

CITY EMBRACED BY CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

Numerous Yuletide Festivities Are Scheduled for Today and Cheer Reigns.

SANTA CLAUS AT ARMORY

Muts' Good Saint Nick to Arrive on Sleigh Hauled by Elk to Distribute Gifts to 4000 Children This Afternoon.

SEVERAL BEFORE-CHRISTMAS OBSERVANCES SCHEDULED.
Muts' Christmas tree for children at Armory, 2 to 5 P. M.
Salvation Army, Volunteers of America and other organizations distribute Christmas dinners to the poor.
Christmas tree in Frank T. Rogers' barbershop, for children, 1 to 2 o'clock.
Y. M. C. A. to have Christmas tree for homeless young men tonight.
Children's Home, in South Portland to have tree and entertainment tonight.
Christmas tree for nursery home waits tonight.

Portland is ready for the biggest celebration of the Yuletide it has ever known. Plans and preparations have required weeks, but on Christmas, not one day off, everything has been arranged for a notable observance.
It will be a day of gifts and tokens of friendship, of merry old Christmas customs that have come down with the ages, and will be marked by the pranks of Santa Claus, the jolly patron saint of the day so dear to children.
The day will be notable above all for thoughtfulness for the unfortunate and for the sharing by those who have a plentiful store of good things with others who lack Christmas cheer. Throughout Portland there will not be one who cannot celebrate the day of good will to all men, unless the true spirit of Christmas, that prevails so widely, shall fail of its purpose. It is the expressed will of everyone in the city that every other one shall have in truth a merry Christmas.

Muts to Be Santa Claus.
Biggest of all the Christmas events in many respects is the Muts' distribution of gifts to children of the city this afternoon at the Armory from 2 to 5 o'clock. Three giant Christmas trees that tower 35 feet have been set up in the drill hall and the old armory has been transformed into a fairy bower for the 4000 children, who will be entertained. Firemen wired the trees yesterday and gave them a trial illumination. They were ablaze in the afternoon with lights and decorations. Employees of theaters assisting the firemen in the work.
More than 4900 packages of toys and a like number of baskets of candy, nuts and fruit were taken to the Armory yesterday from Mut headquarters in the Pittock block for distribution to the kiddies today. The police band and quartet will play and vaudeville artists from the Orpheum, Empress and Pantages theaters will entertain.
Frank Coffinberry had charge of collecting the presents for the children and R. L. Adams, assisted by George L. Baker, is in charge of arrangements at the Armory.

