

CHRISTMAS DOINGS AT MASONIC HOME AND ORPHANAGE

Christmas at the Nebraska Masonic Home in this city was a very pleasant event for the old folks at the Home, as well as the youngsters at the Eastern Star orphanage, and the festivities continued from Christmas eve until the close of Christmas day. On Christmas eve a large tree was held in the parlors at the Home, which was laden down with gifts and remembrances for everyone, and there was something for everybody in the Home placed on the tree. Gifts were received in large numbers from the members of the Masonic lodges in Omaha, as well as other lodges throughout the state, which gladdened the hearts of all, and the members of the Eastern Star from the different chapters also added their part in the delights of the Christmas season with gifts and tokens of love and esteem to the family at the Home.

After the distribution of the gifts the time was spent pleasantly in enjoying the good cheer of the occasion. At noon Christmas day the members of the Home were treated to a rare feast which had been prepared by Superintendent and Mrs. Askwith for their benefit, and the following appetizing menu was served:

- Roast Turkey. Dressing.
- Gilbet Gravy.
- Roast Sweet Potatoes.
- Mashed Potatoes.
- Coldslaw. Celery.
- Cranberry Sauce.
- Nuts. Mine Pie. Candy.
- Bread. Butter. Milk.
- Coffee. Tea.

The occasion will be very pleasantly remembered as one in which the feeling of Christmas cheer and good fellowship found its fullest expression and the members of the Home feel that they have never had a more delightful time.

MUST WALK STRAIGHT IN PLATTSMOUTH ON CHRISTMAS EVEN

George Smith, giving his residence as Iowa, came into this city Saturday and proceeded to take on board a large quantity of Nebraska corn juice, which he was unable to handle in proper shape, and which resulted in his falling into the hands of the law, with consequences which proved to George that the way of the wrongdoer is beset with troubles galore. The Iowa gentleman finally ended by falling into the hands of the law, and on promise of going back to Iowa and depositing a bond to cover the amount of a possible fine, he was allowed to go, and this morning in Judge Archer's court the bond was forfeited and the amount added to the cash receipts of the office, as George failed to make his appearance.

FARM LOANS, at 5 per cent and 5 1/2 per cent. No delays. T. H. Pollock.

BASKET BALL GAME ON ROLLER SKATES

The basket ball game on roller skates which was held at the Crystal Star rink on Saturday evening, attracted quite a large number and much amusement as well as interest was created in watching the antics of the teams as they played the sport. The teams contesting were the Sharks and the All Stars, and the victory at the close rested with the Sharks by a score of 17 to 2. The Sharks were composed of Hatt, Drulliner, Sattler, Walling, Waintraub, and the All Stars of Briggs, Buttery, Waincoat, Forbes and Rebal. The boys feel well pleased over the result of their victory, which was won with brilliant playing.

DELIGHTFUL PARTY AT THE AUGUST ENGELKEMEIER HOME

A most delightful Christmas party was held at the pleasant county home of Mr. and Mrs. August Engelkemeier, southwest of Murray, Saturday evening. The rooms of the Engelkemeier home had been made very attractive with the Christmas decorations, and during the evening Santa Claus made his appearance and presented gifts to all. Many other amusements and games were indulged in, which made the occasion a most enjoyable one. At a suitable time delicious and tempting refreshments were served, which materially added to the pleasures of the evening. After the serving of the luncheon a few moments were devoted to a social time and then, after wishing the host and hostess a Merry Christmas, the guests departed for their homes, having thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Those in attendance were: Messrs and Mesdames John Albert, Fred Engelkemeier, Henry Engelkemeier and family, Julius Engelkemeier and family, Philip Albert and family, Otto Puls and family, Henry Albert and family, Jake Kraeger and family, George Engelkemeier, Misses Margaret and Emma Albert, Rosa Engelkemeier, Gladys Wistler, Josephine Frivel, Messrs. Guy McGill, Fred Kahler, LoVisa Albert, Mr. and Mrs. August Engelkemeier and daughter, Margaret.

Mrs. J. H. Thrasher Better. Mrs. J. H. Thrasher who has been suffering for the past week or ten days with the grippe, is now able to be up and around and is feeling a great deal improved in health, although she is still far from being well, and has suffered considerably from her illness.

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CHRISTMAS SPIRIT HALTS SLAUGHTER FOR THE DAY

Only Desultory Firing mars the Yuletide Celebrations—Millions of Gifts Reach Soldiers.

