PEOPLE'S PULPIT...



CHARLES T. RUSSELL. Pastor Brooklyn Tabernacie.

Sunday, November 28.-Pastor Rus-, Covenant" (Psalm xxv, 14). sell of "Brooklyn Tabernacle" preached today from the above text. He said:

There is a beauty and consistency in the Bible which many overlook, to but in association with a select class their own confusion. Failing to "right- of saints gathered out of the world ly divide the Word of Truth" (II Tim- and specially taught and prepared in othy II, 15), failing to discriminate the School of Christ during this age. between the consecrated believers and Not only is this feature of the Divine nominal believers of the world, which | Plan Scripturally called "the mystery the Bible everywhere recognizes, has led to this confusion. To the logically-mind- close of this age, but additionally the ed thus confused, the Bible is an unreasonable Book, inconsistent with facts.

These matters are well illustrated in the Father and in the Lord Jesus Christ," as the introduction shows. This word in means something more than is generally appreciated. Note the Savior's words, "If a man love me he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him and make our abode with him." "I am in my Father, and ye in me and I in you" (John xiv, 20, 23). The whole testimony of the Scriptures is that those who attain to this glorious oneare in all but a "little flock" and amongst them are "not many great, not many wise, not many learned." It is to this class alone that the Scriptures are addressed-though to some extent including a justified class supcondition. These may well be informed by the Apostle that they should "in everything give thanks," when in full harmony with the Divine will.

But note the confusion of attempting to apply these words to the world in general. What has the world to be poses are, which, therefore, cannot enter into its consideration. And without that knowledge of coming blessings life is often so little appreciated that self-destruction is preferred. Undoubtedly the number of suicides would be far greater than it is, were it not for a certain fear or dread that the future might be more terrible than the present.

The average man, heathen and civilized, knows that his coming into the world was without his consent. He eats and drinks and sleeps and labors, because these are necessities. He has headaches and heartaches, and every other kind. Altogether his experience is "of few years and full of trouble." His chief pleasure is in hoping for and striving to attain pleasure. And when of supposed happiness is in his hand, the gall of bitterness is found mingled with it, and its dregs are sorrows. Can such a man be thankful? especially if he has been taught the doctrine of the "dark ages" respecting the future-that when he shall die be will either be ushered into a Purgatory of centuries or torture indescribable, or, worse still, that his lot will be to suffer endlessly-unless he should be one of the saints, which he well knows he is not, and which we all know, as the Bible declares, are but "few." Surely to call During the Millennial Age under the upon such people for thankfulness to spiritual Kingdom of The Christ (op-God would be an absurdity. And it is to the credit of the Scriptures that they are not thus absurd, and that our text is addressed, not to those who constitute the masses, but to the "lit-

Greation's Hope.

Before proceeding to apply our text to the class to which it is addressed hope of the world in general, as set forth in the Scriptures. The knowledge of this hope is not granted to the world, but to the saints-that they might know, might appreciate, the gracious purposes of God toward mankind in general; and that they might understand also the Divine intention respecting their co-operation with God in the blessings he purposes to bring eventu-

ally to all the families of the earth. The explanation of the sorrows of the world is given in the Bible; which tells us that sin lies at the door and that the mental, moral and physical blemishes which cause humanity such distress are incidental to the penalty pronounced against sin; namely, death, 'The soul that sinneth, it shall die." Because Father Adam when on trial representatively for his race sinned and came under sin's penalty, "Dying thou shalt die," therefore all his children sharing in his imperfections are is the ground for thanksgiving. True, may be also glorified together. And likewise imperfect-sinners, as St. Paul | praise must come from thankful hearts. explains (Romans v, 12). Thus, during sixty centuries, approximately twenty thousand millions of Adam's to those who have not the eye of faith children have been "born in sin and shapen in iniquity," and have come into the world condemned and dying.

mentally, morally and physically.

Divine sympathy exercised toward this race of sinners provided a Savior. "who for the joy that was set before him" sacrificed his life-for the world (John iii, 16). "Jesus Christ by the the grace of God he has responsibility. grace of God tasted death for every man." Then instead of dealing with the world, instead of saving the world. instead of setting up the promised Kingdom to bless the world, the Savfor did something else. And this which he has been doing from the time of his death until now the Apostle explains to us is "a mystery" (1 Corinthians xv. 61; Epnesians 1, 9;

In Every Thing Give Thanks!

