

SANTA'S MAIL GOES TO CHARITY BUREAU

Effort Made to Answer Appeals of Children.

HELP GIVEN TO NEEDY

Families Turned Down by Welfare Workers.

Letters to Santa Claus from little Bobby and little Dorothy around Christmas time used to be turned over by the postoffice office department to the dead letter office.

And always on Christmas morn many a youngsters whose folks were struggling hard to make both ends meet used to wonder why Santa had not brought the things asked for. Bobby had been so good and always he minded his parents, while Dorothy was a great help to her sick mother.

Childish Doubt Recalled.

But Santa Claus hadn't remembered them at all. And they had written to him so he would just know what they wanted for Christmas. "What was the use of being good anyway?" Or was there any Santa Claus after all?

Oh, yes, there is a Santa Claus. There has been one in Portland now for the last three years disguised as the public welfare bureau of the courthouse on the other days of the year. During the last three years little Bobby's and little Dorothy's letters to Santa have all been answered, and on Christmas morn they have awakened to find everything they asked for and a lot of other things, too.

Father Helped to Job.

Yes, and Santa had been good to their "daddy" and got him a job after he had had one for a long, long time. And there were lots of good things for their sick mother that would help her get well very quickly.

All letters received at the post office department addressed to Santa Claus are now turned over to the public welfare bureau. For a while the bureau used to pay the postage due on the letters, little Bobby or little Dorothy had forgotten to put stamps. But a kind-hearted woman employe of the department now pays for them all from out of her own pocketbook.

The bureau looks up every letter carefully. If there is any indication of need in the innocent appeal of the child the bureau makes investigation and brings immediate assistance.

Wealthy Children Write.

Of course many of the letters are written by youngsters of well-to-do families, as the bureau finds quite often, but now and then is discovered a family in actual want of life's necessities. And the tragedy of it all is that, perhaps, the discovery would not have been made were it not for the labored scrawl of a child pouring out his heart to the children's patron, Santa Claus.

If anyone in Portland wishes to help the public welfare bureau play Santa, he can get in touch with it by telephoning Broadway 8216.

STUDENT AWARDS TO END

"Y" SCHOLARSHIP HONORS TO TOTAL 100,000.

Expenditure on Education Phase of War Work Council Exceeds \$5,125,000 to Date.

With a record of more than 100,000 scholarship awards to ex-service men in the last three years, the Y. M. C. A., December 31, will have completed the distribution of awards up to the limit of the educational service fund of the association's national war work council. The expenditure involved in the awards now is in excess of \$5,125,000. This announcement was received yesterday at the Oregon Institute of Technology, the local Y. M. C. A. school. The last scholarships will be awarded on the basis established when a supplementary fund was made available a year ago—half of the cost of tuition. Under this plan a scholarship holder pays his share in monthly installments. Approximately 1,900 men have accounted awards. The number obtaining full scholarships totals 32,666.

Interest has been added to other features of the administration of the educational service fund of the national war work council. Since the establishment in 1919 of this plan for helping ex-service men establish themselves in peace-time pursuits, more than 12,000 scholarship awards have been made through colleges, the average amount involved in each being \$37. This fund is now exhausted. The remainder of scholarship money is for use in Y. M. C. A. schools and correspondence course only.

Lines of study selected with scholarships indicate the wide range of interest of ex-service men. Local instruction immediately available for ex-service men is in salesmanship, public speaking, preparatory school, automotive school, radio telegraphy and telephony, mechanical drawing, architectural drawing, structural drafting and elementary school for men.

TIMBER DEAL UNDER WAY

Claims Totalling 9000 Acres Involve \$500,000 Outlay.

SHERIDAN, Or., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—Sheridan, one of the timber claims in the 7-9 district, west of Sheridan, have been notified that a deal is under way with an eastern broker for a total of 60 of these claims, aggregating 9600 acres. The reported purchase price is in the neighborhood of \$500,000. It also has been reported that option money is in a bank of Portland, the option to be exercised in 60 days.

BUILDING MEET CALLED

Conference Over Waterfront Property to Be Held Tuesday.

At the suggestion of City Commissioner Barbur a joint meeting of the waterfront committee, representatives of the Oregon fire insurance rating bureau, City Commissioners

Diglow and Barbur will be held in the city council chambers, 2 P. M. Tuesday, when the condition of Portland's waterfront will be discussed. More than two years ago the special waterfront committee, composed of men representing the city council and the commission of public docks, made a survey of the entire waterfront situation and condemned many of the buildings that were depreciated to an extent of 40 per cent. or more.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE DEBATORS WIN CHAMPIONSHIP.



