

With Christmas Greeting, Prosperous Spokane Gives of Her Bounty to the Poor.

Fifty thousand youngsters of all ages rejoice in the absolutely ideal weather that greets the festive Christmas season.

Softly and silently throughout the night fell the mantling snow, and leaden skies and bracing cold greet Christmas eve. The merry jingle of sleigh bells mingles with the bustle and stir of the crowds of good-natured Christmas shoppers.

The ideal weather conditions seem a fitting close to a year marked with business energy and signal prosperity in all lines for Spokane.

The inland Empire's welcoming arms have been sought by and have received thousands of new firebirds in the new fast dying year 1902.

The roaring waters of the Spokane turn a hundred wheels of industry that they knew not a year ago.

Money, the golden thermometer of good times, is at the high water mark and steadily rising and the horn of plenty in harvest and labor seems to have been emptied into the lap of Spokane, the inland Empire Queen.

But almost eclipsing in lustre the glories of the past year are the promises for that coming. Seldom, if ever, has Spokane awakened to find so many bright prospects in her stocking.

If the children and poor people are not happy this yuletide it will be because the charitable institutions of the city and the churches are unable to make them so.

It is doubtful if greater efforts in that direction were ever made in Spokane than at the present time. If they can be found, every poor family in the city will have a good Christmas dinner and the children and older ones, too, where needed will be comfortably clothed.

Besides the large amount contributed by the schools, the Salvation Army and Door of Hope mission have been collecting clothing and food, and it will be distributed on Christmas day.

SALVATION ARMY. At Salvation Army hall on Front st. dinner will be served to several hundred.

commencing at 11 o'clock and continuing as long as the provisions last. In the evening presents will be distributed to the poor children from a Christmas tree. In addition to this baskets of provisions will be sent to as many poor families as possible.

DOOR OF HOPE. Door of Hope mission has secured McKinley hall for its festivities and, judging from the immense amount of clothing, underclothing, shoes, rubbers and other necessities already in the hall, few children will have to go without needed articles in these lines.

At the Salvation Army Rescue Home a tree will be relieved of its load of gifts for the 11 inmates Christmas afternoon and at noon a bountiful dinner will be served.

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entertainment and a Christmas tree will be one of the features of the evening. During the day the home will distribute baskets of provisions among the poor families.

Some of the Friendless will have a Christmas tree and entertainment Christmas afternoon for the 47 inmates, besides a fine Christmas dinner.

At Florence Crittenden Home the day will be enlivened with a good dinner and music. A number of visitors are also expected.

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AMONG THE CHURCHES.

First Methodist—Christmas exercises this evening under the auspices of the Sunday school, followed by an oyster supper.

Bethel Presbyterian—Cantata, "Mother Goose and Santa Claus," Friday evening.

Grace Baptist—Christmas tree and entertainment this evening.

Pilgrim Congregational—Cantata, "Santa Claus at Home," by the Sunday school children, and a Christmas tree this evening.

Central Christian—Two Christmas trees and an entertainment Thursday evening.

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Christmas Observances in Catholic Church.

On Christmas day, against the rule which prevails every other day in the year, priests are obliged to celebrate three masses. The Roman ordines show that the popes used on this feast day three masses—the first in the Liberian basilica, the second in the Church of St. Anastasia, whose memory is celebrated on the same day, December 25, and the third in the Vatican church.

In other places, particularly in France, the same priest used to say two masses on Christmas day. When the Orman ordo was received in France by the command of Charlemagne the Roman custom of saying three masses was introduced in France also. It is now customary throughout the entire Catholic church to say three masses on this feast.

In Rome one of the three masses was for the feast of St. Anastasia, which fell on the day, and the same Roman custom spread throughout the west.

Those three masses, however, were also said, not altogether, but at considerable intervals, viz: At midnight, dawn and in the day time—a custom still observed in cathedral and collegiate churches. A mystical explanation of the three masses is given, and they are supposed to figure the three births of our Lord, namely, of His Father before all ages, of the blessed Virgin and in the hearts of the faithful.

The following is the order of services at the Catholic churches in this city:

MAINE AVENUE.

Midnight mass, with full choir, which will render Sterns' mass: mass at 7 and 9; solemn high mass at 10:30.

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH. Midnight mass with full choir. Loesch's mass in F will be rendered. Morning services will be at 8 o'clock and 10:30. The sermon will be preached by Rev. Chifanelli, E. J.

SACRED HEART CHURCH. Father Golden will celebrate low mass at 8 a. m. and at 10 a. m. high mass will be celebrated with special music.

ST. ALOYSIUS CHURCH. The Christmas services at the Church of St. Aloysius will be as follows: Midnight mass: Solemn high mass, sermon and holy communion; early masses at 1:45, 7, 7:45, 8:30; late mass at 10 o'clock; singing and music furnished by the children of the parish; solemn benediction at 7:30 p. m.

Christmas tree of the St. Aloysius Sunday school at 2:30 p. m. at the Gonzaga College hall.

