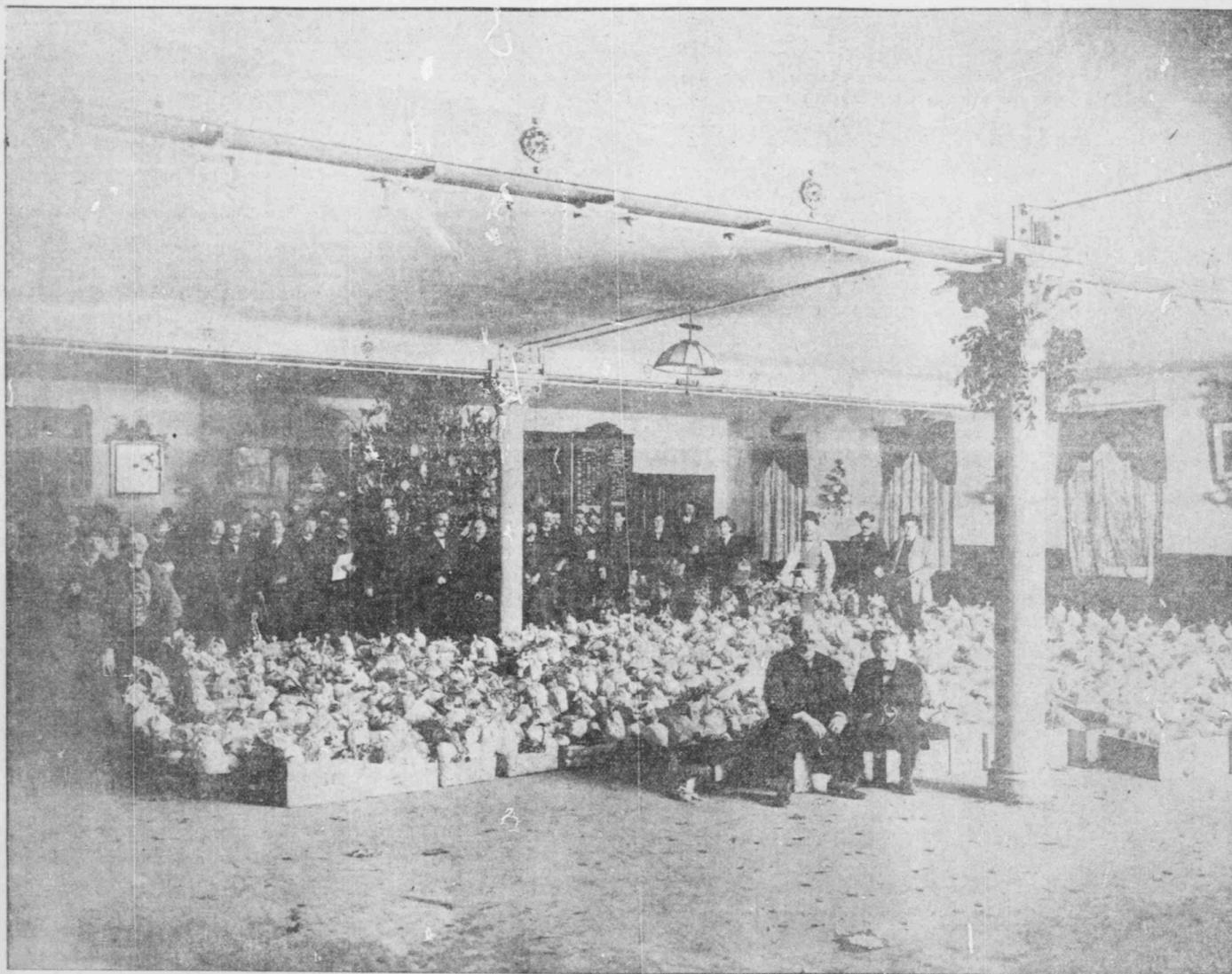


NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE DISTRIBUTE CHRISTMAS GIFTS.



CHRISTMAS CHARITY OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE

Over Fifteen Hundred Baskets of Provisions Given to the Deserving Poor—Children's Festival.

At the National Rifles Armory this morning the annual Christmas charity of Almas Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, was distributed.

