

CHRISTMAS DAY AT SALEM

Observed by Churches and State Institutions

How the State's Charges Passed the Holiday

Christmas was very generally observed in Salem. All public offices were closed to the transaction of business, and the churches and the various state institutions held services and exercises in celebration of the day. Christmas trees and cantatas, with the usual appropriate literary features, were held by the several churches of the city, either Wednesday night or last night.

On Christmas day trees were placed in many of the convalescent wards at the asylum, and from them were distributed to the patients small presents from their friends. Superintendent Calbreath had purchased a quantity of candies that was placed in small paper sacks, and these were also given to the patients at the same time. A turkey dinner was served at the noon hour, and last evening the attendants gave an entertainment, including a laughable farce, in the chapel.

At the prison, Rev. St. Pierre, missionary at the penitentiary, gave a lecture in the morning. Because of the sick convicts in the hospital, that adjoins the chapel, music was dispensed with. The convicts were served at noon with a fresh pork dinner, including potatoes and other vegetables, and pie.

Most of the unfortunate charges at the state blind school went to their homes for the Christmas season, but Superintendent and Mrs. Jones made it pleasant for the 13 that remained, by providing a fish pond, from which the little ones drew their Xmas gifts, and other means of entertainment, including a splendid dinner.

The pupils at the deaf mute school had a novel Xmas tree Wednesday evening. Instead of a single tree, there was a group of trees, and in the distribution of the presents all of the officers and pupils were generously remembered. The boy pupils presented Superintendent and Mrs. Clarke with a beautiful picture as a present. A complete Christmas dinner was served today, and the little ones spent last night in the superintendent's parlors in the playing of games and other amusements.

The 133 boys at the state reform school passed the day in an appropriate way. The usual Christmas dinner, with all the accompanying good things, was served at noon. Last night the boys gave a delightful entertainment in the chapel. The program consisted of appropriate music and recitations, and concluded with a lecture by the school chaplain, Rev. St. Pierre. A large Xmas tree, loaded with presents for the boys from their friends, was another attraction.

Souvenir for Faithful Service.
On Christmas eve the good people of the Baptist church had a very successful Christmas tree event at the church, and among the unexpected things done was the raising of a purse for their "little organist" who had so many years served them faithfully without money and without price. A liberal sum in silver was dropped into a purse by those present, and the recipient was truly surprised and gratified upon being presented with it. In accordance with a suggestion of some of the donors, Mrs. Leabo spent the money for an appropriate souvenir, which she will prize for years to come. Thus is faithful service rewarded at the First Baptist church of Salem.

The Work of the Public Schools.
President Eliot of Harvard may be right in insisting, as he did in a recent address before the State Teachers' association of Connecticut, that the American public school system has failed to accomplish its full mission. True, it has failed to bring about the millennium, nor have the higher institutions of learning yet quite accomplished this. There are undoubtedly faults in the public school system, though the American people, who regard it as about the best product of our civilization, will hardly agree with Dr. Eliot's sweeping indictment.

While the public schools are not doing all they might or ought toward strengthening the moral fiber of the people, they must be credited with doing their full share, with the colleges and universities, the pulpit and the press, toward the steady gain that has been made in public morality during the last two generations, and will continue to be an important, if not the most important, factor in the creation of wholesome and patriotic public sentiment.

The annual report of the United States commissioner of education, lately issued, goes a good distance toward answering Dr. Eliot's rather surprising charges against the public schools. While statistics can seldom establish moral tendencies, the commissioner's report indicates conditions that are highly gratifying. It shows that for the last fiscal year nearly 16,000,000 pupils were enrolled in the public schools. The increase above 1900 was quite evidently greater than the increase in the number of children of school age in that period. The amount of money spent for education per capita of the population had risen in a single year, from 1901 to 1902, from \$1.64 to \$2.93, which is the highest amount ever spent for public education. The result of all this expenditure is seen in the further fact that the average duration of the attendance of each pupil in the schools of the country has increased by twenty-four and one-half days since 1870.

