

DR. LOVELAND GIVEN WHAT HE TERMS 'BEST AND GREATEST' GIFT

Class of 63 Is Presented for Membership in First Methodist Church.

SERVICE IS MEMORABLE

Large Edifice Crowded to Hear Christmas Music and Monologue Sermon of Pastor.

Yesterday was a gala day at the First Methodist Episcopal church, Twelfth and Taylor streets. It was an occasion of no ordinary moment for various reasons. In the first place six children, ranging in age from a few months to 10 years, were baptised by the pastor, Dr. Frank L. Loveland, assisted by his wife. Following this came what Dr. Loveland termed the "best and greatest Christmas present I have ever received." It was the presentation of a class of 63 for membership in the church. Some brought their letter from other churches, but the vast majority joined on this occasion of faith. It was a complete surprise to the pastor and Bishop Richard J. Cooke, who was present.

It was toward the close of the morning service, after a stirring sermon by Bishop Cooke, who was called from the audience to preach, that the assistant pastor, Rev. Henry T. Greene, asked permission to make an announcement. He then called upon Miss Alice A. Moore, who in a brief speech, presented Dr. Loveland with a magnificent bouquet of red and white carnations, the red ones each bearing the name of a young man and each of the white ones the name of a young woman, all of whom were about to unite with the church.

Bishop Is Surprised.

The announcement and gift figuratively took Dr. Loveland and Bishop Cooke off their feet, the bishop exclaiming, as the young people marched about the church, "This is one of the greatest sights I have seen in all my ministry." The class had been arranged by the assistant pastor and members of the various young people's classes of the Sunday school.

The evening service was an unusual one. The large edifice was crowded with people who came not only to hear the Christmas music but also to listen to the great monologue sermon by Dr. Loveland on "Dickens' Christmas Carol." The music consisted of the rendition of a number of French, English, German, old Venetian and modern carols by the full chorus choir, mixed and male quartets and a solo by A. Musgrove Roberts. Mrs. Fred Bigelow Newton presided at the organ.

History of Carols.

By way of introduction to his sermon, Dr. Loveland said that prior to the fifteenth century the church gave itself to the rendition of chants. With the coming of the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries, folk songs began to take the place of the chants and soon the churches hurried forth into the great carols. These began in southern France, then went into Italy, then back into Germany, up in the Scandinavian country, it developed and then into Scotland, Wales and Ireland. England has over 1200 carols and Germany more than 700. Many of the great singers of renown, said Dr. Loveland, once went about singing in the streets of Germany or France. When these carols came into the churches, said the speaker, they naturally wore themselves out Christmas time. It was Dickens, taking up the idea of these Christmas carols, which caused him to write the great stock known as "Dickens' Christmas Carol."

Dr. Loveland then told the story in his own style to the great delight of the big audience.

In the morning Bishop Cooke spoke on the relation of Christianity to the present war and emphasized the thought that the war was a result of the teaching of the materialistic science for the past decade and over-emphasizing of the law of the survival of the fittest. When men become obsessed with the idea that God is on the side of the heavy battalions we can expect just such a war as this. "God is only on the side of the heavy battalions when they are on the side of right."

FOREFATHERS' DAY OBSERVED

Dr. Elliot Preaches and Dr. Wilbur Lectures at Unitarian Church.

With Christmas carols sung by the Sunday school children in the morning with a sermon by Rev. T. L. Elliot, minister emeritus, and a lecture by Rev. Earl M. Wilbur, president of the Unitarian school of ministry at Berkeley, in the evening "Forefathers' day" was celebrated yesterday at the First Unitarian church, Broadway and Yamhill street. A beautiful cantata, sung by the church choir and the decorations of holly and greens did much to add to the effect of the celebration.

Dr. Elliot had for his theme "The Inclusiveness of Christlike Service," while his text was, "All Things Are Yours and Ye Are Christ's and Christ is God." Dr. Wilbur spoke on "The Pilgrim Spirit of the Twentieth Century."

"Forefathers' Day" was originated by the Pilgrim fathers and celebrated by the early Congregationalists in New England. Later it was celebrated by the Unitarians, and is still observed in many parts of the country. December 21 was usually the day of celebration.

PENINSULA PARK NEWS

The weather was not severe enough to prevent the women of the Lavender club from coming out to the meeting Thursday, December 17, in full force. Four new names were added to the roll.

