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### FACTS ABOUT NEBRASKA.

With the nation's corn crop falling more than a hundred million bushels below that of last year Nebraska's crop will be more than twice as great as for 1926. The average yield over the state is 33 bushels per acre and the quality is 90 per cent perfect. The yield will be approximately 282 million bushels, which is one-fourth above the ten-year average.

The South Platte people tried to secede from Nebraska Territory in 1859. Delegations were sent to Washington and to Kansas with a view to being attached to the latter territory.

The per capita wealth of Nebraska in 1922 was \$4,004, as against a national average of \$2,918. Nevada led with an average of \$6,988, with South Dakota following at \$4,482. Iowa with \$4,274, Oregon with \$4,182 and California beating Nebraska by three dollars per head. Mississippi was lowest at \$1,216 with other Southern states slightly above.

Four Nebraska counties were named from territorial governors, Burt, Cumming, Richardson and Saunders.

### SCHOOL NOTES.

The Eighth Grade—The following are up to the standard in Spelling: Phyllis Hough, Helen Hancock, Marie Williams, Elizabeth Henry, John Harbottle, Clarence Saunto, Marjory Brittle, Marjorie Gillespie, Geraldine Madison, and Cecil Sparks. Jean Selah is slightly below the standard. This was determined by taking the quarterly uniform test. The class took up the study of Geography Tuesday, and are using the Branom practice tests in connection with the work.

High School—Semester examination for first semester will be given January 12th and 13th. The second semester begins January 16th. Registration for second semester work will begin Friday, January 6th, when all Seniors will register. The Juniors will register January 9th, the Sophomores the 10th and Freshman 11th.

The Juniors and Seniors held a joint party at the High School Auditorium, Wednesday evening, January 4th. The O'Neill High School basketball team can be seen in action against Inman High School, at the gymnasium, on Friday, January 6th, at 8 p. m.

The High School teachers have been busy cataloging the new High School library and many new books have been ordered.

The Board of Education at the regular meeting of January 2nd, ruled that Normal Training pupils should no longer be permitted to do substitute teaching and that in the future on the absence of regular teachers that a qualified substitute teacher be employed. The salary for the substitute teachers to be \$4.00 per day

below the 9th grade, and \$5.00 per day in the high school. Those who desire to do substitute teaching should send in their names, and certifications to Superintendent E. H. Suhr, immediately.

Parent-Teachers. Parent Teachers will meet at the High School Auditorium, Tuesday, January 10, at 3:30 p. m. The following program will be given:   
Pantomime—The Lamp Went Out   
Song \_\_\_\_\_ Ninth Grade   
Piano Solo \_\_\_\_\_ Second Grade   
The discussion will be on health.

LINDBERGH STUDIES MAP JUST BEFORE HIS FLIGHT TO MEXICO CITY   
Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh, first to fly the Atlantic to Paris, spent



several hours at the office of the Assistant Chief of Naval Aeronautics studying maps of the proposed route to Mexico City, which he completed in a non-top record-breaking feat.

### EVERGREEN TYPICAL OF CHRISTMAS

Midwinter festivals and evergreen decorations go back to the days of Rome when that nation was at the pinnacle of its might. The custom spread and later the Christmas spirit overshadowed the carnival idea. Evergreen trees have long been the symbol of everlasting life, typical of the Christ, and the practice of supporting gifts and candles from the boughs has caused them to be increasingly popular in the late practical age. The Christmas celebration came into universal popularity in England. There holly was first used for decorations, and the mistletoe, the sacred plant of the ancient Druids, was employed to give a touch of serious mien. The idea of illumination of Christmas trees goes back beyond ability to trace. There has been a late revival of the very ancient practice of community Christmas trees and the late beautifully decorated and lighted evergreen trees, with their appropriate emblems and greetings

may be found in a majority of the enterprising cities and villages in the state. The impetus given to trade and commerce during the holiday season is scarcely to be considered in contrast with the beautiful spirit which pervades the Yuletide as it is typified by the decorated evergreen trees that are placed in homes and community centers.

### EDITORS AND DOCTORS.

A Boys' Essay on These Two Public Servants.

"I don't know how newspapers got into the world and I don't think God does, for He ain't got nothing to say about them in the Bible. I think the editor is the missing link we read of, and stayed in the bushes after the flood and then came out and wrote the thing up, and has been kept here ever since. If the editor makes mistakes, folks say he ought to be hung; but if the doctor makes mistakes, he buries them and people don't say nothing because they can't read and write Latin. When the editor makes mistakes there is a big lawsuit and sweating and a big fuss, but if the doctor makes one there is a funeral, cut flowers, and a perfect silence. A doctor can use a word a yard long without him or anyone else knowing what it means, but if the editor uses one, he has to spell it. If the doctor goes to see another man's wife he charges the man for the visit, but if the editor does he gets a charge of buckshot. Any college can make doctors to order, but editors has to be born."

