

ST. AGNES BABY HOME PLANS HOLIDAY TREAT

Children at Institution Have Few Toys, but Sisters Have Hopes Santa Claus Will Visit Them This Year.



ST. AGNES BABY HOME AT OREGON CITY.

Oregon City, Or., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—The St. Agnes Baby Home in the southern part of the city near Parkplace, is deserving of assistance, especially at this time of the year, when the 72 little children, many of whom have no homes, are being cared for by the good sisters at their own expense. The girls will have a Christmas celebration. There will be two trees with presents for the little ones. The Sisters of Mercy in charge of the institution are preparing an excellent programme for that occasion. The programme is to take place at the home Christmas afternoon. There are many here who would not begrudge a few little gifts and these would go a long way in making the little ones happy. Contributions either of cash or toys will be gladly received by the sisters.

Sisters Have Hard Struggle.
The St. Agnes Baby Home building was occupied by the Sisters of Good Shepherd about nine years ago. Shortly after the building was taken in charge of by the Sisters of Mercy as a baby home, and called the St. Agnes Baby Home. Since the institution has been taken in charge by this order they have had a hard struggle, as many of the children placed there are taken care of by the sisters without compensation. They are given the best of care, and are allowed to roam in one of the large rooms on the first floor of the building, but in the summer they may play on the grounds surrounded by shade trees, and all kinds of outdoor games are played.
The 72 children are apparently well fed. The cheeks of the little ones are plump and rosy, while those who were in poor condition when arriving at the home are becoming strong and will soon show the appearance of those who have been there for a long time.

Children Get Five Meals Daily.
Five meals each day are given the children, the hours being breakfast, 7:30 o'clock; lunch, 10 o'clock; dinner, 11:30 o'clock; lunch, 2 o'clock, supper, 5 o'clock.
These children are better cared for than many of the children in some homes. They are bathed regularly. In the building are several bathrooms, all having porcelain tubs. The clothes are clean. One room in the building is used especially for the clothing. The nursery is one of the attractive rooms for the visitors. The floors are spotless, and the little toddlers are allowed to play on the "heart's content." One little boy, aged two years, who has been at the institution for the last two years, was unable to walk, but with the care and massage given by the

sisters the little one is now able to walk.
In the nursery are little rocking chairs and at any time of the day you may see some child enjoying these, but at present there are not enough of these little rockers for them, and the one getting it first is considered lucky. Toys are a scarcity in this room, and the sisters say the children could be made happy if a hobby horse or some toy could be presented on Christmas. At the proper time for partaking of little waits, some for adoption. One of these was recently found in a garden in Portland and one on a doorstep. They have found a good home at the St. Agnes Baby Home, but may be adopted by someone who will give them a real home. Many of these children for adoption are attractive. The youngest baby at the institution is two weeks old, while the eldest is about 13 years of age.

The dining-room on the lower floor, opposite the schoolroom, is fitted up with long tables and little chairs similar to those used in kindergarten work. At the proper time for partaking of meals the children are formed in line and at a proper signal march to their respective places at the table, and are taught the proper table etiquette.

Children Allowed Freedom.
Large halls in the building also make excellent playrooms for the children. These children are allowed the freedom of many of the rooms in the building, and are not confined to one room. On the second floor are the dormitories, one of which has 40 little white beds with white coverlets. Only two of these beds contain two children at night. The children for this dormitory are from 2 years to 14 years. Another dormitory is found on the third floor, and will accommodate about 30 children.
The kitchen is on the lower floor, and substantial food is prepared by an experienced cook.
The chapel, which is on the second floor, is beautifully furnished. Church services are held regularly, Rev. F. S. Beck being in charge of the services.
It is planned to have an addition constructed in the future, as the present building is not sufficient for the work carried on by the sisters. The laundry, which is now in a building north of the main building, will be in the structure to be built.
There are 29 acres of land surrounding the building, and vegetables and fruit are raised there. The milk given to the children is from 11 cows owned by the institution.
There are at present six sisters at the institution and several assistant nurses. There has been very little illness at the institution since it has been located at Parkplace.

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SAN DIEGO BEGINS PLAN TO CUT TAXES TO ZERO

By Using Part of Vast Land Grant for Production of Timber, Forester Hopes to Return Dividend.

