SPECIAL SERVICES HELD IN CHURCHES

FLOWERS DECORATE SACRED EDIFICES

All Catholic and Episcopal Churches Emphasize the Sacred Meaning of Christmas Day

Long before the sun had cast its rays upon the scenes the bells of the Catholic churches in Los Angeles were pealing forth the Christmas message and large congregations had gathered in the gayly bedecked churches. Hundreds of candles lent radiance to the ever-moving panorama which was brightened by the white and gold vestments which were worn by the priests.

It was a decidedly California Christmas yesterday, the hills in green and the yards filled with fragrant blossoms. The churches reflected this spring-like season of the year, and many beautiful blossoms were used in the decorations.

It seemed peculiarly fitting that the blossoms of California should be used to honor the infant Jesus, for it was much the same climate in Bethlehem that first Christmas morn when the angelic song, which echoes through the centuries to all parts of the world, was sung to the shepherds watching their flocks. And again yesterday morning, after twenty centuries, the ever old, yet ever new, song of the angels was sung and resung, until "Peace on earth, good will to men" was the echo that was wafted upward by the balmy breezes of the Christmas of 1906.

Nor was the Christmas cheer for the prosperous and successful alone, for charity was one of the main features of the day. The unfortunate remembered the sick and the lame, those upon whom success has not smiled, and many were the hearts that were gladdened by substantial gifts yesterday.

The streets presented a pretty sight before and after the church services, the gayly gowned women and happy men making their way to the different edifices, all reflecting the joyful season. In and among these the modern Santa Claus, the prosaic mailman, made his wawy with his heavy bundle of packages and letters, and brought cheer and gladness to homes in the sunny southland from the frozen east.

Hold Special Services

Christmas services were held in the Protestant churches on Sunday and yesterday the Episcopal and Catholic churches held special services.

Bishop Johnson preached at the service at St. Paul's pro-cathedral. Dean Wilkins officiated at the service and special music was furnished by the vested choir.

At Christ Episcopal church an elaborate service was held, opening at 10 o'clock with the baptism of infants. The church was prettily decorated with the holiday colors of red and green. Rev. Baker P. Lee, the rector, preached an eloquent sermon.

At 5 o'clock yesterday morning the first solemn high mass was celebrated at the Cathedral of St. Vibiana, at which Rt. Rev. Mgr. Harnett, V. G., was celebrant, assisted by Rev. P. J. McGrathy as deason; Rev. Joseph McManus, as sub-deason and Rev. J. M. W. Beaudry as master of ceremonies. Monsignor Harnett preached the sermon. Bishop Conaty celebrated pontifical mass at 10:20 a. m., at which Rev. Joseph McManus preached the sermon, giving a contrast between the world before the advent of Christ and of today. The decorations were very elaborate, a crib having been erected at the gospel side of the main altar and immediately in front of the altar of the Sacred Heart. Immense congregations filled the cathedral church at all the services.

Last night Rt. Rev. Mgr. Harnett celebrated the vesper service, at which Rt. Rev. Bishop Conaty assisted, robed in cappa magna, and preached the sermon. The bishop took for his text, "For this day is born to you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord, in the city of David." He said in part:

"The whole civilized world in spirit journeys today to Bethlehem to pay its tribute to the child who is recognized as the Son of God, made man. The world is full of the music of the Christmas joy which finds its source in the manger at Bethlehem. The hymn of the angels resounds today in all Christian lands and the joy of the Christmas happiness is in every heart. Charity expresses itself in gifts to the poor, in loving remembrances from friend to friend, and the hymn of grateful hearts is "Glory to God and peace on earth," because the child promised for redemption is born and the Savior has come to redeem his people.

Who Is the Child

"We stand at the manger of Christ today and ask, who is this wonderful child of whom the prophets have sung, for whom the world has longed, and upon whom depends the future of mankind? Who is this child who is destined to revolutionize the world of thought and of action, to illumine men's minds with truth that is to remain and to change their hearts to a deeper and more lasting love of God? Who is this child who is to reform society and build it upon the doctrine which he is to teach? Who is the child of Bethlehem? He is Jesus Christ, the Son of God, made man. He is God in the flesh, the incarnate word. He is God and man, the eternal son of the eternal Father who has assumed our humanity in order that through it he might work out our salvation and in union with his divinity satisfy for the sins of mankind. This child is the one promised in the beginning of the revelation, when it was foretold that the seed of the woman would crush the serpent's head. He is the child promised in the seed of Abraham to come from the house of David, to be born of a virgin in Bethlehem of Judea, before the scepter would pass from Judea at the end of the seventy weeks of years, as prophesied in Daniel. He is the Emanuel, the God with us, who had been promised, prefigured and prophesied. He who was in the beginning, the word by whom all things were made, "was made flesh and dwelt among us." For four thousand years under the light of religious traditions the world had looked to the coming of this child.

