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How Christmas Will Be Celebrated in the Churches.

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Fine Musical Programmes Especially Prepared for the Festival.

LILIES AND HOLLY BERRIES.

Some of the Church Decorations This Year Are Particularly Beautiful.

The Christmas message of "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men," will be preached from most of the City pulpits tomorrow.

Fine music, beautiful decorations, and especially eloquent sermons have been prepared to enhance the celebration of one of the Christian church's greatest festivals. In the midst of the religious rejoicing, however, the churches have not forgotten that in commemorating the nativity of a humble child, cradled in a manger, the wants and sufferings of the poor are especially brought home to them.

Many of the churches have taken especial pains to see that on Christmas Day, at least, none of the poor of the parish shall go hungry, and a number of church societies have distributed warm clothing to the children and adults, as well as toys and candy to the little ones whose parents are too poor to give them a taste of the joys of Christmas.

Most of the special Christmas services will be held in the morning, but a few churches will also celebrate vespers or evensong.

CATHOLIC CHURCHES.

Masses will be celebrated in all the Catholic churches in the City, from early morning celebrations till high mass. The decorations are especially fine and elaborate musical programmes have been prepared.

At St. Mary's Cathedral the sisters have charge of the decorations. The sanctuary only is decorated, on account of the vastness of the building, but the greatest taste and care have been displayed in grouping ferns, grasses and tall, slender palm trees in this portion of the sacred edifice. The decorations of the high altar are the red five-pointed Christmas lilies. There will also be fairy lamps among the candelabra. The decorations of the side altars consist of ferns, grasses and Christmas berries.

At St. Ignatius Church the high altar and the side altars are being beautifully decorated. An especial feature is the use of sprays of sacred bamboo, a shrub little known in America. It presents a mass of color, as the berries are a vivid red, and the pointed leaves are tinged with scarlet.

St. Joseph's Church and St. James Church will be adorned with ferns and lilies, and all the other Catholic churches will have decorations more or less elaborate.

A number of Catholic societies have been working in conjunction with the different parishes to see that needy families are fed on Christmas day. The St. Vincent de Paul Society has been doing especially good work in this direction. The following programme gives a detailed account of the Christmas services in some of the leading Catholic churches of the City.

ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL.—At 5 o'clock mass sixty boys will sing under Father Hannegan, and a sermon will be preached by Father Mann. Archbishop Riordan will celebrate pontifical high mass at 10:30 o'clock, when the following music will be rendered: Gounod's "Messe Solenelle," by double choir, fortified by chorus and orchestra; solos—"Noel" (Adam), Mr. Simonson, tenor, and "Adeste Fideles," as offertory piece. Principal sopranos—Miss Clara McGown and Mrs. Kelleher; also, Miss Julia Sullivan; tenors—Messrs. Kelleher and Sullivan; basso, S. J. Lande; R. J. Harrison, organist.

AT ST. IGNATIUS CHURCH the music will be rendered by the male choir. For the solemn high mass at 5 A. M. Gounod's second mass, "Christus Natus est Nobis" (by Melvil) and "Adeste Fideles" will be sung by the triple quartet. At 10:30 A. M. the full choir, with the chorus of fifty voices, will sing the "Messe Solennele" (by F. Riga) and "Adeste Fideles." In the evening at 7:30 o'clock Giorza's vespers, "O Cor Amoris" (by Melvil), "Adeste Fideles" and "Tantum Ergo" (by Catelani) will be sung. The music will be under the direction of Maurice W. O'Connell, organist and musical director. The soloists will be Messrs. D. M. Jones, J. G. Morrissey, G. Berger, R. S. Duncan and G. V. Wood.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, Mission street.—The music will be rendered by the regular choir, assisted by a volunteer chorus. At 10:30 high mass will begin with the rendering of the usual "Adeste Fideles," by Novello; "Kyrie" and "Gloria," from Rossini's "Messe Solenelle"; "Veni Creator," by J. H. Dohrmann; bass solo, sung by H. Richards; "Credo Sanctus" (Rossini; offertory, tenor solo and chorus, by F. Schubert; "Agnus Dei" and "Dona Nobis" (Rossini). At half-past 7 o'clock solemn vespers will be held and Stearns' "Vespers" sung. The solo parts at morning and evening service will be rendered by: Miss Higgins, soprano; Mrs. Sedgley Reignolds, contra-alto; S. Blum, tenor; H. Richards, basso. J. H. Dohrmann, organist of this parish since 1864, will preside at the grand organ.