For weeks the eleven hundred members of the shrine have been busy with their preparations, and today more than realized their hopes. No one was turned away. There were provisions in abundance for everyone. Over fifteen hundred baskets of provisions were sent out to deserving families, each one containing a sufficient supply to feed an ordinary family for a week.

The work of loading the baskets was an enormous task in itself and kept several hundred volunteers busy until nearly midnight. The most perfect system prevailed and a record of 160 baskets an hour was made. The baskets were started at one end of a line and by the time each reached the other end it was filled. First a sack of flour was placed in it, then a six-pound of potatoes, an equal amount of turnips, ten sacks of rice, coffee, beans, and canned goods, and finally a head of cabbage. When the work was completed the entire floor of the armory was covered with baskets placed as close together as it was possible to set them.

This morning the armory was alive several hours before daybreak. The work was formally opened by the Rev. J. E. Smith, of Grace Methodist Church, who invoked the Divine blessing upon those to whom the baskets were sent, and upon those who were engaged in the labor of love. The Nobles of the Shrine, who had stood with uncovered heads throughout the invocation, at its conclusion set to work with a will, leading the seventy-five wagons that had been loaned for the occasion by the various prominent business men of the city. With the baskets a barrel of bread fresh from the bakery was put in each wagon, a loaf to be placed in each basket when it was delivered. Each wagon was accompanied by a member of Almas Temple, who was supplied with a crisp new greenback as a remembrance for the driver of the wagon.

In addition to the baskets that were sent out, hundreds of applications were made at the armory for assistance. W. H. Long was in charge of this part of the work, and saw that no one was turned away. In addition to filling the baskets of all who applied, he furnished those who lived at any distance with car fare to take them home. Many were the families that called throughout the morning, some of them coming from the remote portions of the district, and even from Maryland and Virginia. There were several women who were too weak to carry the baskets, and in these cases boys were sent with them to help them carry their supplies home. This afternoon the children's festival began. Chairman Charles Jacobsen and members of his committee had prepared for 3,000 children at the big tree, and had also made arrangements to double their supplies if it should prove necessary. The doors of the armory on G Street, between Ninth and Tenth Streets northwest, were thrown open at 1 o'clock, and will remain open until 4 o'clock. No one will be turned away.

FOOD IN ABUNDANCE FOR THE WORTHY POOR

Various Charitable Organizations Give Dinners at Their Headquarters

While the well-to-do were rejoicing today and exchanging Yuletide gifts and greetings, the unfortunate ones were not altogether forgotten.

The Associated Charities distributed 500 baskets of provisions to needy families. The supplies were to a large extent gathered from the public schools, where children had from their own homes or plenty brought good things for Christmas dinners to be bestowed upon the worthy poor.

The Homebound Mission today gave dinners to more than 250 homeless men, women, and children. The meal consisted of a beautiful supply of roast turkey with hot gravy, potatoes, bread, hot coffee, and other substantial food. The children were also given candy and apples.

The Salvation Army also gave dinners to a large crowd of persons too poor to provide a substantial Christmas meal for themselves. Free public dinners were served at Neighborhood House, 456 N Street southwest, for colored people.

The People's Mission served dinner for about a hundred. The dinner at the Central Union Mission was to the regulars; its big dinner will be given on New Year Day.

On Nature's Plan.

Colds are quickly cured by Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It acts on nature's plan, loosens the cough, relieves the lungs and opens the secretions, effecting a permanent cure. It counteracts any tendency of a cold to result in pneumonia. It is pleasant to take, both adults and children like it. Price 25c; large size 50c. For sale by Henry Evans, wholesale, and all druggists.

Washington Southern Railway—Holiday Excursion Rates.

Account of the Christmas and New Year Holidays, the Washington Southern Railway Company will sell special excursion tickets to points on its line and connections at one and one-third fares for the round trip. Tickets on sale December 22, 24, 25, 30, and 31, 1902, and January 1, 1903, good returning until January 3, 1903. To students of schools and colleges, presenting certificates signed by the head of the school or college, these tickets will be sold December 16 to 22, inclusive, good returning until January 3; continuous passage in each direction. Apply to ticket agents Washington Southern Railway. W. P. TAYLOR, Traffic Manager.

