S. LOWENGART DIES IN HIS 80TH YEAR

Pioneer Merchant and Oldest Oddfellow in Oregon Passes at Home Here.

BUSINESS CAREER ACTIVE

Friends Recall Loss of Fortune in Early Days Due to Honesty in Grain Trade—Widow and 7 Children Are Bereaved.

Samuel Lowengart, a resident of Oregon for 55 years, died at 5 o'clock yesterday at his home at 528 Irving street. He was 80 years old.

Mr. Lowengart was born in Germany in 1834. In 1855 he came to the United States, sailing from Bremen to New York. There he met his brother, Joseph Lowengart, with whom he engaged later in business in Oregon. In 1859 Mr. Lowengart sailed for Oregon by way of the Isthmus of Panama and San Francisco and engaged in mercantile pursuits in Hillsboro. The trip across the isthmus took 60 days. On the trip up the coast the boat took fire, and Mr. Lowengart helped to throw overboard a quantity of powder.

Early Loss Recalled.

After several years in Hillsboro, Mr. Lowengart moved to Portland. With his brother, Joseph, he built a warehouse on Front street, near Morrison street, where the two began buying grain on commission. Later the establishment was expanded by the installation of a meat-packing department.

While Mr. Lowengart was dealing in grain, it is related by friends, he purchased a large cargo of grain to be sold in San Francisco on commission. In the voyage to San Francisco, which occupied a week, the price of grain dropped to such an extent that Mr. Lowengart lost heavily on the bargain. He made good the price he had promised the farmers, however, although this implied the loss of his warehouse in Portland and heavy retrenchments in his other business. It is said that this trip cost him about $30,000.

Realty Trade Taken Up.

After the death of his brother, Mr. Lowengart engaged in the grocery business. Later he took up real estate and continued as an independent dealer till his death.

Mr. Lowengart was the oldest Oddfellow in Oregon. With five others, he joined the first lodge formed in Portland, in 1864, as a charter member. He was a member of the Congregation Beth Israel. At one time he was trustee in that church.

Mr. Lowengart is survived by his widow and seven children. The children are Mrs. Sarah Dilsheimer, Mrs. Fred Langerman, Mrs. Frieda Reineman, and Harry, Gustav and Caroline Lowengart, all of whom live at 528 Irving street, and Mrs. Caro W. Jacobs, of San Francisco. Four nephews, Ignatz and Philip Lowengart and Moritz and Philip Feldman, all of Portland, also survive.

Funeral arrangements will be made today.

COMMUNITY TREE READY

ST. JOHNS RESIDENTS TO HAVE A PUBLIC CELEBRATION TONIGHT.

Emblem Erected in Principal Thoroughfare Illuminated With Many-Colored Lights.

Elaborate preparations have been perfected for the community Christmas tree celebration to be held in St. Johns tonight.

A large and imposing Christmas tree has been erected on the principal business thoroughfare of the city, and is illuminated with many-colored electric lights.

The community Christmas tree project was originated by Mrs. George M. Hall.

The following programme has been arranged: Band concert, C. O. Churchill, director; songs by audience, "All Hail the Power," and "Joy to the World;" prayer by Rev. Mr. Borden; children's chorus, by St. Clement's Sunday school; male chorus, direction L. F. Clark; remarks, Mayor A. W. Vincent; soprano solo, Miss Fay Wentz—(a) "Christmas Song;" (b) "Home, Sweet Home;" remarks, Rev. J. A. Goode; pantomime, "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us," Norma Darnell, Wilma Ingalls, Alice Brown soloist, Miss Hortense Ingalls; selection, Evangelical Sunday school; remarks, K. C. Couch, president of the Commercial Club; wand drill, Christian Sunday school pupils; tableaux, Faith, Hope and Charity; vocal solo, Mr. Staples; Santa Claus; drill, Central school pupils, direction Miss Villeneuve and Miss Clark; mixed chorus, F. W. Coffyn, director; songs by audience, "Blest Be the Tie," and "My Country, 'Tis of Thee;" benediction by Rev. Mr. Roper.

LAND SALE AUTHORIZED

PERMIT GIVEN CENTRAL OREGON COMPANY OVER LEWIS' PROTEST.

