

Town Topics

At St. Lawrence church, Third and Sherman streets, masses will be offered on Christmas morning at 8, 9, 10 and 11:30 o'clock. At 10:30 the choir will render Gounod's grand solemn mass. The following elaborate program has been arranged for the occasion: Kyrie (Gounod), Gloria (Gounod), Credo (Gounod), Offertory (Noel), Miss Elizabeth Harvan, Sanctus (Gounod), Benediction (Gounod). The members of the choir are: Miss Mattie Kelly, organist; Mrs. J. Hunt and Smith, the Misses E. and L. Harvan, Nora Barrett, Ida Lahala, Margaret and Irene Barbary, Messrs. Bauvain, Montag, Glanell, Parcell, Bannon, Underwood, Cain, Fleming and Vandorville.

No children ever enjoyed a big Christmas tree any more than did the members of the Sunday school of the Centenary Methodist church filling barrels with presents for children not so well supplied at themselves. Several capacious barrels occupied the vestibule and these were all filled yesterday. One barrel went to the Boys' and Girls' Aid society. The name of every child at the home was attached to one of the packages. Another barrel was prepared for distribution by the Volunteers of America.

Annual T. P. A. banquet: The traveling men will give another of their famous banquets at the Hotel Portland Saturday evening, December 28. Managers Bowers is planning to make this occasion the most enjoyable of the many which have preceded it, and a cordial invitation is extended to all travelers to come and make good cheer. Good speakers and music. Tickets at office of secretary, 204 Fenton building. J. W. Curran, secretary.

The cantata, "The Coming of the King," was given by a large chorus at the Centenary Methodist Episcopal church last night. The soloists were Mrs. E. S. Miller, soprano; Mrs. E. N. Wheeler, alto; Walter Holt, tenor; J. W. Wurst and E. N. Wheeler, basses; E. D. Allen, baritone, who took the part of King Herod; E. S. Miller, director; Miss Kennedy, organist.

Officers of General Company No. 25, G. A. R., have been elected as follows: P. W. Hinman, post commander; E. W. Snow, senior vice-commander; Dan Callahan, junior vice-commander; W. H. Adams, officer of the day; L. R. Chipman, adjutant; W. W. Raser, quartermaster. Mrs. P. W. Hinman was made president of the Women's Relief corps.

Toilet and manure sets, handbags, wallets, billbooks, purses and card cases, slugs, combs, safety razors for the men, fountain pens, etc., at Albert Berni's drug store, 223 Washington street. No long waits for goods or change. Open all day tomorrow.

Football! Football! Football! Rah! Rah! Rah! Rah! Rah! Multnomah Seconds vs. The Dalles. Multnomah Field. Christmas Day, 2:30 p. m. Rain or shine. Admission 50 cents.

Christmas Trees.—Nice evergreen Christmas trees, 6 to 10 feet, 75 cents to \$5 each. Mistletoes and Oregon grape fine bushes to 25 cents and 50 cents each. Phone us your order at once for any delivery desired. Portland Seed Co. Front and Yamhill streets.

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You charitably disposed: If you wish to do a really good deed send a dollar's worth of medicine to the Hospital for the Homeless for the aged or the indigent and make many a poor heart glad and bring genuine cheer on the Christmas day.

Friends have been notified of the death of Mrs. Susie E. Foster at Helena, Montana. Mrs. Foster was a well-known W. C. T. U. worker of this city. She is survived by a husband, son and daughter.

During the rush and bustle of the past few days you have probably forgotten or overlooked someone in the way of a Christmas gift. We are open all day on Christmas and can take care of you. Albert Berni, the druggist, 223 Washington street.

G. C. Matlock, Merle Matlock and John Rigley, appraisers of the estate of Oscar H. Bellinger, filed a report in the county court this morning showing that the property of the estate is worth \$4,000.

Holy Cross church of Portsmouth will hold masses at 7:30 and 8:15 tomorrow and solemn high mass at 10:15, followed by a benediction of the blessed sacrament. Rev. J. Gallagher, C. S. C., pastor.

