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## Christian Church

Sunday, December 14

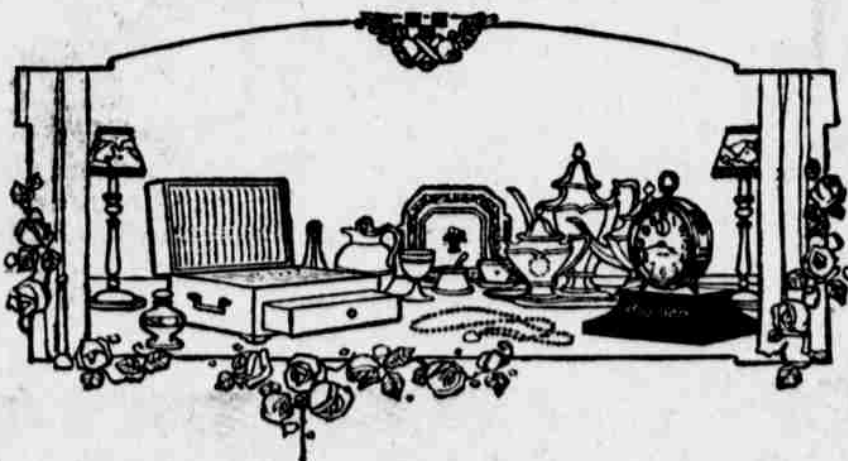
10 a. m. Sunday School

11 a. m. Preaching Service

6:30 p. m. C. E. Service

Union Services, Sunday Evening, Methodist Church

## Christmas Jewelry



**THIS** is the time of year you should make a special visit to our store and see the beautiful stock we are showing for gifts.

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Our Beautiful **CUT GLASS** and **SILVERWARE** is the talk of the town.

Come to our store now, while the lines are complete.

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### Farmers Institute Closes

In spite of the severe weather which we have been having in this vicinity for the past week the big Farmers Institute is under way and an effort is being made to carry out part of the program as arranged.

Extreme cold weather, deep snow, delayed and annulled trains has all combined to make it almost impossible for local farmers and stockmen from a distance to attend. This was also responsible for the noted absence of exhibits of poultry and farm products, as well as the usual fine array in the ladies departments.

A visit to the new sales pavilion will reveal an exhibit of some of the fine prize stock, the property of local stockmen, as well as that of the Calf Club. Steward & Son and the Calf Club held their stock sale this afternoon.

Tuesday evening found a large number of interested people present at the Orpheum, but here again, fated played the winning hand, as the speaker was unable to make his train connections, therefore a program was substituted.

Col. J. H. Ellinger, President of the Institute was on hand and presided. The Red Cloud orchestra brightened up the affair with several choice selections of music, which was followed by a musical program rendered by the local high school Ukelele club, the high school chorus, and the junior high sextette.

Stocking mending and preparations for Xmas by the fourth grade school-ars brought several encores from the audience.

Vocal selections by the sixth grade mixed sextette was the next number. Tom Auld brought down the house with his readings and the sweet voice of Helen McNeny captivated every one.

A Shakesperian Burlesque by the tenth grade students took the audience back, in spirit, to the early days. Gene Bush's appearance in bridal array, accompanied by Howard Frisbie demanded the undivided attention of the audience. John Neuberger, as the wall over which the lovers "mooned" did not prove stationary. Pearl Newhouse introduced all the characters in rhyme. To say the least it was a great "take off".

The pantomime, "Holy Night," was concluding number of the program, given by the fifth grade and the high school quartette. Colored lights, thrown upon the actors at stated intervals, added greatly to the attraction.

A large and enthusiastic audience attended the Wednesday evening program given at the Orpheum.

A special selection by the orchestra was followed by the number given by the kindergarten of the local schools. Attired in costumes representing daisies and singing their song of the flowers they made a decided hit with the audience.

The Reading, "Patsy," by Miss Anna Ranney was greatly appreciated, judging from the loud applause.

The students of the first grade, attired as eskimoes, was a beautiful representation of the Land of the Mid night Sun. Colored spot lights enhanced the scene.

The Japanese Doll Operatta, by the second grade students was another number that won loud applause—a novelty act in a class by itself.

Charles Auld's reading of the Hurt Thumb brought forth chuckles from the reserved listeners and hearty laughs from the less dignified.

The third grade girls were singing their Christmas song, musically reminiscent of the morning of gladness when a crowd of diminutive Santa Clauses dropped in on them and joined in the singing.