The birthdays of Mrs. Haley, Mrs. Tracy, Mrs. Galt, Mrs. Kohn and Mrs. Oldberg, which occurred during the month of December, were celebrated. There was an immense white angel food cake beautifully decorated with candles. The customary blowing out of candles was indulged in. It was decided to have a "stunt" in the Christmas frolic to be given at Peninsula park field house December 23. A Virginia reel, followed the refreshments.

The next meeting will be held January 7. Arrangements will be made to convey any women over 40 years of age, who would like to join the Lavender club but find it impossible to reach Peninsula park, to the park if they will call Mrs. Dryden, Woodlawn 1752, about the matter. Owners of au-

tomobiles willing to lend their cars for this purpose on January 7 are also requested to advise Mrs. Dryden.

The Ockley Green girls played basketball in the gymnasium against the girls of Shaver school. The score was 18 to 8 in favor of Shaver.

Restaurants Will Make No Charge

Milwaukee People, Rich and Poor, Can Eat Free in One Man's Places, All Day Christmas, If They Wish.

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 21.—Milwaukee is invited to dine free Christmas day. Every person in the city can eat early and often at any of the restaurants owned by Saxe Brothers, free of charge, and no questions asked.

"We have issued an invitation to every person in Milwaukee who can't afford to pay for a dinner, to eat on us," said Tom Saxe, one of the Milwaukee owners tonight. "Anybody

can come to any of our restaurants, eat what they want, and walk out without a word. It doesn't make any difference whether they're dressed in rags, or wear an overcoat with a Persian lamb collar and a silk hat. No questions will be asked. And they can eat as many times a day as they want to."

Stage Mechanics Pay Tribute to Dead

K. K. Kubli Delivers Eulogy Touching Upon the Good Work of the Local Order.

The gaiety and pleasures of the passing show were dropped yesterday at the Baker theatre, and instead the stage was set for a more solemn event. At 11 o'clock in the morning the Theatrical Mechanics' association met there to pay tribute to dead members of the local order. At the same hour theatrical employees in all parts

of the United States and Canada held memorial services.

Secretary S. M. Williams read the rollcall of the 10 departed members, and as each name was called, it was blazoned forth in light on a memorial tablet, where it remained in brightness as a symbol of eternal glory until, as the next name was called, it faded into darkness once more. The absent members were: M. E. Mayer, James H. Erickson, Bert Koehler, William Grabach, C. C. Chapman, Fred Wonder, C. B. Miller, Gus Gatska, San Rouget and Charles Barrows.

Past President George L. Baker called attention to the fact that the time of theatrical employees belongs to the public, and that their pleasures and activities outside the theatre must be carried on at times when others do not demand pleasures.

K. K. Kubli eulogized the need, speaking of the charitable work of the departed and of the fine record of helpfulness possessed by the local order.

CROOKED POLICEMAN AND RING OF THIEVES SHARE IN BIG LOOT

Chicago Said to Have Been Center From Which \$1,000,000 Was Obtained.

(United Press Special Wire.)

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Using Chicago as a clearing house, and operating with the connivance of crooked policemen in nearly a dozen cities of the United States, an organized ring of high class burglars have shared \$1,000,000 worth

of loot in the past few years, State Attorney Maclay Hoyne has announced. The basis for Hoyne's statement is a confession he announces he has obtained from leaders Westor, now serving a term in the Joliet, Ill. state prison for burglary. According to Hoyne, Westor implicated policemen in Chicago, New York, San Francisco, Seattle, Minneapolis, St. Louis and Milwaukee.

The business of the burglars' ring was especially good in Chicago, Minneapolis and Seattle, Westor is said to have declared. One branch of the ring, Hoyne said, even extended its operations across the water, and "pulled off" a \$100,000 "job" in Paris.

Westor's statement implicates policemen a-plenty," was the phrase used by Hoyne, who is directing a police graft investigation in Chicago that already has led to the indictment of four prominent police officials, including Captain John J. Halpin, until recently head of the detective bureau. "Westor accused policemen in the cities named. He also declared that the gang operated in Boston and

Omaha, but that in neither city were they under police protection."

Clothing stores and furriers were usually the victims of the ring, Hoyne declared. Scouts would be sent to visit these stores and learn the value of the stock. Then a night raid would be made upon a store, goods carried away and shipped to Chicago, where they would be disposed of.