Question of Whether Excess Acres Shall Be Watered Is Declared to Be Up to Supreme Court.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—Notwithstanding the protest of State Engineer Lewis, the Desert Land Board today gave the Central Oregon Irrigation Company permission to sell 28,525 acres of land in the Central Canal unit. The Board recently agreed to return to the company $29,000 notes of settlers which were held as a guaranty of good faith and stipulated that it could sell a certain number of acres.

Jesse Stearns, manager, Mr. Lewis says, promised that he would obtain the consent of the directors of the company to the stipulation. A few days later the president wrote that the company desired to exclude 2275 excess acres. The excess acres are those which it was at first believed could not be irrigated, but which it was found later could be.

According to the president of the company these lands were not included in the original agreement and there is no reason why they should be watered now. It also was announced that the question of whether the excess acres should be watered would be determined by the Supreme Court and the General Land Office, and the Desert Land Board would be compelled to abide by those decisions.

Sunday School Aids Poor.

The Sunday school of the First Presbyterian Church has carried baskets of provisions and Christmas dainties to more than 50 poor families and shut-ins during the past week. Dolls have been dressed and carried to many little girls, and clothing for all sizes and ages has been brought to the church and distributed by the officers and teachers to worthy families.

ACTORS TO FIND CHEER IN CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Baker Players, Lyric Company and Vaudeville Artists All Plan Merry Fetes—Heilig Folk Have First Free Holiday in Years.

BY LEONE CASS BAER.

SOMEONE is going to write a whole book some day on the "Sorrows of Actors," and Christmas day will take up one entire chapter. Probably it will head the list. Thanksgiving day is a close second, and birthdays are bad enough, but there's nothing that can quite take the sting of loneliness out of a Christmas day passed miles away from kith and kin or sometimes even friends. Occasionally the rule varies, if only to prove that rules do have exceptions. For instance, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Delmore, at the Marcus Loew Empress, have landed in Mrs. Delmore's home city for Christmas, and will have a big tree and festive dinner party at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Zidell, in Montavilla.

As a contrast, however, every other member on the Empress bill is thousands of miles away from home and last night the lonely bunch got together and made a great big merry party at the Ritz Hotel, with Ed Ford, of the Dancing Fords, as host. A huge tree and supper after the evening performance, with presents for everyone, provided joy for the gay party.

Manager Pierong, of the Empress, is having a wonderful Christmas party today at his Laurelhurst home for his little daughter, Mary Jane. Among the many gifts little Miss Pierong received today was a beautiful chair, carved by one of the stage hands.

Baker Players Kept Busy.

The Baker Players are tremendously busy Christmas day, for, besides the two performances they give, there is a lot of studying to be done for next week's play. Manager George L. Baker and Mrs. Baker will have a family dinner party this evening at their handsome home, with a few outside guests. Among the fortunate diners at Mr. Baker's will be Lee Pearl, of the Baker office. Mary Edgett Baker, too, will, of course, have her Christmas dinner at home.

Irene Oshier and her husband, Thomas Coffin Cooke, are dining at the Benson and casting longing thoughts to their small son, Malcolm, who is having a tree and a house party of small boy guests at the Cooke home in Bayside, New York.

Robert Gleckler and Mrs. Gleckler will be hosts at an elaborate dinner party at the Nortonia this evening. A small tree is to decorate the table, with presents for the guests. Walter Gilbert and Florence Roberts, of the Baker Players, will be in the Gecklers' party.

William F. Powell, Brandon Evans and Eileen Wilson also will have a gay little party at the Nortonia.

William Lloyd, who is English born and bred, is the guest of friends today at a real old England Christmas dinner with a great plum pudding that was sent to them from London weeks ago.

Actor Host for Wards.

Clarke Silvernail is a philanthropist. He is to be host at a dinner for two little boys he found at the Muts' headquarters.

Walter Siegfried and Mrs. Siegfried, who is professionally known as Mamie Haslam, and to have a reg'ly Christmas reunion at Mr. Siegfried's mother's on the East Side.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Seaman will have a family dinner party. So, too, will Mr. and Mrs. Walter Reed, with a big tree for their two small sons.