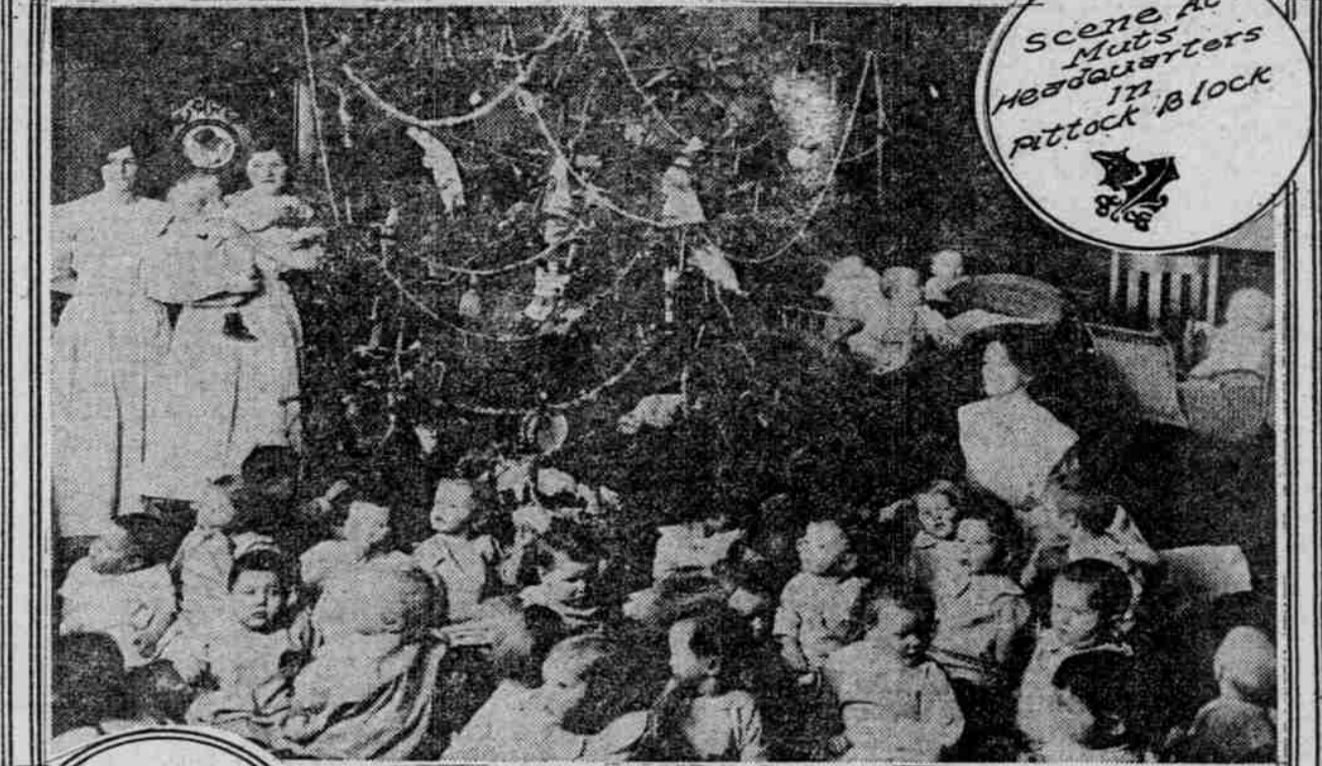
Elks' Ladies Assist.
Mrs. W. H. Daughtrey is chairman of the Elks' ladies committee that proved of great assistance in the work. Dr. M. G. McCorkle, with a corps of assistants, will attend the entertainment to provide against any mishap to the guests. A number of firemen, with a chemical engine, will be on duty at the Armory and fewer than 40 policemen will be present to help in any way they can.
At the proper moment in the festivities, a regular Santa Claus will appear, seated in the regulation sleigh, which will be drawn by four big elk. Decorations will simulate the snowy scenes so in keeping with the season and so closely associated in childish fancy with the festival.

It cannot be doubted that the Muts' Christmas trees are the biggest ever set up in this city and the occasion will be the largest similar party ever given on the Coast. Children will come from all parts of the city, tickets on all lines having been contributed by the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company.
Many Tree Fetes Arranged.
Christmas trees innumerable will be ablaze tonight throughout the city. The eve of the holiday will be observed generally in accordance with the time-honored custom. The Young Men's Christian Association will entertain tonight with a tree and homeless young men to be the guests. The festivities will commence at 8 o'clock.
There will be a tree at the Children's Home, in South Portland, and play "Christmas Stockings," will be presented. Christmas trees will cheer patients at the city hospitals. Sunday schools plan Christmas-tree fetes for their members and all sorts of organizations have similar events scheduled for tonight.

The Sunday school of the First United Brethren Church, at East Morrison and East Fifteenth streets, held a musical entertainment, and gift shower last night. The presents will be distributed to families in that district.
Frank T. Rogers will install a big Christmas tree this afternoon in his barber shop in the basement of the Corbett building, where 200 kiddies from the Frazier Detention Home and the Children's Home will be entertained and provided with a feast of candy and nuts.
Christmas Vacation Is On.
Children in all the city schools were set free for the Christmas holidays yesterday afternoon, and as they do not resume their studies until January 4, every one is filled with joyous anticipation, looking forward to an unusually long vacation with no end of glee. The telegraph companies are prepared this morning for the biggest day's business in the history of the Portland office. Holiday messages will load the wires bearing greetings from friends widely separated on the holiday. The Western Union reported that an unusually large number of cable letters are being filed by friends and relatives of those in Great Britain and other countries involved in war.