The Tuesday night's number rendered by the sixth grade was repeated last evening, the only change being made was that Elizabeth Mizer took the place of Edna Koontz.

Several vocal selections were rendered by Miss Greta Turnure and Mrs. George Kelley gave a negro dialect monologue.

A solo by Ruby Koon closed the program.

### The American Legion's Creed

With over 140 chapters and 15,000 members on its ranks in Nebraska, the American Legion is fast coming to be a great power in the state. It is estimated by officers of the Nebraska Headquarters that at least 20,000 more service men will enroll during the coming year.

Perhaps the growth of this organization is one of the most remarkable of any in the history of the country. With a potential membership of four and a half million, it will far surpass all other organizations of its kind. The movement began less than a year ago in France, yet in this short time it has enrolled one million members and has chapters in every state in the union besides some in Cuba, Mexico, Alaska and the Islands. The work was not taken up in Nebraska until April, 1919, and then only by business men who gave their time to the work without remuneration. Nevertheless, every city in the state with a population over 2,000 has a post, and nearly every one with over 1,000 has also established a chapter. Practically every county now has a chapter, and many as high as five.

What is this great body of fighting men going to do and what is their purpose in organizing? What will be the extent of their power and influence in the country and what means will they employ to get their demands recognized?

These are the questions that a great many people who are not yet familiar with the Legion are asking. They realize that it is a force that must be dealt with, and one that is going to have a hand in the affairs of the country for the next half century. But, inasmuch as they are fighting men, there is some doubt as to what means these warriors might use.

Before answering these questions, it is well to state just what the Legion is and who make up its membership. The American Legion is purely made up of veterans of the recent war who served honorably or who are still serving under honorable circumstances. It includes all soldiers, sailors, marines and nurses who served either at home or abroad. Any person who refused to serve because of conscientious, political or other objection is not eligible.

The construction of the organization is very similar to that of the G. A. R. It has local posts or chapters made up from fifteen or more service men, each post having its local officers. These posts in each state are coordinated by a state organization which has its officers and headquarters, and this state organization is under the jurisdiction of national headquarters. Each year the posts send delegates to a state convention; the state convention elects state officers and sends delegates to a national convention annually.

Now it will be plainly understood that these men are going to take an active part in the affairs of the community, the state and the nation. But merely because they were fighting men and saved the nation by the use of arms does not mean they will employ similar methods in peace. Just the contrary, the American Legion believes in law and order, and are now carrying on a campaign to educate all American citizens to an appreciation of just what law and order mean to them. It realizes that this is the basic principle in American government and that it must be followed in all cases. But the Legion also believes that our laws should be enforced and held sacred rather than to be the tool of politicians who would cater to certain classes or individuals.

Perhaps the great work of the Legion at this time is its program of 100 per cent Americanism. If there is one thing that the organization hopes to accomplish, it is to clean America once and for all, of the so-called radicals and Bolsheviks who have been so active since the beginning of the war. The Legion proposes to keep after Congress until every one of these

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- the Musician's Instrument
- the Interior Decorator's Delight
- the Teacher's Aid
- the Source of never-ending Entertainment

## The NEW EDISON

"The Phonograph with a Soul"

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- ☞ To the interior decorator and lover of fine arts its exquisite Period designs make it a phonograph apart.
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Christmas isn't what it should be for the kiddies and the grown-ups too, without a supply of good candy. We have a liberal supply on hand and can give you just what you want, and at prices that will save you money. See us before buying.

- Extra Fancy Chocolates, best on the market, per lb.....50c
- Fancy Chocolates, better than the average, per lb.....40c
- Assorted Jellies, of the better quality, per lb.....35c
- Peach Cobbler, a candy you will like, per lb.....35c
- Hustler Mixed, a favorite with the kiddies, per lb.....35c
- Ceylone Coconut Squares, they're delicious, per lb.....35c
- Peanut Brittle, famous for forty years, per lb.....35c

Compare these pieces with others. We are sure that this will convince you that you should buy from us and save yourself some money. Remember our grocery department when you are making preparations for your Xmas dinner.

## Farmers Union

J. F. Edwards, Mgr.

Red Cloud, Neb.

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Hon. A. O. Shallenbarger, of Alma, was down today and judged the cattle.

### The Lilac Tree.

The lilac is perhaps, all things considered, the most splendid of flowering trees. Everybody is familiar with its fragrance. The tree belongs to the olive family and is closely allied to the common privet, but it bears no fleshy fruit and is valueless except for the splendor of its blossoms.