This Christmas is the first in a dozen years that will give the Heilig Theater officials and employes a chance at anything like real festivities. Usually it's a hurry-up day for them. This Christmas, however, there is no big star to dance attendance upon, and the motion pictures will have to wait a moment if Fred Bailey or George Clem tarry over their Christmas dinners. Calvin Heilig went to Tacoma this morning, following a custom of years, to take part in a reunion of the Heilig family, his father, mother, brothers and sisters, at that place.

"Billy" Pangle to Dine.

William ("Billy") Pangle will have dinner at the Nortonia with only part of his family, his daughter, Florence, and his sister, Mrs. Campbell. Mrs. Pangle will spend today in Detroit, Mich., en route from New York, where she has been visiting for several weeks.

All the folk on the Orpheum bill were guests at a big party given by the Bell family at their apartments last night. Master McKay, the small son of McKay and Ardine, one of the clever acts on the bill, was the feature of the entertainment. A big tree was there with presents for all the artists on the bill.

Thomas Coulon, manager of the Orpheum, with Mrs. Coulon and their baby girl, will be guests of friends.

Christmas will play a leading role behind the scenes at Pantages for the members of the week's bill remind one of a big family.

"I'm a melancholy optimist," said Walter S. Howe, of "In and Out" fame. "I'm going to have a good time making a good time for my audiences. I'm far away from home so if I can't have the kind of a time I'd want, I'm going to do what I can for others."

The members of the "In and Out" company last night decorated Beth Smalley's dressing-room elaborately. Miss Smalley is Mr. Howe's leading woman.

Last night, too, the Wayne Trio—Mr. and Mrs. Wayne and Anna May Roberts—celebrated with the two Wayne kiddies and a Christmas tree at the apartments of Florenz Cobb, of the Orpheum.

Stage Children Remembered.

"We're going to have a little party of our own all by ourselves," declared Mrs. Beltrah, of Beltrah and Beltrah, and Mr. Beltrah agreed with a grin.

"I'm almost ashamed to do it," said Joseph Callahan, "but I'll have to ask my fellow players to give me a trunk." He pointed to a pile of toys given to the two young Callahans. Mrs. Callahan said with a smile that they were going to enjoy a Christmas tree today with the Callahan hopefuls.

Turkey dinner is the objective of most of the 10 Bon Amor Arab tumblers, and they will have their merriment in their own way.

Mr. and Mrs. John Johnson will have a big dinner party and a tree at their home in Irvington.

At the Lyric Theater there will be three performances today and the chorus girls' contest, so there is plenty of work to do, but at dinner time the band of players will make merry at a party to be given by Jeanne Mai, prima donna of the company. Larry Keating came down to Portland yesterday morning from Canada, to look over business here and to confer with Dan Flood about proposed changes in the traveling companies they send out. Mr. Keating will remain for a week in Portland. Today he and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Flood will be among a dozen guests at a dinner party to be given by Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Newberger.

SANTA STOPS AT JAIL, TOO

Inmates to Get Some Delicacy and, Maybe, Gift From Friend.

A day of cheer is in store for the inmates of the city jail today. As usual, a big dinner is being planned, and, although nothing as elaborate as turkey and "fixin's" will make up the bill of fare, something out of the ordinary will vary the Christmas fare of prisoners.

Those who have friends will fare better perhaps than the rest. Yesterday a number of gifts and dainties were left for some of the inmates. After a short session of court yesterday, in which he released a number of vagrants as a Christmas gift, Judge Stevenson boarded the train for Forest Grove for a re-union of the family.

In the hospitals the day will be observed, too. Arrangements have been made at the St. Vincent and Good Samaritan to have a tree for those who are able to attend. Little girls will not be forgotten by Santa Claus and today ill "kiddies" will be cheered.

EUGENE FORGETS NO ONE

Christmas Dinner for All and Pupils Parade Today.

EUGENE, Or., Dec. 24.—No person in Eugene will be allowed to go without a Christmas dinner tomorrow. Under the leadership of Mayor Yoran, the Associated Charities of the city has distributed thousands of dollars worth of food and clothing to the needy families. Contributions have literally swamped the committees and for two days wagons have been busy distributing the supplies that have been gathered during the past two weeks.

Tomorrow morning the school children will march through the streets of the city singing old-time Christmas carols and in the evening a municipal Christmas tree gathering will be held.

