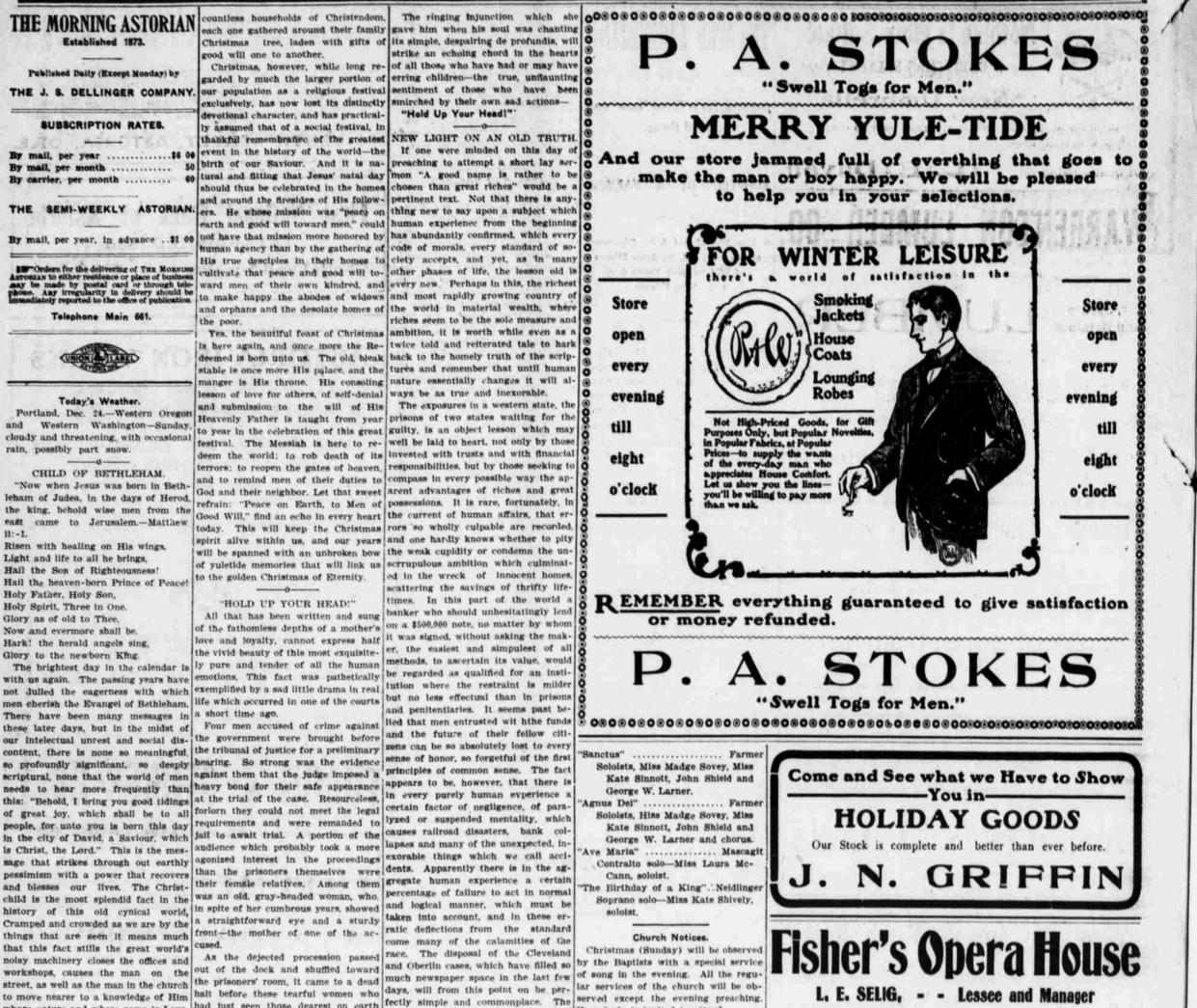
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Today's Weather.

Portland, Dec. 24 .- Western Oregon and Western Washington-Sunday, cloudy and threatening, with occasional rain, possibly part snow.

CHILD OF BETHLEHAM. 'Now when Jesus was born in Bethleham of Judea, in the days of Herod. the king, behold wise men from the east came to Jerusalem.-Matthew il:-1.