The new January magazines, The new January magazines, The new January magazines, All the leading dailies. At Carl Jones', Fourth and Washington.

No Christmas present complete without a bottle of nice perfume. We can help you out. Albert Berni, the druggist, 223 Washington street. Open all day tomorrow.

Do not miss this opportunity—George Jabour & Co., 341 Washington street, great holiday oriental rug and lace sale now on. 25 per cent reductions.

Steamer Jessie Harkins for Camas, Washougal and way landings daily except Sunday. Leaves Washington street dock at 2 p. m.

Acme Oil Co. sells the best safety coal oil and fine gasolines. Phone East 785.

Woman's Exchange, 133 Tenth street, lunch 11:30 to 2; business men's lunch.

Lot second-hand hose, 1 and 1 1/2-inch, cheap. Karkka Bros., 272 Front st.

"Public stenographer, Phone Pacific 92."

HOLIDAY RATES

Announced to Ocean Beaches. To enable patrons to visit ocean beaches during the Christmas holidays, the O. R. & N. Co. will on December 24 and 25, and January 1, sell round trip tickets to all North Beach points at a rate of \$2.50. For further information ask at city ticket office, Third and Washington streets, Portland, Oregon.

AN OPEN LETTER

Christmas Greetings: This is CHRISTMAS EVE, and tonight Santa Claus will come to our beloved city. In our childhood's happy days we cherished as a sacred ideal the Santa Claus told of by our parents, until the shock of unbelief was borne in upon us by the derision of some rude youth who, barren of Love and Sentiment, scoffed at our childish worship, but now we know that Santa Claus existed then and will live forever enthroned in the great throbbing heart of the world.

We rejoice with the good people of Portland because of the wonderful prosperity that has deservedly come to them during the year now closing, and which has brought dear old Santa Claus back to our homes and hearths again. This Progressive Bank has enjoyed its full share of the city's great gain in wealth, and now, with thankfulness upon the part of its officers and directors for the large patronage that has come to it, extends to all of its friends and patrons cordial good will and holiday greetings, and sincerely wishes them one and all

A Merry Christmas OREGON TRUST & SAVINGS BANK, Sixth and Washington Streets. Portland, Or.



Mr. Guy Bates Post, in "The Heir to the Hoorah" at the Hellig Christmas Matinee and Night.

AT THE THEATRES. Christmas Attraction at the Hellig. The attraction at the Hellig theatre, Fourteenth and Washington streets, tonight, tomorrow (Xmas) afternoon and night, will be the performance Wednesday night, will be Paul Armstrong's delightful comedy, "The Heir to the Hoorah." Guy Bates Post and a most excellent supporting company are presenting this interesting play in a manner seldom equaled for a finished performance. This will be found to be a charming and fitting Christmas offering to your wife or best girl.

Christmas Week at Pantages. The Pantages Christmas bill which opens today will be in every way worthy of the occasion. Each one of the acts has been secured with a view to making an exceptional success offering for the holidays, and such performers have been signed as the Maroon company, the Odessa, Frank King and the Boys. All the seven features are up to the mark.

Florence Roberts Next Sunday. Florence Roberts will be the New Year's attraction at the Hellig theatre, Fourteenth and Washington streets. The opening bill next Sunday night, December 30, and continuing Monday night and New Year's matinee, will be "The Strength of the Weak." New Year's and Wednesday night her latest success, "Marie Rosa." Seat sale opens next Friday.

Sale Tomorrow for "Six Hopkins." Tomorrow morning the advance seat sale will open for Rose Melville in her famous character of Six Hopkins at the box office of the Hellig theatre. The clever actress and comedienne will be the attraction at the above theatre next Thursday, Friday, Saturday nights, December 27, 28, 29, with a special price matinee Saturday.

"Tribby" at the Baker. The Baker has another big hit this week in the magnificent production of Du Maurier's famous "Tribby." Miss Lillian Lawrence, in the title role, does some of the best work of her career. John Salaputo gives more of his superb acting as Evengill. Howard Russell makes a good Little Billie and Ernest Hastings is all that can be desired as Tuffy. You don't want to miss seeing "Tribby." Special Christmas day matinee.

