

CHRISTMAS IS DAY OF REAL REJOICING

Spirit of Making Others Happy Prevails in Portland and Joy Is Widespread.

NONE IS POOR THIS DAY

To Sick and Unfortunate, in Home, Hospital, Penal or Charitable Institution Remembrance of Season Carried Lovingly.

In Portland there are thousands of poor but happy children. They are poor because such is fate. They are happy because they know their really is a big, jolly, ever-thoughtful old Santa Claus.

There are thousands of men and women also whose usual run of life is a hapless, dreary, thankless existence. Today they are happy because they have felt the warmth and sunshine of Portland's hospitality and good-fellowship.

Here, there and everywhere are hundreds of thousands of men, women and children who are bigger and better today because they brushed aside the trials and tribulations of the year yesterday and lost themselves in the ecstasies of that big, jolly Merry Christmas which everybody wished for everbody else.

Kris Kringle, with his spirit of generous good-fellowship, was no respecter of persons. He grasped the hand of the most lowly and the most unfortunate with as much ardor as he shook with the best-to-do. He sought out the children who knew the pangs of want and made them happy with food and toys; he went into the cells of jails and spread joy where hearts were cold. He wiped away the tears of the destitute and the pangs of the hungry. He gladdened the souls of the homeless and extended the hand of brotherliness to the broken down. He made this a better world.

Christmas Spirit General. Portland probably never has seen a better Christmas than was due to the fact that long in advance of the memorable day everybody became imbued with the spirit of helpfulness for those who ordinarily would not find Christmas cheer. Everybody resolved that there should be no want. And there was none.

Organizations and individuals took care of the details of plans for the destitute, the homeless, the unfortunate and the helpless. Business men gave up their own time and affairs; women deserted their household duties; great organizations of big-hearted men and women worked night and day and made personal sacrifices that none should be forgotten on the greatest of all Christian days. All wiped away the tears of the homeless in the common cause of fellowship.

Some of the organizations took up the work of providing thousands of poor children with the reality of Santa Claus. Others cared for the distribution of food to the needy; still others provided good cheer in various forms for the inmates of jails, hospitals, asylums and charitable homes. Still others gathered food and prepared for the homeless and the hungry who otherwise might expect no other Christmas dinner than a cup of coffee and a plate of beans. The work was larger than that of any other year. Every dollar will be applied directly to relief work, the fund for the maintenance of the Charities offices coming from other sources.

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HIGH MASSES HELD

Archbishop Christie Is Celebrant at St. Mary's.

ENGLISH PRIEST PREACHES

House of Worship Elaborately Decorated With Representation of Manger and Musical Features Are Expressive.

With pontifical mass in which an elaborate musical programme and a sermon by Rev. Father J. W. Darby, of

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Music Is Festive. The musical programme at the pontifical and the earlier masses were as follows: 6 A. M., solemn high mass; before mass, "Adeste Fideles"; reading; proper of the mass, "Vatican plain chant; ordinary of the mass, "Missa de Sacre Coeur (Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus)"; (Gounod); offertory solo, "O, Mira Nos" (Noel); Adolphus Adam; after mass, "Adore and Be Still" (Le ciel a visité la terre), (Gounod).

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

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT SPREADING

Birth of Christ Greatest Event of All Time, Says Dr. Morrison.

"The birth of Christ was the greatest event of all time," said Dr. A. A. Morrison, rector of Trinity Episcopal Church, in a brief Christmas sermon at the services yesterday morning at 11 o'clock. "This event brought God to walk upon the earth, to dwell among men, to come in intimate touch with all their joys and sorrows and to make mankind realize the great sympathy of the Father, Christ said, 'Who hath seen me hath seen the Father.'"

The influence, said Dr. Morrison, had been handed down through the ages and is still the greatest inspiration of humanity.

"The music at the services was an important feature. The full vested choir of men, women and boys sang several numbers and rendered an elaborate communion setting. The solos were given by Mrs. Delphine Marx, Fred Crowther, Dr. Morrison and Mrs. Tucker. The services throughout were impressive. A large number of communicants filled the church and shared in the Christmas celebration.

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TOTS HAVE CHRISTMAS GAMBOOL AT COMMERCIAL CLUB.

Dinner Is Served and Gifts Are Distributed to Juvenile Guests From Big Christmas Tree.

Blaring of horns enough to bring down the walls of a hundred Jericho's rang through the halls of the Portland Commercial Club yesterday afternoon, for Tommy Swivel was holding his annual Christmas festival as host to more than 100 of the poor children of the city.

The children had possession of the clubrooms all the afternoon, and when they went home their pockets bulged with gifts and their little stomachs bulged with a big Christmas dinner.