Music of Christmas midnight mass—Kyrie, Mercadante b-flat; Gloria, Mercadante b-flat; Credo, Mercadante b-flat; offertory, "Christus Natus Est" Melvil-Rosa; Sanctus, Mercadante b-flat; Benedictus, Millard b-flat; Agnus Dei, Mercadante b-flat. During communion: (a) "Gloria in Excelsis Deo"; (b) "O, Holy Night" (Adolphe Adam); (c) "Noel," soprano solo; (d) "Peace to Men of Good Will." Benediction at Christmas evening—"Cantique de Noel" (Adam); "Adeste Fideles" (Novello); "Tantum Ergo," c-minor (Lambillotte); "Glory to God in the Highest," solo and grand chorus.

Positively Going Out of Business!

Closing Out all Goods at Wholesale Cost.

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Grape Nuts, Force, Malta Vita, Malta-too, Scotch Oats, Shredded Wheat, Peerless Cereals; Malted Breakfast Foods.

Snyder's Catsup, pints, 20c. Gold Dust, 20c.

Westmoreland Maple Syrup, 1 gal., \$1.05 Westmoreland Maple Syrup, Decanters, 35c

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Can you give boys a better CHRISTMAS GIFT than a membership in the Association? It costs \$6 THE FIRST YEAR, then \$5 a year afterwards. DAYS: Tuesday 4 to 5 and 5 to 9. Rating: 8 to 12 Junior. Saturday 9:30 to 10:30 and 10:30 to 11:30. 12 to 16 Intermediate.

A Merry Christmas to All!

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MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS. RICHARD BLUME, manufacturer of guitars and violins. Repairing of musical instruments of all kinds, especially violins, guitars and mandolins. 9414 Monroe st.

MONEY TO LOAN ON IMPROVED real estate at 5 to 6 per cent per annum. Arthur D. Jones & Co., Empire State building.

Christmas Candies, 10c lb. Mixed Nuts, 3 lbs. for 25c Fruits, Candies, Cigars CHAS. DAVIS, Cor. Riverside and Stevens

TRAINS DELAYED BY SNOW IN MOUNTAINS

All trains are delayed today by heavy snows in both the east and west.

Great Northern No. 3, eastbound, is delayed indefinitely by a snow blockade in the Cascade mountains, which in places is a dozen feet deep.

No. 4, Great Northern westbound, is also delayed indefinitely by the heavy snowfall and blizzards in the Rocky mountains and in Dakota. The wires are down all along the line. A special train left here at 1 p. m., carrying passengers.

Northern Pacific No. 2, eastbound, is 11 hours late, the delay being caused by the heavy fall of snow on the east side of the Cascade range.

The weather bureau reports that a storm area is now off the Oregon Washington coast with an area of quite high pressure central near the northeastern portion of this territory. Precipitation has occurred in Oregon, Washington, Montana and British Columbia, with trace of precipitation at Pocatello.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 24.—J. Hill and Superintendent Ward are in a special train fighting their way here over the Great Northern in a terrific blizzard. Extra snow plows have been sent to their assistance.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.—Tomorrow is going to be the happiest Christmas enjoyed in a number of years by Edson W. Marple, once president of the Keystone Bank of Philadelphia, and who for wrecking the bank and involving in the wreck City Treasurer John Barsley, was condemned to 12 years' imprisonment. This afternoon, by virtue of the commutation of sentence granted by President Roosevelt, Marple was released from the eastern penitentiary.

INCREASE CAPITAL. Ancestral articles of incorporation of the Tucuman Development company have been filed with the county recorder. The capital is increased from \$300,000 to \$500,000. The trustees are A. E. Borthwick, H. M. McArthur, J. M. Thomas and H. L. McIntyre.

REWARD OFFERED FOR WHITECAPPERS. JACKSON, Miss., Dec. 24.—Governor of Louisiana this morning issued a proclamation offering \$500 reward for each information leading to the arrest and conviction of whitecappers in any part of the state.

EXPLOSION.

PAOLI, Ind., Dec. 24.—A heating stove ignited a case of blasting powder at the Riley hardware store this morning. The explosion tore out the front end of the two-story brick store building and caused a two-story brick building adjoining to crumble to the ground.

A clerk in the first store was the only person in either building at the time of the explosion. He was thrown bodily into the street by the force of the explosion and seriously injured.

BIGGER FREE.

FREEMOUNT, N. J., Dec. 24.—The jury trying Miss Laura Bigger, Dr. Charles Hendricks and former Justice of the Peace Samuel Stanton on a charge of conspiracy to secure the estate of the late Henry M. Bennett of Farmingdale, at 8 o'clock this morning reported a disagreement.

After certain points had been explained they were ordered back. The jury late this afternoon acquitted Miss Bigger, but convicted Dr. Hendricks and Justice of the Peace Stanton.

