

THE GLAD CHRISTMAS SPIRIT How It Will Be Shared by All

STATE AND COUNTY PRISONERS INCLUDED

Few if any of the local charitable organizations are planning a broader and more comprehensive Christmas celebration for the needy and unfortunate than the Portland commons. Already work is under way for packing hundreds of boxes and baskets for prisoners and their families throughout Multnomah county. The 600 men confined in the penitentiary at Salem also will be remembered with boxes. Each box is calculated for two men, the contents being as follows: Two cakes, two glasses of jelly, four apples, four oranges, two half pound packages of nuts, two half pound packages of candy, two packages of figs. Two hundred and fifty of these boxes will be sent to Salem, and 50 more boxes containing practically the same things are being provided for the men of the Kelly Butte and Linnton rockpiles, and the inmates of the city and county jails.

Baskets containing eatables for the Christmas dinner will be sent to the families of prisoners throughout the county. According to its usual custom, the Commons will provide a Christmas dinner to men. It is expected there will be at least 1000 men in attendance at this dinner, which will be served from 12 until 6 on Christmas day. At the same time a Christmas dinner will also be served to mothers and children at the Albertina Kerr Nursery Home, 123 Fourteenth street. During the afternoon presents will be distributed among the children.

EACH YEAR OF CLUB'S HISTORY EVENTFUL

One of the most interesting features of the birthday dinner Monday evening by the Portland Women's club, was the brief summary of the 17 years' activity of the club, given year by year by the president, Mrs. Frederick Egert, as follows: 1897, the club's organization perfected; 1897, manual training secured in the public schools of Portland; 1898, the first work for civic betterment, the organization of a park board; 1899, organization of the state federation, first step toward securing a free public library for Portland; 1900, the establishment of the first cooking school in Portland, the club members acting as volunteer teachers; 1901, first library bill ever put on the statute books secured, a woman placed on the school board; 1902, helped to save the trees on the plaza; 1903, set aside money for a clubhouse; 1904, put out a special edition of the Journal, clearing \$1000 for the clubhouse fund; 1905, endorsed the Lewis and Clark exposition; 1906, set aside money for use in entertaining guests at the exposition; 1907, established a scholarship loan fund and since then have assisted 26 girls to secure educations; 1908, worked for an increase in the salary of school teachers, for a medical examination in the schools and for a free kindergarten. Helped to secure a large sum for the state university and secured the 6 o'clock closing of stores; 1909, gave a cup and endorsed the Rose Festival; 1910, established a free bed in the open air sanitarium; 1911, promoted and secured bond issue for the municipal collection of garbage; 1912, sent a delegation of 50 to Salem to inspect the state institutions with a view to informing ourselves on how we can better aid the inmates and the institutions.

MAY NAME CURATOR FOR CITY MUSEUM

The position of city curator under civil service will probably be created by the city council at its next meeting, unless the councilmen refuse to adopt a recommendation that will be made by Mayor Rusklight.

"The city has in its museum at the city hall," said the mayor's secretary, McCord, today, "rare collections of animal and mineral subjects and priceless curios. Some of these can not be duplicated elsewhere in the world and the entire museum could not be duplicated for \$200,000."

"Yet the specimens have never been catalogued or classified and there has never been a regularly paid curator to look after them. Many might be missing and the city none the wiser. The council will be asked to create the office of curator of the public museum at a salary of \$75 or \$100. In time, the collections will be housed in a separate building, as they have already outgrown the space allotted to them in the basement and on the corridors of the three upper floors of the city hall."

"For the past two years, Deputy City Auditor C. F. Wiegand has been devoting considerable attention to the museum, but the most part of work in the city auditor's office has been compelled to tender his resignation as volunteer caretaker of the museum."

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SANTA CLAUS WILL VISIT BABY HOME

The tiny kiddies who constitute the family at the Baby home, varying in age from 1 day to 3 years, will receive a visit from Santa Claus next Monday afternoon. Good Saint Nick has promised to be present and to present each baby with gifts of toys and candy from a great Christmas tree, which will sparkle with gilt and tiny candles according to the old German myth of the wonder tree laden with beautiful gifts. There are 60 babies in the home now, and the remarkable thing is that there isn't a single sick one among them, thanks to the excellent care of the head nurse, Miss Morse; the physician, Dr. J. Bilderback, and their assistants. The members of the board are anxious to see the public know more of the work of the home, and to this end a member of the board is at the home each Tuesday to receive any friends.

CONCERT CLEARS \$200 FOR ST. MARY'S PARISH

An amateur vaudeville entertainment was given in the auditorium of the Columbus club last night by the young people of St. Mary's parish of Albina, and netted more than \$200 for the parish fund. The program consisted of musical selections besides several well defined sketches. The "Human Callopes," consisting of eight men, each representing a note in the scale and singing that note, was a feature. The program follows:

Tenor solo, "We All Fall," Dominic McGreal; contralto solo, selected, Miss Gertrude Kuntz; sketch, "What Wife Found When She Came Home," Mr. and Mrs. Burr Eder and Frank Ponto; soprano solo, selected, Mrs. J. C. Hayes; Dinkenspiel trio, Kugardt, Dolra and Tina; soprano solo, "In the Garden of My Heart," Miss Rubie Goulet; the clerical quartet, Fathers Cronin, Heiser, Kelly and Keane; baritone solo, Burr Eder and the "Human Callopes."

