

SANTA CLAUS JOINS WELFARE WORKERS

Bank of Sympathy Directors Will Get All Mail That Is Addressed to Him.

QUEST IS FOR NEEDY ONES

Campaign Goes on Quietly for \$25,000 While Christmas-Giving Spirit Prevails—Money to Finance Year's Work.

Santa Claus will be on the board of directors of the Bank of Sympathy, which has been founded by the Public Welfare Bureau.

Arrangements have been made with Postmaster Myers for all of the letters to Santa Claus to be turned over to the Public Welfare Bureau for examination.

Every letter that is found which contains indications of destitution or poverty will be followed up with a careful investigation, and if it comes from a home where there is actual need, the Public Welfare Bureau will furnish the necessary relief.

Secretary Gephart received the first collection of Santa Claus letters last night, and from this time on their examination will be a distinct feature in the work of the office until after Christmas.

The "Bank of Sympathy" will furnish the funds for handling this and all the other relief work that the bureau undertakes.

The term "Bank of Sympathy" sounds like a bit of poetical fancy, applied to the fund which is being raised for the Public Welfare Bureau for the coming year, but perhaps it is not a misnomer, after all.

Enthusiasm to be Banked. Christmas is a season when human sympathy brims up and runs over—more of it than there are places where it can be applied.

Generous-hearted people caught in the enthusiasm of the season scatter the application of their sympathy recklessly broadcast.

And then, when the season of holiday goodwill subsides, the sympathy is spent, perhaps, but the people in need continue.

Hence the Bank of Sympathy, in which is funded Christmas season enthusiasm enough to meet the demands of the whole, long year.

The Bank of Sympathy is on the market now, quietly, and thousands of shares will be sold before December 15, when it is to be thrown on the open market in a final huge selling campaign.

The finance committee of the Public Welfare Bureau will hold a final meeting for the week today and will prepare to begin the public announcement of the contributions to the fund of the Public Welfare Bureau.

At the close of the stock-selling campaign for the Bank of Sympathy it is hoped to have a capital of \$25,000, which will meet all the expenses of the service which the bureau gives to the poor of the city for the coming year.

If anyone imagines that there is not a steady demand upon the Bank of Sympathy, he might profitably spend a forenoon with the files at the office of the Public Welfare Bureau.

Destitute Family Cited. For example, there is the case that the police reported a short time ago of the deserted wife and her two children living in a little two-room den in an old rooming-house.

The woman has been working at whatever she could find to do, chiefly such employment as fruitpacking and similar seasonal work, and struggling to keep her two children in school.

She was deserted by her husband two years ago and has not heard from him since that time. She managed to keep going all right while her health was sound.

Three weeks ago she contracted pneumonia and is now barely convalescent, after a desperate illness. Helpless, destitute, she has no proper food if she is to recover her health, this woman must rely upon the relief that comes from the Public Welfare Bureau—and the need for relief will continue past the holiday season.

That is why the Bank of Sympathy is trying to raise about the amount of \$25,000 for the coming year—that and scores of other cases like it.

Milton Debate Teams Tried Out. MILTON, Or., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—In the interclass debating trout of the Milton High School held yesterday in the auditorium yesterday the sophomore and junior teams defeated the freshmen and seniors. The question discussed was "Resolved: That Oregon Should Adopt a Compulsory Health Insurance Department Similar to the 'Standard Bill.'" The affirmative won in each instance. Judges were Attorney S. E. Peterson, Mrs. Claude R. Still and Postmaster Bruce Shangle.

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SOCIETY NEWS BY GERTRUDE P. CORBETT

ONE OF WOMEN ACTIVELY INTERESTED IN GERMAN CHRISTMAS BAZAAR TONIGHT.



Mrs. C. T. Steinhilber, Chairman Miscellaneous Booth

NEVER before has Trinity Guild held such a large or successful bazaar as that which was the stellar event in society yesterday.

Long before the appointed hour for opening, dozens of eager purchasers were on hand, and at the luncheon hour more than 200 persons, which was an unexpected rush, preparations having been made for 100. However, every-thing was taken care of, and the throng at tea time also was far in excess of anticipations.

The tables were laden with the most wonderful array of goods were many artistic bits, such as hat stands, made of wood in the shape of a pretty girl. Door stops, baskets of various sorts, and wicker trays and tea tables of the novelty artistry, all made and sent by Miss Genevieve Halley, daughter of Mrs. Thomas G. Halley, who is studying art in San Francisco.

The fancy work and basket booth was in charge of Mrs. Wheelwright, assisted by Mrs. Frank E. Hart, Mrs. George N. Davis and Mrs. Arnold Rothwell.