"Since that night in Judea the world looks back to his coming as the fulfillment of all of God's promises to men and from it dates its civilization and its years. The child of Bethlehem is not only the son of God, but he is also the child of Mary. Our humanity is in him, body and soul and will. He is to become the child of Nazareth, the youth of the temple, the man of Galilee, preaching the Gospel, performing miracles, doing good, the man of Calvary and the divine Savior of the resurrection. Why did the world look forward to Bethlehem in hope and expectation? Becuase of faith in God's promise to send a savior whose sepulcher would be glorious.

"Standing around the crib of Bethlehem today our gratitude goes forth to God for the blessings of the birth of Christ. He is the keystone of the arch of our humanity. He is the source and glory of our civilization. Whatever we have of power and of influence in the world, of manhood, of character, is due to the graces which come to us by reason of Christ assuming humanity. It is the tie that binds us with God; it is the key that unlocks the treasures of God's love. On it the church is built and from it the sacraments come to us. Sorrow finds in it the gleam of sunshine that makes it possible to possess resignation and the gladness and joy of human life find their golden light in it. Literature and art have their life springing from it. Indeed, the sacred humanity of the child of Bethlehem is as the sun of all religion. Blot out Bethlehem and there will be no Calvary, no cross, no redemption. God's promise will be unfulfilled, man's hope unrealized, and his desires unsatisfied. Blot out Bethlehem and we are face to face with the greatest deception and fraud that human intelligence could possibly conceive. For twenty centuries the intellect and heart of humanity have found their light in the life of the child of Bethlehem and humanity has bent the knee and adored him as the son of God, made man.

Describes First Christmas

"Interesting today are the witnesses and worshipers on that first Christmas morning when the prophecy is fulfilled and the 'child is born to us and the son is given to us, the prince of peace.' Beside the manger are Mary and Joseph, the mother and foster-father of the savior of mankind. Humility and joy characterize their presence, instruments in the hands of divine providence, cooperators in the work of the redemption then manifesting itself. Angelic voices are heard singing the hymns of exultation and joy that the incarnate word is born, the child of Bethlehem.

"Angels had been the messengers of his coming; angels sang the heavenly hymn, rejoicing as witnesses of the fulfillment of the promise which brought to them glory in him who was the inspiration and the reward of their great battle by which their eternal happiness was secured. They adored their God in the manger. Bethlehem gave them a great and mighty feast. No wonder they bore the message to those who dwelt by the hillsides of Judea. 'I bring to you good tidings of great joy, for this day is born to you a savior who is Christ the Lord in the city of David.' Their Gloria in Excelsis was the expression of happiness in Christ their Lord and Mary their queen.

"Around the crib as witnesses and worshipers the Judean shepherds gathered. Men of lowly rank, poor and obscure, yet to them as men had come the first message of the Bethlehem gift. Christ came to the lowly and drew to himself the poor ones of earth to teach humanity the first great lesson of the equality of man and the beauty of the human soul. The shepherds as they tended their flocks heard the message of the angel. In the simplicity of their faith they at once planned to go to Bethlehem and adore and 'see the word which has come to pass.' Happy simple faith of the shepherds who worshiped their God in the child at Bethlehem and brought to him the first tribute of the great humanity which He had come to save. Bethlehem would not be our Christmas picture without the shepherds around the manger uniting with Mary and Joseph in praise of their newly born king.

"Another crowd will come to see what has happened and to worship. They come with camels and servants. They come as kings, full of the world's wisdom. They represent the intelligence and learning of the world. The shepherds came as the family of the chosen people of God, the wise men came from the Gentiles. The shepherds had heard the angels' message and the angels' hymn. The wise men had read in their science the wonderful event that was happening and they knew it to be the fulfillment of the prophecies which they found in the books. They saw the star and they came. The shepherds bore to the child the love of simple, rugged, honest faith, the wise men bore to the child faith also, but it was the faith of a more enlightened intelligence, thus forming with the shepherds the expression of a united humanity.