VIRTUAL TRUCE IN FRANCE

London, Dec. 26.—Christmas day passed without a single infantry fight of any importance on the long Franco-Flanders front, with unimportant patrol skirmishes on the Russian front and without a single shot being fired along the Serbo-Greek frontier. Official dispatches reported only artillery duels. In Flanders the French, Belgian and British batteries continued to exchange shots with the German artillery around Ypres, Lombarzyde and Dixmude. In France the struggle for the summit of Hartmanns-wellerkopf ceased Christmas day though artillery continued to seek out enemy works. "In the Champagne region, our gunners dispersed an enemy offensive on the Tahure-Somme-Py road," said tonight's Paris communique. "Our batteries also successfully bombarded German positions south of Angres and around Arras."

The official statement from Vienna confirmed Berlin reports of a lull in the fighting on the Russian front and indicates a quiet Christmas in the Italian war theatre. Truce in France. A virtual truce existed on both the Franco-Flanders and Russian fronts on Christmas eve. Only desultory firing, the official statements indicated, disturbed the Yuletide celebrations in the trenches, the unwrapping of millions of presents from "the folks back home" and the impromptu vaudeville entertainments behind the lines.

The official statement from the British war office reported about normal artillery activity along the Flanders front on Christmas day, but mentioned no important infantry clashes, and unofficial reports from Paris said no important engagements occurred, except possibly in the Vosges. There was little likelihood, Paris reported, that the scenes of last year, when Germans, French and British fraternized on Christmas day between the trenches, were repeated because of the feelings of bitterness on both sides of the battle front. The British war office statement reported artillery activity on both sides throughout Friday and on Christmas eve around Ypres. Otherwise the night before Christmas brought an absolute lull along the British front. Germans Halt. The German war office statement mentioned minor operations against the British around La Bassée, but indicated a halt in the bloody fighting on the snowy slopes of Hartmanns-wellerkopf.

"West of La Bassée, the enemy's mining works were destroyed by successful German blasting," said the official statement from Berlin. "Otherwise the western front was quiet. "On the Russian front there were patrol engagements at several places in which the Russian reconnoitering parties, trying to approach the German line, were repulsed. Otherwise there was an utter calm."

Athens dispatches reported not a single shot exchanged between the opposing armies lined up along the Greek border. Anglo-French soldiers at Saloniki flocked to Christmas entertainments. Only Aerial Scouts. Saloniki, Dec. 26.—Not one shot was fired along the Balkan front on Christmas day. The faint hum of propellers of aerial scouts of the opposing armies was the only warlike sound along the border. At no point were the Anglo-French forces and the Bulgars in contact. The recent retirement of the Bulgarian forces to avoid frontier clashes with the Greeks put a strip of land several miles wide between the two armies.

E. B. Taylor of Weening Water was in the city today for a few hours looking after some legal matters at the court house.

There is no such disease as cholera in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure, with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven cholera to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Mall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by E. J. Casey & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address: E. J. CASEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio Sold by Druggists, etc. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

A Quaint Christmas Custom

Blowing in the Yule from the grim old tower that had stood 800 years against the blasts of the North sea was one of the customs of the old town that abide, however it fares with the Nisse; that I know. At sun-up, while yet the people were at breakfast, the town band climbed the many steep ladders to the top of the tower, and up there, in fair weather or foul—and sometimes it blew great gusts from the windy sea—they played four old hymns, one to each corner of the compass, so that no one was forgotten. They always began with Luther's sturdy challenge, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God," while down below we listened devoutly.

There was something both weird and beautiful about those faraway strains in the early morning light of the northern winter, something that was not of earth, and that suggested to my child's imagination the angels' songs on far Judean hills. Even now, after all these years, the memory of it does that. It could not have been because the music was so rare, for the band was made up of small storekeepers and artisans who thus turned an honest penny on festive occasions. Inconspicuously enough, I think, the official town mourner, who made people to funerals, was one of them. It was like the burghers' guard, the colonel of which—we thought him at least a general, because of the huge brass sword he trailed when he marched at the head of his men—was the town tailor, a very small but very martial man. But whether or no, it was beautiful. I have never heard music since that so moved me. When the last strain died away came the big bells with their deep voices that sang far out over field and heath, and our Yule was fairly under way.—Jacob A. Riis, in Century.

Christmas In the Home

Many of the most beautiful things of life are but memories. Here is an incident which may become for some readers a pleasant and recurring realization of joy. It was the good fortune of the writer a few years ago to be the Christmas guest at a home where the true idea of Christmas cheer and spirit was realized. On the eve of the great day the father of the flock brought forth Dickens' "Christmas Carol," and a well worn copy it was too. After they had gathered about the fireplace he read aloud the first part of the story. Then mother and each child in turn participated until the story was completed. Many times had the writer read the carol, but under the conditions just related the beautiful tale had a newer meaning than had ever before been experienced. "When I came into that home at the Christmas season long since past," he said, "I could sense the real and true spirit of the occasion, and when I was told that the reading of this tale had been a custom of years I felt I knew the well spring in which the spirit had its growth. I have now adopted the custom in my own family, with a few changes. The story is, of course, quite long for one reading, so we have developed the plan of beginning the reading a week before the great day, reading part each night. Then when Christmas eve comes I have found it additionally valuable in fostering the Christmas spirit to have read aloud the wonderful, beautiful story of the nativity from the second chapter of St. Luke. We then complete the Carol, and every one is then truly ready for the glorious dawning of the morrow."

