

## SUNDAY SCHOOL PUPILS TO RENDER CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Preparations have been going on for some time in the Presbyterian Sunday school in drilling the pupils in the rendition of the Christmas cantata, "Santa Claus at Miss Prim's," which will be given at the church this evening. The scene of the cantata is laid in the class room of Miss Prim's boarding school, where the children have been kept over the Christmas holidays owing to the destruction of the railroad bridge. Miss Prim, who is opposed to the Santa Claus idea, forbids the pupils to enter into any Christmas festivities, and there is much gloom surrounding the boarding school when Santa Claus, the real genuine Santa, suddenly arrives on the scene to the delight of all. The cantata abounds with many solos and choruses, which are taken by some of the best singers in the Sunday school. The principle characters are taken by the following:

Rita—Luelle Messner.  
Lena—Geneva Wortman.  
Tom—Ralph Norris.  
Billy Boy—Morris Mahoney.  
Vera Fattie—Mildred Wicks.  
"Newy" Ned—Andrew Kerr.  
Miss Prim—Marie Gates.  
The witch's daughter—Marie Elfert.

Lisping Lou—Margaret Harrison.  
Spirit of Love—Ruth Warner.  
Santa Claus—By Himself.  
Accompanist—Esther Harrison.  
Chorus of Boy Boarders, Baseball Boys, Sewing Circle and others.  
The musical numbers are as follows:

Overture—Instrumental.  
Opening chorus—Waiting for Santa, all.  
Solo and chorus—Give Us Back Our Santa, Rita.

Solo and chorus—Of Course There Ain't No Santa, Newy Ned.  
Solo and chorus—They Can't Take Him Away From Us, Lena.

Solo and chorus—I Want a Teddy Bear, Vera.  
Solo and chorus—The Witch's Daughter.

Intermission.  
Opening chorus—Santa Is Coming, All.

Solo and chorus—"The Spirit of Love" and Santa.  
Solo and chorus—A Little Bird Told Me, Santa.

Solo and chorus—Lisping Lou.  
Solo and chorus—Boy boarders.  
Solo and chorus—Sewing circle.  
Solo and chorus—Baseball boys.  
Solo and chorus—Santa's Advice.

## PERFECTING APPEALS IN DIGGS-CAMINETTI CASE

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 24.—Appeals from the conviction of Mauri I. Diggs and F. Drew Caminetti, found guilty of violation of the Mann white slave law, will be filed in the United States court of appeals soon. The bills of exception contend that the cases do not come within the intentions of the white slave act.

## SOUL WIDOW OF COUCH REFUSES TO LEAVE JAIL CELL

MONTICELLO, N. Y., Dec. 24.—After having been a voluntary prisoner in one little room of the offices of the late Melvin H. Couch, former district attorney of Sullivan county for years, Miss Adelaide M. Brance, the "soul widow" of the lawyer, hesitated and shrank from again appearing in the world today. She is free of all charges and could leave the jail here at any time, but at her request, is still confined in a cell with the matron watching over her. Now that the man she loved, and for whom she sacrificed the best years of her life is gone, she regrets only that she did not die with him.

A report was circulated that Miss Brance had attempted to end her life in her cell early today, but this was denied by under-Sheriff Hall. She has repeatedly said, however, that "wants only to die on Mel's grave," and this has caused the relatives of the dead man to request that Miss Brance be closely watched.

"I believe the woman is temporarily insane," said Dr. V. F. Curlette, brother-in-law of Couch, today. "I do not believe she should leave the jail until she is normal and quiet."

## INKY BLACKNESS HANGS LIKE PALL DARKENING CHICAGO

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Inky blackness settled over Chicago today and Christmas shoppers fought their way through a gloom as pronounced as at midnight. It was the second time with a month that the phenomenon has occurred.

Street lights twinkled through the darkness; automobile headlights flashed; enterprising theater managers switched on electric signs and at 10 a. m. the loop district took on its usual midnight appearance. A big flashlight, operated from the Chicago and Northwestern depot every night, was turned on, but its rays had difficulty penetrating the heavy fog. Lake craft operated with searchlights and rays from the lighthouse two miles off shore swept the lake front.

The weather bureau attributed the darkness to a two-fold cause, the presence of low-hung clouds over the city and the fact that an area of low temperature west of Chicago made the air here stagnant.

The weather man predicted occasional snows for tonight and Christmas for the Chicago district. Hold-up men seized the opportunity to work in the gloom. Joseph Sokolopch was en route to a grocery at 9:30 a. m. when two Italians stopped him and relieved him of \$80.

The park commissioners ordered lights turned on in all the city parks, fearing attempts at hold-ups, of persons using the parks as shortcuts.

## Gets Rhodes Scholarship

SALEM, Or., Dec. 24.—Paul T. Homan, son of President Homan of

the Willamette university, is chosen today by the Rhodes scholarship selection committee as the next Rhodes scholar to Oxford university.

TO YOU  
whoever you are---

# A Merry Christmas and A Glad New Year

Rolling on with Time, and nearing now the mark,  
Man-made, that reckons the seasons as they roll,  
We thank a wondrous Power for the gift of life  
And for glories of our country and our clime,  
We thank our patrons for their unfailing trust,  
Their largeness, and mental vision clear and calm,  
That make for betterment in the mutual plan,  
On wisdom and honor founded well, and backed  
By business methods born in higher planes of thought;  
Strict, though just, and acting for the common good,  
Sans which none may safely hope to prosper long,  
But from which has grown a bank for strength renowned.



SAFETY FIRST  
NO OVERDRAFTS  
STRONG RESERVE

NO LOANS TO OUR OFFICERS  
NO LOANS TO OUR DIRECTORS

LARGE PERCENTAGE OF ASSETS OVER LIABILITIES

## Farmers and Fruitgrowers Bank

May the Season of Gladness and Good Cheer be a Happy One for you  
and may you have a



# MERRY XMAS



# and a Happy New Year

is the wish of the old reliable store---

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