"Christ came to intelligence and heart. He came to scholarship as well as to the life which knows little of learning. Magi and shepherds saw what had happened and all knelt in adoration of the newly born king of the Jews. Shepherds and magi had come with promptness and with sacrifice and offered to their God the faith and the loyalty of a grateful manhood.

"Like unto the witnesses of that first Christmas morning we gather around the manger of Bethlehem today, believing, as they did, in Christ as the redeemer; we bend the knee and adore and offer to him the homage of our hearts. We recognize in the child of Bethlehem the redeemer of Calvary. We renew in him our faith and our hope, we pledge him our loyalty and our love. He is the child of Bethlehem for us and for our salvation. He has brought to us the peace of God. He has redeemed us from sin and made it possible for us to serve God and reach His kingdom.

"Christmas day among men is the day of gift-bearing and gift-receiving. It is significant of God's great Christmas gift to us in that Bethlehem of long ago in that child of the manger. We are Christians. We love Christ. Our faith is in Him. His love is in us. His blood has cleansed our souls and we are the redeemed children of God. The truth of God has come to us. Life and its duties are made known to us. Intelligence is illumined, will is strengthened, heart is purified, and mankind is ennobled because of Bethlehem and Christ. We hear again the prophets of old foretell the coming of Christ. We hear again the message of the angel over the Judean hills, the hymn of the angels at the crib in the manger. We see the shepherds trudging from the mountains and the magi crossing the deserts, all seeking to pay their tribute to the Redeemer. We join the throng and journey with them to Bethlehem to see the 'infant in swaddling clothes laid in the manger.' Kneeling, we adore. Our grateful hearts give expression in thanksgiving to God who has sent us the Christmas gift in the persons of His divine son made man for us, and we join in the chorus of the ages which have realized the beauty of the love of God sending the Redeemer, and the hymn of the Christian church, and, indeed, the hymn of humanity on this day is 'Glory to God in the Highest and Peace on Earth to Men Good Will,' for 'this day is born to us a Savior who is Christ the Lord.' Let us hasten to adore him."

The first Christmas services were held yesterday in the new Holy Cross parish. The chapel, corner of Forty-seventh and Main streets, was elaborately decorated in red and green for the services. The arch over the altar was banked with pepper boughs, from which red Christmas bells were suspended. The same color scheme was used through the chapel. A double quartet sang Decker's mass. Rev. T. F. Fahey, the pastor, preached the sermons.

At St. Vincents Very Rev. Dr. Glass celebrated the first solemn mass at 5 o'clock, assisted by Rev. T. J. Devine, C. M., as deacon, and Rev. G. J. George, C. M., as sub-deacon. Dr. Glass preached the sermon. At 10:30 a. m. the second solemn mass was celebrated by Rev. D. J. Hurley, C. M., with Rev. H. J. O'Connor, C. M., as deacon; Rev. Thomas Lilley as sub-deacon. Father Devine preached the sermon. The altar boys were robed in the white cassocks recently purchased.

'GREAT RUBY' IS BIG PRODUCTION

FERRIS COMPANY STARTS AT THE AUDITORIUM

Drama Ran Very Late Last Night, and Team Work Was Lacking, but in the Main the Affair Gives Hope for the Future

For a critic to judge the work of a stock company whose members appear together for the first time, when the exigencies of the situation prevent his seeing more than half—and that the small half—of the production, is manifestly unfair, if judgment be based strictly on dramatic ethics and along the same lines that one judges a finished and thoroughly trained company, well up in team work, handled in a theater after weeks of practice.

Hence, the opening of the Auditorium by the Ferris company last night cannot in justice be considered on the usual basis of dramatic judgment. After several performances—better, after several productions—when the rough edges are rounded off and the sharp corners are toned down, it will be right to put the organization on exactly the same footing as others here of similar character are considered. It should be understood that this is not done, in the case of the Ferris company, whose production of "The Great Ruby" is here considered.

Therefore, when it is said that all things considered, the opening was auspicious, that the production was unusually sumptuous, and that in the main it was well acted, it is with reservation and qualifications; these, honesty and fairness demands.