An Old Time English Christmas

"On Christmas day, service in the church ended, the gentlemen presently repair into the hall to breakfast, with brown, mustard and malmsey," says an account of a sixteenth century English Christmas. "At dinner the butler apportioned for the Christmas is to see the tables covered and furnished, and the ordinary butlers of the house are decently to set bread, napkins and trenchers, in good form, at every table—with spoons and knives. At the first course is served a fair and large boar's head, upon a silver platter, with minstrelsy. "Two servants are to attend at supper and to bear two fair torches of wax, next before the musicians and trumpeters, and stand above the fire with the music till the first course be served in through the hall. Which performed, they with the music are to return into the buttery. "At night, before supper, are revels and dancing, and so also after supper, during the twelve days of Christmas." At this time the nobility had entirely discarded their joints of salted beef and platters of wood and pewter, together with the swarm of jesters, tumblers and harpers that formerly had been indispensable to the banquet room; a stately ceremonial and solemn silence were considered to be the indications of true politeness. The table was daily set out with a great variety of dishes. When the company had finished eating the remaining provisions were sent to the waiters and servants, and when these had sufficiently dined the fragments were distributed among the poor.

AND THE REINDEER CAME.

What They Brought Up to the Home of the Little Rich Girl. "An—an" the teacher said. "Isiped the baby of the rich. "There was reindeer hitched to sleighs full of dolls an' toys an' things, running over tops of houses on the night before Christmas." "Yes," the proud father answered, "the teacher was right. They drove over your house last night, and Santa Claus unloaded a whole Christmas tree full of things for you."

They carried the little rich girl down the wide marble stairway to the oak paneled library on the first floor. There, between stained glass windows, was a ceiling high Christmas tree grinning with toy clowns, Shetland ponies, fairies with jeweled clothes and knobby parcels in delicate wrappings concealed in the evergreen branches. Some one turned a switch, which lighted the tree. A tiny box hung far out on a green branch, which the rich baby's father detached and opened. The baby bent over it with an uncomprehending look. It contained gold and gifts to her self, she went up to the miniature house and doll family within her reach under the tree. There was the doll mother hovering over bisque children, who sat in tiny baby chairs. The house had curtains, carpets, a kitchen, real stairs and a nursery. The baby stood before it in wonderment. Then she spied prancing reindeer attached to a toy sleigh, the back of which was filled with games, with ducks which bobbed their heads while they said "Quack," and little doll garters, which had lace covers and sun shades.

The morning or the afternoon of Christmas day and many other mornings and afternoons were not long enough for the baby to examine and play with all the toys and gifts which that stalwart tree held for her. "An—an" the teacher said," added the rich baby, "that sometimes the reindeer and the sleigh stopped for only a minute at a chimney, to leave one toy, an' sometimes—sometimes he did not stop at all."—New York Evening Post.

END OF THE WAR NEAR SO SAYS KING GEORGE

England's Ruler Expresses His Faith in the Nation's Army and Navy.

London, Dec. 26.—The end of the world war is drawing nearer, King George assured the men of the British army and navy in a message of Christmas greeting.

"I desire to convey on behalf of myself and the queen, heartfelt Christmas greetings and good wishes for the new year," said the royal message. "In the officers and men of the navy I repose absolute trust. On the officers and men of the armies, I rely with equal faith, confident that their devotion, valor and self-sacrifice under God's guidance will lead us to victory and an honorable peace. "Another year is drawing to a close as it began, in toil and bloodshed and suffering. But I rejoice that the goal for which you are striving draws nearer."

Elks' Formal Dance. The Elks will hold a formal dance at the club house on Friday evening, December 31st, to which the members of the order and their families are invited. It had been expected to hold a masquerade on this date, but the inability made necessary the change in plans.

If you want New Year cards this season, see the fine line at the Journal office.

E. O. Steihm and wife and daughter were Christmas visitors here at the home of Judge and Mrs. J. E. Douglass, the parents of Mrs. Steihm.

Ed McMaken and family of Sheridan, Wyoming, came in Friday evening to visit over the holidays at the home of his brother, J. H. McMaken and family.

L. D. Hjatt and wife of Murray came up Saturday evening and visited over Sunday in this city with their relatives and friends, returning home last evening.

John M. Epinetter and family of Omaha were over Christmas visitors in this city at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Patterson, enjoying the holiday festivities.

Paul Outland and wife came down from Omaha Friday evening and visited over Sunday with relatives and friends, being guests of Mrs. Outland's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Buttery.



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