Mrs. William C. Alvord was head of the utility booth and was assisted by several prominent women of the guild.

Mrs. J. E. Davidson and Miss Nancy Zan assisted at the home-made candy booth, which was in charge of Mrs. George H. Gray, and the parcel post table was in charge of Mrs. George B. McLeod. An attractive table laden with lovely wares was in charge of Mrs. John P. Dickson, assisted by Mrs. Thomas G. Halley and Mrs. Ross, of Pendleton.

Mrs. Warren E. Keeler and Mrs. A. A. Morrison worked faithfully and continuously during the luncheon and tea, and the need for relief will continue past the holiday season.

A number of small tables were arranged in the crystal room of Hotel Benson yesterday for the charming luncheon presided over by Mrs. George W. Kinoy, assisted by Mrs. Jean Morrison and several other well-known maids. A number of women entertained groups of their friends at luncheon, which proved a delightful rest and visit.

Employees of the Union Meat Company will give a dance tomorrow night in the assembly hall of Multnomah hotel. A. C. Black is chairman of the event.

Miss Ethel Boothby left early in the week for her home in Pendleton. Miss Boothby has been in the employ of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company for the past four years.

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Miss Mary Frances Isom will be hostess at a dance tomorrow night at her home, 815 Overton street.

The Portland Principals' Association to the number of 25 or 30 will gather tomorrow in the tearoom of Hotel Multnomah for an informal luncheon. Short talks will be a feature of the programme.

The Oregon Civic League will hold a luncheon tomorrow in the gold room of Hotel Multnomah. A. C. Newell is chairman of the day and interesting talks will be made by well-known speakers.

At the German Red Cross Society's bazaar, which is the main event today in the German House, Little Miss Madeleine Haehlen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Haehlen, will participate in the programme.

Raynor chapter of Annie Wright Seminary will meet today at 1 o'clock for luncheon at the Cat 'N Fiddle. Mrs. W. C. Smith, president of the chapter, will preside.

Interest of president and women centers in the second hockey game of the series, which will be played tonight in the Ice Palace by Seattle and Portland teams. A number of box parties have been arranged, which will be followed by supper and dancing in the Multnomah Hotel.

The annual bazaar of the Ladies' Aid Society will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at her home, 815 Overton street.

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The following celebrated their birthdays: Mrs. James Haley, Mrs. M. E. Korten, Mrs. Lucy Rima, Mrs. E. Randall, Mrs. Hattie Stronon, Mrs. Aillo Fraser, Mrs. Della Holmes, Mrs. Maude Kelch, Mrs. J. Squires, Mrs. Francis Kendy, Mrs. Hattie Williams, Mrs. Kathryn Holstrand, Mrs. E. A. Miller, Mrs. Ella Goodspeed, Mrs. Laura Daniels.

Mrs. Edith N. Dinmore, Miss E. Pierce and Miss Sylvia Peacher sang. Mrs. M. E. Horston was chairman of the committee on arrangements.

Mrs. Cornelia Haynes, retiring president, presided and the new officers installed by Mrs. Marion Dryden were: Mrs. M. E. Horston, president; Mrs. L. Gorman, vice-president; Mrs. M. E. Houston, secretary, and Mrs. James Kady, treasurer. A harvest dinner was served.

HEART BALM IS DENIED

MRS. EUGENIE F. JOUBERT'S SUIT IS LOST.

Jury, After Deliberating Less Than Half an Hour, Returns Verdict in Favor of Ernest Descamps.

Heart balm sought by Mrs. Eugenie P. Joubert from Ernest Descamps, wealthy property owner of Portland, was denied by a jury in the court of Circuit Judge G. A. Harbo on yesterday. She asked \$25,000, charging breach of promise.

The women said she met Mr. Descamps in 1905, and that it was 10 years later that he proposed to her. January 3, 1916, was the wedding date set, she maintained. She said she went to him that morning and asked him what arrangements had been made, and that he told her that marriage was further from his thoughts.

This alleged refusal to carry out a purported verbal contract of marriage injured Mrs. Joubert's prospects \$10,000 worth, she complained, caused her \$5000 worth of anguish, subjected her to \$5000 worth of ridicule from her friends and should have been punished by another \$5000 assessment, according to her viewpoint, which was not coincided in by the jury in the case. The jury was out less than half an hour.

BATTLE VICTIM IS VISITOR

Former Portland Man Returns Crippled From War Service.

The marks of many injuries received in the European war are borne by Frank Parker, formerly of Portland, who is in the city a few days, staying at the Perkins on his way south. Mr. Parker enlisted with the Canadian territorial at Regina, in Saskatchewan, Canada, shortly after the opening of the war, and saw service in France and Belgium.