ST. BRENDAN'S CHURCH, 320 Harrison street, will hold a number of services to-day. Mass will be held at 5:30 o'clock, at 6:30, at 7:30, at 9 and at 10:30. The last will be a high mass, with appropriate sermon. There will be benediction of the blessed sacrament immediately after the 10:30 mass. Lejeal's mass in D will be rendered by the choir, with Miss N. Lennon as organist; Mrs. Bumsted and the Misses O'Brien, Guille, Walthour and Hughes as sopranos; Mrs. Brown as contralto, Messrs. Donohoe and Boyle as tenors, and N. Fleming and L. Flynn as bassos. After the offertory, Mrs. Brown will sing a contralto solo, Adam's "Noel," and Miss Guille will sing the "Ave Maria" from the "Cavalleria Rusticana."

AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH (Paulist Fathers) the masses will be at 5 o'clock in the morning and every hour after until 11 o'clock, when solemn high mass will be sung by the Rev. Arthur M. Clark, C. S. P. The sermon will be preached by the Rev. S. B. Hedges, C. S. P. The music will consist of a Grand Italian mass, arranged from Rossini, Bellini and Donizetti. "Noel"; "Adeste Fideles." Quartet soloists—Miss Alice Canning (soprano), Mrs. G. E. Sutton (contralto), B. Seiberlich (tenor), William Gordon (basso), assisted by Miss Clara Silva, Miss Kathryn Duffy, Miss L. Devin, Miss L. Dwyer, Mrs. Freid, Miss D. Silva, Miss Eleanor Ford, Messrs. W. A. Derham, G. W. Davis, W. J. O'Brien and T. J. Maher; organist, Marie Giorgiani.

NOTRE DAME DES VICTOIRES, on Bush street, will hold Christmas services as follows: The masses at 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and high mass at 11 will be sung, Rev. Father Loude, S. M., celebrant. Rev. Father Emile Gente, S. M., will deliver the sermon on the "Benefits Received from the Coming of Jesus Christ." The mass of Mercadante in F, with organ and orchestra accompaniment, will be rendered at 11 o'clock. The following double quartet will sing: Miss Florence Garrissere, Miss Laura Rouleau, sopranos; Miss Anna Grozelier, Miss Irene Mull, contraltos; Messrs. T. Lane, V. Sallom, tenors; Messrs. McAuliffe and Bournissot, bass. The orchestra will consist of Messrs. H. Hoffmann, L. Bresse, D. Gilfeather and A. Bardet. Vespers, sermon and benediction at 7:30.

AT ST. ROSE'S CHURCH, on Brannan street, first mass will be celebrated at 5 o'clock, and there will be mass every hour after until 11 o'clock, when high mass will be sung. George A. Lane's second mass will be rendered by a large and select choir for the occasion. The following ladies and gentlemen will sing: Misses Nugent, Campbell, Horan, Welch, Du Fosse and Grant; Mesdames Coret and Wilhelmj; gentlemen, Messrs. Lane and others. At the 5 o'clock mass the juvenile choir of the parish will sing the "Adeste Fideles." Mrs. T. J. Moynihan will preside at the organ for the occasion.

AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, Tenth and Howard streets, high mass will be celebrated at 5 A. M., followed by low masses till 10:30, when solemn high mass with augmented choir will be celebrated. The music will consist of Cagliero's Grand Mass, with the Sanctus and Agnus from Haydn's first mass in B flat; "Veni Creator," trio by La Hache, and as the offertory, "Nolite Timere," for sopranos, solo and chorus, by Bellini. The choir will comprise: Sopranos—Miss Fanny Denny, Miss Lottie Crawford, Miss Rose Aston and Mrs. E. Burns. Altos—Mrs. Etta Bayley Blanchard and Mrs. T. B. Gibson. Tenors—Arthur Mesmer, John Lermen and Philip Murphy. Bassos—Louis A. Larsen and Frank P. Scollins. Organist and musical director, P. J. O'Sullivan.

AT ST. JAMES CHURCH, Twenty-third and Guerrero streets, the religious observance of the day will commence at 6 A. M. with a solemn mass to be followed by low masses at 7, 8 and 9, and at 10:30 a solemn high mass. Immediately after the last mass there will be benediction of the most blessed sacrament. The sermon at the last mass will be preached by the pastor, Rev. P. R. Lunde. The music will be sung by St. James Choral Society. Soloists—Mme. C. P. Giudicelli and Mrs. T. H. Griffin. Organist, Miss M. Russell. The Kyrie will be by La Hache; Gloria, Credo, Sanctus and Agnus Dei (Millard) in G; offertory, Noel (Adams); finale, Adeste Fideles.

