

RICH AND POOR FEEL SPIRIT OF YULE

Shoppers, Rushing to and Fro, Have Rivals in Busy Charity Workers.

GIFTS FOR NEEDY PILE UP

Giving Is Evident Everywhere and All Join in Plans to Cheer "Kiddies"—Prisoners and Other Wards Will Be Remembered.

Should anyone doubt that the Christmas spirit prevails in Portland, let him visit any of the shops that glitter with Yuletide finery and he will find no lack of evidence on the faces of people of all ages who are choosing gifts for a certain someone, more or less near or dear, as the season may be.

Let this doubtful person visit the toy shop in any of the stores and see a rather bored looking Santa Claus, who is kept busy every minute repulsing the attacks of urehins who want to pull his long, white whiskers and make certain for themselves whether or not he is real.

There is, somehow, an intangible something in the air that makes it certain that the year's great big holiday is at hand. There is not a doubt about it, the Merry Christmas is coming fast, too fast for those belated ones who have not yet arranged their shopping lists and made the major part of their purchases.

Spirit of Giving Is Abroad. If there is any distinction to be drawn between one Christmas and another in Portland this year's celebration of the birth of the Saviour will have more in it of thoughtfulness for others and of aiding the unfortunate than ever before. Wider plans are being made for bringing Christmas cheer to those who otherwise would lack the essentials of a proper celebration and the spirit of giving is abroad throughout the city.

The busiest preparations in all Portland for this line of Christmas activity are being made at the Muts' headquarters in the Pittock building, in large rooms on the seventh floor. Frank Coffinberry and a corps of assistants are bustling about, with the work well in hand.

They expect to give the biggest Christmas tree party ever held on this coast. No fewer than 4000 "kiddies" of the city, of all ages, are to be recipients of gifts from the Muts' tree, which will be stripped at the Army on the day before Christmas, between 2 and 5 in the afternoon.

All "Kiddies" to Get Gifts. Invitations are being given out through the Parent-Teacher Associations, and special tickets have been issued with the compliments of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, that will bring the children to the Army from their homes and return them. Boxes are being filled with gifts for children up to the age of 8 years, and other assortments of presents are being prepared for those above that age. In addition to a present, each child will receive a basket of candy, nuts and fruit.

A concert to entertain the children and vaudeville performers are volunteering their services. The undertaking is an immense one, but in view of the energy which has been expended, it is a safe guess that it will be a success. Besides, the Muts expect to send out 500 baskets of food for Christmas dinners.

The Portland Commons is preparing Christmas cheer for those who seem likely to be forgotten by all else. These are none other than the inmates of the State Penitentiary, and while their dull lives are brightened by a remembrance of the Yuletide, there are 45 babies who will attend a dinner at the Portland Commons headquarters at Front and Burnside streets.

Prisoners Are Not Forgotten. The boxes of prisoners will contain cakes, candy, jelly, nuts and fruits. Friends of the organization can help in a practical way, say those in charge of the work, by supplying the items needed to fill the boxes. It is hoped to have a sufficient supply of boxes, so that prisoners in the county and city jails, all over the State, will have a Christmas tree, also under the Christmas Home at South Commong. There are 36 children at the home. The same organization will give a dinner to the girls of the Louise Home, 213 Cable street, on Christmas day.

Children of the Fraser Detention Home will get their Christmas tree at the Army, and the Salvation Army which is giving helkets to children for the same affair. At the Fraser Home, a programme and dinner has been arranged.

Christmas carols will be sung by the children of the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society. Special features are being prepared by Superintendent Ruo Arne and it is hoped to have a bright Yuletide festival. A Christmas tree will be brought to the Children's Home at South Portland. A special dinner will be served and presents provided for each child. A special Christmas Stockings will be presented by children on Christmas Eve. At the Baby Home, there will be a celebration in keeping with the season. At the 45 babies in the institution, all under 3 years of age.

Old People to Be Cheered. The festival will be observed at the Old People's Home on the day following the holiday. There will be a special dinner and other features to make the occasion memorable. Elderly people at the Patton Home, who number 85, will be cheered by a visit of college boys and girls on December 23, when a tree will be given under programme of music provided. Fraternity members of the Beta Theta Xi, from the University of Oregon, will supply the cheer for the children, and they will be assisted by a number of sorority girls.

The Salvation Army will, as usual, give baskets containing dinners to the poor, each case having been investigated previously by army workers. The baskets will be given out at 10 o'clock on the morning before Christmas. It is expected to distribute 300 dinners in this way. A Christmas tree for the Salvation Army Sunday school will be given in Scandinavian Hall, Tenth and Burnside streets, on Christmas day.

Shoes and Baskets for Poor. The Volunteers of America expect to send out about 400 baskets of food on Christmas to worthy people and to give from 100 to 250 pairs of shoes to children from one to ten years old.