DELMARRE'S PAPERS SEIZED IN FRANCE.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—The police today seized the papers of John Delmarre, the well known explorer and mining man. Delmarre is manager of the now Klondike Mining company, which is capitalized at \$8,000,000. The police refuse to state what are the actual charges, but say that he is suspected of gross irregularities in the sale of stock and bonds.

THEATRES O. K.

Yesterday afternoon the license committee of the city council met in executive session and, after listening to the evidence presented in the investigation of the charges preferred against the Comique and Coeur d'Alene theaters, dismissed the complaint.

STEEL TRUST GIVES EMPLOYEES XMAS GIFT.

UNIONTOWN, Pa., Dec. 24.—Twenty thousand employees of the United States Steel corporation today received an increase in wages amounting to an average of 8 per cent.

GOT \$63,000.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., Dec. 24.—Sheriff Petersburg of Indiana arrived here today with extradition papers for Ryan and Ashmore, indicted on a charge of bumping Fred Lory, a returned Klondiker, out of \$63,000 on fake foot races.

STOCKHOLM BARBER SHOP.

First-class haircut, 15c; shaving, 25c. Corner Mill st. and Main ave.

NEW INSPECTORS TO WATCH CANADA LINE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—As a result of the report of Chief Inspector Waehorn, who is in charge of the immigration service along the Canadian border, it has been decided to increase the number of inspectors in order to keep out not only the Chinese, but also undesirable Europeans.

The November reports show that more immigrants crossed the line west of Sault Ste. Marie than farther east.

TWO MILLION GIFT TO CARNEGIE'S CHILD

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Andrew Carnegie's little daughter Margaret is going to receive tomorrow the most costly Christmas gift ever received by a child so young in the United States, and perhaps in the world. The present is nothing less than the \$2,000,000 residence which Mr. Carnegie has just completed at Ninety-first and Fifth ave., and which is said to be the most magnificent house in America.

VENEZUELA ASKS POPE TO ARBITRATE

ROME, Dec. 24.—It is stated in vatican circles today that Venezuela has proposed that the pope arbitrate the allies' claims. The vatican announces that he will not entertain the proposition unless it is made unanimously. The story sent out by an irresponsible press association that the pope is ill is entirely untrue. He has excellent health and is in good spirits.

TO FIND HOMES.

Secretary Munroe of the Chamber of Commerce reports that he is receiving many inquiries from returning homeseekers. "They evidently mean business," said he, "as they are asking for rooms where themselves and their families may stop until suitable location is found. They seem willing to take Spokane on its reputation."

All the offices in the courthouse closed this afternoon at 3 o'clock and will remain closed till Friday morning.

DAVIS ARRESTED.

Information was filed in the superior court today against A. B. Davis and Sarah Tate, charging them with lewd and lascivious cohabitation.

Davis, who runs the Klondike lodging house on First ave., was arrested about a week ago and was taken before Justice Hinkle, where he gave bail for his appearance Friday, December 25.

Davis gave bail in the sum of \$250 for his appearance on the second day of the next jury term of court.

ARREST MORGAN.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—J. Pierpont Morgan has been summoned to appear in the district court on January 2 as defendant in a suit brought by two of his flat tenants. The complainants allege that he broke his contract with them by not keeping their flats warm. They were compelled to buy anthracite coal at ruinous prices to keep from freezing, although they repeatedly telephoned to Mr. Morgan. They also wrote protests, but received neither coal or satisfaction.

NEGRO SHOOT.

WHEELING, W. Va., Dec. 24.—A negro desperado, who attempted to avoid arrest this noon, ran on a bridge crossing the Ohio. Officers were at the other end and the negro opened fire. Officer Bowen was mortally wounded. The negro emptied his revolver and then threw up his hands and surrendered. He is lodged in jail at Wheeling and may be lynched.

LILLIENTHAL TALKS ON THEATER CASES.

Speaking of the dismissal of the cases against the Coeur d'Alene and Comique theaters and the general opinion that favoritism was shown them by the council committee, Commissioner Lillienthal said: "The witnesses produced by the complainant were all employees of the Stockholm. The council would have acted as in the Stockholm case had the evidence been sufficient. "I have had not a single complaint against the Coeur d'Alene since April 5. Two complaints were made against the Comique, but they were proved to be unfounded."

GOES REPUBLICAN.

DENVER, Col., Dec. 24.—The state canvassing board by a vote of 3 to 2 this morning seated the republican contestants for the house of representatives, thus insuring the election of a republican senator to succeed Senator Teller.

STARTS FRUIT RANCH.

W. D. Johnson of Milwaukee has arrived in this city and will take possession immediately of the property he recently acquired on Moran Prairie, which he will operate as a fruit and poultry ranch.

MARINE ENGINEERS MAY GO ON A STRIKE.

PORTLAND, Dec. 24.—Unless all steamship companies on the coast sign the new wage schedule framed by the marine engineers, on January 10 a general strike will be inaugurated all along the coast.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The detailed replies of Great Britain and Germany to the Venezuelan arbitration proposition have been received at the state department, but will not be made public until President Roosevelt's response is forwarded.