In the first place, "The Great Ruby" is a very heavy melodrama, and it ran last night till well after midnight. It requires some score, more or less, of scenes, all of them heavy, and all unfamiliar to the stage hands, which made waits long and tiresome. A very poor orchestral program did not help these any, and the packed house plainly showed its displeasure. An actor is quick to catch atmosphere, and the weariness of the audience was not lost upon the players, who were visibly nervous at times, and uncertain in their work occasionally. This made another consideration which had to be observed and allowed for.

But notwithstanding these several handicaps the performance gave promise of much pleasure and success when the players have it well in hand and especially when it is gone through with ginger, verve and spirit. It would be dishonest to say that these elements were present in sufficient force last night to counteract the others.

It is, however, plainly evident that Dick Ferris has gathered together a company of superior players, individually speaking. Miss Stone is not only beautiful; she is a consummate artist. She dresses lavishly, she is at home in her part, and her work is well nigh flawless. Andrew Robson is one of the best and most polished men on the stage today, and his work has all the earmarks of the finished player. These two would sustain any performance and prevent its failure. They did last night, despite all the other weaknesses, their work stood out above par.

In the main, the company afforded them excellent support. Of team work there was naturally a conspicuous absence, but we are now speaking of individuals. Given the proper players and the right spirit and the team work is inevitable; time alone can say whether these elements are possessed by this organization or not. But individually, the artists are capable of fine work; last night showed this unmistakably. Richard Pitman, Harry von Meter—of whom we need not be told—Hale Hamilton, an especially sterling man; Richard Tronton—somewhat stagy;—Harry Cashman and others, with Eleanor Browning—barring a slight tendency to overact;—Rosalind Coghlan, Louise Boyce, Jean Marsden and several more—all these show that much may be expected from them, always provided they work together for the common good, which, after all, is the secret of stock company success. As stated, this was not so much in evidence last night, but one could hardly have expected it, as their newnsss one to the other has not yet had time to wear off.

Hence, this is not a criticism of the offering which opens this season: it is merely a statement of some facts, and a predictation of what is possible for the future, providing certain things ensue.

As to scenic investiture, costumes and general effects, the play was among the best done here. The vast stage of the Auditorium affords limitless possibilities, and they are called into use by this drama. The coach and four, the autos, the balloon—all promised, were there. The pictures presented to the eye were superb, and even on their basis alone the play was well worth while. Added to them is the opportunity to see some really fine individual acting, and thus the presentation should meet with approval.

As to what is lacking—and the lack is plainly evident—give them a chance.

The opening cast was as follows:

Lady Garnet.....Miss Florence Stone
Alderman Sir John Garnett, Kt.....
.....Andrew Robson
Prince Kassim Wadia....Richard Tronton
James Brett.....Richard Pitman
Morris Longman.....Ramsey Wallace
Capt. Clive Dalrymple..Harry von Meter
Lord George Hartop.....Hale Hamilton
Viscount Montyghal.....Charles H. Elder
Mr. Bently.....Frank Verne
William Andrews (Innocent William)
.....Harry Cashman
James Trent (Big Jim)..C. Gilbert Perley
Jean Duval (the Count)....Frank Morton
Mr. Gooch.....Alfred Rogers
Mr. Cornish.....Frank Staples
Police Inspector.....George de Gaines
Landlord of the Pack Horse Inn....
.....Charles Grey
Connor.....Frank Staples
Doctor Raymond.....O. Grothe, jr.
First Policeman.....Alfred Paget
Second Policeman.....J. A. Fenton
First Cyclist.....Harold Dene
Second Cyclist.....Will Hall
Forter.....Nat Butler
Boots.....Zell Stockner
Jack Chandler..... A. G. Smith
Countess Mirtya Charkoff.....
.....Miss Eleanor Browning
Brenda Elsmere...Miss Rosalina Coghlan
Mrs. Elsmere.....Miss Louisa Royce
Louisa Jupp, cashier at hotel.....
.....Miss Jean Marsden
Kathleen.....Miss Hazel Buckham
Moya.....Miss Virginia Berry
Parsons.....Miss Margo Duffet
Marie.....Miss Margo Duffet

BIGGEST FISH OF SEASON CAUGHT AT LONG BEACH

LONG BEACH, Dec. 25.—The biggest jewfish of the season, weighing 255 pounds, was hooked off the pier here today and, according to the lucky angler, Rochester Sandusky, who recently came to this city from Rilola, Ill., it was the first fish he ever caught.