### THE WISE FRIEND.

Once upon a time—and not very long ago—there was a brother and sister who had a friend. A very special friend he was, who told them stories about men who flew through the skies over far-flung spaces of the earth; of boys and girls who had thrilling and mysterious adventures; of others who had most unusual situations confront them, yet managed to come through their tests with steadfast and courageous hearts; of wild animals in deep jungles—how they lived, hunted, and died. Such a host of things did their good friend tell them of, and how interestingly he told them!

Came the time when their friend moved away to another town. Brother and sister were saddened by his going, for they knew they would miss his cherry smile and the wonderful stories and anecdotes he was so fond of telling them. Then one day the postman brought them a letter from their friend, in which he told them he was sending them The Youth's Companion so that they would not forget him, and that in it they would find just the sort of stories they had so much enjoyed hearing him tell.

And sure enough, a day or two later the magazine arrived, and brother and sister found that it truly did have just such wonderful stories of adventure and sport and mystery and just such jokes as they loved so well. And every time that a new number of The Youth's Companion arrived, they write a note to their friend and told him how much pleasure the magazine gave them.

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### YULETIDE A JOLLY TIME.

Yuletide, as everyone knows, is the time of year when Christmas is celebrated with all its merry-making and gaiety. But how did Christmas ever happen to get the strange name of "yuletide"? It appears that the word yule, which used to be the name of Christmas in old England, is per-

haps descended from a word which means "jolly"—perhaps even from the same word whence jolly originated!

There was an old Iceland Christmas festival known as "jol" with the j pronounced like y. This bears a strong resemblance to the modern word jolly. The French word "joli," which means pretty, is apparently related to these same words. There is in all of them a strong suggestion of good spirits, of happiness, of good will toward one's fellow beings.

In older days there was a custom of dragging in a special log for the great hearth fire. This was known as the yule log, and it was laid, says Webster's New International Dictionary, "as the foundation of the fire" on Christmas Eve, being "brought in with much ceremony."

Because of a custom that is so old its origin is almost lost in antiquity, holly always brings to mind Christmas and its attendant good fun and general joy. Holly, of course, has no direct connection with Christmas. But since the plant's green leaves and red berries are attractive for decorative purposes, the holly was early used for interior adornment, being among the evergreens available at Christmas time.

Naturally, various beliefs grew up around the holly. It was considered unlucky to bring it into the house before Christmas, for example. Although at first glance the word holly appears to be related to "jolly," it really is not—the word is Anglo-Saxon in origin. From the same source came the holm or holm oak, also used for decorative purposes.

The sprig of mistletoe also belongs to Christmas. The word is Anglo-Saxon, showing at once the venerable age of the plant's holiday significance. It means a twig or branch of mistletoe, which is usually the way the plant is seen nowadays.

As for the popular association of mistletoe with kissing if caught under a branch of it, Webster's New International Dictionary has this to say:

The mistletoe "grows pendent from various trees, especially the apple, rarely the oak; when found on the latter it was held in special veneration by the druids, and was at all times a ceremonial plant among early

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### CHAMBERS ITEMS.

Mrs. J. D. Grimes is ill at the home of her son, G. H. Grimes.

Miss Clela Hanna, of Omaha, spent the holidays with her father, B. G. Hanna.

Mrs. Arthur Tibbett, of O'Neill, spent last week with her father, B. G. Hanna at Chambers.

Glen Adams, who is a student at Wesleyan University, has been spending the holidays at home.

The three children of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Osborn are convalescing after an attack of Scarlet fever.

E. V. Grubb motored to Tilden, Sunday, and Mrs. Grubb and infant son returned home with him Monday.

George DeKay, who is a student at the State University at Lincoln, spent the holidays with his family at Chambers.

Prof. and Mrs. Bower Sageser left for Nickerson, Sunday, after a pleasant visit with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Sageser.

Prof. Wm. Kretka, who has been spending the holidays at Lincoln, returned to Chambers, Sunday, to resume his work in the school room.

Mrs. Dewey Holcomb, who has been ill the past week, was taken to the hospital at Stuart, Saturday, where she was operated on for appendicitis with satisfactory results.

Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Gill entertained at a six o'clock dinner, Thursday, in

honor of Prof. H. L. Thompson, of Lincoln, who has been visiting his many friends at Chambers during the holidays.

Owing to an attack of tonsillitis, with which she has been suffering, Miss Eleanor Sammons, was unable to return to Nickerson, Monday, where she is a student at the Nickerson high school.

### BRICK BATS.

Two politicians, Raw Raw and Rare, are feeling mighty sad; for them the world is full of care, because they have been bad. They wanted fame in politics, they had the kale to spend; so they cooked up schemes and shady tricks to gain a crooked end. They hooked the votes from left and right, and chortled in their glee; their creed was "Having cash is might and all things have their fee." They won the fight—or thought they did—by spending loads of yen, and figured that the highest bid won seats as Congressmen. But Congress does have honest guys—the same we must admit—who are not fooled by tricks and lies—So Raw and Rare don't sit. They're branded for the world to see that crooks must ever fail; the plums they shook from out the tree are wormy, sour and stale. There's lost of men like Raw and Rare who think that cash is might; who only for themselves do care, unheeding wrong and right. They always seem to win at first because they have the tin; but schemes and crooks are surely cursed—they never really win.—Brick Smith.

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