'WHITE GIFT' SERVICE WILL BE GIVEN AT THE KENILWORTH CHURCH

Explanation Is Given of Origin and Purpose of Christmas Service.

FAMILIES ARE TO BE AIDED

Purpose of Service Is to Teach the Young That it Is More Blessed to Give Than to Receive.

A service founded upon an old legend and entitled "White Gifts to the King" will be given at 10:20 o'clock Christmas morning at the Kenilworth Presbyterian church, of which Rev. L. K. Richardson is pastor. Little leaflets have been given each Sunday school scholar in which are listed various pledges of service to the church and its activities, which each is to mark, to show a willingness to undertake. A column is also given in which each is to put down the amount he desires to give and to indicate to what charity the amount shall go. In addition each scholar is to bring a package of groceries in a white package to be distributed among needy families.

The origin of the title, "White Gifts to the King," is this: A fabled king had a birthday; he wanted all his subjects to give him a birthday gift, but specified that the gifts must be white and pure. A few years ago a woman in India adapted the legend into the "white gifts" service, which is now used extensively. Its purpose is to teach the young that it is more blessed to give than to receive. The following program is to be rendered:

Piano prelude, Clara Kreeht; song, "Joy to the World" (school prayer), pastor; anthem, "The Herald Angels Sing," chorus choir; Christmas Scripture lesson, "Boys of the Orange and the Black"; "Legend of Cathay," Lydia Arnold; song, beginners and primary departments; recitation, "What Christmas Means," Madge Clarke; presentation of white gifts, Cradle Roll; music, Frank Roehr and Claude Fryer; recitation, "The Prescription," Harold Townsend; "The Star of the East," Zelma Merchant; presentation of white gifts, beginners and primary departments; song, selected, Miss Rector's class; recitation, "He Santa Claus to Someone," Sylvan Roy; presentation of gifts, junior departments; duet, Dorothy Gerardy and Thelma Richardson; address, "No Room for Christ in the Inn," Rev. L. K. Richardson; song, Mrs. P. J. Kelly's class; reading, Miss Mary Thomas; recitation, "A Christmas Wish," Henry Coleman; Christmas Bible Drill, primary and beginners' departments; recitation, "They Gave Him Their Treasures," Henry Mills; presentation of white gifts, intermediate department; story of Christ's birth, Mrs. Woldenhauer; presentation of white gifts, seniors, adults and home departments, Christmas offering; song, "That Glorious Song of Old"; benediction.

At the 5 o'clock vesper service the choir will give a Christmas concert and Rev. Mr. Richardson will give an illustrated story on "The Holy Child." The vesper musical program follows:

Anthem, "O, Holy Night"; solo, Miss Lily Beachrest; anthem, "Hope's Guiding Star"; solo, Miss Nettie Snyder; anthem, "Brightest and Best"; song, "O, Little Town of Bethlehem."

COMMUNITY TO CELEBRATE

Women's Auxiliary Will Entertain at North Portland.

Under the auspices of the Women's auxiliary of the North Portland Commercial club and the Parent-Teachers' circles of the neighborhood, a Christmas entertainment with a community Christmas tree will be given Wednesday evening in the gymnasium of the Peninsula Park.

Much time is being devoted by the women in soliciting donations for the tree which will be presented to the needy children in the vicinity. Donations will be received at the park by Miss Bartholomew. An interesting program has been arranged for the evening which will include comedy attractions and dancing.

EASTERN MAIL ON INCREASE

Additional Help Needed to Handle Christmas Business.

The storm is having little effect on the crowds who are thronging the postoffice to mail their holiday gifts and letters. Postmaster Myers said today that 75 employes had been added to the regular force of 411 and that the force would continue to be further increased if necessary.

Three hundred sacks of mail consigned to Coos Bay points, which have gathered since the last steamer, a week ago, left this morning.

Chief Clerk A. S. Rand of the railway mail service said this afternoon that storms had held up but one eastern mail train.

"I believe that people have been heeding the newspapers advice to shop early," said Mr. Rand, "for the clerks report that there has been an increase of from 20 to 30 sacks of eastern mail daily during the past few weeks over the same time last year. For this reason the mail at this time is not congested so much as in the corresponding days of 1914."