A great crowd was on the outer wharf at the time the big fish was caught and enjoyed immensely the spectacle it afforded in its mad efforts to get away. Ed Forest went out in a skiff and brought the creature to the landing. The fish was strung up in Will Graves' fish market. It was six feet long.

THIEF UNDOES SANTA'S WORK

Steals Christmas Presents Before the Intended Recipients Have Chance to See Them

While enjoying a visit from Santa Claus in the parlor of their home, 1919 Western avenue, Christmas eve, the family of James R. Martin received a visit from another guest, but they did not find out about it until later. When they did they found that the visitor was there for a purpose directly opposite to Santa Claus.

While Saint Nick was engaged in strewing presents about the room and plucking them from a Christmas tree the second visitor was engaged in plucking jewels from bureaus, and as a result Mr. and Mrs. Martin are minus $383 worth of jewelry. Four gold watches and three gold necklaces set with pearls, a pair of valuable opera glasses and two diamond rings were taken, as well as $11 in money.

The second visitor did not use the chimney as a means of entrance, but instead came through a rear window.

HICKS' CASE AIDS DIETETIC CAUSE

Faster Emerged from Forty-Day Test in Much the Same Condition as Patient at Bakersfield Tunnel

Dr. H. S. Tanner, the widely known faster and diatetic expert who now lives in Los Angeles, is in receipt of many leters bearing on the case of L. O. Hicks, the entombed miner, near Bakersfield. These correspondents say it is an instance of proving Dr. Tanner's theories that mankind eats and drinks too much and can flourish on a diet which might be called the starvation variety.

Dr. Tanner maintains that not starvation, but fear of death, kills most persons who from accident or necessity are obliged to exist for a time without food and water. After the third day the pangs of hunger and thirst are so mitigated he claims that fresh air and water will sustain life for a long time.

Discussing the treatment of Hicks from a physician's standpoint, Dr. Tanner said yesterday:

Too Bad About Tobacco

"I believe that a mistake was made in withholding from the imprisoned man his supply of tobacco. His system was full of nicotine and he craved tobacco. It would have been a great solace to him if they could have got it to him through the pipe. While I am not an advocate of tobacco, I believe it could have been safely allowed in Hicks' case. I read that he was so economical of his precious supply that he chewed and chewed it and finally swallowed the stuff.

"Then, too, they wanted to deny him food after he was saved. Yet when he came out he ate a beefsteak and suffered no ill effects. The craving of the stomach is sometimes the best indication of what is best to eat for a man.

"When one goes into a fast the dominant idea should be that you can fast and be healthy. If this belief is weak or absent better let fasting alone.

Recalls Famous Test

"I was the pioneer faster and my forty days' fast was the first of the kind in 2000 years. It is remarkable for the reason that every effort was made by Dr. William Hammond, surgeon general of the army, and his clique to defeat me because their professional reputation was staked on their statement that my feat was impossible. Why, I existed without water for fourteen days!

"And then my rest was broken, too. It was to their interest to see to it that I grew weak and if the New York Herald had not interfered and said the doctors' treatment of me was brutal I may not have been able to carry out the deal. That was in Clarendon hall in New York in 1880.

"One of the distressing features of that test—and it was true of Hicks'—was that I had ot contend against foul air. I had only a canvas cot with rubber sheets to sleep on, under the hall, and in two weeks I became so weak that in going downstairs for my first walk I had to lean on a handrail. Then one day I walked to Central park and after one hour's exercise I came back and mounted the stairs to the hall two at a time. Pure air did that for me.

One Meal Daily

"I notice, too, that Hicks' temperature was normal after his terrible experience. Mine, too, was during the fast.

"When I started my fast I was battling seven physicians, who were trying to cure me of this and that. My stomach and heart were in bad shape and I had cardiac rheumatism, they told me. I was advised that I might drop dead any time.

"Yet I have never been sick since then, am an old man and have eaten only one meal a day since and been a vegetarian. I eat a meal at 11 o'clock and some fruit during the afternoon. No coffee or tea for me; only water.

"I am today a better man physically, mentally and morally than I was in the '80s during my fasts.

"I satisfied myself then and have always felt so since that the great American vice was overeating."

And with sprightly step the white-haired faster hurried away, convinced that Hicks' immurement in the tunnel would be of lasting benefit to humanity because it taught that food and water were not necessary for existence.