New Bill at the Lyric. "Arrah Na Pogue" is the new bill at the Lyric, opening this afternoon. It is the popular Lyric stock company is scoring another great success. This famous old play gives chance for individual work on the part of the players.

F.W. BALTES & COMPANY MAIN 185 INVITE YOUR INQUIRIES FOR PRINTING FIRST AND OAK STREETS

SAVATION TO FEED POOR

Will Make Glad Hundreds of People Unable to Holiday Luxuries. GREAT PUBLIC DINNER PLANNED FOR NEEDY

Baskets of Food to Be Given Families Who Are in Poor Circumstances—Public Offerings Make This Charitable Work Possible.

To over 300 families among the poor and needy of the city, the best meal of the year will come tomorrow from the contents of the dinner baskets to be distributed by the Salvation Army. At the headquarters, 365 Davis street, the floor of the building is covered with dozens of rows of baskets, running over with Christmas edibles, which will bring a smile of happiness to scores of the city's poor tomorrow.

Each basket is provided with potatoes, apples, oranges, celery, cranberries, sugar, white beans, canned corn and tomatoes and a chicken. In families of more than five members a five-pound roast is added. The 3000 baskets will be given in exchange for the tickets held by those who have made requests for aid, and in cases where sickness or other causes prevent a member of the family from coming in person to army headquarters, the baskets will be delivered.

Many Cases of Destitution. Adjutant A. P. Storey, who has had personal charge of the Christmas work this year, says that he has found many cases of destitution, and in addition to the assistance rendered through the distribution of the baskets, arrangements have been made to provide meals for 200 at the American restaurant, 215 North Third street. A turkey dinner will be served there between the hours of 11 and 3 tomorrow, and by this means it is believed that a large number of the deserving poor whose families are outside the city, will be reached. This is a feature of the Christmas arrangements inaugurated for the first time this year.

Through the means provided by the army, fully 1,500 people will be given a Christmas dinner. The baskets alone will carry to the needy over a ton of potatoes and half a ton of chickens, besides other edibles. The 3000 required to fill the baskets has been raised in large part by contributions from the public to the kettles which have stood for several days on many of the downtown street corners.

Tomorrow night at the Davis street headquarters gifts will be taken from the Christmas tree and distributed among the children of the neighborhood at intervals during the program of music and recitations. Invitations have been extended to the children of all the families to which aid will be given and it is expected that the hall will be crowded with the little ones many of whom will see their first Santa Claus and receive their first Christmas remembrance. Christmas trees and programs have also been arranged for the army hall at 390 Fourth street, and the Scandinavian headquarters at Fourth and Burnside streets.

PULSE OF BUSINESS BY A. S. McNEER

For several weeks past little girls of culinary tastes have been busy baking cookies and trying to make an ideal one for their relatives and friends. The result—a cookie—the perfect article—was brought to the gas company's headquarters, Fifth and Yamhill streets, Saturday afternoon and on that day a contest was held. There were cookies of every imaginable shape, size, flavor and history, nearly every nationality being represented, from the Norwegian "fatman" (poor man) to the most modern of fashioned, generous sized American sugar cookies. Three well known Portland ladies acted as judges at the invitation of the gas company, and after two good hours of examining, comparing and recompensing, finally decided that while every separate little batch was worthy of special mention, the most unique and best cookies were those baked by Olga Sherman at 200 Eugene street, and therefore she was awarded first prize—a \$50 gas range. Miss Olga had very cleverly worked out the words "Gas Tips," which is the name of the gas company's publication, in cookie dough, in relief. The second prize went to Coletta Bartholemey, 147 Blandina street; she received a \$15 portable gas reading lamp. All the other prizes were for light and crisp, and it certainly was a difficult task for the judges to turn aside the product of any of the young contestants. One little girl, Elsie Mithelson, of East Flanders street, is only 4 years and 10 months old, and her cookies would have been a credit to a much older child.