Banks Give Cash Gifts.
Portland banks are following their usual custom of making cash presents to employees. The First National will present members of its staff with one month's salary. The United States National Bank will give cash to the amount of a month's salary to each of its employees, accompanied by Christmas greetings. There are 75 on the staff of this bank.
The Lumbermens National Bank and the Lumbermens Trust Company will

EARLY YULETIDE CELEBRATIONS FOR CHILDREN AND MUTS' PREPARATION FOR SPREADING SUBSTANTIAL CHRISTMAS CHEER.



Omega Nu Girls and Their Little Guests

give cash presents to their entire staff and the banking house of Ladd & Tilton will follow its usual custom of giving cash presents to employees. Business houses throughout the city will in many instances give presents to employees, although some are devoting these gifts to charitable purposes this year, such as local relief work and aid for Belgium.
There will be large distributions of Christmas baskets today by the Salvation Army, the Volunteers of America, the Muts, People's Institute, Associated Charities and other organizations. The churches are busy aiding the needy with the various societies the object of which is to assist the unfortunate.

Men in Prison Remembered.
The Portland Commons will ship Christmas boxes to the State Penitentiary today for distribution among the prisoners. Each box contains delicacies of the season. On Christmas day the Commons will serve a dinner to the families of men incarcerated in prison.
There will be a Christmas tree at the Albertina Kerr Nursery Home tonight, under the direction of the Portland Commons.
Cooks started yesterday to prepare the Christmas dinner for 1200 unattached men to be served Christmas day by the O. W. R. & N. Company on the steamer Hassald, at the Ash-street dock. Mobilization of the foodstuffs for the dinner is an immense task and two meals will be required to cook the meal. Archbishop Christie, of the Catholic Church; Bishop R. J. Cooke, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Rev. A. A. Morrison, of Trinity Episcopal Church, will make brief addresses to the men at the dinner.
Churches are preparing special programmes of music for Christmas services, shoppers are making ready for the men at the dinner.

Emil Johanson Held for Burglary.
KALAMA, Wash., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Emil Johanson is in the county jail here on the charge of burglary. Yesterday, while the section crew at Carrollton, four miles north of here, were away from their lodgings, it is alleged, he broke into one of the houses. The noise he created aroused the suspicions of a passer-by, and several residents surrounded the place. Johanson escaped through a window. Sheriff Close, with a deputy, found Johanson about one and a half miles south of Carrollton, hiding behind a log.

TREES BRING SMILES
Tots and Aged Enjoy Gifts at Christmas "Parties."

TOYS WIN BABY GURGLES
Elderly at Patton Home Happy When Young Give Presents, Practical and Otherwise, at Yuletide Celebration.

Some of the youngest citizens of Portland, and some of the oldest, too, enjoyed Christmas parties yesterday. In the Baby Home in the Waverly district tiny babes and toddlers up to three years of age had the most wonderful Christmas tree imaginable and out in the Patton Home in Albina, the old people gathered round a bounteously laden tree and were even happier than were the babies at their party, if such a thing were possible.
The Baby Home fun started early in the afternoon, so that the young guests might get their toys, then have something to eat and take an afternoon nap. Even the wee mites who couldn't sit up without propping were remembered at that beautiful Christmas tree. There were rattles, dolls, linen books, peppermint canes, woolly lambs and kewpies, according to the age of the recipient. Gooes and gurgles of delight and infant prattle made the musical accompaniment for the distribution of Santa's wares.
Mrs. Blaine Smith headed the committee who had arranged the details of the party. She was ably assisted by the superintendent and nurses. It was the first Christmas for many of the 65 babies who assembled for the festivity. They certainly got a happy start, declared one of the members of the home as she looked on at the happy youngsters enjoying their candy canes and hugging their dolls and toys. Several pupils from the Glencoe School were guests of the home for the festivity.
At the Patton Home a number of