SACRED HEART CHURCH, at the corner of Fell and Fillmore streets, will hold solemn high mass at 5 o'clock, with sermon by the Redemptionist, Rev. William O'Shea; masses at 6, 7, 8, 9, 10; solemn high mass at 11 and sermon by Rev. William Linguer; benediction of the most holy sacrament after last mass. The floral decorations of the altar will be of an elaborate kind. The music at the first and last masses will be supplied by a choir directed by the organist, Miss Mary Short.

AT ST. PETER'S CHURCH, Alabama street, near Twenty-fourth, masses will be celebrated at 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10:30 A. M. At the 5 o'clock mass the Young Ladies' choir will sing the "Adeste Fideles" and other Christmas hymns; soloists, Misses Higgins and Lorigan. At 10:30 solemn high mass will be sung by a choir of thirty voices, under the direction of Miss Mamie Coonan, the organist. Cimarosa's "Military Mass" will be rendered in full, with "Adeste Fideles," Gounod's "Veni Creator" and Verdi's offertory, "O Jesu, Dei Vivi Filius."

The soloists are as follows: Sopranos—Miss Nelye Giusti, Mrs. Jonathan McDonald, Mrs. Crawford, Miss E. Higgins and Miss Donlan; altos—Miss E. Kreig, Miss M. Sullivan, Miss A. Kendricks, Miss M. Malone and Miss Madden; tenors—Messrs. Ashley Barclowe, I. Flood and S. Hansen; bassos—Messrs. O. Seely, S. Daly, J. Deane, T. Macauley, J. C. O'Donnell and F. Keane. The young ladies' vesper choir will assist in the chorus work. Immediately after mass benediction of the blessed sacrament will be given, during which Rubinstein's "O, Salutaris" will be sung by Mr. Deane, and Kreuze's "Tantum Ergo" by a male quartet—Messrs. Flood, Hansen, Macauley and Seely.

AT ST. CHARLES CHURCH, Eighteenth and Shotwell streets, the services for Christmas day will be as follows: Masses at 6, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8 and 9 o'clock. The singing at the first mass will be by the young men of the congregation, at the second and third masses the St. Cecilian Society of the school will sing; at the 8 and 9 o'clock masses the boys of the school will sing appropriate hymns. The last mass, at 10:30 o'clock, will be a solemn high mass, Rev. Father O. Mahoney celebrant; sermon by Rev. Father O. Ryan, followed by benediction of the most holy sacrament. The choir will render Weber's mass in G, "Adeste Fideles," "O, Salutaris" (by Mendelssohn) and Rossi's "Tantum Ergo." Sopranos—The Misses Rottanzi, Norton, Duggan and Barry; altos—Mrs. Ralph the Misses Kelly and Cridge; tenor, Mr. Hanlon; bassos—Messrs. Maline, Geary and Creighton; violins—The Misses Knox and Conlin; organist and director, Miss G. Manack.

AT ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, Twenty-ninth and Church streets, mass will be celebrated every hour from 5 o'clock until 10:30, Christmas hymns being sung by the members of the sodalities connected with the church. St. Paul's young men and boy's choral will sing at the 5 and 6 o'clock masses. At 7 and 8 the the Young Ladies' Sodality, and at 9 the Holy Angel's Sodality. At 10:30 A. M., solemn high mass will be celebrated, Dachauer's "Messe Solonelle" being by the following vocalists: Sopranos—Mrs. McKee-Wilz, Mrs. J. Bruce; altos—Miss May F. Code, Miss Anna Daly; tenor, Ed A. Torpi; bass, B. Perron. Giorza's "Veni Creator," a contralto solo, will be rendered by Miss M. F. Code, and at the offertory Adams' "Noel," duet for tenor and contralto, will be sung by Ed A. Torpi and Miss M. F. Code. Miss Amelia F. Quinn, organist.

HOLY CROSS CHURCH, Eddy, near Scott street. The music at Holy Cross Church will be as follows: At 5 o'clock mass, Stearn's mass in D, complete, "Agnus Dei" (La Hache); "Noel," soprano solo, Mrs. Alvina H. Wilson; "Adeste Fideles." At 10:30 mass, Giorza's first mass, complete, "Noel," tenor solo, John P. Wilson; "Adeste Fideles;" benediction, "O Salutaris" (La Hache); Mrs. A. H. Wilson, "Tantum Ergo" (Mine). The choir will consist of: Sopranos—Mrs. Alvina H. Wilson, Miss Gertie Frost, Mrs. J. A. Fogarty; altos—Mrs. Harry Clark, Mrs. George S. McComb, Miss Felita Mohun; tenors—John P. Wilson, D. M. Hodghead; bassos—F. Kuta, J. A. Fogarty; organist, Mme. Dagenais; musical director, Mrs. George S. McComb.