The gas company inaugurated this very interesting contest to lead up to the process of cooking with gas and to interest the young people in culinary efforts. The cookies were all sent to charitable institutions where little girls and boys not so fortunate as the young cooks will have a Christmas feast over them. Encouraging cooking among young girls is a most commendable idea, and though perhaps the gas company boys ought to be given away, still it's only fair to tip it off to the girls that certain young men were very busy Saturday afternoon taking down the addresses of the Portland girls who can cook.

SERIOUS FIRE PREVENTED BY DEPARTMENT'S WORK. Excellent work of the fire department prevented a disastrous fire in the Labbe building, Second and Washington streets, yesterday morning. The blaze started under the roof from a defective flue pipe and the fire was communicated to a broken gas pipe. In order to reach the seat of the fire it was necessary to cut through the roof, and a few well-directed streams soon extinguished the blaze. The prompt action of Special Officer Childers in turning off the gas supply materially assisted the firemen in their work. The damage is small and fully covered by insurance.

DEATH COMES TO HIM IN DREADFUL FORM. (Journal Special Service.) San Jose, Cal., Dec. 24.—With remarkable fortitude in the very face of death, Ben Walsh, a cigarmaker, 32 years of age, calmly watched the life blood pouring from his body, his legs and a part of the lower end of his trunk having been completely severed by a Southern Pacific train. Walsh was taken to the receiving hospital, and remained conscious almost to the last. Walsh saw a friend away on the south-bound train and intended to get off the car at Center City. Considerable headway was gained, however, and the jump was not an easy one. His error caught on the handrail and held him until he rolled under the wheels.

THREE MEN TAKEN TO PENITENTIARY. Sheriff Stevens took Morris Fleischner, J. E. McNally and John Bettinson to the penitentiary yesterday. Fleischner will serve three years, six months and 14 days for stealing \$300 from Woodward, Clarke & Co., where he was employed as a salesman. McNally was sentenced to three years for selling the furniture from a room that he had rented from Mrs. B. Ingate. Bettinson was sentenced to a year and four days Saturday for attempting to hold up a saloon.

Open Late Tonight! Everything in the Line of HOLIDAY GOODS to be CLOSED OUT REGARDLESS OF COST OR LOSS. Not a dollar's worth to be carried over, even if we have to almost give it away—Be with the crowds and get your share of the Bargains. Toys and Dolls, Xmas Novelties and Fancy Goods ALL TO BE SACRIFICED. Most any price to clear the shelves and counters. If cutting prices to the bottom will sell the goods there won't be a dollar's worth left tonight when the doors close. OPEN LATE TONIGHT Closed All Day Tomorrow! We Wish You One and All A MERRY CHRISTMAS

For an Ideal and Lasting CHRISTMAS GIFT Read This! LIVING CHRISTMAS GIFTS

In anticipation of a popular demand for finely grown Winter flowering and ornamental foliage plants for Christmas presents, Clarke Bros., Portland's leading florists, have this season devoted their skill and attention to the production of an elegant collection of plants, and will offer for the Holidays the finest selection of these treasures of the floral world yet assembled in Portland. It will indeed be a remarkable display of beauty which will greet all who visit their floral store during the next few days. Among the most popular offerings will be the gorgeous Polyanthus, with their flaming heads of scarlet flowers. Other beautiful plants are in Anemone, Cyclamens, Primroses, Begonias, all splendidly flowered. They are indeed gifts of nature and it can truthfully be said that there is nothing more acceptable as a Christmas present for lady friends and relatives. In addition to the grand show of plants, Messrs. Clarke Bros. have their usual large supply of seasonable cut flowers, roses, carnations, chrysanthemums, etc., all of the finest quality and of fresh gathering. Clarke Bros. are located at 239 Morrison street, between Fourth and Fifth.

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Building Permits. The following permits have been issued: W. J. Hawkins, repairs, Second and Main, cost \$400; E. W. Baughman, two-story dwelling, East Thirty-third, yesterday morning. The blaze started under the roof from a defective flue pipe, cost \$1,500; Portland Tool works shop, East Ninth, corner Marion, cost \$500; J. H. Scott, one-story dwelling, Hunter avenue, corner East Nineteenth, and East Twenty-first, cost \$200.

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