The People's Institute will send out Christmas baskets to a large number of people, bringing cheer where it is most needed. The Junior League of society maids and matrons will distribute many baskets for the poor and the Presbyterian San Grael Society will give gifts to many families, co-operating with the Muts in this work.

The Social Service Bureau of the



(1) Just New Toys. (2) Which Is the Girl This Christmas Does Not Bear the Label "Made in Germany." Do not look askance at it, although it may be the first time in your experience this thing has happened. This year many dolls of American manufacture are on the market, and, best of all, many of them are unbreakable. They are made of a strong composition and may be slammed about, regardless of consequences. This is the first year they have been placed on the market, and the china doll of childhood memory may soon go into the discard along with many other things of the happy but remote past.

Christmas dolls are in favor this Christmas. They are Dutch and Indian dolls in costume that are attractive, and societies in miniature, wooden large sections of the doll stores. Besides, there are large numbers of the famous Dresden puppets made for the delight of the children of the whole world, for the war has not stopped the output of the German factories, and dealers are advised they can be supplied as usual.

As might have been expected, to the dismay of peace advocates everywhere, the little tin soldier is more popular this year than ever. There are the round wooden soldiers with scarlet coats that stand on a circular base, shouldering the stiff little wooden musket, which were so popular when grandpa was a child, and then there are all sorts of soldier soldiers, with the exception that these toys are more elaborate and in bigger demand than ever before, there is no change in the inevitable soldier that blooms out in regiment at Christmas.

The teddy bear is still strong in favor, despite its age as a popular toy. It has come girls, who will listen to the songs and recitations. The first number will be a marching song by all of the youngsters. Winitford from Naples will give the "Welcome" recitation. Kenneth Fruit will recite, Virgil Farrar and Joe Jenkins will sing "Little White Flakes." Walter Kremer will recite "Santa Claus is Coming."

Parent-Teacher Associations will distribute toys and clothing to many families at Christmas. At the Swedish Fabernick, Seventeenth and Gilliam streets, a dinner will be given on Christmas day to Swedish sailors in port and others of Scandinavian birth.

At Multnomah County Farm and the County Hospital, the day will be spent in special dinners. At the county and city jails, holiday menus will be provided.

Hospitals to Have Trees. At both Good Samaritan and St. Vincent's hospitals, there will be Christmas trees for the children and special services of a religious nature. Christmas dinners will be served and decorated gatherings in places with out number, and the acts of charity scheduled by no means cover the great extent of such kindness that will prevail. Private citizens have prepared charities of their own where they will play the role of Santa Claus graciously but few will know of their good deeds.

Christmas Swim Called Off. The Christmas swim, so long a feature of the day in Portland, has been called off this season, although some incorrigible swimmers threaten to plunge into the river despite this action.

There is a soccer game scheduled for Multnomah Field and there will be football games, also amateur, at Pentonville, Colfax and Sellwood parks, Montgomery Flats, South Portland Bottoms, East Twelfth and East Davis streets and Twenty-fifth and Raleigh streets.

There will be a Christmas shoot at the Portland Gun Club, at Jennie Station on the Estacada line. There will be a boat race and a regatta between members of the crew of the steamer Rose City. The course will be from the Broadway to the Burnside bridge.

RAILROAD MEN AID POOR

Employees at Albina Shops Donate \$150 to Fund of Muts.

Practical aid for the Christmas campaign of the Muts was given the past week, when employees of the Albina shops of the O.-W. R. & N. Company sent in \$450 in cash to help make Christmas bright for those who otherwise would be without its cheer.

Last Monday was payday at the Albina shops and every one of the 500 men, from engine wipers to the superintendent of motive power, "chipped in." Messrs. Allehoff, Dumond and Austin formed a committee to receive subscriptions and the workmen gave liberally to the cause. They realized that an organization having the effect of a club is more effective than they could as individuals.

The committee brought the Christmas fund to the general offices in the Wells Fargo building and it was turned over to C. G. Sutherland, assistant to General Manager O'Brien, who took it to the headquarters of the Muts, where it will be promptly placed in the bank until it will be disbursed for the things that will make Christmas happy for many needy families.

"KIDDIES" AWAIT SANTA

Christmas Tree and Programme to Cheer Children's Home.

The little children who live in the Children's Home will celebrate Christmas eve with an elaborate entertainment, a tree and a general good time. Santa Claus never forgets the home. The programme which will be given by the children will be made up of 18 numbers, but that will not be too much for the little angels, who will listen to the songs and recitations.

The first number will be a marching song by all of the youngsters. Winitford from Naples will give the "Welcome" recitation. Kenneth Fruit will recite, Virgil Farrar and Joe Jenkins will sing "Little White Flakes." Walter Kremer will recite "Santa Claus is Coming."