SPANISH CHURCH OF NUESTRA SENORA DE GUADALUPE—Mozart's "Twelfth Mass" will be sung, the soloists being Miss C. Cooney, Miss E. Jofre and Miss N. O'Rourke and Messrs. R. Morrisey and H. Basford. At the offertory a "Villancico" by S. Arrillaga will be sung by Mrs. B. Camarena and C. Arrillaga, and Miss F. Cabazos and Miss A. Acosta, with grand chorus and orchestra. At the elevation "O, Salutaris" by S. Arrillaga will be rendered by Miss L. C. Walter, with harp and violin obligato by Miss W. L. Kimbal and L. Mojica.

EPISCOPALIAN CHURCHES.

All the Episcopalian churches will hold Christmas services to-morrow, which will include one or more celebrations of Holy Communion, as well as morning prayer and sermon.

At Trinity Church the chancel is decorated with fir trees, tall palms, large stars and crowns of English holly. The altar decorations consist of evergreens and clusters of golden-colored chrysanthemums. St. Luke's Church is very elaborately decorated. All the windows are wreathed in evergreens and crimson berries, and the pillars are entwined with evergreens and surmounted by alternate crosses, and crowns. The long festoons of fir in the chancel form two St. Andrew crosses, and the altar decorations consist of a white floral cross, surmounted by a star of gas jets.

All the Episcopalian churches in the City are being decorated, many of them as elaborately as the two above mentioned. The Christmas cheer of the poor in the various parishes has not been neglected. Some of the churches are celebrating the season by holding "manger services," at which the well-to-do children of the parish deposit gifts for poor children and orphans in a manger erected in the church. The services in some of the Episcopalian churches to-morrow will be as follows:

GRACE CHURCH, on California street, will have morning prayer, with celebration of holy communion and sermon by the Right Rev. Bishop Nichols. The music at the matins service will consist of: Processional, "O, Come, all ye faithful"; "Te Deum," in E flat (Dr. Kimball; "Jubilate," in C (Schilling) arranged by W. H. Holt; At the celebration of holy communion the following music will be sung, under the direction of the organist, William H. Holt: "Kyrie" and "Gloria," in G (Tallis); offertory, tenor solo, "Noel" (Adam); unaccompanied quartet, "Star of the Morning"; unaccompanied chorus, "Let anthems of praise to the heavens ascend" (Charles H. Gabriel); "Sanctus" (Taylor); "Gloria in Excelsis," plain chant service; recessional; organ postlude, "For unto us" (Handel).

THE CHURCH OF THE ADVENT, Eleventh street, near Market, will have holy communion at 7 A. M., as well as holy communion with full choral service at 11 A. M., and a sermon by the rector, Rev. John A. Emery. Then will follow: Communion hymn, (Hodges); "Agnus Dei," (Adams); "Gloria in Excelsis," old chant; processional, "O, come, all ye faithful"; "Venite," (Robinson); "Te Deum," (Hopkins); "Jubilate," (Garrett); hymn, "Hark, the herald angels sing" (Mendelssohn); "Kyrie" (Gounod); "Gloria Tibi" (Garrett); "Credo" (Best); hymn, "Shout the glad tidings"; offertorium, "Hark, what mean those holy voices?"; presentation (Anon.); "Sursum Corda" (Camidge); "Sanctus" (Stainer); "Benedictus" (Adams); "Nunc Dimittis"; processional, "Once in Royal David's city." The music will be under the direction of Henry Kirke White Jr.

ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH will hold early celebration of the holy communion at 7 A. M.; morning prayer and second celebration at 11 A. M., with sermon by the Rev. E. J. Lion, rector. The music will be under the direction of the organist and choir-master, Roscoe Warren Lucy, and will be sung by a re-enforced choir of twenty voices. Miss Jennie Wilcox will sing the offertory and the soloists during the service will be Miss Mary Crittenden, Miss Lies and Miss Igo and Messrs. Nowlan, Martin and Bird. The 11 o'clock service will be as follows: Organ voluntary (Handel), opening anthem (William Reed), solo and chorus; hymn, "Hark, the Herald Angels" (Mendelssohn); "Venite" (Oliver), "Gloria" (Oliver), "Festival Te Deum" (W. R. Chapman), jubilate (Tours), "Introit Hymn" (Spanish chant), "Kyrie Eleison" (Juckerman), "Gloria Tibi" (Garrett); hymn, "O, Little Town of Bethlehem" (Barnby); offertory solo, Miss Jeannette Wilcox; offertory sentence (S. B. Whitney), "Sanctus," from "Messe Solennelle" (Gounod); hymn, communion; "Gloria in Excelsis" (Barnby). "Nunc Dimittis" (Farrant), closing voluntary (Whitney).