"In Every Thing Give Thanks, For This Is the Will of God Concerning You In Christ Jesus" (I Thessalonians v. 18).

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"The mystery" is, that God purposed that the blessing of the world should be accomplished by our Savior atone of God," which will be finished by the Church berself is Scripturally termed our text, which was addressed, not to be the Head over the Church, which Christians-but to Christians, "in God particular of the Body of Christ," which is the Church (Ephesians I, 22, 23; I Corinthians xii, 27).

During these long centuries required for the finding of this saintly class for whom the Lord has been searching false theories have sprung up and found acceptance in the world. One of these is that God does not love the world and has never purposed its salvation; but that, on the contrary, he ness with the Father and with the Son all except the "elect saints" should suffer eternal torture, because he wished to have it so. Another wrong theory (Psalm exvi. 12-14). which gained acceptance was that whilst God wishes to save the world, he finds himself unable to do so, be cause handicapped by human self-will posedly approaching this sanctified and by the aggressiveness of Satan, who has blinded and deceived the vast majority and has them completely in his power through ignorance and superstition. This theory tells us that God loves the world, including the heathen millions, and that he longs to thankful for-from its own standpoint? cannot do so, except through human It knows not what God's future pur- agency, and is disappointed and baffled, because those who profess to be his people fail to raise sufficient missionary donations.

To rational minds these theories which satisfied in the past are no longer satisfactory; hence many are turned to infidelity. As the Scriptures say, "My people perish for lack of knowledge" (Hosea iv. 6).

The Hope of the Resurrection. Leaving these unsatisfactory errors of the "dark ages" and going back to the Scriptures we find their teachings consistent; namely, that as soon as the "mystery." the Church, is completed, the blessing of God will proceed through The Christ (Head and members) to the world. As it is written, "In thy Seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed. mystery, be it known, is that the spiritual "Seed of Abraham" is not the Lord Jesus only, but includes also his members-the Church. As we read, "If ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's Seed, and heirs according to the promise" (Galatians iii, 29).

According to the Scriptures the blessing of God will proceed through Spiritual Israel, a "Royal Priesthood," "after the order of Melchizedec," to natural Israel under the terms of their New Covenant (Jeremiah xxxi, 31) erating through the earthly Kingdom of Israel) all nations will be instructed, enlightened, blessed. Not only so, but the merit of Christ will then be applied also on behalf of the thousands of millions who have gone down into the prison-house of death-sheel, hades -the grave. The Church will constitute the "First Resurrection," "His (the saints), we pause to consider the resurrection." All sharing in it will attain life on the spirit plane like unto the angels, but superior, "far above angels." Later during the Millennium the world will return from the tomb, "every man in his own order" (I Corinthians xv. 23). And the resurrecting process will continue with them, to the intent that the willing and obedient nay continue to rise gradually towards perfection and finally attain it: while at the same time the earth will be rejuvenated and become the promised "Paradise regained" - restored

(Acts III, 19-21). "Give Thanks, For He Is Good." Looking down into the future proview of the Kingdom blessings promthe Lord, for he is good! for his mercy endureth forever!" It is the mercy of and in order to be properly thankful, and patience and character developone must see more than is now visible and the ear of faith and the Divine revelation respecting things to come. the Lord's consecrated ones possess: "Blessed are your eyes, for they see you" (John xvi. 27). and your ears, for they hear." Not only so, but to the extent that any one's eyes see and his ears hear of

1 od in vain, whether more or less (II Corinthians vi. 1). God's people not only give thanks for the blessings of the future which they receive by faith, but additionally they appreciate blessings granted to them in advance in the present life Romans xi, 25). "The mystery of and give thanks for these. The first God" the world does not understand, of these is the knowledge, the apprebecause God prefers to keep the mat- ciation, of the goodness of God in ter a mystery from them. But "the granting us a release from sin and its secret of the Lord is with them that penalty by faith, so that we can (withfear him and he will show them his out waiting for actualities; now re-

To possess the knowledge of God and

to disdain it is to receive the grace of

us freely by Divine grace through faith in the blood of Christ. The realization of the rolling away of our load of sin, a realization of our forgiveness by the Father, calls for gratitude, for thanksgiving, and this cause continuing, our thanks continue. We were lifted from the borrible pit and the miry clay of sin and condemnation and our feet were placed upon the Rock Christ Jesus, It was in conseput into our mouth, even the lovingkindness of our God. And this is the first cause for our thankfulness. All other blessings rest upon this blessing and all other thanksgivings should properly, therefore, include thanks for this blessing