college boys and girls assisted the officers of the institution in giving the old people "the time of their lives." The tree was a marvelous affair, gaily lighted and beautifully decorated. The big living-room, too, was adorned in all the trappings of the holiday season, greenery and holly mingled with bright red flowers and Christmas bells.
Tears of joy came into the eyes of some of the elderly ladies when they received the dainty aprons of dimity, lace and ribbons or the boxes of prettily marked handkerchiefs. The men had practical presents of the kind that appealed to them particularly, many of them receiving briar pipes and a generous supply of tobacco.
After the gifts had been given out the "party" was enjoyed. Merry college songs and good old-fashioned airs were sung. Refreshments of the daintiest were served and age was forgotten in the mingling of youthful enthusiasm, the appreciation of the elderly people and the general Christmas spirit.

Mount Etna Is Active.
CATANIA, Sicily, Dec. 23.—There is considerable apprehension over the fact that Mount Etna again is showing activity. The disturbances are taking the form of strong rumblings and earthquake shocks which are felt as far away as Syracuse and Taormina.

GARD OF THANKS.
I wish to express my sincere thanks to the many neighbors and friends, also the Woodmen of the World Lodge, who assisted me so kindly during the recent illness and death of my beloved husband, and also for the many floral offerings. MRS. NELLIE BROWN.

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40 ARE MADE HAPPY

Sorority Girls Play Lady Bountiful to Less Fortunate.

TOYS GALORE ARE GIVEN

Addison Bennett Interested Spectator at Irvington Club Entertainment and Decides That World is Growing Better.

BY ADDISON BENNETT.
In the whole list of holiday entertainments in and around Portland during the Christmas season of the dying year, none will spring from purer hearts or better motives than that given to about 40 children of the Irvington district yesterday. The affair was brought about by the young women of the Omega Nu Sorority living in that part of our city, and the following composed the committee having it in charge: Misses Lucile Bronaugh, Ada Otten, Norma Redman, Verna Barker, Dorothy Langford and Margaret Rader.
Between 2 and 3 o'clock several automobiles belonging to the elders of some of the 30 young women of the sorority were busy gathering up the invited guests and bringing them to the splendid home of the Irvington Club at East Twenty-second street North and Thompson street. By 3 o'clock 40 little boys and girls ranging in age from 2 to 11 years, most of them being from 3 to 7, were gathered in the spacious parlors of the clubhouse, wherein stood a great evergreen tree, elaborately decorated, and on it and the platform adjacent were hundreds of gifts for the visitors.
Assisting the committee mentioned were several matrons and other members of the sorority, and soon the little folks were romping and playing games, enjoying themselves only as little folks can. It was indeed a fine sight to see the old play "London Bridge is Falling Down," participated in by old and young, and such games as the "Cat and the Rat," the "Miller," "Drop the Handkerchief"—many of the dear old games were participated in by little and big until the room rang with the music of merry, merry voices.
When I was told to go and see this gathering I was told that the young women of Irvington, in the kindness of their hearts, were going to give what pleasure they could to a couple of score of youngsters of that neighborhood whose parents were perhaps a trifle shy at this time on their Christmas presents. Mind, I have not used the word poor in connection with the guests. From the looks of the apparel of the little ones they may not have as extensive wardrobes as some of us—but let me say there was not the mark of what we call poverty upon a single one. Spick and span in clothing as clean as mother love and soap

and water could make it, these little ones seemed to be there to enjoy themselves with their neighbors who had more than them. It was a long way from a charity gathering. After the good-byes had been spoken automobiles appeared and the little ones were whisked away as if by magic.

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