ARTIST COMMITS SUICIDE

Despondency and No Work Blamed for Death of Arlington Man.

ARLINGTON, Or., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—J. W. Case, a painter and artist of some ability, committed suicide at his home in this city last night.

Coming home in a despondent mood, he took down a rifle and stepped outside the door of his home. Lack of work, despondency and drink are blamed for his action. He is survived by a widow and two small children.

Lutherans to Give Programme.

In St. James' English Lutheran Church, corner West Park and Jefferson streets, J. Allen Leas, pastor, Christmas services will be held this morning at 7 o'clock. There will be music by the senior and junior choirs and an address by the pastor. There will be services by the Sunday school at 7:30 P. M. The programme will consist of Christmas carols, the usual recitations and readings, tableaux, Christmas trees and treats for the scholars.

When a Russian air scout near Krajnsnik was shot at the bullet penetrated the oil tank of his machine, but, pressing his foot against the hole, he stopped the flow of the liquid and regained safety.

ROSARIAN FUN TO START AT INITIATION

Six Candidates Fearful of Ordeal Before Train Is Off for South.

CITIES PLAN NEW 'STUNTS'

Organizations in California Charter Special Cars to Add to Portland Excursion as Party Goes Toward San Francisco.

Half a dozen embryo Rosarians are entertaining feelings of mingled fear and pleasure in anticipation of the initiation that they are going to get just before the California-bound special train leaves the Union Depot next Monday night.

This sextet consists of Edward Boise, of the Portland Hotel Company; O. M. Clark, John F. Logan and W. L. Thompson, members of the Oregon commission to the San Francisco fair; S. C. Lancaster, highway engineer, and Dr. Henry Waldo Coe.

Candidates' Feelings Mixed.

They feel something like the prodigal son about to return home. They don't know whether they are due for a figurative spanking or whether they are to partake of the fatted calf. Anyway, the Rosarians have framed up a nice bill of initatory exercises that will be staged at the station before the train starts. But that will be but the beginning of the fun. Every minute from then until the party returns will be taken up with elaborate entertainment.

A programme of pleasure has been provided for the trip through Western Oregon and Northern California. This will be in charge, partially, of the Rosarians themselves, but when the train makes a regularly scheduled stop the sport will be in the hands of the local committee.

At Oakland, for instance, the Royal Oaks, who came to the Rose Festival here a few years ago by the carload, will have charge of the party. In fact, the Oaks will be a fair factor on the Southern California trip, for they have chartered two special cars to be attached to the Rosarian train on the journey to Los Angeles, Pasadena and San Diego.

Party to Grow as It Travels.

The Oaks and the Rosarians will join in the big New Year's day pageant at Pasadena and then will pick up a carload of Pasadenans and take them on to San Diego.

Although the Panama-California Exposition formally opens with the actual birth of the new year, the big celebration in connection therewith will not take place until the following day. A parade will be one of the big attractions, and the Rosarians, Oaks and Knights of the Rose Tournament of Pasadena will be the big attractions in the parade.

Just to show what importance the San Diegans attach to the visit of the Portland party, they have named next Saturday, January 2, Portland day. Of increasing importance, however, is the invasion of San Francisco, which takes on more or less of an official aspect.

The Rosarians will dedicate the Oregon building at the World's Fair grounds and formally turn it over to the Oregon commission, who will take immediate charge and prepare for the reception of exhibits. On this occasion General W. E. Finzer will be the personal representative of Governor West, who will be unable to take the trip. W. E. Coman will leave tomorrow night for San Francisco to make preliminary arrangements.

Pictures to Show Scenic Route.

Young Edward Merges, who was the mascot of the 1913 trip, has been selected for similar honors this year and, like the other Rosarians, will travel in a natty white suit with the emblematic red rose emblazoned upon his sleeve. Most of the regular Rosarians have had new suits made for the occasion and will appear in them at every stopping place. In fact, the entire party will wear white almost exclusively. For that reason the train probably will be known as the "white special."

Of unusual advertising value to Oregon will be the series of pictures of the Columbia Highway that will be displayed by S. C. Lancaster, who goes as the emissary of John B. Yeon, builder of Multnomah County's great scenic asset.