Will receive the diners. More volunteers than could be used have offered their services for this work, and the organization has entered into the spirit of the occasion. Invitations are now being issued through the Salvation Army, the Portland Commons, the Men's Resorts, the Volunteers of America and Scadding House.

The menu will consist of roast meats, beef and pork, vegetables, plum pudding, coffee and tea, and as each man passes out of the dining-room he will be given a pipe and a package of tobacco and fruit.

Throughout the dinner there will be music by one of the best quartets in the city. An organ will be installed and old-fashioned tunes will be played. Short talks of a helpful nature will be given at the conclusion of the meal.

Last year there were 1831 guests at the O.-W. R. & N. dinner. Investigation has shown that the number of unattached men in the city this year than last, and it is thought the estimate of 1400 covers will be ample.

ORPHANS GET GIFTS

Berlin Welcomes Arrival of American Christmas Offering.

A reception was given today by the municipality of Berlin for the formal presentation of the gifts. It was attended by the Lord Mayor, leading city functionaries, Baron Mumm von Schwarzenstein, representing the Portland office; Prince Hatzfeldt, president of the German Red Cross, which undertakes the distribution of the gifts; James W. Gerard, the American Ambassador; his wife and other members of the Embassy, and the Empress' two chief ladies in waiting. The Crown Prince, three eldest sons, dressed in sailor suits, were also present and attracted much attention.

Five hundred girls and boys with American and German flags were stationed on the broad stairway of the Town Hall and awaited the arrival of the children's party, and a picked choir of children sang Christmas carols around a Christmas tree.

CHILDREN SING CAROLS

Three Sons of Crown Prince Attend Formal Reception and Lord Mayor Declares Deed Is Pledge Gospel Rules Over War.

"This noble deed will be kept in our memory for a long time as a pledge to us that our worldly quarrels are overgrown by the gospel of Peace on earth, good will toward men."

The Norddeutsche Zeitung, commenting editorially on the arrival of the gifts, says: "We extend the capital's hearty welcome to this demonstration, free from any political design and an expression of pure love of humanity, whose value the German people know how to appreciate, even in the stress of war time."

The Christmas festival has not lost its charms to the souls of Germans by reason of the war forced upon us."

TREE WARNING IS ISSUED

Fire Marshal Stevens Says "Be Careful to Prevent Fires."

"Be careful how you fix up your Christmas tree. Unless it is done right you may set your house on fire." This is the warning given out yesterday by Fire Marshal Stevens. He says carelessness in handling Christmas trees has been the cause of many fires and accidents on Christmas days heretofore.

"Do not use cotton batten for snow. Use fireproof tinsel. Don't use candles to light a tree. If you must light it, use electric lights. In using electric lights be careful not to hang the bulbs get near any of the needles on the tree or on anything else that will burn. Fires start easily from electric light bulbs."

CHILDREN TO GIVE HELP

EVERY NEEDY FAMILY IN SELLOWOOD TO GET XMAS BASKET.

School Pupils to Give Programme Tuesday With Entertainment For Adults At Night.

All children who can do so are asked to bring food, clothing and gifts to the Sellwood school this week, where a committee from the Parent-Teachers' Association and the Sellwood churches will make up baskets for distribution among needy families. Gifts for children and food for Christmas are especially wanted for distribution among needy families, who are assisting in getting numbers of families which may be in need. It is planned to see that every family in need in Sellwood is provided with Christmas comforts and the children with presents.

The Auxiliary of the Sellwood Young Men's Christian Association is in charge of care of 14 families in the Sellwood district.

The Sellwood Commercial Club is receiving donations at the clubroom, 879 Umattilla avenue. Food and clothing are preferred by the club. S. R. Scott, F. C. Borer and C. Hazeman are the committee in charge, and all articles received will be distributed to needy families.

There will be a programme in the Sellwood school Tuesday, when the exercises will consist of drills, recitations and songs. Admission will be free, but will be ticketed as the fire department has restricted the attendance to 300. This entertainment will be given for children, and the hits will be reserved for the adults at night.

SPEDING CHARGE IS FILED

H. L. Keats Offers Machine to R. H. Strong if He Can Prove Assertion.

On complaint of R. H. Strong, H. L. Keats was notified yesterday to appear in the Municipal Court to answer to the charge of speeding. Strong charged that Keats had been in the habit of speeding his auto down Vista avenue, past a schoolhouse nearly every morning about 3:30 at the rate of 40 miles an hour.

"I'll give Mr. Strong my automobile if he can make that turn on Vista avenue at 40 miles an hour," declared Mr. Keats to Patrolman Thompson yesterday when notified. He intends to fight the case.

HOME WORK IS HIGH-CLASS

Cottage Grove Furniture Is Argument for "Buy in Oregon."

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., Dec. 19.—(Special.)—That most of the furniture used in Cottage Grove and a lot of that used in other parts of Oregon could just as well be made here is demonstrated by the Cottage Grove Manufacturing Company.