Additionally after being justified we were inducted into a still further grace or privilege, namely, the privilege of becoming members of the Body of Christ, members of the "mystery" class. The invitation to this class the Apostle expresses thus, "I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God (your justification that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service" (Romans xii, 1). Through "the mystery of God"-the Mystic this grace or privilege, if accepted, we Body of Christ. "For God gave Christ gain the opportunity of a change of nature-from human to Divine. Our all mankind, nor to merely nominal is his Body." "Ye are members in human nature justified, cleansed, made by Mr. Rainbolt and Mr. Bridge among acceptable to God as a sacrifice through the merit of Christ, if sacrificed by us faithfully, will be replaced by a spirit nature and glory, honor, immortality, joint-heirship, with our Lord and Head. What cause we have in gift. with the magnet of Truth, various this for thanksgiving! What shall we render unto the Lord our God for all his benefits towards us? "We will 6 o'clock dinner to a small company take the cup of salvation (his cup, the of friends on Thursday evening. cup of self-sacrifices and call upon the Places were laid for Mr. and Mrs. name of the Lord (for assistance to N. A. Rainbolt, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. fore-ordained and predestinated that drink of the Master's cupi. We will Gow, Mr. and Mrs. D. Mathewson, pay our vows of consecration unto the Dr. and Mrs. H. J. Cole, Rev. and Lord-publicly before all his people"

> "Every joy he sends me Comes a sweet and glad surprise."

The very fact that we do not know everything; the fact that we are ever learning as pupils in the School of Christ, so far from being a cause of disappointment, is a source of pleas-The heart that has come into faith-union and communion with the Lord learns something more daily respecting the Heavenly Father's love have the Gospel taken to them, but and care, and each fresh item of knowledge is a new well-spring of pleasure. "He satisfieth the longing soul." "Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled." "Goodness and mercy follow me all the days of my life." These are the experiences of those ripe Christians called upon by the Apostle to give thanks unto God in every matter and to know that this is God's will

Thanks Through Tears.

Let us not overlook the fact that our text indicates that we are to give thanks for our sorrows, our trials, our disappointments, as well as for our joys and pleasures, for everything in-Scripture to this effect. Hearken to l members of Christ to rejoice in tribulation, not because tribulation is a joy producer, but, as he explains, Tribu lation works out additional patience and patience brings additional experience and larger experience brings larger hope, until we are not ashamed of our tribulations, because of increased love of God shed abroad in our hearts thereby (Romans v. 3; viii, 35).

The basis of all these blessings and rejoicings both as respects the future and the present experiences is faith. First, in the fact that there is a God. Second, in the fact that he has a noble character. Third, in the fact that his Wisdom, Justice, Love and Power are perfect and thoroughly coordinated. Fourth in the fact that all of those powers are enlisted in the salvation of the world. Fifth, in the fact that that salvation began to be worked out by our Lord at his First Advent. Sixth, in the fact that it is still working out in the selection of his Church Seventh, in the fact that shortly it will begin to take practical shape in the establishment of Christ's Millennial King dom. Eighth, in the fact that through that Kingdom a blessing shall extend to every creature of our race.

So, then, let every man to the extent of his enlightenment appreciate and confess the Almighty God and give thanks unto his name, because he is good and because his mercy endureth forever. And let those who have tasted of his grace pursue on, that they may grow in grace, grow in knowledge, grow in faith and grow in charphetically the Psalmist exclaims. In acter-likeness to our God. And let his saints addressed in this text more and ised to the world, "O give thanks unto | more appreciate their wonderful privilege, their high calling of God in Christ Jesus-to be heirs of God and joint-God toward us and toward all who heirs with Jesus Christ our Lord-if so need bis mercy and who desire it that be that they suffer with him, that they knowing that they have need of faith ment, let these firmly trust the Great Teacher, come what may, and give thanks for every experience of life. knowing that our Father is too wise to But it is these very opportunities that err and remembering the Master's words, "The Father himself loveth

The Awakening.

Two weeks after he had faced the parson with the only girl in the world he chanced upon Jones, one of his old bachelor friends.

"Well, old man," remarked the latter, grinning. "I can't say you look the part of a happy benedict. What's the trouble? Have you suffered a disappointment?"