NOT COLD, BUT THICK CLEAR ICE COVERS LAKE

(Special to The Journal.)

Troutdale, Wash., Dec. 15.—Farmers in the valley have been cutting and hauling ice for their own use and like a mile from Guler. The ice is very clear and of fine quality. This is the first year in many that ice has been hauled by wagon, there being no snow until last Saturday, when about six inches lay on the ground. No cold weather has been experienced and the formation of ice was a surprise to many because the weather has been so moderate. The water in the lake is very cold at this time and ice was easy to form.

Indiana last summer predicted a great deal of very cold weather and much snow and rain, saying that the springtime would be one of many floods and that the same conditions would prevail as in the time of Noah, and that the world would be covered with water with the melting of the deep snow next spring. People here are not expecting any more precipitation of either snow or rain than in former years. Fall work is about completed in Troutdale valley and all stock comfortably housed and plenty of feed in the barns. The crops of hay of all kinds was large here last season and the community is in good circumstances in every way.

TO CONSIDER PLAN FOR AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL

Desiring the school board to keep its plan to build an agricultural high school in southeast Portland, citizens of the district met last night and arranged for a mass meeting to be held December 23 in the auditorium of Creston school. Among the speakers will be Professor R. C. Lewis of O. A. C., together with members of the school board. The plan for the high school is part of the earth education movement that enlisted 10,000 school children in garden contests last summer. A committee on arrangements for the mass meeting was appointed consisting of T. J. Kneer, F. A. Beard, Tyson Kinsell, George A. Brodie, D. E. Fleck, George W. Fisher and R. M. Bodley.

WOMAN RECOVERS WATCH THROUGH AD IN THE JOURNAL

A very pleasant surprise is awaiting Mrs. Arthur Gleis of 116 East Forty-eighth street. Good news will come to her written on a post card and will bear the signature of C. R. Campton, a man whom she has never met nor heard of.

The information she will receive will lead to the recovery of a lady's gold watch, which she lost, along with a gold pin, on Belmont street, December 1 or 2. Here is the story:

This morning Campton phoned The Journal:

"Please look back to your files of December 4 and get me the address of a lady who lost a gold watch and advertised it in the lost and found columns. I found the watch and looked for the ad in The Journal, but she only advertised once, and the paper was burned before I saw it. My brother told me last night he had seen the ad and remembered the day it was published. I know I have her watch because I found it on Belmont street just as she states in her ad."

Mr. Campton will communicate with Mrs. Gleis today. Her experience is only another illustration that The Journal's classified columns bring results. Had she not used them her watch would have been lost to her forever.

Lunch Counter Man Who Was Snubbed Triumphs at the End Senior Class of High School to Put on Real Live Comedy

Group Picture Shows Jefferson High School Students, Who Will Appear in the Comedy, "The Senior." They Will Be Produced in Auditorium of School Next Friday and Saturday Night; Single Picture Is That of Miss Frank Towles, who will coach the amateur actors in their parts.



The troubles of a lunch counter proprietor at a high school, who was doomed to be snubbed by three students at the school who considered themselves vastly superior in a social way, will be depicted in a four-act play that the senior class at the Jefferson High school will give next Friday and Saturday nights.

The play, which is known as "The Senior," will be given in the high school

auditorium and the proceeds will be used for the annual issue of the "Spectrum."

The play is being produced under the direction of Miss Frank Towles, of the Y. W. C. A., and under the management of Edwin Thomas. The story as told by the play is a comedy, and of course ends with the glorification of the snubbed lunch counter man. There

is a "peach" and a "lomon" in the cast, and these two characters, both young women of the senior class, are the objects of considerable attention. There are 15 students of the senior class in the play.

The Gift Problem

"There," said Elizabeth, as she administered a fop pat to the last of her prettily wrapped packages, "they are all ready to send, and I am happy to say that there isn't a useful article in the entire lot."

"Why, Elizabeth," exclaimed her mother, reproachfully, with her "those ducks will certainly drown" expression, as her daughter calls it.

"A fact," replied Elizabeth, "you have not noticed it, but this year I have lived up to my principles and have selected purely superfluous gifts. I have always held that if Christmas was for anything, it was for fun; and what fun is there in receiving the necessities of life? You'll probably have those in the natural course of things and if you do not, you can always get along without—but the frivolities are delightful."

"Yes, but dear daughter, you would not, for instance, give toys to little children who need shoes and stockings. Oh, yes I would. They are the very ones who need the toys. They really do not need the shoes and stockings except one of the latter to hang up on Christmas eve. You haven't forgotten how I used to tease you to let me go barefoot when I was little."

"But some of them need the substantial things. You would not give candy, say, where bread is needed."

"Oh, yes I would rather. Most children hate to eat bread, but they all like candy. I'd give them candy every time."