ST. PAULS EPISCOPAL CHURCH, on California street, will have the following music at the 11 A. M. service: Processional, "Hark, the Herald Sing, Mendelssohn; "Venite," Dupries; "Te Deum," Tours; "Jubilate," Garrette; hymn, "Come Hither, Ye Faithful," "Adiste Fideles"; "Kyrie" Mendelssohn; "Gloria Patri," Nevin; offertory, "Noel," A. Adam, sung by Mrs. J. M. Macdonald; "Sanctus," Carridge; communion hymn, "Draw Nigh," Brown; "Gloria in Excelsis"; retrocessional, "Hark, What Mean Those Holy Voices. Organist and choirmaster, Miss Esther Phillips. The sermon will be delivered by Rev. W. Maxwell Reilly, rector.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, Van Ness avenue,—will usher in Christmas day by holy communion at 7 and 8 o'clock A. M. There will be a festal morning service, with full vestured choir, sermon by the rector, Rev. William Hall Moreland, communion at 11 A. M. At 3 P. M. "Manger Service." The children of the church will bring gifts, which will be placed in a great manger erected in the chancel. The donation will afterward be distributed to the City orphanages.

TRINITY CHURCH, Bush street.—There will be early celebration of holy communion, with morning prayer at 11 o'clock, followed by holy communion. The music has been arranged by the organist, H. J. Stewart. The sermon will be preached by the rector, Rev. George Edward Walk.

THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, at the corner of Union and Steiner streets, will hold Christmas day services as follows: 7:30 A. M., the holy communion; 11 A. M., the holy eucharist, preceded by solemn procession; "Adeste Fidelis," music of mass, Garrett, in E flat.

OTHER PROTESTANT CHURCHES.

A number of Protestant denominations held their Christmas services last Sunday, particularly the Presbyterians, Congregationalists, Baptists and Methodists. The Lutheran churches, however, will generally observe the festival to-day.

The following churches will all hold special Christmas services. Many of them are beautifully decorated and the Sunday-schools and the poor of the parishes will be remembered:

PAUL'S GERMAN LUTHERAN CHURCH, corner Eddy and Gough streets, will celebrate Christmas day with divine services in the forenoon at 10:45 and with a children's festival in the evening, beginning at 6 o'clock. While the church will be decorated with trees and evergreens and other emblems characteristic of the Christmas season, the real feature of the celebration will be the singing by the entire congregation of the good old Christmas carols so fondly cherished by the German church, the rendering by the choir of Berdau's beautiful composition on "God so loved the world," and the Christmas sermon by the pastor on Luke ii:1-15. The organist, Professor J. H. Hargens, will open the services with the "Gloria in Excelsis" of Mozart's Mass. The Sunday-school, with a membership of over 400, will assemble in the schoolrooms at 5:30 P. M. and at the appointed hour march into the church in the order of the classes. The exercises will consist of an address by the pastor, singing of Christmas songs by the school and choir, with recitations on the prophecies of Christ's coming and his birth at Bethlehem. The children will then be dismissed by classes to the Sunday-school rooms, where they will receive their presents, of which an immense stock has been provided.

SWEDISH LUTHERAN CHURCH, 1239 Mission street.—The pastor, Rev. E. Nelander, A.M., Ph.D., will conduct three services, as follows: Early morning service (Ottesang), 5 o'clock; morning service (Hogmessa), 10:45 o'clock; evening service, 8 o'clock.

The last-named service will be held in the English language, the pastor preaching on the subject: "The Taxing Under Cyrenius." The church will be elaborately decorated. A costly frame, donated by the Young People's Society for the altar painting, "The Ascension," by O. Grafstrom, will be in readiness for these services.

Christmas is the great religious festival of the year with the Swedish Lutherans, and on that account to-day's services have been made especially interesting from a musical standpoint.