Are the Clergy Restless?
Commenting upon the frequent changes in the pastorates of the churches of all denominations, a Boston writer applies the term "restless" to the entire clerical profession, and in support of his position speaks of one of the smaller cities in Massachusetts where not less than thirteen churches have parted with their pastors within a year.

While the term "restless" may be somewhat too sweeping, figures taken from the Congregationalist would seem to give it some color of justification. On the list for one week appear the names of seventeen Congregationalist clergymen who have relinquished pastorates after a tenure of not exceeding two years. Out of the seventeen resignations recorded, nine appear to have been tendered by men who had no other field of service immediately in view. This represents the ebb and flow of only one week in one denomination, and that a denomination not the most widely distributed over the country.

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It used to be thought that when Methodist ministers were required to itinerate once in three years the rule of the church requiring such a course worked hardship to the men concerned and operated against the stability and efficiency of the churches. As a result of long consideration, the Methodists finally abolished the time limit, and now it is possible for Methodist churches to keep their ministers as long as they desire. But apparently the tendency to short pastorates has been growing meanwhile in other denominations. Indeed, a pastorate of more than eight or ten years is now a decided rarity, though there are notable exceptions to this rule.

A farmer living in Channahon, Ill., lit his pipe and threw the match in the bottom of the carriage. First thing he knew his wife's clothing and his own were ablaze. There is a double moral to this story. On the one hand, it may be used as an argument against smoking and on the other against a man riding out with his wife.

The crown prince of Siam, though a follower of the Buddhist religion, is decidedly liberal in his views. He says that all kinds of religious faiths are welcome in his father's kingdom and that if the Buddhists cannot hold their own so much the worse for them.

Whatever may be the condition of the dinner pail and the coal scuttle, there are abundant assurances of a full cider keg this winter. There is a bumper apple crop all over the country.

Dr. Parkhurst's poor opinion of the New York police force is probably shared by the burglars who robbed a fur store at their leisure within 200 feet of a captain's headquarters.

The Cuban who lost \$500 on a "sure thing" American racing tip is doubtless more convinced than ever that his island should remain independent of the United States.

Burying the hatchet and digging up the pickax are synonymous terms in the Pennsylvania anthracite regions.

Thanked.
She—Yes, I told you I'd always be a sister to you, and I'll be glad to hear anything you have to say to me.
He—Six months ago you told me I'd thank you some day for refusing me. Let me do so at once. You can't hold a candle to the girl I'm engaged to now.

His Embittered Existence.
Checks—You're the sourest, worst tempered man in town.
Black—Well, you see, I live next door to a public school.—Chicago News.

STATE HEALTH BOARD

Oregon Legislature Will Be Asked

To Pass Bill Covering This Subject

Among the matters of legislation in which the Marion County Medical Society has interested itself is the enactment of a law providing for a state board of health. The society will lend its aid to the passage at the coming session of such a law. A bill covering this subject, and modeled after the Wisconsin law, has been drafted, and will be presented to the state legislature by Dr. C. J. Smith, state senator-elect from Umatilla county. In matters of legislation affecting the practice of medicine, this profession is fortunate in that there are a number of physicians in the two houses. For instance, in the senate, Senators Tyler Smith, of Yamhill; A. C. Smith, of Multnomah, and Kuykendall, of Lane, besides the father of the bill, are all practicing physicians, and in addition to these four the house contains a number of members that belong to the same profession.

In speaking of the proposed legislation covering the subject, Dr. C. S. White, of Gervais, president of the Marion County Medical Society, today said that the law did not carry a heavy appropriation from the state, but was simply intended and considered essential that the proper authorities be empowered to suppress and treat all

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It is the purpose of the Marion County Medical Society to entertain at a banquet, early in January, the members of the two houses of the state legislature that are practicing physicians.