"I have," answered the other grimly.

My wife can't sing!" "Can't sing?" echoed Jones cheerily. "But in that case I should have said you were to be congratulated."

"That's not the trouble." responded the young husband. "The trouble is she thinks she can!"

SOCIETY

....... Pleasures of the Week.

The Degree of Honor held a special meeting on Thursday afternoon for with his four piece orchestra, which election of officers. The following includes Mr. Steckelberg's father, who ladies were elected for the ensuing is known the country over as one of year: Mrs. Alice Fairbanks, past chief the best cello players in the country. of honor; Mrs. Emma Keleher, chief Besides Mr. Steckelberg's orchestra, quence of this that a new song was of honor; Mrs. Della Case, lady of there will be a large number of other honor: Mrs. Jennie Larson, chief of musicians, including Ray Estabrook of ceremonies; Mrs. Anna Koerber, re- Norfolk, on the program. Carl Steckelcorder; Miss Alice Holt, financier; berg is now with the University Mrs. Lydia Ballantyne, receiver; Mrs. Sarah Leetch, usher; Mrs. Freda Per- teacher he was connected with some ry, inner watch; Mrs. Alta Hackett, of the greatest artists, having been outside watch, and Mrs. Louise instructor for some time in Professor Schwartz, captain of the drill team. Heerman's violin school in Frankfort. The new officers will be installed at Germany. He has traveled over many the first meeting of the lodge in Janu- countries throughout Zurope, giving

> ly entertained a number of friends at 6:30 dinner last evening in honor of violin. It is said that Mr. Steckelberg Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Bullock. Following and Jan Kubelik, the great Bohemian the dinner, which was served at small violinist, have no equal, and those who tables, bridge afforded pleasure dur- hear Mr. Steckelberg play here on ing the evening. High scores were December 14 may consider themselves won by Mrs. J. S. Mathewson and Mrs. very lucky. The proceeds of the en C. H. Reynolds among the ladies and tertainment go for the furnishing of braska farmers last summer in an ex- who have been here visiting the W. the gentlemen. It so happened that the prize in each case was a pair of bridge score books, so that instead of gational church are preparing for a cutting for the souvenirs, each of the social meeting in the church parlors four high score winners received a on Monday evening. The men are

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. South gave a Mrs. Edwin Booth, Mr. and Mrs. A. Randklev. A social evening followed the dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Witzigman were quite surprised last Saturday evening to find their daughter, Miss Kathryn, had invited a small company of friends to help celebrate the twentieth anniversary of their wedding. Miss Kathryn served a delicious little lunch after the visitors had laid away be pasteboards.

Mrs. E. S. South entertained a company of fourteen ladies at a pretty 1 o'clock luncheon on Tuesday. After the lunch, which was served in four courses, the ladies visited over their Christmas needle work. Mrs. South was assisted in serving by her neice, Miss Hurman, of St. Edwards, Neb.

Mrs. C. E. Burnham entertained the in respect to all those who are mem-Bridge club on Monday afternoon. bers of Christ-"in Christ Jesus" Mrs. N. A. Rainbolt and Mrs. D. Math-(Psalm cvii, 9; Matthew v, 6; Psalm ewson were guests of the club and to get along the best they can with Mrs. Julia McManus of Hawarden, Ia., was an out-of-town guest. Mrs. Burnham served lunch at the close of the

home of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Krahn sity of Berlin by her linguistic accomcludes all things. Nor is this the only Thursday night and a pleasant evening was spent. The next meeting of the Apostle's words which urge the the club will take place at the residence of Albert Degner next Thurs-

> Mrs. S. M. Braden entertained the Bridge club at a delightful 1 o'clock luncheon on Friday. Mrs. S. G. Mayer and Miss Faie Burnham were guests of the club, and Mrs. Julia McManus of Hawarden, Ia., was an out-of-town

A birthday party was given by Mrs. Stear for her son, Milton, last Monday, the occasion being his ninth birthday. A number of friends were invited and jolly afternoon was enjoyed.

A dancing party was given Saturday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Dietz, eight miles south of Norfolk. Refreshments were served throughout the evening.

The Chess club met with C. H. Krahn on Friday evening. The lunch overruled by Judge Crawford. served by Mrs. Krahn after the games were finished was thoroughly enjoyed.

The West Side whist club met in at the close of the evening.

