

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT IS EVIDENT IN SHOPPING DISTRICT OF THE CITY

Children Visit Santa Claus and Enumerate Things They Want.

HOLIDAY DECORATIONS UP

Shopping Began Early But Appears to Increase With Approach of Gift Giving Time.

The rapidly rising tide of the Christmas spirit is evident everywhere in the shopping district. Like a magnet it draws thousands of young and old, along the business thoroughfares and into the stores and bears testimony to the fact that spirit of giving is not only alive but also very active.

Happy groups of countless children adds a merry touch to the scenes of approaching Christmas. The abiding faith of thousands of little ones in Santa Claus can be seen in the various shops, where good old Saint Nick with his long whiskers and merry smile presides over his land of toys. The children gather around him in dozens and if they can overcome these feelings of awe and bashfulness, proceed to enumerate the things they want him to leave in their stockings on Christmas eve.

Entire City Decorated. The wealth and grandeur of the streets of Portland, the brilliant electrical illuminations, the shops filled to overflowing with the most fascinating display of useful and beautiful gifts ever made in Portland, the hopeful tinkle of the Salvation Army kettles, the wild enthusiasm of the children—all of these things contribute to the joyous spirit of Christmas now abroad in our city. Shopping began earlier than usual this year, yet there are those who are still poring over the arrays of lovely gifts puzzled over which one to select, but the crowds of shoppers and the salespeople are generally courteous and busy. The hard worked traffic cop

is having his troubles. "Hurry up, there," he shrieks as he holds back a trolley car with the thumb of one hand, restrains a limousine with his little finger and guides a bunch of impetuous women to safety. The conductor is another man that wishes people could do their Christmas shopping without getting excited. It is bad enough to have his car packed like a corn popper, but he wishes shoppers would restrain from football tactics when they enter or leave the car.

Floor Walker Is Busy. The floor walker is another person who is earning his money. His head buzzes with the questions hurled at him from every quarter and his arms ache in his efforts to keep the aisles and elevators from becoming too much congested. The greatest wonder, however, is the patience of the saleswomen. Without complaint, they stand the press of duties, and one comes to the conclusion that they, too, are well acquainted with the Christmas spirit.

DINNERS FOR NEEDY FAMILIES

First Presbyterian Church Sunday School Will Give Baskets.

The Sunday school of the First Presbyterian church will provide Christmas dinners for a total of 25 needy families, a large number of which are on the Muts list.

A number of other organizations and individuals are taking anywhere from one to half a dozen families from the list of those which have been provided for by the Muts during the last few weeks and in this way the aggregate number of families which the Muts will be called upon to supply will be less than in previous years.

During the time their headquarters have been in operation, the Muts have added more than one hundred families with other provisions, including shoes, fuel, or other material ways.

MUTS' FUND IS INCREASED

Donations of Money and Food Still Pouring In.

Among those who are assisting the Muts in their efforts to spread Christmas cheer among the poor of Portland are the following: J. H. Westcott, of Gaston, Or., is shipping in a dozen barrels of apples, which will be distributed with the regular Christmas baskets. James M. Kyles, of Stanfield, W. Va., is shipping the same to the Muts. This will help fill the Christmas baskets. Chief Deputy Master Fish Warden S.

Year Ago in War

December 21, 1914. Russians hold firmly 200,000 troops of the Kaiser who attempted to cross the Bzura river to attack Warsaw. French claim gains between Argonne and the Meuse and the heights of the Meuse and artillery encounters in other sectors. The new Sultan of Egypt is received by the populace in the palace.

L. W. W. Was Murdered.

Oakdale, Cal., Dec. 21.—(AP.) Stanislaus county authorities today turned to the police of Seattle to unravel the skein of a mystery surrounding the death of George Walker, 44, 1 W. W. of that city, and to establish his relationship. Walker was found dead near La Grange several days ago. It was first thought death was due to exposure, but the finding of a wound behind his ear led to the conviction that he was murdered. As about \$11 was found in his clothes, robbery evidently was not the motive.

L. Rathban reported the following donations of canned salmon from the Columbia river packers, shipments of which have already been made: Columbia River Packers' association, 19 cases; Tallant-Grant Packing Co., 2 cases; Union Fish Cooperative Packing Co., 2 cases; Booth Fisheries Co., 2 cases.

