

DAY'S EVENTS ON EAST SIDE

Principal of Highland School Complains of Condition of the Grounds.

MISSION SCHOOL CHILDREN HAVE CHRISTMAS TREAT

St. Johns Commercial Club Engages Quarters and Will Begin New Year With Increased Activity—Other Notes of Interest From East Side.

East Side Department.

The Highland school of this city, located on Wygant street just a block or two above and east of Union avenue, and which is the largest school in the state, has also the poorest grounds in the state, according to Principal J. H. Stanley.

The Highland school at present accommodates 900 pupils, more or less evenly divided between the nine grades. However, the first grade is unusually large, containing 118 children, very few of whom are over 5 years of age. Three teachers are employed for this grade alone and each has her hours well accounted for in her work. Twenty-two teachers are employed at the Highland school besides the principal and another special instructor.

The school altogether is one of the best equipped on the coast in the way of advantages in manual training and light athletics. The building possesses a commodious basement for these purposes and in every way is an up-to-date and modern public school building. The ventilation and heating is according to the most improved plans known to architects and very little is to be desired in all these equipments.

A few years ago when the building was erected the ground sloped away from the building, making admirable playgrounds, well drained, but in excavating for the basement the dirt that was taken from the site was spread on the ground around the building until the sloping effect was destroyed.

At the beginning of this year's work the water on rainy days ran toward the building instead of away from it and the board was notified that water was running into the basement. Workmen were sent and the dirt was piled up around the basement so that the water would be turned away, but this dirt was taken from the space between two of the big wings, making a big hole which in wet weather made a veritable duck pond, not more than 10 feet from the walls.

Mr. Stanley states that he has asked both the board and the city superintendent to remedy the matter but both have neglected it and depended upon the other to attend to it. Mr. Stanley thinks that the Highland grounds should be the prettiest in the city instead of the most neglected as there is plenty of room for beautiful grounds around the building.

Children Have Treat.

The children of the Mission Sunday school, east Water and Washington streets, were given a splendid treat yesterday afternoon under the auspices of the Centenary church. Assistant Superintendent Thomas Leonard was in charge and had provided a brief program of recitations and songs for the children. Dr. J. J. Wiggins made a most address and the topic was "New Year's Resolutions." The "New Year's" story of the birth of Christ. After the address presents provided by the Centenary Sunday school were distributed and none of the little Mission children were overlooked. This mission was established last September and the children come from the surrounding district and the waterfront.

The St. Johns Commercial club has leased rooms in the new brick on the south side of Philadelphia street and

will have them in readiness as soon after the first of the year as possible. The club has a membership of about 100 and has just recently awakened after a short period of inactivity.

The St. Johns charter commission has about completed its work and at the last session of the council asked for an appropriation for having it typewritten. The document is quite lengthy. Every detail of city government is carefully delineated.

Oregon Pioneer Dies.

Mrs. Anna Eliza Parrott, an early Oregon pioneer, died suddenly last night at her home, 514 East Couch. She showed no signs of illness until about an hour before her death. At first she complained of a toothache and afterwards of a difficulty with her breathing. Dr. T. C. Humphreys was called in and he later sent for Dr. A. M. Batcher, but neither were able to relieve her suffering.

Mrs. Parrott was born in Illinois in 1816, and two and a half years later crossed the plains with her parents, who settled on what is known as the French Prairie. Her husband died eight years ago, but she is survived by seven children, Mrs. A. S. Greene, Arnold G. Parrott, Archie L. Parrott, Samuel H. Parrott, George C. Parrott, Richard L. Parrott and Henry Parrott, all of Portland, and Thomas W. Parrott of Galveston, Texas.

East Side Notes.

Rev. E. S. Bollinger states that his church, the Highland Congregational, is much too small and that plans are being formulated for an addition to the rear end and a wing for the east side.

Those who are engaged in the work of raising funds for the purchase of a lot and the erection of a Y. M. C. A. building in Sellwood are going to work again. The taking of subscriptions for two churches in Sellwood this fall has made the work of raising the Y. M. C. A. fund rather more difficult.

The Mount Scott Volunteer Fire company will give a benefit ball tonight at Arleta hall. This company is endeavoring to buy a chemical engine for the district.

The Laurewood Congregational Sunday school will celebrate Christmas in Arleta hall, Korn Park, tomorrow evening. A beautiful service, "The Angels Hallelujahs," consisting of songs and recitations, will be the leading feature. The Christmas tree and the presents for the children will not be overlooked.

SUSPECTED MAN IS GIVEN HIS LIBERTY

Upon the request of the Pinkerton detective agency, Barney Lenahan, who was arrested early Sunday morning on suspicion of having been implicated in the shooting of Pinkerton Watchman Harry McMullin, was released from the city prison this morning. Lenahan was seen running away from Fifth and Pine streets, after McMullin had been wounded in the leg by one of a trio of burglars who were attempting to effect an entrance to the establishment of M. Sells & Co. Special Policeman Jack Hoare, attracted by the pistol shots, caught sight of Lenahan sprinting down the street. He fired a shot after the fleeing man, which had the effect of stopping his flight.