This pictorial presentation, it is expected, will do much to attract the attention of tourists to this part of the Northwest and to influence many of them to include Portland and other parts of Oregon in their 1915 travels.

56 WED AT YULETIDE

MARRIAGE LICENSE COUNTER RUSH RIVALS THAT OF SHOPS.

Stream of Applicants Continues All Day Long, and by 5 o'Clock Two Couples Still in Line.

The marriage license counter in County Clerk Coffey's office yesterday experienced a Christmas rush rivaling that against which shopgirls struggled. During the day Deputy Clerk John Cochran issued 28 licenses and 56 persons went away to present themselves to one another for Christmas.

Yesterday's "run" on the marriage license counter almost established a record. When the doors were closed at 5 o'clock two couples stood waiting to be served by the smilingly patient "Cupid" Cochran.

Marriage licenses issued yesterday as follows:

HEBARD-HERTZMAN—Lockwood Hebard, legal, 254 Ella street, and Kate P. Hertzman, legal, Imperial Heights.

JADWIN-VON HELMS—Delbert Jadwin, 28, Gresham, Or., and Mary E. Von Helms, Perkins Hotel, city.

STOVALL-RAUN—Berna E. Stovall, 21, 946 Albina avenue, and Dorothy Raun, 18, 889 Borthwick street.

ELIAS-MIHELE—James Elias, 29, Astoria, Or., and Tasca Mihele, 289 Burnside street.

NASHOLM-PETERSON—Julius Reinhold Nasholm, 25, 50 East Seventy-eighth street North, and Freda Elizabeth Peterson, 19, 414 Graham avenue.

PLANCICH-TADICH—Nick Plancich, 25, Tacoma, Wash., and Katie Tadich, 21, 430 Second street.

LEE-SIMONSEN—Richard C. Lee, 24, 314 East Sixty-third street North, and Mabel K. Simonsen, 17, 1914 East Yamhill street.

ATKOCHUNAS-VAITKEVICINTE — Paul Atkochunas, 28, Winston Apartments, and Antonine Vaitkevicinte, 20, Woodlawn, city.

ESPING-SWANSON—Enoc Esping, legal, 184 Laurelhurst avenue, and Jennie Swanson, legal, same address.

DANIELSON - MERSFELDER — Alfred Theodore Danielson, legal, San Francisco, and Violet Mersfelder, legal, Elwood Apartments.

NEUNAN-SMITH—Ira A. Neunan, 30, Lewiston, Idaho, and Mary E. Smith, legal, Hotel Philip, city.

BURG-GADBAW—George W. Burg, 21, 644 Dekum avenue, and Gertrude I. Gadbaw, 19, 955 East Ninteenth street.

DETTMAR-HALL—Louis W. Dettmar, legal, Salem, Or., and Ethel M. Hall, legal, Oregon Hotel.

FLEMING-SWEET—Fred D. Fleming, legal, Claypoole Apartments, and Ida J. Sweet, legal, 286 Eleventh street.

BINKLEY-BRUNNER—Floyd J. Binkley, 25, 510 Lexington street, and Louise L. Brunner, 22, 904 East Fourteenth street North.

ATWATER-M'DONALD—Addison J. Atwater, 26, Junction City, Or., and Joan McDonald, 24, 674 Kerby street.

JONES-FISHER—Earle Orrin Jones, 23, Boring, Or., and Clara Ilene Fisher, 20, 1487 Fern street.

DAHL-NEIGHBORS—Peter Dahl, 33, Seattle, Wash., and Helen Neighbors, 28, Hoyt Hotel, city.

BARCLAY-HOLMSTEAD—James Barclay, 26, 425 Twenty-first street North, and Louisa E. Holmstead, 21, 617 Overton street.

NEASE-JEWELL—J. F. Nease, legal, Goodnough building, and Minnie Jewell, legal, Hotel Perkins.

DILLON-WATTS—John Gilbert Dillon, 28, Portland Sanitarium, and Nellie Watts, 38, same address.

MAGER-WILSON—Edward Conrad Mager, 27, 361 Tenth street, and Gladys Marie Wilson, 20, 646 Belmont street.

CLEVELAND-CLIFTON—F. A. Cleveland, legal, Oak Grove, Or., and Annie Clifton, legal, Venable Hotel.