Christmas Trees Barred.

No Christmas trees will be allowed in the Portland schools in connection with the usual Christmas program. This action does not bar Christmas entertainments which will be held in the schools before the holiday days begin. This action comes as the result of a fire of last year in the Irvington school when several children were seriously burned.

Standard System of Weights Advocated

Washington, Dec. 21.—The need of a standard system of weights and measures is emphasized in an extract of the annual report of the secretary of commerce, just made public.

"Without a systematic inspection of the service throughout the country the honest dealer is at a disadvantage," says the report; also, the consumer is helpless."

The railroad track scale tester has been a busy machine. Three hundred and thirty-eight scales in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Indiana, Iowa, Missouri, West Virginia, Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia and Alabama have been examined.

"Manufacturers are coming more and more to understand the value of applied science to them," said the report.

DIRECTED OLD S. P. BAND YEARS AGO

H. G. Willis.

H. G. Willis, a well known painter and amateur musician of Portland, died last Sunday. He was a native of Vermont, aged 68 years, and had lived in Portland for the past 26 years. He was a member of Calanthe lodge, Knights of Pythias. At one time he was director of the old Southern Pacific band. His widow, Mrs. Flora Willis, and two daughters, Mrs. E. A. Hartman and Mrs. A. G. Faust, survive him.

Increased Traffic Is Shown at Roseburg

Roseburg, Or., Dec. 21.—A large increase in traffic on the Southern Pacific railroad through here is taken as an indication that business conditions are improving on the Pacific coast. Although a few weeks ago through freight trains were run only about every other day, two freight trains of 74 cars each passed through here Sunday, and another almost as large Monday, with good prospects for continuance, it is said. Passenger business also is reported to be excellent.

Night Clubs Ready For Tacoma "Wets"

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 21.—(P. N. S.)—Night clubs will be used by Tacoma police officers if necessary to preserve order on New Year's eve when Washington bids farewell to the liquor traffic. The cafes will be watched closely, minors will be barred and special officers assigned to prevent dancing on the tables, foot bathing in wine and other extreme lines of amusement.

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Quarry Foreman Is Killed by Big Rock

Garibaldi, Or., Dec. 21. — About 9 o'clock Sunday morning, while putting in a blast at the Gleibsch & Joplin quarry, on the Miami, a foreman by the name of Duffy was almost instantly killed. In springing a large stone it gave away, rolling down the embankment and over the unfortunate man, crushing him terribly. Duffy had been at the quarry only a few days, having come here from Seattle. He was about 65 years old and unmarried. He was a native of Ireland with no relatives in this country as far as known.

Says Expense and Income Just Meet

German Secretary of Treasury Declares His Country Is Financing War by Other Means Than Credit.

Berlin, via Sayville, Dec. 21.—(I. N. S.)—The semi-official Trans-Ocean News Bureau issues the following report on Monday's proceeding in the reichstag:

"In a discussion on war taxes, Dr. Karl Helfferich, secretary of the imperial treasury, repudiated the idea that Germany had rejected the idea of not raising any part of the war cost by taxes.

"He asserted that the German finance was organized in such a fashion that the regular expenses and income strike a balance. In the fiscal year 1914-15, during eight months of which Germany was at war, there was a surplus of 220,000 marks. During the current year, he asserted, there will probably be an even balance, while for the next year a deficit is expected. This deficit will be met by new taxes.

"This proves that the foreign assertion that Germany is unable to finance the war by other means than credit is untrue."

New Boilers Must Be Put in Minnesota

Federal Inspectors of Hulls and Boilers Say No One Was to Blame for Minnesota's Troubles on Voyage.

San Francisco, Dec. 21.—(P. N. S.)—James Guthrie and Joseph Dolan, federal inspectors of hulls and boilers, in their report on the plight of the Hill liner Minnesota, blame no one for the crippling of the boilers, but order that a new set of boilers be installed in the vessel.

This became known today while the inspectors were rushing their report, which will be submitted to John K. Bulger, United States supervising inspector of steamboats for the Pacific coast.