Lenahan was taken to headquarters and subjected to a searching examination. He declared that he heard the shots and out of curiosity came on the scene. He could assign no reason for his precipitate flight; in fact, refused to discuss this feature of the case. Detectives John Price and Jones are at work on the case, and Price is inclined to believe that a woman may have played an important part in the affair. An examination of the door through which McMullin averts, the crooks were endeavoring to effect an entrance, does not show any marks of a jimmy and the lock is in perfect working order.

McMullin is confined at his home, but as the wound is in the fleshy part of the leg, no serious results are anticipated by the surgeons. The police will visit him today and secure a statement of the affair. The detectives claim that he has told several conflicting stories of the shooting and that he may know the identity of his assailants.

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CHRISTMAS CAN'T BE PURCHASED

Spirit of Good Will Not Obtained by Lavish Expenditures of Money.

KING MAMMON NOT KING OF THE DAY

True Meaning of the Season Defiled, Says Rev. E. S. Bollinger, When Good Wishes Are Wrapped in Thousand-Dollar Bills.

"God did not wrap up his sparks of glory in 11,000 packages."

Thus did Rev. E. S. Bollinger, pastor of the Highland Congregational church, point out the folly of a burdensome Christmas to his congregation yesterday morning. His subject was "Getting Rid of Christmas Burdens."

"The season is to many a dread instead of a blessing," said he. "Fathers cannot meet the exorbitant demands of King Mammon on his commercial throne is gnawing at the distressed parents' experience to keep pace with those who have plenty of money. In our forgetfulness we dropped back into the deep sea the pearl of great happiness just as we were beginning to see the great value of it. You have lost this pearl of Christmas as not becoming a happy season every year. We have been swapping presents instead of giving them."

"It takes but a little thing to make our children happy—playing boat with peanut shells in a basket of water was of more interest to certain boys than all the presents a rich father could buy. Make your homes happy this Christmas and you will recover the pearl."

Mr. Bollinger's text was: "Where is he, born king of the Jews?"

In the opening part of his sermon he said: "Things were not as wise men expected to find them when they arrived at Jerusalem. The weary travelers had to go farther. They found the object of their search in a simple, quiet home among the poorest of the poor. Instead of sitting before the altars of the sacred fires in the Persian mountains to learn of the one who was light and truth they found the pearl of happiness in the humble Bethlehem home. And the memory of this little Jew became the constant fire burning within their hearts, the true and abiding joy-giver."

SCIENCE NO WEAPON

Cannot Be Used to Tear Down Scriptures Because It Is Terrestrial.

That science cannot be used as a weapon to tear to pieces some of the statements of scripture because one is terrestrial while the other is celestial was the keynote of the sermon delivered in the First Congregational church yesterday morning by Rev. E. L. House, D. D.

"Science is an aristocrat that talks about the survival of the fittest, she is a patrician that tramples the weak under foot," he declared. "Even literature with a few exceptions has no room on its page for the common man and woman. But Christ's heroine is a poor widow, casting in two mites. History has room for an occasional Napoleon, but shuts out the millions."

Dr. House also said: "Now the gospel can be apprehended only by celestial faculties. The natural man perceiveth not the things of the spirit of God, for they are foolishness unto him; neither can he know them, for they are spiritually discerned. Some things are beyond measurement and weight. Thought has not these things. No statistic can measure a tear. Reason, unaided, can never grasp the gospel. All men have ears; some men hear. As an invisible current traversing the continent can only be noted, read, by those trained for the delicate work, so only a celestial message can be interpreted by celestial faculties."

THE IDEAL LIFE

It Is Opportunity, Declares Rev. A. J. Montgomery at the Y. M. C. A.

"The Ideal Gift" was the subject of a sermon yesterday afternoon at the Y. M. C. A. by Rev. A. J. Montgomery of the Third Presbyterian church. Opportunity is the greatest of all gifts, he said.

"In this Christian country of ours," he said, "we have all chances to become rich, famous or Godlike. In Jesus Christ we have a greater opportunity than the best of us have in the Old Testament. In India, where the caste system binds the people, there is no opportunity. I have often wondered what is the greatest gift that God has given us today, and I think that it is opportunity."

LESSONS FROM BIRTH

Advent of Christ Teaches Multitude of Truths, Says Rev. J. T. Abbott.

"Lessons From the Birth of Jesus" was the subject of Rev. J. T. Abbott's sermon yesterday morning at Central Methodist church, Albina. The Christmas time is the celebration of the greatest event in all history, he said, because it celebrates the coming into this world of Jesus Christ, the promised Messiah. He told the story of the shepherds keeping watch over their flocks and being directed to the manger by the light of the brilliant star which shone over the place.