Five burglars formed the "inner circle" of the gang, according to Hoyne and nearly all these now are believed to be behind prison bars. Some of their confederates are thought to be carrying on minor operations.

Another Strike Averted.

St. Louis, Dec. 21.—The federal board of mediation and conciliation has settled a dispute between the Cotton Belt railroad and its employees, averting a strike.

Safe Is Blown.

Sacramento, Cal., Dec. 21.—The safe in the Vienna bakery was robbed last night of \$1500.

LEFT RECEIPTS

Burglar Enters Home and Changes Clothing.

While the family of John Elder, residing just north of the Sandy road on Eightieth street, was away from home last night, a burglar entered the house and changed clothes—changing from the ones he wore to the belonging to Mr. Elder. A blue suit and an extra pair of trousers were taken, and the visitor left a receipt book and a striped coat and vest.

The residence of J. H. Wagenblast, at 1215 Hazel Fern avenue, was burglarized last night while the occupants were away. A quantity of jewelry and \$10 in cash formed the booty. Entrance was gained through a basement window.

As a hygienic measure several German cities have forbidden women to wear trailing dresses on the streets.

D. Sondheim Disappears! His Stores Are Thrown Into

BANKRUPTCY

United States Court, through R. L. Sabin, receiver, sells the stocks of three of Portland's famous stores (the Strand, the Bon Marche, the Money-Back Shop) to Louis Domb, San Francisco merchant.

Greatest Bargain Event in Portland's History Starts Tomorrow, Tuesday

December 22nd, Nine A. M. Sharp at 145 Second Street Between Morrison and Alder Streets

Such an avalanche of real bargains positively never offered the Portland buying public before. Values and prices complete forgotten. Only one object in view, and that is to GET RID OF THESE STOCKS AT ONCE! Below are listed but a few of the unparalleled bargains that await you here. A remarkable Christmas buying opportunity. Come and share in a bargain feast supreme.

Dry Goods at Given Away Prices

10c Outing Flannel, yard	6c
8c Prints, yard	3c
75c Taffeta Silks, all colors, yard	33c
75c Serges and Suitings, yard	29c
75c Broadcloths, yard	29c
50c Ratives, yard	15c
10c Gingham, yard	6c
35c Wash Silks, yard	12½c
10c Bleached Muslin, yard	5c
75c Flouncings, yard	29c
15c Ticking, yard	7c
75c Velvets, yard	29c
8c Cambrics, yard	3c
10c Silk Ribbon, yard	3c

News Item—It Tells the Story

SONDHEIM GONE IN DEBT \$50,000

Leaving liabilities estimated at over \$50,000, D. Sondheim, proprietor of the Bon Marche, Money Back Shop, and receiver for the D. N. Pallas company, suddenly disappeared last night.

A score of creditors are affected. The principal ones are the N. & S. Weinstein company, clothiers, the Scandinavian-American bank and Fleischer-Mayer & Co. A meeting of the creditors will be set within a few days, when a receiver will be appointed.

D. Sondheim disappeared without leaving a word, it is said, with even his most intimate friends, following alleged hard pressure by his creditors. Fleischer-Mayer & Co., Elias & Barker and the Weinstein company have attached the Bon Marche and the Money Back Shop, and the Scandinavian-American bank has taken over the former D. N. Pallas store, which was recently turned over to Sondheim.

S. J. Levitt, the Hamburger Bros. Shoe company and Shull-Day company this morning filed suits against Sondheim in the circuit court for recovery of their losses through his failure.

Men's and Young Men's Suits, Overcoats and Balmacaans Less Than One-Half Former Prices

Suits and Overcoats, formerly \$10.00, now	\$4.95
Suits and Overcoats, formerly \$12.50, now	\$5.95
Suits and Overcoats, formerly \$15.00, now	\$6.95
Suits and Overcoats, formerly \$18 and \$20, now	\$8.95
Suits and Overcoats, formerly \$25.00, now	\$11.75
Men's \$6.00 Mackinaw Coats	\$3.25
Men's \$7.00 Mackinaw Coats	\$4.35

BOYS' SUITS AND OVERCOATS

Former \$2.50 grades	\$1.00
Former \$3.50 grades	\$2.00
Former \$5.00 grades	\$2.95
Former \$6.00 grades	\$3.65