PLANS RECEPTION SERIES

Rev. Robert J. Burdette Will Give His Congregation a Chance to Get Acquainted

Dr. Robert J. Burdette evidently intends to use the Temple Baptist church's new quarters in the Auditorium as well and as often as possible, and with this purpose in view next Monday night he will introduce the first of a series of "pastor's receptions" in Berean hall.

Assisted by Mrs. Burdette, the popular preacher will hold an informal reception the last Monday of every month at which the members of his church, as well as the congregation, will have an opportunity to know him better.

When Dr. Burdette first spoke of the scheme several months ago he told the masculine portion of his flock that he would hold receptions Monday night so that they could use their "stiff" shirts which they had worn to church the day before, as these garments would not yet be soiled enough to be sent to the laundry.

Dr. Burdette's mansion at Pasadena, "Sunnyside," is so far from his people that they have found it difficult to meet him socially, but it is believed that the monthly Monday receptions will remedy this state of affairs.

EXCHANGE CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY

REGULAR PATRONS SERVED BY LOCAL DEALERS

Perishable Stock Received Prompt Attention—Considerable Business Transacted in Staple Goods. Receipts Light

Several dealers in the produce market kept "open house" Christmas in order to supply regular hotel, restaurant and other trade, and also for the purpose of handling perishable goods.

Delayed shipments arrived during the day, and where it was possible to secure switching accommodations the stock was promptly handled.

The produce exchange was closed for the day.

Produce Prices

The following are the jobbing prices in the local market:

EGGS — Fresh California ranch, 40c; northern, 36c; eastern storage, selected, 28c.

BUTTER—Fancy local creamery, 77½c; Valley creamery, 75@77½c; coast creamery, 70@72½c; choice, 60@65c; cooking, 22@24c.

HONEY—Water white, 60-lb. cans, 7½@8c; light amber, 6@6½c; Honeycomb, water white, 1-lb. frame, 16c; white, 15@16c; light amber, 13@14c; beeswax, 27c.

CHEESE—Northern, 17c; storage 16c; Anchor, large, 17c; Young America, 18c; Hand, 19c; eastern, singles, 16½@17c, twins, 16@16½c; Cheddars, 16@16½; Longhorns, 17½c; Daisy, 17½c; Swiss, white, 15@16c; light amber, 13@14c; imported, 28@29c; Swiss, domestic, 20c; Limburger, 18c.

CHILI—Evaporated, 17½c; sun dried, 17½c; ground, 12½c; Mexicans, black, 12½@15c.

POTATOES (all per 100 lbs.)—Salinas, $1.90@2.00; Highland Burbanks, $1.75; Oregons, $2.00; sweets, $2.50; Watsonvilles, $1.85@1.90; Idahos, $1.65; Colorado, $1.75.

BEANS (all per 100 lbs.)—Pink No. 1, $2.75@3.00; No. 2, $1.90; Lima, No. 1, $5.00; Lady Washington, No. 1, $2.90@3.00; small white, $3.60@3.75; blackeye, $4.25@4.50; Garvanzas, $4.25@4.50; German lentils, $9.00@10.00.

ONIONS (per 100 lbs.)—Yellow Danvers, northern, $1.25; garlic, 6c; Australian browns, $1.25@$1.50.

APPLES—Bellefleurs, $1.25@1.40; choice, $1.00.

CRANBERRIES—$12 a barrel.

POULTRY—Jobbers sell dressed poultry to the trade as follows (per pound): Hens, 21c; young roosters, 22c; fryers, 23c; old roosters, 13c; broilers, 25c; turkeys, 23@25c; old, 23; young, 25c; hens, 22c; geese, 20c; ducks, 20c.

For stocks in good condition dealers pay live weight as follows: Hens, 15c; young roosters, 17c; fryers, 17c; broilers, 19c; old roosters, 8c; turkeys, local, 17c; old toms, 17c; young toms, 19c; hen turkeys, 16c; geese, 12c; ducks, 12c.

BAKERS' FLOUR—Made of eastern hard wheat—Per bbl., $5.25; blended wheat, $4.90; eastern rye, $5.25.