The Moro Rod & Gun club wired this morning that the members were going out on a big hunt tomorrow, and that the entire bag of the day's sport would be shipped to the Muts for Christmas distribution. The American Express company has agreed to "head-head" this shipment.

The Muts relief fund follows:

Previously acknowledged	\$325.56
Mohawk Literary club	3.00
B. E. Hamlin	2.00
F. E. Larabee	30.00
John M. Hart	1.00
H. L. Cattery	1.00
Cash	7.98
A. J. Spencer	1.50
A. J. Chapman	2.50
Grade Teachers' association	10.00
H. L. Forbett	2.00
John S. Beall	5.00
W. W. O'Leary	2.50
Oakley Young	2.50
Miss S. Barrett	1.00
Miss S. Noon	1.00
"A. Mutt"	10.00
Total	\$1,027.59

Both a cigar cutter and a wind shield are included in a new pocket holder, for boxes of safety matches.

Store Open Tonight 6 to 9 o'Clock

ECONOMY BASEMENT

THE MEN'S SECTION

Christmas Shirts in Gift Boxes \$1.00 Each
With mercerized fronts and soft cuffs and all new patterns.

Initial Handkerchiefs, 3 in Box, for 59c
With colored or white initials.

Suspenders, Each Pair in a Gift Box, 59c
Newest Neckwear 49c

—A large assortment of men's four-in-hands in all the new colorings and new shapes with the large flowing ends.

Waterman's Fountain Pens, \$2.50-\$27 Ea.
Diamond Point Fountain Pens for \$1.00

Crepe de Chine Waists, White, Flesh, \$2.25
Novelty Lace Waists, Economy Price \$1.98

—In white and ecru—combined with chiffon—or ribbon trimming.

Fur Neck Scarfs
—Red Fox, \$7.45. Raccoon, \$9.85. Gray Coney, \$4.95.

Women's Mercerized Sweaters for \$2.95
—In green, blue and rose. Made with separate sash.

Messaline Silk Petticoats \$1.59
Softest Black Taffeta Silk Petticoats \$2.48

From the Undermuslin Section

Corset Covers in Christmas Gift Boxes for 50c
—Daintily trimmed with lace and embroidery, pink or blue ribbons.

Combination Suits in Christmas Boxes, \$1.00
—Made of fine muslin with yokes formed of bands of lace insertion.

Two Styles of Camisoles, 85c Each
—Made with net or lace trimmed cap sleeves. In Christmas boxes.

Slip-Over Gowns of Flannelette, 79c
—In pink and blue stripes—finished with braid, button-holing and ribbons.

Crepe and Voile Boudoir Caps for 10c.
Net and Lace Boudoir Caps for 25c.
\$1.00 Envelope Chemise, lace trimmed, 79c.

Lingerie Ribbons, 6c, 8c and 10c Bolt

Plain Satin and Taffeta Ribbons 10c Length
8 Inch Satin and Taffeta Ribbons 29c Yard
Angora Scarfs, Special 59c and 98c
—In colors with white borders—in white with colored borders.

From the Stationery Department

10c Xmas seals, tags, cards and stickers, 7c pkg.
Ribbozene, for tying packages, 10 yard spool, 10c.
Tinsel cord, gold, red, or green, 10 yard spool, 10c.
Xmas gold edge postal cards, 2 for 5c.
Xmas greeting cards from 5c to 50c each.
Xmas calendars, a large assortment, 10c each.
Finest initial stationery in fancy box at 75c.
Gilt edge stationery in cretonne box at 25c.
Photo mailers, all sizes at 5c and 9c.
Novelty household calendars at 50c.

New brassieres, wide lace trimmed, front closing at 29c.
Straw bedroom slippers, lined, at 50c.
Large bottle of La Noye toilet water at 50c.
Fancy shell and amber combs, many styles, at 25c each.
Fancy barrettes set with brilliant stones, at 25c each.
Gold filled Lavallieres, set with birthstones, at 25c.
Nickel shaving stands, complete, at 98c set.