STRUCK BY TRAIN AND BADLY INJURED

While crossing the railroad tracks near the west approach of the steel low Italian building, Richard Shields, a barber, was struck by the pilot of the locomotive drawing the second section of Southern Pacific train No. 18 and sustained a fracture of the collar bone, the most serious of the injuries. He was unconscious, and as it was supposed that he had been killed instantly the coroner was notified.

Upon removing him to the union depot, however, signs of life were noticed and Shields was conveyed to police headquarters in an express wagon. From the station he was removed to St. Vincent's hospital in the patrol wagon, and his recovery is expected.

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wagons, steamboats and railway trains; and while angels rejoice, man is grateful, heaven is vocal with praise and the world goes off on a holiday. "It is of little concern whether the day we celebrate as Christmas is really the anniversary of the Saviour's birth, or whether we should begin to date Tetters six years earlier, or whether the Saviour was born on the first day of August or the last of December. We know there was a night when shepherds watched, and a morning when angels sang, an evening when magicians searched the sky, an hour when the star of Bethlehem shone, and a moment when the Christ of promise long foretold and oft predicted, the Shiloh of Jacob's prophecy and the anointed of David's promise made his glorious advent. We rejoice that the world has set apart a day to commemorate the event, which is the central fact of all the laboring ages. Everything antecedent was preparatory to it, and everything subsequent has been influenced by it. A splendid musical program was carried out at yesterday's services, of which one of the features was the solo of Miss Ethel Lytle.

AT WHITE TEMPLE

Appropriate and Interesting Christmas Services Before Large Congregation.

At the White Temple yesterday services were held appropriate to Christmas. The decorations, which were elaborate, were much admired. Every nation was represented in the flags which were displayed, and Oregon grape and cedar were festooned around the two galleries. The morning subject was "Christ as a Gift to All Nations." Dr. Brounger made a strong appeal for the evangelization of all nations through our missionaries, and a generous response was the result of his earnest talk.

In the evening he took for his subject "If Christ Had Not Been Born—What?"

In this connection he showed that such a supposition would wipe out all the churches, do away with all literature pertaining to Christianity, and with all the art which has found its inspiration in his name. We must imagine, then, society in a condition such as Judaism at the time of Christ's birth, that of the serfdom and centuries such as China or India. All philanthropic enterprises would be eliminated, the position of woman would be such as prevails in heathen lands, and such darkness would prevail as can be symbolized only by the sun going out and the world being left in blackness.

Dr. Brounger then appealed to his hearers to admit and acknowledge that Christ's birth is the central fact in history, and that we should confess him the source of all joy and happiness.

Excellent music added to the interest of both services, and the White Temple was crowded, both auditoriums being filled with attentive hearers.

EUCHARIST SERVICES AT ST. DAVID'S CHURCH

Will Be Celebrated Tonight in Accordance With the Old Custom.

At St. David's Episcopal church at 10:45 o'clock this evening the midnight Eucharist, the first important service of the Christmas festival will be celebrated in strict accordance with the custom prevailing for many centuries. The music, which is a feature of the service will be by Hugh Blair, with portions of a beautiful setting by Cuperus. Organist F. W. Goodrich will conduct the choir, which is to be composed of men only.

The order of service follows: Organ prelude, "Pastoral Symphony" ("The Messiah"), Handel; processional, "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing," Mendelssohn; Introit, "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," Willis; "Kyrie Eleison," Cuperus; sequence, "Calm on the Listening Ear of Night," Dykes; "Credo," H. Blair; offertory solo, "The Night Song of Bethlehem," D. Buck; "Sanctus and Benedictus," H. Blair; hymn, "O Come All Ye Faithful" (Adeste Fideles), J. Reading; "Agnus Dei," H. Blair; solo, "Angels from the Realms of Glory" (M. S.), F. W. Goodrich; "Gloria in Excelsis," H. Blair; post-communion, "While Shepherds Watched," T. Este; recessional, "Christians Awake," Wainwright; organ postlude, "Gloria to God" ("The Messiah"), Handel.

DEFECTIVE FIREPLACE ENDANGERS RESIDENCE

The residence of T. Quaid, 315 Twelfth street, on the corner of Salmon, caught fire last evening about 6:45 o'clock from a defective fire. The family has only recently come to the city and is having the house refitted. Yesterday the plumbing for the furnace was being completed, Mr. Quaid thought he would build a fire in one of the numerous fireplaces in the house which had never been used. The fireplace, which seems to have been built for looks more than for use, began to smoke and roar. The fire company was promptly called and finally located the fire behind the plaster on the fireplace. The plaster was supported by laths laid against the bricks of the chimney, and these laths were burning slowly. When the firemen opened the plaster with their axes the whole front of the fireplace blazed up, but was soon extinguished.

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