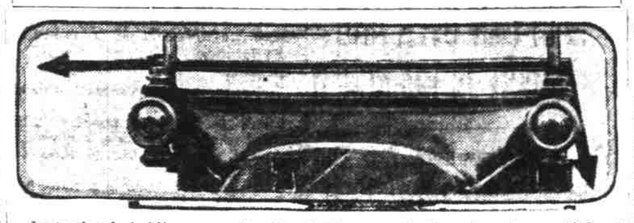
The local inspectors report that they found salt caked on the boiler tubes and considerable dirt. This may have been caused by faulty condensers, they say.

C. W. Wiley, marine superintendent of the Great Northern Steamship company, is understood to have agreed to install new boilers on the vessel. They will cost, it is said, between $200,000 and $300,000.

It has not yet been decided whether to unload the Minnesota's mammoth cargo. Should it be decided to empty the hold, the company will be put to an expense of fully $90,000.

Eighty members of the crew were paid off today.

ARROW INDICATES DIRECTION



Instead of holding out his hand when he approaches a corner, the automobile driver soon will merely reach forward and lightly push a button and an arrow will spring into view at the side of his car to indicate the direction he intends to go.

At least the three young men who have invented the auto direction indicator hope that the practice of using one arm as an indicator will rapidly go out of fashion.

The new auto direction indicator is a simple device which can be attached to the windshield of an automobile in a minute or two. At each end of two light rods hang an arrow 13 and a half inches long. Midway on the rods is a small petal plate and a button. Slide this button about an inch in either direction and it will cause one of the arrows to stand out straight, thus indicating the direction the automobile is to turn. The arrow stands in place until released, when it drops down again.

The inventors are L. H. Jernigan, C. L. Maple and E. S. Jerrigan, all Portland young men. They have applied for a patent and expect the demand for the device to be great enough to justify them in establishing a factory here.

Gillies Will Be on Trial in January

Olympia, Wash., Dec. 21.—(U. P.)—J. F. Gillies, former claim agent for the state industrial commission, charged with falsifying records of the commission and with forgery and grand larceny, is to be tried in January.

He pleaded not guilty of the first charge before Superior Court Judge Mitchell of Thurston county, yesterday afternoon.

Congressman Is Divorced.

Reno, Nev., Dec. 21.—(U. P.)—On the grounds of desertion, Mrs. Laura A. K. Metz, wife of Representative Metz, of New York, was divorced here November 19, it developed today. Her charges of desertion were uncontested.

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Multnomah's Roads Lead California's

Attorney Coovert Returns From Visit to Sister State and Tells of Condition of Highways.

"The California roads do not begin to compare with those Multnomah county has recently built, either for beauty or durability," said E. E. Coovert, who returned today from a vacation trip to Southern California. "I went over the main highway between Los Angeles and San Diego," he added, "and was not very much impressed with it. Probably this was due in a great measure to my familiarity with the Columbia river highway. Speaking about the latter I found that there is a great deal of interest in our great highway and many told me they were coming to Portland next summer to see it. Most of the improved roads in Southern California are concrete. In many places they have given them an asphalt coat and I think eventually they will all have to be so treated. It makes their maintenance rather expensive."

When Mr. Coovert left Portland he quietly told some of his friends that he was going to take a good long vacation which might lead him to the Hawaiian and other islands of the tropical Pacific, but after he had played a few games of golf at Pasadena and inspected a few roads he decided that he did not care to see any banana trees or coral reefs. "The fact is," said he "I just got nostalgia."

Game Officers Elected.

Roseburg, Or., Dec. 21.—At a meeting of the Douglas County Game Protective association held here Friday officers were elected for the ensuing year as follows: D. R. Bubar, president; Henry Harth, vice president; T. A. Raffety, secretary and treasurer. The executive committee is composed of the officers of the club together with S. B. Crouch, C. A. Hunt and A. C. Marsters.

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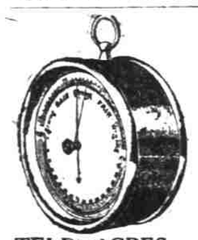

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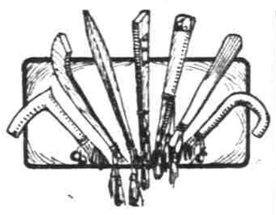

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