning, 10 o'clock, at 145 Second street, between Alder and Morrison streets. Many times yesterday we were forced to close our doors, unable to wait on the large crowds of buyers outside. **Extra help today. Come.** Everyone will be waited on. **Remember, today is the last shopping day before Christmas!**

All Jewelry and Toilet Sets ¼ Former Prices!

This News Item Explains It All!
From the Portland News, Nov. 14, 1914

SONDHEIM GONE IN DEBT $50,000

Leaving liabilities estimated at over $50,000, Dr. Sondheim, proprietor of the Bon Marche, Money-Back Shop and receiver for the D. N. Pallay Company, suddenly disappeared last night.

A score of creditors are affected. The principal ones are the N. & S. Weinstein Company, clothiers; the Scandinavian-American Bank and Fleischner, Mayer & Co. meeting of the creditors will be set within a few days, when a receiver will be appointed.

D. Sondheim disappeared without leaving a word, it is said, with even his most intimate friends, following alleged hard pressure by his creditors, Fleischner, Mayer & Co., Fithian & Barker and the Weinstein Company, have attached the Bon Marche and the Money-Back Shop, and the Scandinavian-American Bank has taken over the former D. Pallay store, which was recently turned over to Sondheim.

S. J. Leavitt, the Hamburger Bros. Shoe Company and the Shull-Day Company this morning filed suits against Sondheim in the Circuit Court for recovery of their losses through his failure.

10c Outing Flannels, yard 6¢	$1.50 Men's Sweaters..89¢
$2-$2.50 Ladies' Shoes..89¢	25c Men's Hose.....12¢
$3-$3.50 Men's Shoes..$1.59	$4 Boys' Suits.....$1.98
$2.50 Men's Ruff-Neck Sweaters.....$1.15	$10 Men's Suits.....$4.95
50c Men's Work Shirts..21¢	$15 Men's Suits.....$6.95
75c Women's Corsets...35¢	$1.50 Men's Work Pants 79¢
$1.00 Flannel Kimonos..49¢	50c Men's Underwear...29¢
8c Prints.....3¢	$1.50 Blankets.....79¢
	$2 Boys' Shoes.....89¢

Hundreds of Other Items We Cannot Mention Here—You Must Come and See Them

SALE AT

145 SECOND STREET

BETWEEN ALDER AND MORRISON STREETS

SHOPPING RUSH BIG

Stores Thronged With Christmas-Gift Buyers.

GOOD NATURE PREVAILS

Holiday Spirit Reigns Among Great Crowds That Storm Supply Counters—Totals of Sales Immense for Yuletide Season.

Shoppers en masse attacked Christmas supplies in shops of the city yesterday and made serious inroads on the reserves. They charged singly and in regiments, enfiladed the holiday finery, devastated the counters and sorely tried the dispositions of saleladies everywhere.

Never was there such a demand for gifts for mother, father, sister, sweetheart, brother and all the rest of the family as yesterday. It seemed everybody in the whole big city was possessed of a determination to finish his shopping lists before the sun sank and thus escape the odium of being a last-hour shopper.

The attacks began early and lasted until the doors were slammed shut last night. Persons intent only on choosing gifts swarmed the stores from morning till night and when the sales were totaled the day loomed big among the big days of the holiday shopping season.

Shopkeepers were prepared for the rush and wares were displayed in as tempting an array as possible consistent with prompt service. Customers were, on the whole, easy to please, for the season's offerings that come under the wide classification of Christmas presents are attractive and many of them are useful.

Good nature among the crowd was marked. The spirit of brotherly love that is supposed to come in with the season was actually in evidence and although the shops were jammed with a moving stream of humanity, all accepted and gave pokes in the ribs or in the eyes with equal good feeling. All seemed to realize that Christmas shopping is no picnic and showed consideration for the troubles of their neighbors.

At a market, a dressed ostrich is hung alongside turkeys as an offering for the Christmas dinner table of a large family. The mammoth turkeys are dwarfed compared with the stately bird slaughtered for an immense holiday dinner.

SANTA IN BARBERSHOP

F. T. RODGERS TO BE CHRISTMAS ANGEL FOR KIDS TODAY.

Two Hundred Youngsters From Frazer and Children's Homes Invited to Rally Around Gift Trees.

Hippety hop to the barber shop to get a stick of candy; one for me an' one for you an' one for sister 'Mandy—Maybe you think kids never did anything like this—but this afternoon 200 of 'em from the Frazer Detention Home and from the Children's Home will hippety hop down to the barber shop in the basement of the Corbett building, where F. T. Rogers will play Santa to waifs and orphans, as is his annual wont.

A big Christmas tree, all dangling with trinkets and laden with bags of candy, has been set up right in the middle of the shop and the tonsorial artists of the place, headed by Mr. Rogers, himself, will turn elfins for the kids this afternoon and parcel out candy and give them all the joys that go with a regular Christmas tree.

Business practically will be suspended for an hour while the festivities are on. The boys and girls will begin to arrive about 1 o'clock this afternoon and it is expected it will be along about 2 or 3 o'clock before all is over.

Mr. Rogers is sort of Saint Nicholas for the orphans and lost, strayed or stolen youth in the city and county institutions. He gives a Christmas tree for about 200 of them every year and a few days before the holidays and numberless times through the year calls them all to the shop and treats them to haircuts and shines, and if any of them have ragged fingernails a manicure trims 'em.

The Christmas tree doesn't necessarily halt business, but the patrons of the place usually congregate at the tree to watch the fun of the kids.

SCHOOL HONORS DEBATERS

Victorious Six Are Heroes of Assembly at Jefferson.

The six young men of Jefferson High School who won the Interscholastic debate against Washington Tuesday night were the heroes of the school yesterday. A special assembly was called and each debater was asked to say a few words. Much credit for the victory was given Mr. Karnopp, the coach, who was called to speak.