The Ladies Aid society of the First Congregational church met in the church parlors Thursday afternoon to tie comfortables The ladies of the Baptist church met

in the home of Mrs. A. C. Stear on Thursday afternoon.

Thursday. Mrs. Sol G. Mayer entertained the Wednesday club this week.

Personals.

leans and Galveston, Texas.

Miss Maud Hurman will return to her home in St. Edwards on Monday. Miss Hurman has been a guest in the home of her aunt, Mrs. E. S. South, since Thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Gillette and family have returned from a visit in Sioux City, where they were guests of Mrs. Gillette's sister, Mrs. E. P. Farr.

Simon Mayer of Lincoln has been guest in the home of his brother, Sol G. Mayer, during the past week.

Hays. Mrs. E. A. Bullock spent Sunday in Missouri Valley.

his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John R.

Charles R. Hays of Denver visited

School of Music at Lincoln. As a concerts with great success. Mr. Steckelberg is of German parentage Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Bullock pleasant. but 'n American by birth. His great success has been in mastering the the Norfolk Y. M. C. A. building.

> The Men's club of the First Congre promising a splendid supper, with good speeches to follow it.

> The West Side Whist club will meet with Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Davenport next Thursday evening.

Kent-Benish.

The weding of Miss Lizzie Benish to John Kent was attended by 150 which never had been exposed to cholfriends of the contracting parties. era were bought from another farmer The ceremony was performed at the by Mr. Grinstead. Four of the eight Church of the Sacred Heart, after were inoculated with serum and four which a wedding reception was held were left untouched. The sick and at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph well hogs were put into the same pen. Benish, the bride's parents. The bride was gowned in drab silk and carried white carnations. The brides seventeen days the four hogs that had maid, Miss Clara Benish, was dressed not been inoculated caught the cholera in brilliantine. There were guests and died. One sick hog recovered and from Wayne, Pilger and Colorado the four that had been inoculated were points. Mr. and Mrs. Kent will live not touched by the disease. From four and a half miles west of town.

SPEAKS IN 54 LANGUAGES.

Of Course It's a Woman Who Possesses This Facility of Tongue.

Easthampton, Mass., Dec. 4.-Miss men because she can express her guages, while the most of them have one. Probably only one other woman in America, at least, approaches Miss Colton as a linguist, and that is Miss Mary Montgomery, daughter of a Presbyterian missionary in Turkey, who tionary of Oriental languages in New York. Miss Colton has studied the a formal charge against the man. live and dead languages at various schools on three continents, and has recently returned from a stay of a year and a half in India.

Rome Miller Case Saturday. Omaha, Dec. 3 .- The arguments in

the case of Rome Miller, charged with violating the 8 o'clock closing law, will be heard Saturday morning by Police Judge Crawford, before whom the case was tried Wednesday morning. A motion of John C. Wharton. representing Mr. Miller, that the defendant be discharged and the case dismissed, on the ground that there was no evidence to show that Rome Miller sold the beer alleged to have been bought by agents of the antisaloon league, that he did not own or run the Rome hotel or the Rome vineyard, or that any of the people employed there were his servants, was

There were four counts in the complaint against Rome Miler, the dates on which alleged sales of intoxicants were made being October 6, 7 and 13, the home of C. S. Bridge on Tuesday and November 2, on each occasion evening. A dainty lunch was served after the hour of 8 o'clock in the evening. Attorney Wharton contended from the start that the state had failed to establish evidence directly connecting the accused with the commission of a crime. In his opening statement Wharton objected to the trial of the case in police court and asked for a trial by jury. He declared the law prohibiting the accused a trial by jury was unconstitutional and re-The Ladies' guild of Trinity church quested the court to defer its ruling met with Mrs. C. H. Reynolds on and hear the evidence subject to the objection.

Four witnesses testified on behalf of the anti-saloon league, Harry A. Stone, Fred Cavan, Frank Erdman and C. A. Holyoke, while the defendant was the only witness sworn in Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Chaffee expect his behalf. The plaintiffs bought and to leave Tuesday for a four weeks trip drank beer at the Rome. After listthrough the south. After a visit in ening to the testimony, and refusing Missouri they will go on to New Or- to consider the motion for dismissal, the court consented to adjourn the arguments until Saturday, following the regular session of police court. The court did not intimate a decision would be made at that time.