SISERICH-BOZIKOVICH—Matt Siserich, 24, 494 Porter street, and Mary Bozikovich, 24, 889 Front street.

BARBER-MAINWARING — Edward B. Barber, 34, 261 Thirteenth street, and Dorothy A. Mainwaring, 26, 1177 East Couch street.

SALE-SCHMIDLIN—Frank W. Sale, legal, Gordon Hotel, and Frances A. Schmidlin, legal, same address.

MELVIN-STEELE—L. C. Melvin, 28, Drewsey, Or., and Beatrice Irene Steele, 19, Luxor Apartments.

HOESLY-ROBINSON—Rudolph Hoesly, legal, 316 Sacramento street, and Nellie B. Robinson, legal, 5008 East Eighty-second street Southeast.

Government figures recently compiled show that the salt production of the United States last year reached the record-breaking total of 4,815,002 short tons.

WIFE THOUGHT SUICIDE

MRS. LORA HADHL SHOT AFTER QUARREL WITH HUSBAND.

Young Woman Found Dead at Home Following Dispute and Note Placing Blame Discovered Later.

Following a quarrel with her husband over a proposed visit to his relatives, Mrs. Lora Hadhl, aged 22 years, killed herself at 1 P. M., yesterday, in her home at 742 Vanderbilt street, the police say, by firing a shot through her heart. Her husband, Henry Hadhl, an employe of the Metropolitan Insurance Company, was taken to the Police Emergency Hospital suffering with hysterics. He is 24 years old.

Mr. and Mrs. Hadhl had been married about a year. They have one child, a boy, 10 weeks old.

Hadhl is said to have told Detectives Abbott and Goltz that his wife went to her room and shot herself after they had quarreled over a visit he wanted to pay his parents at 907 Everett street. He heard the shot and broke down the door. His wife lay on the floor with a bullet through her heart. By her side lay a note, scrawled on an old envelope.

"I have done this myself. Lora," it read. The police say the writing has been identified as that of Mrs. Hadhl's.

During the mid-day meal, Hadhl told the officers, he suggested a visit to his parents. His wife, he said, refused to go.

"Now, we haven't been to see my folks for eight or nine months," he protested, according to the officers. "If you won't go, I'll take the baby and go myself. You can stay home."

At these words, according to the report, his wife rose from the table and went to her bedroom. Hadhl heard the shot later. Death was instantaneous. The body was taken to the morgue. An inquest probably will be held later.

Mrs. Jennie Palmer, 1599 Chautauqua street, is caring for the baby. She is said to have identified the note as written by Mrs. Hadhl.

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Hotpoint Marvelous little Electrical Devices which, attached to your electric light current by simple plug, enable you to ROAST, TOAST, BOIL or BAKE at your leisure. Will iron your linen, curl your hair, heat your bed, warm your room. 33 devices, each perfect. We have them from $4.50 up. Let us show you.

"PRANA" BOTTLES, $4.00. Make carbonated drinks in a moment. **One Cent a Glass.** Gives just the right sparkle to lemonade, shrub or Bull Run.

"TYCOS." A HYGROMETER, $4.50, in your house tells you how dry or moist the air is. Often a temperature of 72 degrees seems chilly, because all the normal moisture has been "dried out." **Fact!** Let our Free booklet tell you all about it. 68 degrees is warm with the right moisture. A Hygrometer saves fuel and money.

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FLETCHER TELLS BELGIANS TO CHEW

Apostle of Mastication Explains Theory Will Make Food Last Longer.

EXPERIMENTS ARE BEGUN

Squad of 12 at Bruges Enjoys Hospitality of American, Who Furnishes Rations to Demonstrate Idea Is Sound.

(Special cable to the New York World. Copyright, 1914, by the Press Publishing Company. Published by arrangement with the World.)

ROTTERDAM, Dec. 24.—(Special.)—The first and only man not a German to find any satisfaction in the plight of Belgium has been found in Bruges. He is Horace Fletcher, an American, known the world over as the proclaimer of the theory that the more you chew the less you need to eat.

Mr. Fletcher is now and for some time has been living in Bruges, the present advanced base of the German army in Belgium. The starving condition of the Belgian people has made a powerful appeal to him in the form of an opportunity to demonstrate the worth of his theory.