HOW THESPIANS ARE SPENDING CHRISTMAS

Mr. Sothern Entertains His Friends This Evening

Christmas time to the actor is much the same as any other season of the year, for of all representatives of wage-earning citizens he has less time for indulgence in home pleasures and fewer opportunities to appreciate the meaning of Christmas and other happy seasons of the year. One day is much the same as the next, spent as they all are, within the theater, catering to the fancy of a public which forgets them as soon as the curtain falls on the play.

Mr. Sothern, who is reputed throughout the theatrical profession as an ideal host, will entertain his company at supper tonight after the play. Members of "The Two Schools" company will be engaged with a matinee performance this afternoon, and, in consequence, will see little Christmas celebration. Ida Conquest, Jessie Busley, Jameson Lee Finney, M. A. Kennedy, and the other members of the organization have accepted the invitation of Winchel Smith, to join him at supper on the stage of the Columbia Theater after the night performance of "The Two Schools."

At Chase's, the players will also have a matinee, but Miss Leonard and her husband, Owen Westford, will dine in family with Mr. and Mrs. George W. Day. Gertrude Mansfield is still looking for a Christmas box which was sent her early in the week, and until it arrives she absolutely refuses to eat.

APPROPRIATION FROM NO FUND FOR UNBUYABLE COAL

Detroit City Council Cannot Make Good Promise of \$50,000 for Fuel for the Poor.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 25.—The city council last night passed a resolution appropriating \$50,000 for the purchase of hard coal, to be sold to the poor at cost.

How the money is to be raised, and where the coal is to be purchased were questions the aldermen could not answer when asked about their action. It was pointed out that reputable coal dealers were getting anthracite in dribbles, and that the city would not stand as well at the mines as regular customers. There is no fund that could stand such a draft at this time of year, and it would be necessary to reconvene the board of estimates to ratify the action and provide the money.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

ANOTHER LOT roofing paper, 8c and 11c piece. Cleaning out Government shirts, boots, saddles, and horse blankets at reduced prices. We pay best prices for metals, scrap iron, and paper stock. S. BENSINGER & CO., 11th and B sts. 6623-5.

UNDERTAKERS.

J. WILLIAM LEE, UNDERTAKER AND LIVERY, 202 Penn. Ave. N. W., Washington, D. C.

PATAL QUARREL OVER DICE.

PENSACOLA, Fla., Dec. 25.—Angered over a game of dice, Walter Humphreys, a contractor of Lesory, killed W. M. Barnett, a grocer. As Barnett had threatened to kill Humphreys previously, the coroner's jury verdict was self-defense.

TWO RUNAWAY BOYS FOUND DEAD IN CORNFIELD

ROCKFORD, Ill., Dec. 25.—The dead bodies of Hilding Holme, aged eight, and Frank Smith, aged nine, were found Wednesday in a cornfield near the Chicago Industrial Home at Woodstock, Ill. From which institution they ran away last Monday. Arthur Carbon, another inmate who left with them, is in a serious condition.

IN MEMORIAM

SANTUCCI—In loving remembrance of our dear friend, LILLIAN S. SANTUCCI, who died Dec. 23, 1902, at her home, 1014 1/2 St. N. W., Washington, D. C., December 23, 1902. By her loving and devoted friends, JOSEPH, STEPHEN, and THEODORE.

Germany Leads the World in Curing Consumption



The German government employs him at an immense salary to cure consumption in the public hospitals.

By the use of the Koch Inhalation, vapors of the healing oils are easily breathed into the air tubes, causing the lungs to be filled with them, and the lungs are healed as if by magic. The vapors are composed of antiseptics, disinfectants, and the great Koch Tuberculin, and the effect is to kill the disease germs and expel them; in fact, no form of germ life can live when thoroughly under the influence of the Koch Inhalation.

The physicians of Washington are invited to join the class of instruction beginning the first Monday of every month. The trial treatment is here given to prove the wonderful value of the new Koch system.

The addresses of thousands of cured patients will be gladly given. Call and see the wonderful inhalation invention. You will find that the treatment has absolutely cured hundreds of patients in many cities after every known medicine has failed.

Don't take any more medicine into the stomach. Lung medicine is always hard on the stomach. Be skeptical if you will until you have investigated, but investigate, and find out the truth. The doctors invite sharp criticism. Their cures will bear investigation. The Washington office is at 120 11th st. n.w. Consultation and examination free. Send for booklet describing and illustrating the treatment.