ST. MATTHEW'S GERMAN LUTHERAN CHURCH, Eleventh street.—The members of St. Matthew's, under the leadership of their minister, the Rev. H. Gehrcke, have prepared Christmas exercises in true German style. The pretty little church has new and beautiful altar windows of stained glass, and the chancel will be decorated with a profusion of palms and smilax. The exercises will commence at 11 A. M. The Rev. H. Gehrcke has chosen for his text Titus ii:11: "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men." The organist, Professor L. Waas, will render as a prelude a Christmas offertory. An especially appointed choir will sing appropriate music.

ST. MARKUS LUTHERAN CHURCH, O'Farrell street, near Franklin, will celebrate the festival of Christmas in the following services: Organ prelude (Rinck); hymn, "O for a Thousand Tongues"; "Kyrie" (Reinecke); "Gloria Patri" (C. Greith); "Gloria in Excelsis" (Ant. F. Suriano); prayer; "Noel" (Adam); Scripture reading; Christmas anthem (Werner); hymn, "Lord, How Shall I Be Meeting?"; sermon, "Behold, I Bring You Good Tidings of Great Joy," Rev. Mr. Fuendeling; Christmas chorus, "This Is a Faithful Saying"; postlude (Bach).

BETHLEHEM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, Vermont street, near Twenty-fourth, will hold its Christmas services on Wednesday evening, as the pastor, Rev. W. H. Tubbs, will officiate in the morning at the Almshouse chapel. At Bethlehem the musical exercises will be under the direction of Miss Emma Wilson, organist, and Miss Ethel Neal, violinist.

THE FIRST GERMAN BAPTIST CHURCH, corner of Seventh and Dehone streets, will celebrate Christmas at 7 P. M., when the school will have a Christmas tree and Santa Claus. A programme of songs, declamations, etc., in German will be rendered, and there will be a presentation of gifts to the children.

ST. JOHN'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, California street, will hold its Christmas services next Sunday, as that will mark the advent of Rev. Mr. Kennedy of Seattle, recently called to fill the pulpit made vacant by the decease of Rev. Hanson Irwin.

ROBBED IN A HOTEL.

Experiences of W. A. Caldwell, a Farmer From Bozeman, Montana.

W. A. Caldwell, a farmer from Bozeman, Mont., registered at the International Hotel on Sunday night. He was on his way to Los Angeles. He left his room for a short time, and when he returned he found that a wallet containing $50 in currency, a draft for $50 and a round-trip ticket from Boston to Los Angeles had been stolen from the pocket of a coat that was hanging on the wall.

Caldwell notified the night clerk and Policeman Barry was called in. He went upstairs with Caldwell, and the latter noticed a light in a room in the hallway opposite, which was not there when he went downstairs. The door of the room was slightly ajar and Barry walked in. The occupant, John Johnston, feigned astonishment at the intrusion, and when Barry explained that a man had been robbed and that he would be under the painful necessity of searching the room Johnston became indignant. He was partially dressed and Barry made him take off his socks. In one was found the $50 in currency and in the other the $50 draft. The wallet was discovered under the mattress. Johnston was arrested on the charge of grand larceny.

The case was called in Judge Low's court yesterday morning. The defendant asked for a continuance, but as Caldwell was anxious to leave for Los Angeles his evidence was taken and the case continued till Friday.

Notice.

Readers of THE CALL are hereby notified that our store will be open to-day from 7 A. M. until 12 M. so that every one wishing to inspect our holiday goods can be accommodated. Our trade yesterday was far ahead of any corresponding day during a business experience of twenty-five years. We confidently expect the same good results to-day. It all comes from having really good, new things at fair, honest prices. As usual, everybody welcome, whether wishing to purchase or not. Sanborn, Vail & Co., 741 Market street.

Douglas Discharged.

United States Shipping Commissioner Gwin's case against James Douglas for receiving money from five seamen shipped by him on the British ship Province was dismissed by Commissioner Heacock of the Federal court yesterday. It was held that the "crimping" law, under which he was arrsted, applied only to American vessels.

WANT BETTER PRICES.

Lumber Men Complain of the Exceptionally Low Rates.

WAGES ARE ALSO LESS.

What One Merchant Thinks of the Depression All Over the Coast.

BLAMES THE ADMINISTRATION.

The Elevation of Prices Will Be Gradual When It Comes and Need Cause No Worry.

Considerable excitement was caused among builders yesterday by the rumor that both the pine and the redwood lumber merchants were about to raise the rates from $2 to $3 a thousand feet, and that a secret meeting had been held in an office in this City for the purpose of establishing a uniform schedule.

This sudden turn of affairs in an industry that is carried on extensively in this State and also in Oregon and Washington created no little comment, and contractors scurried around in a very lively manner getting the loose ends of the rumors together for the purpose of finding out how things stood.