BY ELIZABETH WHITFORD.
How would you like to live in a town where you not only did not have to pay taxes, but received a dividend on your property? This would seem rather visionary to most of us who consider "death and taxes" the only sure things in this world, but no less is the hope of the City of San Diego.

A step into the past is necessary first to a proper understanding of the rather unusual circumstances. Let us turn back then almost a century and a half to the time when Father Junipero Serra and a few pious monks landed on the practically unknown coast of Alta, Cal., and established a mission at San Diego.

Land Granted to City.
This outpost of civilization was maintained with varied degrees of good and ill fortune until San Diego was organized as a pueblo (town) in 1825, at which time the Mexican government granted to the city 11 leagues of land, a princely grant indeed. Of this but 7000 acres now remain to the city, the rest having been in part lavishly squandered, in part wisely sold.

However that may be, San Diego is now determined never to part with another acre of her heritage. Some portion of this land is suitable for farming and here the city intends, in the ripeness of time, to try some of Henry George's single tax ideas in a more practical way than has been heretofore possible in our strenuous new land.

What is being done at present is to transform the more arid and rugged lands, those not suited to agriculture, into a municipal forest that shall make San Diego self-supporting.

Soil Preparation Important.
The city has appointed as city forester, Max V. Watson, a thorough learner in dry-farming methods. Having prepared the soil last Fall by plowing, cross-plowing and harrowing until the earth was finely pulverized and would absorb every drop possible during the Winter rains, he found the ground this Spring in the best condition for planting.

Forty thousand eucalyptus trees constituted the first season's venture, the eucalyptus having been selected for its rapid growth and its value as timber, but more than all for its drought-resistant qualities.

Eight feet apart were set the trees and between these Mexican beans were planted, which will yield a profit sufficient, it is thought, to carry on the work for another year.
At the age of three or four years the trees will be thinned out, all stunted and misshapen ones will be removed

and sold for fence posts, and San Diego will be cutting and selling timber ten or a dozen years hence in profitable quantities, or, at least, so hopes the city forester.

PARKISON GIVES VIEWS

He Writes That Prejudice for Referendum Causes False Impression.

PORTLAND, Dec. 16.—(To the Editor.)—I would like space in The Oregonian to set forth a few facts as to why the referendum was applied, last Summer, on the half-million-dollar appropriation for the University of Oregon.

A number of self-styled "friends of higher education" have made the charge that the referendum was applied to vent the spleen of certain persons who were not able to obtain a certain county division; and secondly, that those back of the movement are not enlightened persons and do not understand the value of learning and are opposed to a broad university training.

These assertions are wrong, and it appears to me that they are, for the most part, advanced for the purpose of prejudicing the minds of the voters against the referendum and subsequent constructive legislation, and especially to belaud and cover up the real purpose of the referendum against the half-million-dollar University of Oregon appropriation for betterments.

I devoted several weeks last February and March, among the farmers, business men, trades unions and others of the counties of Lane, Benton, Linn, Yamhill, Polk and Marion. I wanted to know their views concerning the referendum, and I went after them discovered, first, that there were three elements who were opposed to this large appropriation for the University of Oregon.

The first of this group was the tax-paying class among the farmers and business men of the state that felt that the \$500,000 appropriation was entirely too large, obtained as it was by log-rolling tactics and trades in the Legislature by the Eugene and Lane County delegation. These citizens contended that an immediate saving would be effected to the taxpayers of the state if this very large appropriation was entirely done away with, and the schools—that is, the higher educational institutions—united, thus saving the duplication in lands, in buildings, equipment, and the salaries of the professors.

This saving was assumed by some, who had accumulated figure on a subject, to be at least one-third of a

million dollars the first year, and a large amount in subsequent years.
The second group that favored the referendum was composed of those who believe in the concentration or centralization of our educational institutions, thus conserving taxes paid by the people Oregon for the support of the schools and using this money in such a way as to get the largest possible amount of educational benefit for each dollar.

These cited the experience of Wisconsin, which has put her Agricultural College, university, law school and medical school all in one institution, and support it by a mill tax directly upon the property of the state.
The third class was composed of those who clamored to punish those legislators of interested districts, who, instead of voting upon measures according to their merits, swapped seats and their influence and votes for large appropriations for the particular institution in their town or district.

