

HOMES OF CITY PREPARED FOR SANTA COMING

Decorated Trees in Homes —Elks to Make Annual Distribution — Churches Have Special Music On Programs and Trees.

With belated shoppers about in a blustery rain and wind, the city this afternoon completed its preparations for the coming of Santa Claus. In practically every home with children there is a gaily decorated tree, and there will be no empty stockings in the morning. The Elks lodge will make its annual distribution of Christmas cheer and toys this evening and in the morning, and the committee in charge has a complete list of those who for one reason and another, have come upon lean days. The Salvation Army will also distribute food and toys, to the needy and the unfortunate. In mates of the county poor farm, will have a special dinner. The sheriff's office said that no elaborate arrangements had been made for the county jail prisoners, but that there would be something extra for them, in accordance with custom. Members of the city tree department will have their Christmas dinner this evening. Church Services. Yuletide masses will be held at the St. Mark's Episcopal church and at Sacred Heart hospital. In most of the churches of the city and valley Christmas services were held yesterday with special musical programs. Trees for the children, in several churches, will be held this evening. Jackson county students at colleges and schools returned home last week for the holidays. In scores of homes there will be family reunions and dinners. The business houses of the city, will close this evening at six o'clock, and there will be a general suspension of business Christmas Day, with all banks and public offices closed. The postoffice will be closed Christmas Day. There will be no issue of this paper Christmas day.

MAIL DELIVERY WILL BE OVER BY MIDNIGHT

Early Arrival of Parcel Post Train Aids Distribution — Post Office Windows Stay Open Until 8 P. M. Today

All Christmas parcels, letters and cards that have already arrived and those that arrive this afternoon and evening by 7 o'clock will be delivered at the Medford homes by midnight tonight. Because of the great mass of such Christmas mail that had accumulated at the postoffice since Saturday afternoon, a complete delivery by midnight seemed rather doubtful until late this forenoon. Postmaster Warner received telegraphic news that the daily parcels carrying train from Portland would arrive here at 12:30 p. m., three hours earlier than usual, making it possible for the postoffice staff to make a complete delivery of Christmas mail by midnight. All eastern mail is already here. Then the postoffice ceases to function until Wednesday morning, except for special delivery service. However, the postoffice lobby will be open this evening until 8 o'clock for the accommodation of box holders and the transients in the city. Greatest Christmas. Summed up, this is the greatest Christmas Medford has ever had, both in parcels, letters and cards received and sent out, according to Postmaster Warner, and it also breaks the record in that never before have the thousands of parcels arrived in such nice condition from the various parts of the nation—so nicely addressed and securely packed in well tied packages or containers. While no deliveries were made yesterday, it being Sunday, the augmented for Christmas postoffice staff, and also the rural carriers worked all day, up until about 1 o'clock this morning inside the postoffice, sorting and routing the perfect jam of parcels and myriads of letters and cards, getting them all ready for loading on motor trucks early this morning for delivery. And

POLICE GUARD RANIERI CASE JURY HOMES

Fear Revenge After Conviction — Punishment for Kidnaping Fixed at 25 Years — Judge Gentzel Refuses Protection.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Fear of revenge by friends of two convicted kidnapers of Billy Ranieri today caused the police to post guards about the homes of the jurors that convicted the kidnapers Sunday morning. The jury which convicted Angelo Pettiti and Andrew Cappellano of the kidnaping and fixed their punishment at 25 years' imprisonment, was escorted home under police protection and policemen were assigned to watch over the jurors' homes while other policemen guarded the homes of Frank Ranieri, father of the kidnaped boy, Mike Divito, threatened with death for testifying for the state and the state prosecutors. Judge Gentzel, who also received a death threat, refused protection. He commended the jurors for their patriotism and courage in trying the case and thanked them for their "service to the country." Tony Cappellano, son of Andrew, charged with the kidnaping, was acquitted. CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—(AP)—The gangster, the racketeer and the highwayman gouged 527 notches on their pistol butts this year. Last year they carved 476 notches. The 527 slayings for the fiscal year ending December 1, statistics compiled by Coroner Herman N. Dundesen show, are nearly half the number of deaths caused by automobiles in Cook county. Of the 526 violent deaths, 1679 are attributed to autos. DENIES CRITICISM (Continued from Page One.) President Yrigoyen was quoted by the paper as saying that he believed that Mr. Hoover was not in accord with the ideas of President Coolidge.

CHRISTMAS ON IDAHO CAMPUS ONE LONG ITCH

Smallpox Scare Coops Collegians On Campus — Vaccination Brings Doleful Thoughts to Dancing Co-Eds—500 Desolate.

MOSCOW, Ida., Dec. 24.—(AP)—'Twas the night before Christmas, and it was just one long itch. That is, it was to 500 collegiates at the University of Idaho, pining away their Yule vacation on the campus. They already had their first Christmas remembrances, and they said jolly old Kris Kringle would have to be a good deal jollier than usual tomorrow to cheer them. One-fourth of the 2,999 students and instructors who were ordered to vaccinate for small pox were parked dolefully in fraternity houses, bethinking themselves that Christmas would be just another day of sore arms and legs. The right hand will be favored tomorrow for raising Christmas turkey to the face, and soup bowls will not be tipped, except by the unusually dexterous. The well dressed coed will favor either the right limb or the left, according to whether she approached the college doctor from the Northeast or Northwest, when "she had her's done." No Use For Jazz On Christmas eve the red, hot strains of jazz will be useless, and the special movie programs in the city only half a mile away are painful to think about. In the sorority houses the girls walked with ill-concealed limps, and the davenports went to the coeds whose "dates" came early. It was regarded something of a joke last week when the president of the university ordered everybody to be vaccinated to prevent the spread of the single slight case of the disease on the campus. They were vaccinated, and three-fourths of the university went home. But the desolate 500 left on the campus were just beginning to feel the full effects of successful vaccinations. And Oliver Huf, the cause of it all, wasn't even on the campus. He