CEREAL GOODS—Wholesale prices are as follows:

	10-lb.	25-lb.	50-lb.
A1 flour, per 100	$2.70	....	....
Banquet flour, per 100	2.60	....	....
Pastry flour, per 100	2.50	....	....
Graham flour	2.40	2.35	2.30
Corn meal, W & W	2.15	2.10	2.05
Whole wheat	2.50	2.45	2.40
Rye	2.75	2.70	2.65
Cracked wheat	3.40	3.35	3.30
Farina	3.40	3.35	3.30

GRAIN AND FEED (per 100 lbs.)—Wheat, $1.00; wheat (100-lb. sack), $1.65; corn, $1.35; cracked corn, $1.40; feed meal, $1.45; bran, heavy, $1.30; rolled barley, $1.25; oil cake meal, $2.25; cotton seed meal, $1.85; cocoanut cake, $1.55; shorts, poultry, $1.45; white oats, $1.90; red oats, $1.50; eastern Kaffir corn, $1.35.

HAY—(All per ton):

Choice wheat and hay	$19.00 to $21.00 ton
No. 1 wheat or wheat and oat	17.00 to 18.00 ton
No. 2 wheat or wheat and oat	13.00 to 16.00 ton
Choice tame oat	15.00 to 17.00 ton
Other tame oat	9.00 to 14.00 ton
Wild oat	9.00 to 13.00 ton
Stock hay	8.00 to 9.00 ton
Alfalfa	8.00 to 12.00 bale
Straw	.55 to .75 ton

FRUITS AND BERRIES—Bananas, 4@4½c; strawberries, 10@15c.

CITRUS FRUITS—Lemons, fancy, $2.00@3.00.

NUTS AND DRIED FRUITS (all per b.)—Almonds, IXL, 19@20c; Ne Plus Ultra, 17c; peanuts, California, fancy, 6c; eastern, fancy, 6c; walnuts, California bleached, No. 1, 14@15c; pecans, Jumbo, 14c; extra large, 14½c; Brazils, 14c; filberts, 14c; Mexican pine nuts, 20c; evaporated apples, per pound, 9½c; apricots, 17c; nectarines, 11c; peaches, 12½c; pears, 13c; plums, 11c; raisins, 7@7½c; seedless muscats, 7c; loose muscats, 8@8½c.

VEGETABLES—String beans, 8c; wax beans, 10c; beets, 75c sack; fancy celery, 25@40c doz; evaporated chills, 20@30c lb.; garlic, 7c lb.; lettuce, $1.00 crate; peas, 5½c lb.; spinach, 20c doz.; turnips, $1.00 sack; cabbage, $1.50@1.75 sack; local tomatoes, 25@60c box; cucumbers, 25c box.

Retail Prices

Following prices for leading articles of consumption prevail at the Los Angeles stores:

Butter, 2-lb. roll, fancy	90c
Butter, 2½-lb. roll, Poppy	80c
and cooking	60c
Eggs, fresh ranch, per dozen	45c
Potatoes, fancy, 100 lbs	$2.50

SALVATION ARMY FEEDS HUNDREDS

Throngs of Hungry People Crowd Streets in Front of Hall Where Christmas Dinner Is Served to the Needy

The Salvation Army spread happiness to 800 people yesterday in serving a Christmas dinner. Long before the hour of opening, San Pedro street in front of the barracks was thronged with men, women and children, eager for the holiday feast. Inside the army officers, in big cook aprons, were busily preparing for the hungry throngs without. All the little incidents full of pathos and mirth to be seen at such a time were there yesterday, and many a sad face was brightened by the assurance that the festal day would not go by without a holiday meal.

Major Percy Morton, the commanding officer, was assisted in his command of the kitchen by the officers and members of the army.

Long tables had been set in a tempting array and were filled time after time by the hungry people. The public had been generous in donating provisions and in giving money, and it was a fine dinner set out by the army yesterday. Aside from the dinner the army distributed over a hundred baskets to families and toys and fruits to the children.

The children were cared for last evening by the Volunteers of America, who gave a Christmas tree for the little ones. Aside from the various numbers of the program, presents of toys, nuts, fruits and candies were given the children, and to those who were needy orders were given for a pair of shoes, two pairs of stockings and two suits of underwear. These orders will be honored at department stores today.

In the various orphans' homes and in homes for the aged the day was marked by special festivities. Many gifts were sent the little orphans and in each home the visit of old Santa was hailed with delight by the little ones.

All the Fault of the Car

"You know Bingleton?"

"Yes."

"He is one of the strangest advocates of early Christmas shopping."

"He is. Why, I saw him in one of the big stores at 4 o'clock in the afternoon."

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