Mrs. Margaret Thoroman, of the Juvenile Court, lent her assistance to gather a hundred of the poorest children in the city and bring them to the festival.

First, there was a great Christmas dinner in the Rosarium room, during which the young women who assisted Mr. Swivel on the reception committee entertained the children with an impromptu musical performance. Then the children fled down onto the fifth floor to Mr. Swivel's room, where a big Christmas tree had been set up and decorated for them.

Monroe Goldstein and Mr. Swivel were surrounded in a moment when the children ascended the stairs were serving the place of Santa Claus.

"Me next," they clamored, and the two men, with their horns and flags and candy fast and furious. Every child began an obligato of its own on the horns as soon as it was received, and the uproar fairly shook the walls.

They filled the bathtub with water and sailed boats on it with yells of glee. Eugene Bland constituted himself Admiral of the bathtub fleet, and wound up the toy submarine again and again, taking as much joy out of its diving and ducking as the boys themselves.

Women of the committee that assisted Mr. Swivel in entertaining the children were Mrs. Eugene Bland, Misses Riedel, Dagmar Kocler, E. W. Splid, Constance Davis and Madeline Stone.

HELLIG MOVIES WINNERS

CHRISTMAS WEEK ATTRACTION BARGAIN-DAY EVENT.

Perfect Table d'Hote of Interesting Features Given to Patrons at Each Performance.

Worth the admission price several times over is the continuous motion picture bill now current at the Hellig. The pictures went on yesterday at 11 and will not stop till Sunday night. Eleven reels are shown, and a corking collection is, too—one nickel especially as a combination hard to beat.

The first one is "The Stolen Birthright," a three-part American-made drama, featuring two Portland likes, Thurston Bergen and Elsie Esmond. The story told in this film is as gripping as any, full of pathos and gripping situations. It tells of a living baby girl substituted for a dead child in another family, and of the lives of the two girls who grow up. The living child is one of twins, and when the two grow to womanhood they meet and their life stories, lived far apart, strangely, interestingly, and their great resemblance to each other makes the plot on which hinges the tragedy of the film.

An excellent cast portrays those pictures, with the fascinating Miss Esmond playing the difficult dual role of the two sisters. Thurston Bergen plays the husband of one of the sisters and brings to the film a splendid exhibition of dramatic work. Frank Brownlee plays the fiancé of the other sister.

Next on the series is "The Perfect Thirty-Six," one of the funniest of the many rich stories written by Montagu Glass, the best-known "Potash and Perlmutter" series. This one is a four-part comedy, accompanied by a constant run of comment by Moritz Abramowsky, relative to business and sentiment. "Even rotten garments look good on a pretty girl," opined Moritz. "That's the way the ladies gets fooled into buying stripes," and "If you want some one she should love you for yourself alone, don't blow too heavy at the start, nor at the time, either."

"The Perfect Thirty-Six" is a rare humorous story and enjoyment for every one who loves the other sister.

Third on the list is "The Star of Genius," a Pathé drama, featuring the French actress, Mlle. Napierkowna. The story tells dramatically and with cunning insight a story of the stage, its heartaches in the climb for success and the sorrows that sometimes come with achievement.

Closing the series is the roaring comedy called "Whiffle's Nightmare," with Moritz playing a double role, playing two brothers, one rich and stingy, the other impecunious and money-making. Remarkable scenes of double exposure are shown in this picture, and it is full of comedy.

CHURCH PLANS GALA WEEK

First Methodist's Year-End Services Will Begin Monday.

The last Sunday and the last week of the old year are to be made memorable occasions at the First Methodist Church, Tuesday and Wednesday streets. Not only will the services Sunday be in the nature of a farewell to 1914, but the church will be open at 7:30 o'clock and continuing throughout the week, a series of "Year End Services," conducted by Bishop Richard J. Cooke, will be held. Thursday an old-fashioned Methodist watch-night service will be held, and in it all the Methodist ministers of the city, their official boards and members will participate.

Tomorrow morning Dr. Frank L. Loveland will preach at First Methodist for his subject, "If I Could Live Last Year Over Again." In the evening

indoors From 8 to 5

working indoors, whether in office or factory or store, often weakens even a strong constitution as shown in nervous symptoms, languor or repeated colds.

SCOTT'S EMULSION is helping thousands every day; its rare oil-ford enriches the blood and aids the throat and lungs. It is a strength-sustaining tonic, free from alcohol or any harmful drugs.

It was Mr. Wemme's oft-repeated ambition to preach at First and Broadway at his own expense, operated as a free public scenic highway. At present it is operated as a toll road, in leaving this road to his attorney, George W. Joseph, it is understood Mr. Wemme's intention was that it should be turned over to the Federal Government or to the state, with only the provision that it be maintained in good condition as a public highway.

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