Ideal Laboratory Found.

"No scientist could ask for a better laboratory," said Mr. Fletcher gleefully to the World correspondent, when the correspondent was in Bruges recently. "I have 8,000,000 people to work on. Cut off from the world here, we have nothing else to do. Moreover, food is running short and can be made to last much longer by careful chewing."

Mr. Fletcher went on to speak of the magnificent opportunity for the missionary work presented to him by the present condition of Belgium. He contends that inasmuch as all industry is at a standstill and the people cannot, under military rule, pursue the usual occupations, they have nothing to do but eat and can devote all the time to getting the full measure of nourishment from the food. He has set about teaching them the way to accomplish this.

Meals Earned by Chewing Them.

Every day at Mr. Fletcher's house, 20 Avenue Tervueren, which he has named Dreadnaught Conning Tower, his 12 apostles assemble. They are the first fruits of his campaign—12 hungry Belgians, who, without Mr. Fletcher's experimental meals, would have a hard time finding anything to eat. They receive two light meals a day and they earn them by spending two hours or more in chewing each.

The results which Mr. Fletcher expects to demonstrate in the persons of his first chewing squad he will lay before the various relief commissions, showing them by computation how the available supply of food can be made to cover the needs of the entire Belgian nation.

His experiments have already excited the interest of the National Relief Society and to a still greater degree that of the Belgian inhabitants of Bruges, who, however, are less interested in the scientific side of the problem than in the contrast they draw between the plight of Mr. Fletcher's apostles and the conduct of the German officers, of whom Bruges is full and whose un-Fletcherizing appetite bids fair to bankrupt every restaurateur in the city.

Horace Fletcher is nearly as well known in England and Northern Europe, where he has spent most of his time for several years, as in America, the land of his birth. He is now 65 years old. He is reputed to be a millionaire, but never attracted wide public attention until, on retiring from business, he devoted himself to globe-trotting and hobbies.

His first hobby, which he called "menticulture," which expounded the theory of the power of mind over matter, never gained many followers, but his exploitation of the art of chewing, which began about 10 years ago, has attracted world-wide attention, gained the indorsement of many scientists and has been adopted by thousands of persons.

This theory is, in brief, that everybody eats too much and you must cure yourself by chewing more thoroughly everything you put into your mouth.

YULE HYMNS TO RING

Catholic Churches to Have Special Music Today.

At St. Rose's Catholic Church, at Alameda and East Fifty-third street, special Christmas music will be sung this morning at the high masses at 6 and 10 o'clock. Low mass will be celebrated at 8 o'clock. Father Maher will deliver the Christmas sermon.

The sacred music will include: Mass in F by F. L. Loesch; director and organist, Mrs. N. R. Petelle. "Kyrie Eleison," by the choir of 20 voices; "Christie Eleison," by Miss Helen Conlon and Dr. Osborne, Messrs Lieschenberger, Leo Conlon and Will Conlon; "Gloria in Excelsis Deo," Dr. Osborne; "Laudamus Te," Dr. Osborne; "Gratias Agimus," Dr. Osborne; "Qui to Tollis," Leo Conlon; "Sus Cite," Mrs. Adams; "Credo, et in Unum Dominum," Dr. Osborne; "Et in Carnatus Est," Mrs. Osborne; "Et ex Parte," Miss Helen Conlon and Leo Conlon; "The Adeste Fideles," soprano solo, duet, quartet and trio, Mrs. Osborne, Dr. Osborne, Mrs. Coleman and Mr. Conlon. Mrs. Lambert and Coleman will sing other parts. "Sanctus," Mrs. Petelle, "Benedictus," Mrs. Coleman; "Agnus Dei," Mrs. Fred Brown, Mrs. Coleman, Leo Coleman and Dr. Osborne.

The Christmas music to be sung by the choir of St. Mary's Catholic Church, under the direction of Mrs. Catherine Covach-Frederich, at the 10:30 o'clock morning mass today includes: "Adeste Fideles" (Lambalotti), arranged for solo, duet, trio and chorus; "Mass in A-Major" (Kallowada); offertory, solo and chorus, "Noel" (Adams); "Holy Night, Peaceful Night" (Harker), unaccompanied.