Sales From the Candy Shop

1 ton broken mixed Christmas candy, 12 1/2c.
1 ton French mixed candy for 19c.
1 ton clear mixed candy for 10c.
Superior mixed candy, 15c lb.
1000 lbs. high grade chocolate creams 25c lb.
—Owing to the great demand for these candies, and their extremely low prices, there will be no deliveries, none sent C. O. D., no phone orders filled.

Christmas Gloves

\$1.25 grace finished gloves, pique sewn, 95c.
Plain gray and tan mocha gloves, \$1.25.
Children's tan one-button gloves, 85c.

Handkerchiefs for Christmas

Emerald lawn handkerchiefs, embroidered corners, 3 in box, 25c.
Novelty handkerchiefs in all white and with colored borders, in an immense assortment, at 5c each.
Fancy handkerchiefs with colored borders, embroidered corners, and initials, at 10c each.
Kewpie handkerchiefs for children, 3 in box, for 19c.
Children's Xmas handkerchiefs in novelty gift boxes at 12 1/2c box.

\$1.50 Black Leather Handbags for 98c
\$1.25 Black Leather Handbags for 89c
Useful Leather Novelties for 65c Each

Framed Pictures, Economy Price 48c
\$3 and \$5 Velvet Trimmed Hats \$1.75

Sipman Wolfe & Co

Merchandise of Merit Only

No Phone Orders for Economy Sales

Store Open Tonight 6 to 9 o'Clock

The Gift Store "for All the People"

Sipman Wolfe & Co

Merchandise of Merit Only

Glove Orders For Xmas Gifts, First Floor

Merchandise Bonds For Xmas Gifts on Sale First Floor

From Foreign Lands

William Brown Meloney on the First Reading Page of Last Week's Saturday Evening Post States

"Freight Rates Advanced From One Hundred and Fifty to One Thousand Per Cent Above Normal, and They Are Rising Daily."

Over 80% of the Merchandise on Our Great Sixth Floor is imported and every piece was received before any advance in Freight Rates had taken place.

—Notwithstanding the doubling and tripling in worth of our merchandise on account of the new conditions

WE'VE NOT ADVANCED a single item in price, and we shall maintain the before-the-war prices all through the Holiday Season.

NO LARGER OR BETTER selected stock of imported wares can be found west of Chicago, and our sales policy for this Christmas season places this stock before you at practically the present wholesale prices. On account of this advance in freight rates, no usual general sales will take place after Christmas.

Bronzes and Marbles—handsome novelty crystal wares—Lamps of every kind, of every size, for every purpose—the finest of French china dinner ware—beautiful English dinner ware—brass ware—finest examples of Italian art—bric-a-brac from Austria, from Germany, from France, from England.

—We invite a visit of inspection, because no words we could print here could possibly express the variety and beauty of the wares that you will find here. —Sixth Floor

The Jewelry Store

Radiant With the Christmas Spirit

—Ours is an unusual Jewelry Store—complete, distinctive and specialized. You have only to come to this section to see the very gift that you have been wanting for every member of the family, from baby to grandpa and grandma.

—Exquisite stone-set brooches, solid or gold filled; rings that are plain or rich with gems; watches of every kind, from the \$1.00 watches for boys to the finest movements for both men and women; novelty pins, tie clasps, stick pins, sterling silver articles, bracelets, necklaces, pearls, and hundreds of other gifts that will be most appreciated. In fact, you can scarcely mention any article of jewelry that will not be found here, and it is always the best to be had anywhere.

—What girl or woman would not be delighted with a pair of opera glasses? A beautiful as well as a durable gift.

—Beautiful pearl mounted opera glasses with handle.

—Verne opera glasses at \$12.00.

—Vogue opera glasses at \$16.50.

—Lemaire opera glasses at \$20.00.

—Verne opera glasses without handle at \$6.00.

—Lemaire opera glasses without handle at \$15.00.

—Leather mounted opera glasses at \$3.00 to \$14.00. —First Floor.

Great Sale Dolls

BECAUSE We have received word from our Foreign Office that no more dolls can be shipped until after the end of the European war.

WE SHALL Discontinue Our Doll Shop Which has always had the distinction of being the largest, most complete in the city.

—World-famous Kestner, Babe Joumeau, Katherine Kruse and Floradora dolls, all included in this gigantic sale of thousands of dolls.