They went to their classes if they chose, and, if not, nothing was said.

The members of the victorious team are: James Christiansen, Earl Murphy, John Mowry, Harry Kenin, Oscar Sorenson and Morton Hager.

This was the first time that Jefferson High School has won an interscholastic debate in three years. Washington High School was the only opponent this season.

BODY FOUND IN THICKET

Lodge Pin Worn but Nothing Gives Clew to Identity.

Frozen stiff, the unidentified body of a man was discovered yesterday morning lying face downward in a thicket in the Mount Tabor woods near East Sixty-ninth and Taylor streets. There was nothing about the man to indicate who he might have been or how he had met his death. That he had been taken ill and had died from exposure was one theory advanced. There were no signs of foul play.

The man was of large build and wore a mustache. He was fairly well dressed in a gray suit and gray overcoat. There was $1 in small change in his pocketbook and he carried a small gold watch. He wore an "A. O. U. W." lodge pin.

BUSINESS REPORTED GOOD

Emery Olmstead Says Rate Increase Expected to Be Benefit.

Emery Olmstead, vice-president of the Northwestern National Bank, returned from a week's business visit in St. Paul and Minneapolis.

"Business in the Twin Cities is good," he reports. "St. Paul is enjoying a business boom. The steel work on the new building being erected by James J. Hill and associates is completed. Holiday trade was good in both St. Paul and Minneapolis."

Mr. Olmstead says the railroad officials expect material benefits to accrue from the recent decision of the Interstate Commerce Commission granting the Eastern carriers a five-per cent increase in freight rates.

GREAT MOVIE ARRIVES

"THE SIGN OF THE CROSS" NOW AT PEOPLES THEATER.

Early-Day Film Delayed in Transit Is Praised as Magnificent—Sunset Show Most Amusing.

"The Sign of the Cross," Wilson Barrett's sublime drama of the early Christian martyrs in the days of the Roman Emperor Nero, is at the People's Theater after having been delayed for three days by snow in the Cascade Mountains. It will run the rest of this week.

Nothing to surpass "The Sign of the Cross" in grandeur of theme and solemnity and beauty of production has ever been shown here in photoplay. As a photo-spectacle, it might almost be said to set a new standard that will endure for a long time to come.

William Farnum, the noted stage star, appears in the heroic part of Marcus Superbus, the Roman officer, who, through love of a Christian girl, renounces all for Christianity. Nero orders them both to be thrown to the lions. The final scene, with these two standing in the great arena, before thousands of Romans, as a trapdoor opens and the lions dash into the arena, is stirring beyond expression.

Charles Dickens' story, "Christmas Carol," also is shown.

SUNSET HAS MANY LAUGHS

Cartoon, Two Dramas and Comedy Offer Amusing Show.

The bill at the Sunset Theater for the holidays offers good laughs.

An animated cartoon, the funniest one in a long time, is "Rastus' Rabid Rabbit Hunt." How Rastus, sent by his blacker half, gets big game is shown in this screamingly funny picture.

Two dramas, one a Pathe war picture, "The Red Scar of Courage," the other a Reliance film, "The Beat of the Year," add plenty of thrills to the programme.

"The Beat of the Year" concerns a hustling reporter, who solves the mystery of a death and saves the murderer from the gallows.

A Keystone comedy, with blackface comedians, is "A Colored Girl's Romance." The girl has two beaux, who like chicken, but are afraid of the girl's father. The "dude" janitor finally gets the girl in spite of father's objections and raids on the henhouse.

BOY POSES AS CLUBMAN

Youth Sentenced for Obtaining Money by False Pretenses.

An elevator boy, who at night posed as a clubman of prominence, was sent to jail for 30 days when Municipal Judge Stevenson sentenced John Augustine, aged 23.

Augustine was arrested on complaint of Superintendent Dow Walker, of the Multnomah Club, who charged him with obtaining money and perquisites by posing as a member of the Multnomah, Arlington and University Clubs. Augustine previously had served part of a 30-day sentence for robbery of rooms in a hotel where he was employed as elevator boy.

Tillamook Levy 17 Mills.

TILLAMOOK, Or., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—The levy for Tillamook County is 17 mills, the County Court having raised the road fund 10 per cent above the budget figures.

By cutting expenses in other directions, this will enable the court to appropriate $10,050 for new work on the Bayocean road and to pay for the state highway survey of the county. The survey was authorized at the taxpayers' meeting.

VERSE IS PLEA FOR POOR

Louis Balbach Voices Christmas Spirit in Appeal for Needy.

Louis Balbach, a 16-year-old Portland youth, has written a Christmas poem which combines a beautiful expression of the Christmas spirit with an appeal for charity during the holiday season. The young man has charge of the check-room at the Elks' Club. His poem is as follows:

On Sixth and Stark streets, readers,
A poor old woman stands.
She holds the evening papers
In her cold and palsied hands;
Her voice is weak and feeble;
She strives to make it loud,
But holds her papers, silent,
Toward the warm, indifferent crowd.

Will Santa Claus perceive her
While riding in his sleigh?
Or will he pass, like others,
Quite blithely on his way?
Oh, goodly folk of Portland,
If he should fail to see,
Then let us all be Santas
And give as well as he.

Come join the Elks and ladies,
Whose letters now shall spell
Be Peace On Earth at Christmas
Where poverty doth dwell.
Receive the yuletide spirit,
Come, aid the Muts to aid,
That we may see more happy
The poor, whom God hath made.

Come, bring a basket, laden
With things for young and old;
With good food for the hungry,
Or garments for the cold.
And when the corn is popping
Your face will glow, because
You've made some skeptic person
Believe in Santa Claus.

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