The majority of the owners, has just completed for himself an elegant gun cabinet. It is made of selected fir of a beautiful grain and is highly polished. It looks much like a grand one, except that it has a glass door. For the price at which this company can sell this piece of furniture it could not be duplicated by any outside concern, and it is of a quality fit for the most luxurious home. The company recently has made a number of large doll cribs, which Santa Claus has ordered for some of the little girls of the city. A number of beautiful cedar chests are among the other pieces of furniture recently turned out.

TEACHERS URGED TO ACT

Extension Work in Agriculture as Soon as Possible, Advised.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 19.—(Special.)—State Superintendent of Public Instruction Churchhill favors the letter which J. Alton Yeager, Supervisor of Umattilla County, is sending to the teachers of his district. Mr. Yeager suggests to the teachers that they begin extension work in agriculture as soon as possible. His suggestions in part follow:

"You think you can magnify results if you minimize the scope of your work; therefore we advise that you choose only one or two of the five projects—pig-raising, poultry-raising, corn-growing, dairy record-keeping and gardening. Some one or more of these five projects may be taught successfully in any part of Umattilla County.

"You are to be the pupils' guide in making the choice of projects, considering the soil, the climate and the pupil's aptitude and home environment. A county industrial fair will be held in Pendleton next year during 'Round-up' week, and at least \$500 will be available for the purchase of exhibits will be sent to the State Fair, where the prizes will be larger, and some pupils from your school can share in these if he will try."

200 HUNTERS TO AID POOR

Umattilla Parties Seek 5000 Rabbits for Portland Muts.

PENDLETON, Or., Dec. 19.—(Special.)—Two hundred Umattilla County hunters will take the field tomorrow in an effort to kill 5000 jackrabbits for the Portland organization of Muts, which will distribute them among the poor of that city. Two different parties will go out from Pendleton, Stanfield and Hermiston, while one each will go out from Echo and Umattilla. The hunters will be drawn up in lines under a leader, who will see that only straight aimed firing is indulged in.

BEGGAR TURNS ASSAILANT

James Monroe Then Accused of Insulting Burnside Saloon Crowd.

That upon being refused money he knocked Joseph Miller, 65 years old, to the pavement, is the charge against James Monroe, arrested yesterday by Detective Hill and Hammerley on the charge of assault and battery.

After striking Mr. Miller, Monroe is said to have flung insults at a crowd in a saloon at Third and Burnside streets, meantime drawing a razor and threatening to attack any who neared him.

ROAD TO ENTERTAIN 1400

O.-W. R. & N. to Prepare Spread for Men Without Homes.

Biggest of all the dinners that will be spread on Christmas day in Portland will be that given annually by the O.-W. R. & N. Company to unattached and homeless men. There will be 1400 guests, it is anticipated, and invitations, printed in red and green with a border of holly, are now being issued.

The dinner will be served on the good ship Hassalo, of the transportation company's fleet, which will be moored at the Ash-street dock. The meal will last from 11 A. M. until 3:30 P. M. From 250 to 275 diners will be served per hour.

A carload of Christmas greens has arrived from Ilwaco and the Hassalo is being made gay with vivid Christmas colors. The large waiting-room at the Ash-street dock will be used as a reception-room, where the company will welcome its guests. Greens and other decorations are being used profusely to make it particularly attractive.

SILVER CREEK PIONEER DIES

CHEHALIS, Wash., Dec. 19.—(Special.)—The death of William Van Woert, a pioneer of Silver Creek, in Eastern Lewis County, 25 miles east of Chehalis, was reported Friday. Mr. Van Woert was 84 years of age. He was a Civil War veteran and had been a member of the Masonic lodge for years.

Two sons, William Van Woert, of this city, and J. H. Van Woert, of Silver Creek, survive. The funeral was held yesterday at Silver Creek.

Advertisement for Eiler Music House, featuring a special sale of piano stools, benches, and player piano benches. The ad lists various models and prices, and includes the store's address and hours.

Advertisement for the "GO-TO-SCHOOL DAY" SET, featuring a photograph of a group of children and a message from the Superintendent regarding school activities and parent involvement.

Advertisement for SHERIDAN HAS RESTROOM, mentioning the installation of a drinking fountain and the involvement of the Civic Improvement Club.

Advertisement for MEDICAL SOCIETY IS FORMED, detailing the formation of a medical society in the Dalles and listing its members.

Advertisement for VANCOUVER GIVES CHEER TO CHILDREN, describing a performance at the Rex Theater for the benefit of the poor.

Advertisement for HOME WORK IS HIGH-CLASS, promoting the Cottage Grove Furniture Company and its products.

Advertisement for A REQUEST, asking for donations of clothing and shoes for the poor, and providing information on where to donate.