A close investigation of the report was made by a representative of THE CALL, and while nothing of serious import was discovered the cause of low prices in lumber to-day was brought to light.

Several representatives of lumber companies talked at length regarding the supposition that lumber was to bring a better price, but one and all admitted that nothing had been done toward the establishment of prices other than the work accomplished by the companies in the last six months, which in substance is an embryo plan to pool the different firms and elevate prices all along the coast.

Mr. Grey of the firm of Grey & Mitchell, lumber merchants, went deeply into the question and among other things said:

We have been trying to get better prices for lumber for a good many months and as yet have not succeeded. The rumor that a rate had been set to-day is without foundation. Some of the presidents of the redwood companies had a meeting at which prices were discussed, but beyond that nothing was done. The lumber business on this coast is not in a very flourishing condition. I do not mean by that that the lumber is giving out or that the quality is not so good, but the market is so low that we cannot pay wages as of old. During the Republican administration the employes of the lumber companies received on an average $60 per month, but to-day those same men are compelled to work for $20. We cannot sell redwood lumber at a decrease of $4 a thousand feet and pay good wages.

"What do you attribute the low rates to?" was asked. "Is the demand not as great to-day as it was during the Republican administration?"

It is not so much a question of demand in the lumber business as it is the general stagnation all over the country. Every branch of business has suffered through the policy of Mr. Cleveland, and the depressed financial condition everybody experienced made it necessary for all the companies to come down or not sell any lumber. People could not buy at the old rate and we met their incomes. This state of affairs afflicted everybody, and every industry, every occupation met the distresses that followed the stagnation.

Lumber has never been so low as it is now. Our employes have suffered with us, and, until the prices are elevated it will continue to be so. We hold if the rates are made better we can pay better wages, and the old custom of good salaries will once more come into vogue. There is no trust about it as has been said by some people, but merely a re-establishment of decent wages and a proportionate improvement in the business.

The raise in prices will not be sudden, but will come with the restoration of confidence in all occupations. It will necessarily be gradual, and will not cause consternation of any kind. When times get better and the Republican administration gets control of the machinery of Government prices will go up all over the Union, and with it the price of lumber. The question of demand is simple enough. If people have money there will be a better demand, and there will in consequence be more lumber sold. If the country is depressed and the population is without funds they cannot afford to buy what they very frequently desire. It is true that the lumber men want to get more for their product, but we realize that such results cannot be brought about until the whole country is improved. The lumber business is but one sample of how easily Mr. Cleveland and the policy of the Democracy can injure industries.

RATES NOW UNCERTAIN.

Likelihood of an Advance on the Steamship Line to Portland.

An Increase Was Ordered, but Was Quickly Countermanded by Agent Hurlburt.

Considerable stir was created among the local railroad men yesterday afternoon by a report that the recent advance in rates between Portland and San Francisco made by the Southern Pacific Company had been followed by a similar move on the part of the Oregon Railway and Navigation Company. The report assumed definite shape so far as to state that the new rates would be $7 50 for first-class passage and $3 for second-class, an advance of $2 50 on the former and 50 cents on the latter.

Inquiry at the local office of the Oregon Railway and Navigation Company developed the fact that instructions had been received early in the day to put the advanced rates into effect on this end of the line on the 30th inst. Later, however, came a telegram instructing that existing rates be maintained until further orders. These telegrams came from General Passenger Agent W. H. Hurlburt at Portland, and just what significance his contradictory mandates have is impossible to tell. It may mean that the present war with the Southern Pacific is to be continued with unabated vigor, or it may signify an intention on the part of the Oregon Railway and Navigation Company to advance rates to the figures that were first quoted to win business fram the Southern Pacific Portland specials, viz.: $10 for first-class and $5 for second-class passage. Definite news may come to-day.

So far, however, as the local representatives of the Oregon Railway and Navigation Company have knowledge, there is every probability of the rate war being settled. They claim that peace can only be restored by the withdrawal of the special steamer day train by the Southern Pacific Company.

Heretofore the Oregon Railway and Navigation Company has sold round-trip tickets, but orders have been received to discontinue their sale, and now passengers can only buy tickets for a single trip. This is viewed as portending an increase in rates, and it is probable that the steamer which leaves here to-morrow for Portland will be the last to carry passengers at prevailing rates.