In this connection, it might be said that our last Legislative Assembly passed upon about 500 questions. This means an average of one question completely settled upon each and every 20 minutes if the Legislature worked solidly a day for a full 30 days during their 40 days' session.

Compare this with the British House of Parliament, which on a body passed upon but 40 questions in nine months, and then believed that it had done a big job.
I do not wish to go into further figures and details at this time concerning the merits of the referendum. I want to emphasize the fact that this movement was not and is not carried on by enemies of enlightened thought or understanding, or in opposition to any particular institution of higher education. It is a movement to place our Agricultural College and university on a higher plane and out of the mire where the pettifoggish politician has placed it.

The referendum was applied with the idea in view of presenting this entire question to the voters of Oregon for their consideration at the 1912 election.
It was and is the plan to pass by direct vote of the people of Oregon upon the merits of the half-million-dollar appropriation and the further question of the consolidation of the university and the Agricultural College, and supporting the prize-winning stock at Durkee, is at the Imperial.

I sincerely trust that all those who style themselves "friends of our higher educational institutions" will from now on stop this accusation of malice and inability on the part of those interested in the referendum and discuss the question strictly upon its merits.
H. J. PARKISON.

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A. H. Innis, a Kalama merchant, is at the Oregon.
William B. Hobard, of Kalama, is at the Perkins.
Jimmie E. J. Rathbone, of Seattle, is at the Imperial.
Charles Westey, a merchant of Seol, is at the Perkins.
C. R. Shinn, of Wallbridge, is registered at the Bowers.
Mr. and Mrs. F. Lansing, of Seattle, are at the Ramapo.
M. K. Bakman, of Warren, is registered at the Ramapo.
K. W. Walters, of Ashland, is registered at the Bowers.
A. J. Ahola, of Goldendale, is registered at the Cornelius.
Thomas E. Young, of Tacoma, is registered at the Bowers.
R. L. Eskridge, a merchant of Sheridan, is at the Oregon.
O. W. Haar, drug manufacturer of Salem, is at the Oregon.
Judd Maguire, railroad contractor of Seattle, is at the Oregon.
R. M. Jennings, a merchant of Eugene, is at the Portland.
Paul M. French, a banker of The Dalles, is at the Cornelius.
J. H. Parker, a Seattle lumberman, is registered at the Oregon.
Mr. and Mrs. W. McGowan, of Ehoit, B. C., are at the Cornelius.
Dr. Edward Preucel, of Spokane, is registered at the Carlton.
C. S. Knight and W. L. Crichton, of The Dalles, are at the Carlton.
F. C. Oxman, raiser of prize-winning stock at Durkee, is at the Imperial.
J. A. Gilbaugh, Coroner of Clatsop County, was in Portland yesterday.
Mr. and Mrs. E. T. D. Mills, of San

Francisco, are registered at the Portland.
Miss Ida Blackford, superintendent of the Clatskanie schools, is registered at the Oregon.
W. K. Newell, president of the State Board of Agriculture, is registered at the Imperial.
Dan P. Smythe, secretary of the Woolgrowers' Association, is registered at the Oregon.
Mrs. Simon Harris, who for the last

seven months has visited her brother, Samuel Rosenheim, in San Francisco, has returned home.
Truman Butler, cashier of the Butler Banking Company, Hood River, is registered at the Oregon.
A. C. Dixon, manager of the Booth-Kelly Lumber Company of Eugene, is registered at the Imperial.
G. G. Isbister, president of the Cham. her of Commerce of Saskatoon, is at the Portland accompanied by Mrs. Isbister.

M. A. Miller, of Lebanon, State Senator from Linn County, is registered at the Perkins.
M. Gorman, Mayor of Cathlamet, Wash., accompanied by Mrs. Gorman and their son, Raymond, recent graduate from Hill Military Academy, left this morning on a visit to Mr. Gorman's former home at Wilkesport, Pa. Their Eastern trip will include Philadelphia, New York and Washington, D. C. They will be absent for about 20 days.

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1870 Steinwein, per quart	\$2.50

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