CHRISTMAS BALL CROWNING EVENT

The crowning event of Christmas Day observance locally will be the American Legion Christmas ball to be staged at the Oriental Gardens tomorrow night. Special holiday effects and Christmas favors combined with excellent dance music will add greatly to the enjoyment of those who attend. Preparations are being made to take care of a large crowd as many dancers from various valley points and the college students home for the holidays will swell the usual attendance of Medford people. The proceeds of the affair will be devoted to a most worthy cause, that of giving Medford a prize winning drum corps in the year 1929.

1 SURVIVOR PLANE TRAGEDY (Continued from Page One.) The motor and after racing the engine about 10 minutes, started down the 4000-foot runway of the new airport. The plane was about six feet above ground at the end of the field, and a railroad embankment directly ahead caused the pilot to bank to the right, apparently expecting to clear the obstruction and gain altitude, according to the survivor. Instead the plane lost altitude by the maneuver and an instant later crashed against a roof, rebounded against a tree and finally ploughed into a garage. The plane was about six feet above ground at the end of the field, and a railroad embankment directly ahead caused the pilot to bank to the right, apparently expecting to clear the obstruction and gain altitude, according to the survivor. Instead the plane lost altitude by the maneuver and an instant later crashed against a roof, rebounded against a tree and finally ploughed into a garage. Dancers Barred. NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Three of eleven girl proteges of the late Isadora Duncan, who arrived here aboard the liner Caronia for a dancing tour, today faced deportation because they are under the age limit of 16 years. Operate on Peabody. BALTIMORE, Dec. 24.—(AP)—George Foster Peabody, philanthropist and former national Democratic treasurer, was operated on in Johns Hopkins hospital today. His physician reported he had undergone the operation "very successfully" and his condition was later reported as being "highly satisfactory."

ROYAL FAMILY REUNITED FOR YULE HOLIDAY

King George Doing Well As Expected—Duke of Gloucester Returns to Complete Family Party — Wales Goes Hunting.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—(AP)—King George was doing probably as well as could be expected today in the slow progress from the depths into which his grave illness had plunged him and there was a united family at Buckingham palace for the Christmas holidays. The best of the three sons who were in distant parts of the British empire when the king was taken ill returned to the palace today. The arrival of the Duke of Gloucester completed the family party. The duke, who reached Southampton from South Africa early today, stepped through the portals of Buckingham palace in the middle of the forenoon shortly before his father's physicians issued this bulletin: "The king has had a quiet night. The local condition continues to show progress. The general condition remains unchanged." LONDON, Dec. 24.—(AP)—The Prince of Wales went hunting today with the Quorn hounds, the first time that he has been in the field since his return from Africa. The recent improvement in King George's condition was stated to have warranted his going further afield than Buckingham palace. TROTZKY ALLOWED TO VISIT HEALTH RESORT BERLIN, Dec. 24.—(AP)—The extreme Communist organ Volkshille today said that it had been learned from Moscow that Joseph Stalin had allowed Leon Trotzky to go to a health resort in south Russia to recover from malaria from which he had been suffering for

PORT ORFORD QUANT BESTS ALL COMERS

PORT ORFORD, Ore., Dec. 24.—(AP)—Port Orford high school quintet won its sixth straight victory here by defeating the Bandon high, 24 to 11. The Port Orford boys have won every game they have played on any five in southwestern Oregon. There are barely enough boys attending local high school to make up two teams for practice. The boys frequently are forced to hold practice sessions against girls' sextet.

Printed slogans on stripped-down Fords are as numerous as the college vehicles, but one youth claims he has the best slogan. A large box mounted on the rear of an old Ford chassis carries the slogan, "Push Here."

WHALEN FORCE FILLS GOTHAM POLICE CELLS

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—(AP) Cells at police headquarters were filled today as a result of the first drive against the underworld by Police Commissioner Whalen's reorganized detective bureau. A week-end clean up, which was conducted without specific orders from the newly appointed police head, netted 197 suspects, ranging from persons wanted on murder charges to ordinary panhandlers. Unofficial word that subordinates in the detective bureau who failed to show results would follow their former chief, Inspector John D. Coughlin, out of the organization was said to have inspired the activity. Thomas Realty Co., real estate, insurance and small loans on anything of value, Palm Block, corner Main and Front, upstairs.

Hotel Holland Coffee Shop Will Be Closed All Day Christmas Open again for business— WEDNESDAY MORNING

Christmas Greetings

Advertisement for local businesses including H. E. Marsh, Roseborough's Barber Shop, Will H. Wilson, Walden Bros., Treichler Motors Co., Biden's Shoe Service, DeVoe's, THESE MEDFORD FIRMS, Myron Root, Swem's, Strang's Drug Store, Eads & Holbrook, The Medford Exchange, Walker's Dance Hall, Medford Mattress Co., Slusser Barber Shop, Modern Plumbing and Sheet Metal Works, F. J. Huber, Rex Cafe, Economy Meat and Fish Market, Diamond Cafe, Electric Bakery, C. J. Breier Co., Medford Shoe Hospital.