After the benediction of the most blessed sacrament the service will close with "Glory to God in the Highest." The solos will be sung by Miss Zeta Manning, Miss Gertrude Kunz, Scott Kent and E. L. Frederich. Members of the choir are the Misses Zeta Manning, Ruth Brady, Catherine Frainey, Marie Marpet, Addie Thayer, Genevieve Payne, May Bart, Hazel Gurr, Bell Gurr, Gertrude Kunz, Gertrude Hogan, Julia Burke, Edith Williams, Edna Halstead, Mrs. B. Mantle, Scott Kent, E. Kettleburg, F. Ponto, T. Manning, J. Brost, E. L. Frederich, assisted by Miss Julia Burke and E. Kennedy, violinists, and O. Larson, 'cello. Miss Ethel Mahoney is organist.

COTTON OFF FOR GERMANY

First Direct Shipment From Galveston Sails This Morning.

GALVESTON, Tex., Dec. 24. — The American steamer Pathfinder with 6500 bales of cotton cleared for Bremen today and is expected to sail at daylight Christmas.

This is the first direct shipment of cotton from Galveston to Bremen since the outbreak of the European war.

Newsboys to Be Guests at Show.

Manager Jay A. Haas, of the New Grand Theater, on Sixth street, has extended to the newsboys of Portland an invitation to a free matinee at 1 o'clock today. A special programme will be arranged in their honor. All newsboys will meet at Sixth and Alder at 12:45 o'clock.

French Deputies Scorn Leave.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—Several members of the Chamber of Deputies serving in the army have decided not to take advantage of the extended leave granted them by General Joffre and have returned to the front. They had come to Paris to attend the session of the Chamber.

BELGIAN FUND GROWING

CASH REACHES $8147 AND PROVISIONS VALUED AT $15,041.

Little Daughter of Family From Belgium Calls to Say Mother and Sister Want to Work.

In the midst of Christmas gift-making the Belgian relief fund has not been overlooked, and the spirit of the season is bringing forward many contributions to the cause. Cash received yesterday brought the total money available up to $8147.40, while provisions to the value of $15,041.25 have been contributed.

Little Miss Bertine Goosens, 619 Savier street, called on Samuel Hill, chairman of the relief committee, yesterday, and said her mother and sister would be glad to do any work to aid the committee, and prefer to sew. They are of Belgian birth and are, of course, much interested in the movement for relief.

Cash contributions yesterday were:

Previously acknowledged	$7901.60
Alice Pruden Weil	2.50
Ion Lewis	100.00
Fred Lockley	10.00
A friend	10.00
Congregational Sunday school, Forest Grove, Or., donations by children at a Christmas tree entertainment, evening of December 23	35.00
Forbes Presbyterian Sunday school, Gresham street and Gantenbein avenue, Portland	17.30
Joseph Stevens, Gresham, Or.	2.00
Arthur R. Wilson, Klamath Falls, Or.	3.00
C. E. Haak, Portland	5.00
O. M. Ash, Portland	5.00
Walter Adams, Portland	5.00
A friend	3.00
Dr. A. J. Giesy, Portland	25.00
Terminal Ice & Cold Storage Company, Portland	25.00
Total	$8147.40

Additional provisions were reported yesterday as follows:

Previously acknowledged	$14,800.00
W. T. Smith, Redmond, Or., 1 sack flour	1.25
Edward Cookingham, Portland, 20 barrels flour	100.00
Union Meat Company, Portland, 1000 pounds pickled pork	100.00
H. H. Paget, Pratum, Or., eight sacks dried prunes	40.00
Total	$15,041.25

WOMEN HURT IN WRECK

Four Are Injured When Auto Turns Turtle at Prineville.

PRINEVILLE, Or., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—When an automobile returning from Christmas exercises here tonight turned turtle on Cemetery Hill, in this city, its four women occupants were hurt. Miss Wagner, who was driving the car when it capsized on a sharp turn, suffered a right arm fracture and is otherwise injured. Miss Wonderly, Republican candidate for County Clerk in the November election, was cut badly and bruised about the head.

Miss S. Biggs, a practicing attorney, was bruised badly and may be injured internally. Mrs. M. R. Biggs, wife of a Prineville attorney, dislocated her left arm at the elbow when she fell. All probably will recover.

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