John Gray, Chester Merklin, Paul Dickey, Paul Knoll.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Dec. 16.—(Special.)—State intercollegiate championship in debate was brought back to the Oregon Agricultural college after the University of Oregon had held it one year, by the Aggie teams in a dual debate with the university men. For four years previous to 1921 the championship debaters of the college defeated the university decisively in debate.

The defeat last year was somewhat offset by the winning of a state and a national contest in oratory, believes C. B. Mitchell, professor of public speaking. The championship debaters of the state are Paul X. Knoll, Paul Dickey and John Gray of Corvallis and Chester Merklin of Portland.

Commissioner Barbur takes the position that some definite policy must be adopted at once.

MOOSE TO HOLD FROLIC

Christmas Fete at Auditorium Will Open Tomorrow Night.

A five-day Christmas frolic and show will be held by the Moose in the city auditorium, beginning tomorrow night with a vaudeville and concert programme. The opening performance will be preceded by a monster parade in the downtown section, starting from the Moose temple promptly at 7 o'clock. The programme will be followed by special features, carnival numbers and dancing.

The programme for the show, which will take place in the Auditorium proper, will open with a juggling act. Other numbers will include dancing, violin and cello solos, songs by the Moose chorus and numbers by the Moose band.

The frolic will be given for the benefit of the building fund of the Moose lodge. Benjamin Brick is the director.

BOYS SELL CHINESE LOTS

Y. M. C. A. RAISING MONEY TO AID ORIENTALS.

"Land Company" Formed by Youths in Unique Campaign to Get Funds for Work.

For the purpose of raising a substantial fund for work among boys in foreign countries members of the boys' division of the Portland Young Men's Christian association have organized what they term an "America-Chinese Land company" and are selling lots in China. The youngsters have organized in active groups and are meeting with success in their unique selling campaign.

The selling was opened December 8 with a kick-off rally at which talks were made by Oscar Heintz, Paul Gee, Chinese student at Reed college; H. W. Stone, general secretary of the Portland "Y," and Frank L. McGuire.

Funds are to be sent principally to Y. M. C. A. organizations in China, through the association's international committee. Boys' activities in that country, under Christian leadership, are reported to be increasing rapidly. At Shanghai, an ex-Portland man, J. C. Clark, is head of the department in which 6000 young orientals are members.

This is credited with being the largest boys organization in China. Mr. Clark, who recently made a report on the needs for education and training among the young generation in China, said that similar undertakings are slated for other cities there.

SALMON SHIPMENTS GAIN

1,329,870 Cases Sent Out in September and October.

During the months of September and October of this year a total of 1,329,870 cases of canned salmon moved from the Columbia river and Puget sound, according to figures just issued by the Pacific Canned Fish Brokers' association. Shipments during the same months last year amounted to 1,096,919 cases.

Shipments of canned salmon from San Francisco during September and October of this year are shown to have amounted to 185,929 cases. Of the total shipments from Pacific coast ports during those two months J. C. Deal, secretary of the Pacific Canned Fish Brokers' association, announced that his organization had moved 200,021 cases.

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Gift Sale of Robes

—Offering Values Extraordinary

Third Floor—Robes commend themselves to those who seek something of practical value as Christmas gifts. Our showing is large and varied so that you can be sure of finding just what you have in mind. Shop early.

All-Wool Robes and Shawls

—Very newest Indian and novelty striped effects. Hundreds to select from. All-wool Robes and Shawls with fringed edges. Specially priced for Gift Sale at \$6.75, \$9.75, \$13.50, \$15

Robe Blankets \$14.50

—All-wool Bath Robe Blankets in a large assortment of beautiful colors and patterns. Good large size. Regular \$21.50 values—sale \$14.50

Motor Robes of Plush At Reduced Prices

Third Floor—Best makes in Plush Motor Robes in a special sale at a big reduction. Practical, serviceable and most attractive. Colors to match the upholstery of any car. These Robes are reversible, which makes them all the more desirable. Take advantage of these prices on Robes of quality. —\$14.00 Plush Robes \$9.50 —\$25.00 Robes at \$16.50 —\$17.50 Robes at \$12.00 —\$35.00 Robes at \$24.50

A Sweeper-Vac Cleaner —The Ideal Gift for the Home

DOWN sends a Vac Electric Cleaner to your home for Christmas. Then pay \$5 monthly beginning January 1st. It would be difficult to select anything in the way of a home gift that would be more acceptable than one of these labor and time-saving conveniences. As an added inducement we will give

1000 Extra Trading Stamps

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Make Splendid Gifts for the Home

Third Floor—Here is assembled a wonderful collection of small Rugs suitable for gift giving at prices surprisingly low.