Mr. Miller said his instructions to his bartenders were not to violate the law, but to close the bar and cease the sale of liquor before 8 o'clock at night, and not to begin again before 7 o'clock in the morning. He positively denied having any persons employed in the vineyard in his employ.

PROVED HOG SERUM CURES.

Nebraska Farmer's Experiment Saved His Drove.

Stella, Neb., Dec. 3 .- Proof of the effectiveness of the serum treatment in hog cholera, which is killing thousands of hogs in Kansas, was shown to Ne-

Y. M. C. A. to make their musical entertainment here a success. Carl Steckelberg, who has an international reputation as a violinist, will be here with his four piece orchestra, which ucludes Mr. Steckelberg's father, who known the country of the state of the make their musical entertainment bere a success. Carl Maddan:

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At Mr. Grinstead's request Dr. W. B. Niles, who conducted the experiment at the Kansas City stock yards in July and August, was sent to Salem. Seven sick hogs were taken from Mr. Grinstead's herd, and eight healthy ones

Within twenty-four hours six of the seven sick hogs had died and within these hogs serum was obtained with and in a short time the disease had been stamped out.

Any veterinary surgeon can make

thoughts in fifty-four different lan- Mrs. Ellen Robinson of Lincoln Suc-

cumbs to Husband's Bullet. Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 3.-Mrs. Ellen Robinson, the Lincoln woman who was shot by her husband at this place Sunday, died last evening, Robinson, who shot himself, is improving and it The Norfolk Chess club met at the astonished the faculty of the Univer- is believed will recover. County Attorney McGuire was with Mrs. Robin- the hack lines would not make the trip dying statement preparatory to filing

FRIDAY FACTS.

C. W. Lemont was at Meadow Grove. Dr. W. H. Pilger returned from

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Roke, who have been here visiting relatives, returned

W. M. Liujohn of Stuart was here on business.

G. W. Saxton of Verdel was in the ity on business. G. S. Southworth returned from a

business trip at Lincoln. Miss Marie Hanoff of Stanton visted with friends here.

city transacting business. in the city visiting friends. Mrs. Fechner and daughter, Pauline,

f Stanton, called on friends here. Mrs. Phillips and her son, Albert, Santa Claus here is was not stated.

A. Moldenhauer family, have gone to Rock Rapids, Ia.

A. L. Killian, who has been in Chicago purchasing holiday goods, returned to Norfolk at noon. Mrs. Killvisited many friends.

Councilman C. J. Hibben is suffering from a slight attack of pneumonia. H. F. Barnhart has gone to Omaha to try a divorce case in the district court there.

The Damascas commandery, No. 20, will hold a special meeting tonight for work in the R. C. degree.

The Womans Relief Corps will have election of officers Saturday afternoon at the G. A. R. hall. Members are requested to be present.

Telegraphic communications from Spokane report the condition of Edward Dixon as improving. Dixon recently underwent a fourth operation on one of his legs, which had been broken in a wreck.

Mrs. N. P. Nielsen, 207 South Ninth street, is in the Omaha General hoswhich other hogs had been treated, pital, where she underwent a surgical operation Wednesday. Mrs. Nielsen was operated upon by Dr. E. R. Powell. She is reported to be getting along as well as could be expected.

A private memorial service will be held by the Norfolk Elks at their lodge Elizabeth S. Colton of Easthampton has a great advantage over other woof the members who would be called upon to make up the speakers and singers, a program, which is usually the custom, will be done away with this year.

Transportation conditions around Norfolk are probably in the worst shape they have ever been before. The roads between here and the Junction are in such bad shape that some of at many times. Many vehicles were stuck in the mud on Main street. "It's bad enough for a cab to drive to the Junction for a payment of twenty-five cents," said a citizen today, "but it's worse yet to haul a ton of cal there

for the same amount." While sorting the mails in the local postoffice one of the clerks came across the first letter addressed in a child's large hand writing to "Santa Claus." In one corner was written, "From 504 South Ninth Street." With much regret the clerk put it in the return mail and the little one will receive the letter instead of the gifts asked for. When Delivery Clerk Jonas was

asked what he would do in case some one would call for a letter for "Santa Claus" at his window he said, "I would not give it to him because there is H. G. Corell of Plainview was in the no such party. I would have to send it to the dead letter office." In a dis-Mrs. John Duncan of Hoskins was cussion by the clerks it was the sentiment that Jonas was wrong and that there was a Santa Claus who could be found in the postoffice. Who the

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