"Of course they were snoring extreme cases, for probably the most of Elizabeth's gifts are going where bread and shoes are a matter of course; but I see her point, don't you? And in a sense, I half believe she's right."

BABE WORTHY OF FAMOUS FOREBEAR



Rodney Clemens Laskey, fourth cousin of Abraham Lincoln.

Any baby of his age that can beat Rodney Clemens Laskey for health, height and general attractiveness may set right up front and take a seat in the first row. Although only 10 months old, this sturdy infant weighs 25 1/2 pounds and is a picture of robust good nature.

Rodney Clemens Laskey is a sample of the healthy babies that have made Oregon and Benton county in particular where he was born, famous. He now lives with his parents in St. Johns. Rodney Clemens Laskey has a distinguished family tree, for his mother is a third cousin of Abraham Lincoln, making him a fourth cousin.

Personal Mention

L. C. C. Laursen, chief inspector of the Pacific Coast Lumber bureau, is registered at the Bowers.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Koontz of Spokane are at the Bowers.

William G. Northrup, an automobile man of Seattle, is a guest at the Bowers.

A. E. Nelberg, a mining man from Lewiston, Idaho, is stopping at the Seward.

Mrs. H. Gilchrist, wife of a prominent banker of Chehalis, is spending a few days in the city and is stopping at the Seward.

W. H. Richardson, accompanied by his three daughters, is registered at the Seward from Eugene.

William Kenyon, a business man of San Francisco, and wife are registered at the Multnomah.

Mrs. M. V. Snyder and daughter are registered at the Multnomah from Aberdeen.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Schuyler, tourists from Indiana, are at the Multnomah.

D. Baldwin Jr., a merchant of Roseburg, is a guest at the Perkins.

J. H. Hansen, a stockman of Boise, is registered at the Perkins.

G. H. Bush, a merchant of La Grande, is at the Perkins.

W. A. Gallati, sheriff of Benton county, is a guest at the Perkins.

W. H. Aldrich, a fruitman of Toppenish, Wash., is stopping at the Perkins.

W. A. Howe and wife of Carlton are stopping at the Imperial.

G. C. Hammett, a hotelman from Albany, is at the Imperial.

Charles T. Early, a prominent railroad man of Hood River, is at the Imperial.

G. H. Conner, a business man of Grants Pass, is a guest at the Imperial.

T. W. Tebb, a lumberman of Tacoma, is registered at the Oregon.

F. R. Davidson, a prominent Seattle merchant, is at the Oregon.

L. R. Flickner, a Seattle capitalist, is a guest at the Oregon.

Gust Carlson, a lumberman of Aberdeen, is stopping at the Oregon.

D. M. Naylor, a merchant of McMinnville, is a guest at the Oregon.

C. L. Becksted of 85 East Nineteenth street, has received word of the death of his brother, J. L. Becksted, who was manager of a cheese factory at Novato, Cal.

Pictures of Wild Animals Drinking at African Water Hole Secured Under Most Adverse Circumstances



Scene at water hole in Africa, where wild beasts gather from miles around. Motion photographs being shown at Hellig theatre.

From a naturalist's viewpoint, the most valuable picture secured by Paul J. Rainey on his expedition to Africa, when he took the pictures being shown in motion at the Hellig theatre, Seventh and Taylor streets, every night and every afternoon at 2:45, up to and including Christmas eve, December 24, was the one taken at the water hole, where all the wild animals recognize a trace, and drink together. This water hole was probably at one time the bed of a river. The water is quite deep, and the animals have to dig from 10 to

20 inches into the earth to get at it. It is muddy and brackish and tastes strongly of alkali. This was the only place within a radius of 50 miles where water could be secured. A few scraggy trees and a lonely pond here and there, are set within the rocky waste; but water is the magnet that draws the wild creatures together, temporarily calming the inherited hatred and predatory habits.

Precedence at the drinking place is determined by the strength of the animal. The order in which they drink is as follows:

The elephant first, the rhino, the giraffe, the zebra, the oryx, and after them, the various members of the antelope tribe, and the apes and monkeys.

Six weeks were spent in getting the pictures at the water hole. On some days many feet were secured, and at other times days would go by without getting a turn of the crank. For four weeks the photographer sat up in a tree, under a sun which registered an average of 150 degrees in the shade, but he felt that the time and danger were well repaid by the results.

was held in the college auditorium on Sunday afternoon and a Civic League was formed to look after the moral and civic welfare of the Milton-Freewater vicinity. Professor Grutobiel was in the chair and the following officers were elected: President, J. R. Sawyer; vice president, Henry Frasier; secretary, J. H. Porter; treasurer, Dr. McQuary. Different committees were appointed and a constitution adopted beginning with nine articles, with more to be added later on. The club is to be called the Valley Civic League of the Milton-Freewater vicinity, and starts with a membership of 115. The next meeting is to be held on New Year's eve.

Williams in Washington. (Washington Bureau of The Journal.) Washington, Dec. 15.—R. E. Williams, national committeeman, and wife are here from Oregon. "A little business with the departments, a little politics and a little pleasure," will make up his program, he says. "There is nothing more to tell just now, but we will spend the holidays in New York."



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