When H. R. Judah, who has charge of the passenger traffic of the Shasta route, heard of the reported increase of rates by the Oregon Railway and Navigation Company, he stated that such a course on the part of the steamshin people would have no effect on the railroad's action. He added:

Our new rates have not yet gone into effect, and until they have been in force for some time we cannot tell what our next move may be. The proposed increase on our part is only experimental. Should we find that we can hold our present percentage of business at the advanced rates they will be retained. Should our business fall off, however, it is likely that the $10 and $5 rates will be restored. We are at perfect liberty to do whatever we think proper under the circumstances as they present themselves. We may find it necessary to reduce the figures again, but we are more likely to advance the rates.

According to the statements of railroad men who have traveled over the Shasta route during the rate war the greatest annoyance to the railroad people are the people who buy through tickets to Portland and use them for intermediate points. As the local rates, that is those to points on the line between here and Portland, are not affected by the reduction, many take advantage of the through rate to travel cheaply to intermediate points, the drummers being the greatest sinners in this respect. All attempts to stop this objectionable practice have failed.

On a very recent trip P. K. Gordon, who was in charge of the northbound train to see that local business was properly protected, had a rather unpleasant experience in endeavoring to concientiously perform his duties. Two passengers who he knew had purchased tickets to Portland left the train at Ashland. Gordon attempted to prevent them from deserting the train, but got a slap in the face for his trouble, so the story is told by a railroad man, who says he witnessed the incident.

VALLEY ROAD MATERIAL.

Contracts for More Rails, Ties and Lumber to Be Let.

Tenders of bids for 18,000 tons of steel rails, 300,000 ties and 500,000 feet of lumber will be called for by the San Francisco and San Joaquin Valley Railroad the latter part of this week, and the contracts for the same will be awarded the latter part of January.

This material will be used for constructing the 175 miles of road between Fresno and Bakersfield, the present terminus of the road. All the material is expected to be on hand by July and the road to be ready for business in time for next year's wheat crop.

Objected to Commissions.

The judgment of the lower court in refusing to allow the executor of the estate of Mary Delaney to collect $1487 in commissions has been affirmed by the Supreme Court. The particular commissions in controversy were for the handling of two pieces of property belonging to the Lafayette-square Tract, which were then in litigation, but which were afterward declared to be the property of the City. For this reason the heirs objected to paying commissions for the handling of those lots and the courts have sustained their position.

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Hard to think just what to give, isn't it? Well, here's a suggestion—give something to make home beautiful. A dainty piece of China, something in Cut Glass, a nice Vase, Figure or Onyx Table; a set of Dishes or Glassware; and last and best of all, a handsome Lamp and Silk Shade. All good, sensible presents, and not high, when you get them at the wholesale price. Only two days left now; put on your thinking-cap and come down to the big China store with the little prices.

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LADIES' DOUBLE-BREASTED JACKETS of black and navy blue beaver, with triple stitched seams, very full sleeves, bone buttons, worth $7 50, will be offered at $5 each.
At $10.00.
LADIES' DOUBLE-BREASTED JACKETS of black and navy boucle cloth, lined throughout with twilled silk, mandolin sleeves, ripple skirts, bone buttons, worth $15, will be offered at $10 each.
At $15.00.
LADIES' DOUBLE-BREASTED JACKETS, of black and navy boucle cloth, half lined with silk velvet, notched collars, ripple skirts, mandolin sleeves, triple-stitched seams, worth $22 50, will be offered at $15 each.

LADIES' CAPES.
At $5.00.
LADIES' DOUBLE CAPES of black and navy melton, trimmed all round with satin band with rows of silk stitching, rolling collar of velvet, worth $7 50, will be offered at $5 each.
At $7.50.
LADIES' FINE PLUSH CAPES, newest styles, trimmed with Thibet, worth $10 50, will be offered at $7 50 each.
At $15.00.
LADIES' PLUSH CAPES, full ripple, prettily embroidered with braid and jet and trimmed with Thibet, worth $22 50, will be offered at $15 each.
At $20.00.
LADIES' FULL-RIPPLE CAPES, of fine plush, jetted all over, worth $30, will be offered at $20 each.

CHILDREN'S JACKETS.
At $4.50 and $5.00.
CHILDREN'S DOUBLE-BREASTED JACKETS, varying in size from 4 to 14 years, made of fancy brown mixed cloaking, square revers, velvet collar, bone buttons, very full sleeves, worth $6 and $7, will be offered at $4 50 and $5 each.

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We are showing a magnificent assortment of the latest styles in LADIES' FUR CAPES, including Coney, Electric Seal, Japanese Seal, Wool Seal, Marten, Opossum, Astrachan, etc., at prices ranging from $7 50 to $65 each.

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