MOTHER GOOSE SUGAR LOAF RHYMES.

There is a man in our town Who is so wondrous wise, For when the best of breads he wants, Then SUGAR LOAF he buys.

SUGAR LOAF BREAD is Home Made. Made by Boston Baking Co., Opposite U. S. Capitol Grounds, Washington, D. C. Sold Everywhere.

Saks and Company, Leaders Since 1867.

A Complete Stock of Overcoats!

All these holiday-days we've been busy in our workrooms making up the shortages in the different lots of Overcoats. Tomorrow morning we start off with practically a complete stock again.



The Saks-Overcoat is understood to be the BEST—and is appreciated as the BEST. The more practically you judge clothing the more praise you'll give the Saks-Overcoat; the better you know it, the more reason for giving it your preference.

What a contrast with a few years ago. Today, no matter how fine a garment you want; no matter what style; no matter what size—instead of waiting upon a tailor's slow-going method and paying this necessarily high price, you can drop in here and GET JUST WHAT YOU WANT, within your purse's reach—equal to ANY custom-making and better than most of it.

In replenishing the lots we've added plentifully to the three popular grades of Overcoats,

\$10, \$12.50 and \$15

Clearing Away the Holiday Wreckage.

In spite of all the care and caution possible to exercise, stocks will get tossed and tumbled, rumped and soiled in the Christmas rush and hurry.

While the quality isn't harmed in the least it is spoiled for place in regular stock—and the day after Christmas we always clear it away.

Tomorrow, then, come hunting some "BIG BARGAINS." We speak our purpose plainly in the deep reductions we make. But clearance is of more consequence than what it costs to accomplish it. Tomorrow is a day when the dimes are as big as dollars.

Odds and Ends Smoking Jackets.

There are less than fifty of them, and hardly any two are alike. But they are House Coats that sold up to \$5. Mostly the two-toned Cloth effects. Choice... \$1.50

Boys' Clothing.

Broken lots of Boys' \$2.50, \$3, and \$3.50 Short Pants Suits; Novelty and Double-breasted styles; the sizes are broken, but the Suits are up to the Saks-standard. Choice... \$1.75

Broken lots of Boys' \$5.50, \$7, and \$7.50 Short Pants Suits; Double Breasted and Three-piece styles; all wool and fast colors and excellent values at \$3.95 the original prices. Choice... \$3.95

Odds and Ends Men's Umbrellas.

Every one of that big lot of Manufacturer's Sample Umbrellas left—and there are about 75—Under Taffeta Silk covered, and handsomely mounted. Worth up to \$5. Choice... \$2.45

Odds and Ends Men's Furnishings.

Fancy 50c Mufflers; they are rumped, but you can make them all right in a jiffy with an iron. Choice... 25c

Plain White and Fancy \$1 Silk Mufflers; tressed and tumbled, but all right otherwise. Choice... 45c

Odds and ends of 25c Fancy Silk Four-in-Hands; a big selection of it; scores of patterns. Choice... 15c

Odds and ends of 50c Fancy Silk Neckwear; all the tressed and tumbled and soiled, no matter how slightly. Choice... 29c

Odds and ends of \$1.00 Silk Neckwear; some of those very exclusive patterns and shapes are included, because they are crumpled a little. Choice... 49c

Odds and Ends Men's Gloves.

Broken sizes of Men's Mocha Gloves; the fashionable Glove for street wear; oilskin and Gray shade. \$1 is the regular price. Choice... 55c

Men's and Boys' Hats.

Lot of Men's Derbys and Soft Hats; not all sizes, but every shape is the latest, and most every lot shape is included among them. They are \$1.50 and \$2 Hats—and you know how good our \$2 Hats are. Choice... 95c

Broken sizes Men's Winter Caps, made of all-wool chevise, golf shape, with double band to pull down over the ears. You'll wish there were 500 instead of less than 100. Worth up to \$1.00. Choice... 23c

Odds and Ends Children's Leggings.

What are left of the Christmas stock of Children's Leggings, and they include Cloth, Corduroy, Leather, and Velvet; all full Fauntleroy-cut, strap and button fastenings; all colors; Choice of Leggings that have been selling up to \$2.50 a pair, but in broken sizes. Choice... 95c

Saks and Company, Pennsylvania Avenue and Seventh Street.