He was overcome during a gas attack in the neighborhood of Ypres in April, 1915, and in the following October was injured by the explosion of a mine which he was sent to clear part use of his hands, while the lower part of his body is paralyzed.

During his previous stay in Portland, which lasted until 1907, Mr. Parker was a telephone engineer.

ALLEGED TRAPPERS IN JAIL

Thirty-Two Hides, Valued at About \$400, Found With Traps.

William Harris and Edward Gray, who live near Kerry, in Columbia County, were arrested by Deputy Game Warden William Brown on a charge of trapping beaver contrary to the law, according to advices received by the State Fish and Game office. The two men are now in the county jail at St. Helens.

Thirty-two beaver hides, valued at about \$400, and a number of traps were taken by the officer. The hides will be sold for the benefit of the fish and game fund.

The men are understood to have been trapping on the flats of the Columbia River.

WASHOUGAL WINS, LOSES

Battleground Debaters Champion Military Training.

WASHOUGAL, Wash., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—In the first series of debates in the Clarke County Debating League Washougal High School won from the Camas High School, and was defeated by the Battle Ground High School by a 2 to 1 decision.

In the debate with Battleground the home team supported the negative side of the question calling for the establishment of compulsory military training in the high schools of the state.

Floyd Woodings and Hazel Nickel represented Washougal, and Miss Mary

WOMEN'S CLUBS

By EDITH KNIGHT HOLMES

CLUBS' CALENDAR FOR TODAY. Political and social measures to be taken up by the Portland Women's Club at 2:30 o'clock.

"Proposed Legislation," by Millie R. Trumbull, Arleta Parent-Teachers, at 2:45 o'clock.

Albion Parent-Teacher Association to hear of "Good Books," 3:15 o'clock.

Mrs. George McMath speaks in the afternoon at Hudson Parent-Teacher Association and at Capitol Hill Parent-Teacher meeting tonight.

The meeting will be held at Troutdale tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock under the leadership of Mrs. R. E. Bondurant and Miss Hilda L. Van Both A. P. Armstrong, County Superintendent, and W. C. Alderson, Superintendent-elect, have given their approval of the organization of a county association, even to the extent that Mr. Armstrong has offered his automobile for service three afternoons a week to be used by the women in visiting various Multnomah County districts to organize Parent-Teacher Circles. Miss Helen Brooks, of the University of Oregon, will speak at tomorrow's gathering at Troutdale.

The Clackamas County Parent-Teacher Association, which has already been organized, will also meet tomorrow, but at Milwaukie.

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CHECK MAN DISAPPEARS

Prospective Customer Does Not Wait When Investigation Starts.

When a clerk at C. J. Mathis & Co.'s store telephoned for information concerning a check he was attempting to pass, a young man, calling himself Harry K. Young, drifted through the door and was gone.

The check remained. It is for \$100, drawn on the First National Bank of Boise and signed with the name of W. C. Young. The man who presented it told the clerk that he wished to purchase a suit of clothes. The check, he said, was written by his father, a wealthy sheepman residing near Boise.

The dubious clerk looked at the check and reached for the telephone. His customer departed without taking either check or suit. Detectives La Salle and Leonard are investigating.

CITY FREE OF PARALYSIS

Dr. Marcellus Reports Total of 17 Cases of Infantile Disease.

Portland is now free from infantile paralysis, City Health Officer Marcellus released the last case from quarantine yesterday.

During the Summer months there was a total of 17 cases of the disease. Immediately health officials started a fight to stamp out the disease. There have been no new cases in the last two months and the last of the old cases completed the full quarantine period yesterday.

Cove Elects Citizens' Ticket. COVE, Or., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—The entire Citizens' Progressive ticket was elected Tuesday: P. A. Galoway, Mayor; S. H. Welmer (re-elected), Recorder; H. E. Blevins, R. J. Allen (re-elected), M. J. Duffy, Councilman; J. H. McCall, Treasurer; W. F. Breshers, Marshal. The worst of election day weather prevailed, culminating in a two-inch snow. Woodhousers from the reservation timber report snow on the road waist high.

Parents and Teachers

The Milton Bradley Co., of San Francisco, announces an exhibit of BASKETWORK, KINDERGARTEN and SCHOOL SUPPLIES in Parlors G and H, Hotel Portland, Dec. 8 to 12.

Golden West Coffee is "Just Right"

Happiness, plenty and comfort prevail at the home of C. O. Isakson, 714 Montana avenue, now where distress and poverty prevailed a week ago when City Health Officer Marcellus found the mother and two of 12 children ill and hungry, and the father out of work.

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