Velvet Rugs \$2.95

—27x54-inch high-grade Velvet Rugs in all the most wanted colors. Special lot offered \$2.95 underprice. Sale \$2.95

Velvet Rugs \$5.90

—36x72-inch Velvet Rugs in one of the best makes. Mother would appreciate one of these! Priced special \$5.90

Small Size Axminster Rugs

—\$4.69 —\$4.98 —\$7.95 —\$8.65

—At these prices you may choose from hundreds of fine Rugs in all the newest patterns and colors. Rugs of quality that will give best of service. Sizes 27x54 inches and 36x72 inches. Extra values at \$4.69, \$4.98, \$7.95, \$8.65 —Drapery and Upholstery Sample Lengths suitable for pillows, cushions, table runners, scarfs. On sale HALF PRICE

Gift Sale of Fine Pillows

Third Floor—150 Pillows with all-wool tops, nicely trimmed. Very appropriate for gifts. Variety of patterns—\$2.50

Sale of Hood River Apples

At Lower Than Wholesale Prices

—Direct from our own Hood River Orchards. Every home should have a box of apples on hand during Christmas season. —Phone your order. Atwater 4800. —EXTRA FANCY, a box \$2.25 —FANCY, special a box \$1.75 —CHOICE, special a box \$1.25 Model Grocery, 4th Floor

Candle Sticks \$2.98

—attractive Colonial design as illustrated. Silver-plated—platinum finish. Regular \$3.50 values. On sale 3d Floor. \$2.98

Choose Practical Gifts

—More people are buying useful presents this season than ever before. Our big Housewares Section on the Third Floor is filled to overflowing with useful gifts.

Electric Curling Irons

Third Floor—Nickel-plated rod and clamp, bonized handle. Keeps uniform heat. A useful and appropriate gift for any woman. These sell in the regular way \$2.98 at \$4.00. Gift Sale

Casseroles \$3.48

Third Floor—Nickel-plated, with oven glass lining. A very desirable size. Regular selling price \$5.00. Special at \$3.48

Sale of Rochester Percolators

Third Floor—One of these Percolators will make a gift sure to please. Has improved aluminum inset and valve, also cast aluminum spout. Regularly \$3.98 sold at \$5.00—special at \$3.98

Electric Toasters Only \$2.98

—A very handy appliance. Can be used for light cooking as well as for toast—\$2.98

Attractive Bed Lamps Featured at \$9.50

Third Floor—A very attractive appliance that fits over head of bed for reading purposes or on the mirror of a dresser. Made of rich colored silk and equipped with standard electric socket and pull chain. Here's a gift item that is both useful and ornamental. Bed Lamp at \$9.50 sketched. Sale

—Boudoir Lamps of genuine mahogany with rich silk shades in assorted colors. A splendid gift. Priced only \$5

Chocolate Sets, Cake Sets And Berry Sets

Third Floor—Imported china with floral decoration. Sets consist of seven pieces—choice of three patterns. These are from lines selling formerly at \$2.75 to \$3.50. Special at \$1.98

Fancy China Special at \$1

Third Floor—A wonderful assortment to select from. —Sugar and Cream Sets, Cake Plates, Salad Bowls, Marmalade Jars, etc. Values to \$2—special \$1

Silver Bread Trays at \$3.75

—Heavily silver-plated, platinum finish. Hammered effect. Bread Trays or Sandwich Plates—priced \$3.75 special at only \$3.75

Boston Bags at \$2.48 —Gift Special

—Another big lot just received. Excellent Bags, well made in every particular. A useful gift and just the thing for shopping, 13, 14 and 15-inch sizes. Black and cordovan. Specially priced at \$2.48

Luggage Section, Third Floor

Groceries 4th Floor

—Popcorn, 4 pounds 25¢ —New Golden Dates, priced at 2 pounds for only 35¢ —Cluster Raisins, 2 pkgs. 45¢ —Libby's Mince-meat, bulk, priced at the pound, 25¢ —Libby's Plum Pudding, priced at the can, only 35¢ —Good Oranges, dozen 40¢

Fruit Cake 75c Lb.

—Made in our own Model Bakery. Order your Christmas supply at once. It's delicious. Experienced telephone clerks 8 A. M. Order groceries early in the week.

Monday's Special Lunch 69c

Service 11:00 A. M. to 2:00 P. M. CHOICE OF Chicken Gumbo Soup Clam Chowder Creamed Olympia Oysters on Toast Baked Stuffed Salmon New England Boiled Dinner Chicken with Noodles Pot Roast of Beef with Potato Pan Cake O.K. Baked Beans and Boston Brown Bread with Creamed Corn CHOICE OF Pie Tea Ice Cream Coffee Cake Milk

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