25c Bisque and Celluloid Dolls, special 15c
8-inch jointed Bisque Dolls, special 25c
\$2.50 full jointed 22-inch Dolls, special \$1.49
14-inch kid body Dolls, special 33c
25c baby Dolls in baskets, special 18c
Aurora kid body Dolls, special \$3.50 to \$11.50
Crown Kestner unbreakable Dolls, \$5.50 to \$7.00
Madame Hendren character Dolls, \$1.25 to \$2.75
All Doll Trunks are now HALF PRICE. —Second Floor

Gift Boxes Of Handkerchiefs

Who Ever Had Enough Handkerchiefs?

—They seem to melt away like snowflakes, and everybody is delighted when Christmas comes and brings a new supply.

—The best gift, though, is to give a little nicer quality, with a little more attractive decoration than the person would buy for himself.

—Stop puzzling your brain about what to send. Come and select your handkerchiefs from our attractive assortments and send them in a handsome gift box. You will be sure that your gift will be welcome and give real service to the recipient.

—Every kind of handkerchief that anyone would want can be found here. —First Floor

The Holiday Bazaar On the Second Floor

where hundreds of Christmas Gifts have been gathered from all over the store, will easily and quickly solve many a gift question.

Nothing Over \$2.00

Sipman Wolfe & Co

Merchandise of Merit Only

Store Open Tonight and Every Night Till Xmas, 6 to 9

Great Special Sales

Of Useful and Artistic Gifts For Last-Minute Shoppers

At Exceptional Sale Prices—Tonight, 6 to 9 o'Clock

\$1.25 Soft Leather Pullman Slippers
—For traveling or bedroom wear, for either men or women. In black and tan, each pair in leather case. 98c

75c Stone-Set and Plain Hair Pins.
—Beautiful, new pins in shell, demi-blond and crystal, with brilliant stone settings, or plain effects. 25c

To \$2.50 Imported Porcelain Lamps.
—Entirely new lamps, with noveltys shades in the greatest collection of different effects. 98c

\$2.00 and \$3.50 Beautiful Teplitz Vases.
—An importers' sample pieces of this artistic ware from Germany—most attractive Xmas gifts. 98c

To 75c Novelty Imported Candle Sticks.
—Very attractive and new designs, with fancy cretonne shades. Especially suitable for table decoration. 19c

To \$1.00 Unusual Imported Art Novelties.
—Candlesticks, fancy vases, cameo pottery, Dresden figures, bisque figures and novelties in greatest variety. Many of them can never be duplicated. 25c

To \$1.50 Fancy Casque Hair Combs.
—Shell, amber and demi-blond combs in a great assortment of fashionable styles. 59c

Cretonne Covered Smelling Salts Bottles.
—Delightfully patterned cretonne in many color combinations, bottles filled with scented salts. 50c

Linen and Batiste Handkerchiefs, Regularly 25c
—An immense assortment, plain white, white with colored borders and embroidered corners, lockstitched edges, hemstitched hems, eyelet and solid embroidery. Extra special, 6 handkerchiefs for \$1.00, or each. 17c

Large Tied Hair Bows for the School Girl
—Tied in just the fashion the girls are now wearing. Of finest 8-inch taffeta or satin ribbon, in white, black, cardinal, sky, rose, lavender, emerald and navy. 59c

Hand Embroidered Pure Linen Handkerchiefs.
—Beautifully hand-embroidered by the Swiss peasants, on finest, sheer linen. A gift box of three for. 65c

Visit the Great Holiday Bazaar—2d Floor

Where hundreds of Xmas gifts have been carefully selected from all over this store, and specially arranged for convenient, easy selection. You will find just what you are looking for here, and

Not an Article Is Priced Over \$2.00

These Sections Will Be Open Every Night Till Xmas, From 6 to 9. THE ENTIRE FIRST FLOOR. THE ENTIRE ECONOMY BASEMENT STORE. THE MEZZANINE FLOOR, VICTORIAS. ON THE SECOND FLOOR, HOLIDAY BAZAAR, SILKS, DRESS GOODS, DOLLS, LINENS. THE ENTIRE SIXTH FLOOR GIFT ROOM AND PICTURE GALLERY.