Risen with healing on His wings, Light and life to all he brings, Hall the Son of Righteousness Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit, Three in One. Glory as of old to Thee, Now and evermore shall be. Hark! the herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn King.

There have been many messages in a short time ago. these later days, but in the midst of that this fact stills the great world's cused.

had just seen those dearest on earth

whose nature and whose name is Love.

Today will be celebrated in Astoria to them practically branded as crimiand throughout the length and breadth nals. There was muttered, sobbing routine of the law's delays always dulls of this land, the memorable Christmas sympathy, a moment's yielding to that the edge of public interest, and in the Our homes will be adorned with ever- spirit of despondency which comes at end simply one line more will be a1- ice. Sunday sermon by the pastor at greens and happiness will not be much such times to crushed, sinning human- ded to the long list of defaications; an- 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Christmas festhe search as the possession of each ity, and the four men went on with other wrecked reputation will fall into tival for the children Monday evening young heart. The song of "Peace on dragging footsteps toward the vehicle oblivion, and possibly some peniten- at 7:30. Aug. Petersen, pastor. Earth, Good Will to Men," that fell which was to transfer them to the tiary's convict list will be increased from a land where no weary ever dis- chill guardianship of locks and bars. It one number, but whether any or all Christmas as follows: Morning, usual turbed the air, and no cheek is ever was one of the bitter crises in the lives of these things happen is of little mo- early matins. This service begins at wet with tears, will soon soften all of those men and women-on the one meat.

hearts. For one day men will strike side love tinctured with commiserathe truce of battle. The sound of strife tion and a vague sense of degredation, will die out from the market and the or the other overwhelming shame, street. The very anticipation of Christ- poignant sorrow over the woe wrought mas is increasing the sums of joy and in the lives of those innocent, weeping happiness. The aged are becoming women, and a sickening realization of young again through the pleasure of the collapse of their ow honorable planing and giving. Our children are caresses. One would have said, on the being refined by joyous expectancy. On impulse, that here was all somber Christmas day not all homes will be tragedy, not a ray of hope, not even a filled with luxury, but all will try to quavering note of encouragement for be full of happiness. Thus the Christ- these men with disgrace thick upon mas season lies over the nation like them-

"Hold Up Your Head!" a genial atmosphere. It warms cold

Shary, in penetrating tones, these

hearts, expels selfishness, feeds the fireside joys, and makes rich the uni- challenging words broke the pitiful versal life.

silence. They were spoken by the old, Let us joyfull confess the value of gray woman, the mother of one of the Christmas as a force in our civilization, alleged felons, to her son, who, with burning, downcast face, was slipping Our national holidays are few in number, but precious in quality. The high from the stare of publicity with his days of foreign nations equal two companions.

The effect was electrical. score; ours are but few. Thanksgiv-

Inspired by that same voice which ing stands for the home. It is the festival of the family. The birthday of had lulled him in infancy, which had Washington capitalizes the individual encouraged his little pattering prayers, hero. It asks each young citizen to and which had given him a reverent carry his Americanism up to the great "God-speed" when he bravely faced the hero's level. The mid-summer holiday world as a man, this creature who 10 stands for patriotism and liberty. It second before had hung his head in asks each patriot to go up to those hopeless shame, straightened up with heights of wisdom and justice where the stiffness of a ramrod, cast a loving Adams and Jefferson ever dweit. And glance into those watchful old eyes, now, at the threshold of winter, to our surveyed the gaping spectators boldly, earth, so long filled with the noise and strode out of the room with the of the battlefield, with the sound of mien of a man who goes bravely to falling walls and cities, with the cru- meet his fate, fortified by the love elty of the master and the groans of which knows no limitations save the slave, and the cry of children, light of its object.

comes the Christmas era. It pleads for His guilt, his shame, his fall matpeace on earth and universal good will, tered little to her. He was her son!