Men's \$1.50 Ruff-Neck Sweaters 5c
Men's \$2.00 and \$2.50 Ruff-Neck Sweaters \$1.15
Men's \$5.00 and \$6.00 Ruff-Neck Sweaters \$2.65

Most Phenomenal Bargains in Women's Coats, Suits and Dresses

Read These Items Carefully:

Silk and Wool Dresses to \$15 Values	\$3.85
To \$12 Suits and Coats	\$3.85
To \$25 Suits and Coats	\$5.95
All Skirts, values to \$5	\$1.35
Misses' and Children's Coats to \$7 values	\$1.85
Ladies' House Dresses to \$1.75 values	79c
Silk and Messaline Petticoats to \$3 values	\$1.29
Sateen Petticoats to \$1.50 values	69c
Ladies' Waists to \$7 values	39c
\$1 Flannel Kimonos	49c

\$1.50 Corsets	65c
75c Corsets	35c
25c Fleece-L'd Drawers	12c
\$1.00 Union Suits	65c
\$1.50 Sweater Coats	89c

Women's Hosiery

50c Silk Hose	25c
25c-35c Lisle Hose	17c
15c Cotton Hose	5c
25c Children's Hose	12c
15c Children's Hose	8c

JEWELRY and TOILET SETS ¼ FORMER PRICES

Men's, Women's, Children's SHOES

AT ASTOUNDING REDUCTIONS

\$2.00 and \$2.50 Ladies' Shoes	89c
\$3 Ladies' Shoes	\$1.75
\$3.50 Ladies Shoes at only	\$1.95
\$1.50 Juliettes	79c
\$1.50 Fancy Felt Slippers	89c
\$2 Felt Slippers	\$1.00
\$1.25 Child's Pumps	29c
\$1.50 Girls' Shoes	79c
\$2, \$2.50, \$3 Misses' Shoes	\$1.39
Ladies' Oxf'ds to \$3 vals.	39c
\$2.50 Men's Shoes, Tans and Blacks	\$1.59
\$3-\$3.50 Shoes	\$2.19
\$4 Shoes	\$2.39
\$4.50-\$5 Shoes	\$2.85
\$3.50 W'k Shoes	\$2.19
\$4.00 W'k Shoes	\$2.49
\$4.50-\$5 Work Shoes	\$2.95
\$5-\$6 High Tops	\$3.85
\$2.50 Boys' Sh's	\$1.49
\$3.50 Boys' High-Tops	\$2.29
\$2 Boys' Shoes	89c

LADIES' 50c RUBBERS, 9c

Remarkable Values in Men's Furnishings

50c Work Shirts, each	21c
75c Dress Shirts	39c
\$1.00 Dress Shirts	59c
\$1.50 Dress Shirts	69c
\$2.00 Dress Shirts	89c
75c Outing Flannel Shirts	39c
\$1.00 Flannel Shirts	69c
\$1.50 Flannel Shirts	85c
To \$2 Flannel Shirts	95c

Underwear, Hosiery and Neckwear

50c Ribbed Underwear	29c
\$1.00 Wool Mixed Underwear	49c
\$1.50 Underwear	69c
\$1.00 Union Suits	49c
\$1.50 Cooper's Union Suits	79c
10c Sox, pair	3c
15c Sox, pair	7c
25c Sox, pair	12c
35c Silk and Cashmere Hose	17c
50c Men's Ties	19c

Manhattan and Cluett Shirts, slightly soiled, each at only **19c**

Arrow, E. & W. and Silver Collars, each **1c**

Men's Pants Sacrificed

\$1.50 Work Pants, at only	79c
\$2.00 Work Pants, at only	\$1.15
\$2.50 Dress Pants, at only	\$1.35
\$3.00 Dress Pants, at only	\$1.65
\$3.50 and \$4.00 Dress Pants	\$1.95
\$5.00 and \$6.00 Dress Pants	\$2.95
\$7.00 Dress Pants, at only	\$3.35

50c and 75c Boys' Pants, **35c**

Men's Hats and Caps

\$1.50 and \$2.00 Hats	69c
\$2.50, \$3, \$3.50 Hats	\$1.00
\$1.50 Balmacaans	49c
50c Caps	19c
75c and \$1 Caps	39c

\$1.50 Suitcases **69c**
\$5.00 Suitcases **\$2.85**

Sale Starts Tuesday, December 22, 9 A. M. at 145 2nd St., Bet. Morrison and Alder