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A Pen That Failed.
At a public dinner a careless waiter stumbled when bringing in a boiled tongue. The tongue slipped over the edge of the dish upon the tablecloth.

"Never mind," said the chairman cheerfully, "it's only a lapsus linguae" (slip of the tongue).
The joke was received with a burst of laughter. A gentleman present who had no knowledge of Latin, yet saw what hysterical merriment it caused, secretly determined that he would repeat the whole performance at his next little dinner party at home and give his guests a great laugh at his wit.

The occasion arrived. There was to be a leg of mutton, and the host had instructed the waiter to let it fall when coming in. The waiter did so, to the great dismay of the guests.

"Oh, never mind," cried the host cheerfully, "it's only a lapsus lingue." To his great disgust and astonishment, however, nobody seemed to see it, and now he is suspicious that some thing must have gone wrong somewhere.—Pearson's.

Appointed to the Powers.
The late Joseph Medill, editor of the Chicago Tribune, besides being an indefatigable editor, had a decided vein of humor in his composition.

During the last years of his life, as his strength permitted, he watched over his paper as zealously as in his younger days, and it was his custom to scan the columns of certain favorite exchanges and clip from them extensively, marking them on the margins, "J. M.—Must," meaning that the extracts must go in. It was one of his great griefs that there was not always room for all of them, even when columns of live editorial matter had been crowded out, as they were sometimes, to make room for them.

One night he went up to the room of the night editor with a bundle of clippings in his hand.

"Mr. Ransom," he said to that official, with a twinkle in his eye, "I wish you would use your influence to have these printed in the paper tomorrow morning."—Youth's Companion.

A Nourishing Drink.
The whites of raw eggs are very nourishing. A good way to prepare the drink, according to one who knows, is to break the white into a jar with what milk is desired and shake the two thoroughly together. A pinch of salt should be added. An English specialist recommends to adult patients suffering from anemic condition the daily consumption of eight or ten egg whites. They can be taken clear and with ease if the eggs are kept very cold, broken into a cold glass and used at once. Another excellent drink is made by beating the white of an egg to a froth and adding a tablespoonful of rich cream and a spoonful of brandy. This is a very nourishing cordial for an invalid.

Economical.
Farmer Skinfint (reading sign)—"Eyesight Tested Free of Charge." Gracious! Mandy, in I go an' find out if it's burtin' my eyesight tew read the paper.
Mandy—An' if it is are yew goin' tew squander good money on spectacles?
Farmer Skinfint—No; I'm goin' tew give up the paper.

Gold Only For Royalty.
It is a notable fact that in Abyssinia none but those who are related to the monarch is permitted to wear gold in any form. They may deck themselves with diamonds and other precious stones, but the jewels must not be set in gold. The penalty for infringement of this law is death by decapitation.

OREGON WOMAN IN ALASKA

She Writes a Book that is Now on Sale

Mrs. May Kellogg Sullivan, wife of the editor of the Pacific Baptist, Rev. Frank L. Sullivan, now of the Baptist Watchman, has written a very interesting book on Alaska, illustrated



from photographs taken by herself. It has been published at Boston, and is now on sale at Patton's book store for \$1.50.

Mrs. Sullivan is well known to Salem people, and is a charming writer. Her book throws a great deal of light on the dark places in Alaska, as Mrs. Sullivan "roughed it" in some of the hottest mining camps for a number of years.
For sale at Patton's book store.

Christmas Greetings

Now For The Holidays

With the passing of Thanksgiving our thoughts turn toward that great gift-giving day—CHRISTMAS—which is only a few days away. We've been preparing for the holiday trade for weeks and weeks—brought the best here for you to select from—useful articles at prices that are sure to tempt you. No trouble finding just what you want at just the price. Never have selections been more beautiful. We urge early buying—the stocks are at their best now, and many of the finest fancies cannot be duplicated. For—Man's or Boy's Christmas buy what he's going to buy for himself, if you don't. Buy it where he buys—at a man's store. Come and see our Christmas Haberdashery.

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