Nothing could be more beautiful than The fact that he had sinned, that he in the genuine spirit of Christmas gift- had been weak, that other men looked giving. As God gave his well-beloved with indifferent contempt on him, did Son as a Guide and Redeemer to erring not change the sacredness of that remen, so we, in memory of that precious lation. They might have all, separategift, give tokens of good will, both to ly or collectively, spurned and insulted them whom God has joined us in ties him-she would still have been there of kindred and to those less favored to brace his spirit, to make him feel ones, who dwell, as it were, under the that in the moment of his deepest hushadows of our homes-our neighbors millation, he had a friend unaffected Offertory-Soprano solo and chorus. in the ties of common humanity. What by anything save a desire to see him sight can there be more sweetly signi- meet, manfully, unafraid, any ill of forficant of "heaven on earth," than the tune or of his own making.

romance is all out of the situation; the Everybody is invited to attend, Norwegian-Danish M. E. church, at Uppertown. Special Christmas serv-

The other illustration of the scriptural truth is here in Astoria, in the death of Professor Lyman, who for house. The subject for the sermons years had been a large arc on the will be the "Birth of Christ. Mr. Olive Astoria horizon. That, too, is nothing out of the common, sudden as it was. The significance in the incident is the universal tribute without distinction of party to the essential sinceties the of party, to the essential sincerity, the personal honesty, the domestic virtues On Monday evening the Christmas of the man whose name, perhaps, was more closely associated than any other fine program has been prepared. To with the public and educational life of the friends of our children and Sunday Clatsop county for the last generation. Allowing full effect to the good rule, to

say nothing but good of the dead, eloquent public tributes paid to him who service at 11 a. m. Christmas tree at was honored and loved are convincing. The substance of the matter seems to 5 p. m. be, and there is nothing new in that either, that it is not what we get or what we do, but what we are, that evening at 5:30 with offering for the counts, and a good name is worth all it

costs, both to have and to leave.

Appropriate Exercises at St. Mary's Church Will Be Observed Today. Great preparations have been made for the propper observance of Christmast at St. Mary's church today. The musical program follows: "Oh. Holy Night Adam Soloists, Miss Madge Sovey, Miss chorus. "Asperges Me"Chorus "Kyrie" Farmer Soloists, Miss Madge Sovey, Miss Kate Sinnott, John Shield and

George W. Larner. "Gioria" Farmer Soloists, Mrs. J. H. O'Connell

and George W. Larner.

"Credo" Farmer Soloists, Mrs. J. H. O'Connell, Miss Kate Sinnott, John Shield and George W. Larner, and the chorus.

"Adeate Fidelis"-

Soloist, Miss Helen Brooks and chorus.

Services at the First Lutheran on ice there will be the usual morning service, each servicé lasting about two has trained a large choir, which will render several selections at these servlces. The church will be illuminated tree exercises will take place. A very school we extend a hearty welcome. Services will be held in the German Lutheran church Sunday as follows: Sunday school at 11 a. m. Morning

At Grace church the Christmas tree with carol service will take place this Good Samaritan hospital. Children should bring their presents to be exchanged before noon. The Christmas

day services will eb at 6:30 and 11 a. m., and at Holy Innocents chapel in Uppertown at 7:30 p. m. Offerings on Christmas day for the aged and infifm clergy fund. The carol service uptown at 5 o'clock Monday afternoon.

At the Presbyterian church today all the regular services will be imbued with the spirit of the day, the day that commemorates the birth of Him who is the "High Calling of God," the hope of the human race. The pastor will preach at both morning and evening services, this morning speaking on "The Light of the Incantation," in the evening "The Winners of the Prize," in which the power of the "truth as it is in Jesus" will be set forth in respect to his imperious character. Men who want to help and be helped are invited to these services.

Sacred Concert.

The choir of the Baptist church will the largest poultry house in Astoria. give a sacred concert Christmas even- We have hired ten men expressly to ing at 7:30. The following musical dress poultry for the Christmas and numbers will be given:

Week Commencing Monday, December 26th

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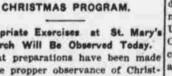
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"Slaves of Russia"

Followed on other nights by :"Brother Against Brother," "Capt. Fresh, U. S. A.," "Senator's Daughter," "Power of Truth" and "Light House Robbery."

PRICES: Reserved Seats, 35c.; Children in Gallery 15c., Adults 25c. Seat sale opens Saturday morning at 9 o'clock at Fisher Bros. Office.





Miss Kate Sinnott, John Shield