

Round About New York

New York, Dec. 24.—New York is a christian city. There are many Jews, of course—more than in Palestine. Probably also more Moslems than in Mecca, and thousands of persons of other faiths and of none. There are higher and lower critics who look upon all religions as gross superstitions, who speak airily of "the Christ myth," and who dismiss Christmas as but a survival of the annual festival of the pagans celebrating the triumph of the sun over the powers of darkness. Yet with the necessary exceptions, taken by and large and altogether, New York is a christian city. As such, it is on the eve of celebrating the birthday of the Son of God.

This fact has not escaped the observation of my friend, Mr. Wing, the son of a wealthy Pekin merchant, who is engaged in absorbing information at one of our leading founts of learning. Although he wears good clothes and speaks good English, he is but a health-chinese, after all, and his remarks are not to be taken seriously.

"I admire your christian civilization very much," said Mr. Wing, "very much, indeed. Yet I am at a loss to account for your way of observing the nativity of the Saviour whom you worship. Last Christmas, I observed a no inconsiderable proportion of your adult male population celebrated the day by becoming what you call—soused, is it not? In the fashionable restaurants I also observed many women who were—ah—verging on that condition. The saloons all over the city, I noticed, were packed full of men, whose devotions appeared to center upon some persons—or so I gathered from the signs—named Thomas and Jeremiah.

"Another thing that seems to me rather odd is that on every street corner there are persons in fantastic garb collecting money for charity. And standing near them I have seen poor old men and women and little, shivering boys and girls, selling papers and gew-gaws. It seems to me that your charity might be more direct.

"Your custom of giving gifts at the Christmas, too, seems peculiar to the unenlightened oriental. Last year one of my college associates told me that he received eighty-two presents from resenting a total expenditure of over a thousand dollars, and having an actual value to him, he said, of thirty cents. What a tremendous economic waste such a system must involve!

"In China we celebrate the birthday of Confucius by reading and studying his precepts. Of course, we do not look upon the great sage as a god, and perhaps this should make a difference in the mode of observance. But at any rate, we do not suffer—that you call it—the morning after head, and we are not broke, as you say."

A few years ago, if a physician had prescribed open windows and applications of ice cold water as a cure for a cough, he would probably have been sent to the psychopathic ward for examination into his sanity. This is the sort of treatment which many leading New York physicians advise, under certain conditions, for sufferers from "colds" and influenza. Pneumonia patients, even, have been treated in this manner and have recovered. It is unnecessary to add that the air and cold water cure should be undertaken only under the direction of a doctor.

Mayor Gaynor is a believer in the efficiency of fresh air and exercise as aids to health, and to the fact that he practices what he preached he attributes his speedy recovery from the wound inflicted by a would-be assassin. When a citizen wrote to him, complaining of the lack of heat in street, elevated and subway cars, Mayor Gaynor replied:

"So far as I am concerned I wish the cars were not heated at all. Your statement that at least 5,000 people die every year from cold in the street cars seems to me a great exaggeration. Suppose you stay out of doors and walk back and forth for a month. I will warrant that at the end of that time you will not care much about heat in the cars and that, moreover, you will not feel like complaining with everybody and everything in the world."

Physicians say that the mayor is right, and that if cars were not heated at all the health of the public would be all the better for it. Cars that are kept very warm, it is alleged, do more than any other agency in the spread of pneumonia, influenza and tuberculosis.

The passenger, bundled up in an overcoat, enters the car and soon, if it be very warm, begins to perspire. Then the car door is opened and a blast of air chills him. During his journey he is alternately hot and cold, and if there is anyone in the car suffering from a cold—as there is almost certain to be—he is breathing in the germs that may develop pneumonia. Upon leaving the car he is exposed to the full vigor of the icy blasts, and, as he has been wearing his overcoat in the warm car, it affords him little protection. By this method, say the doctors, at least a half of the throat and lung affections of New Yorkers are contracted and developed.

Tests made by Dr. George L. Meylan, director of the Columbia university gymnasium, seem to prove conclusively that tobacco does not stunt the physical growth and health.

Two hundred and thirty-three Columbia students were used in the investigation. Of these, 115 were habitual smokers. Records of their physical condition covering a period of two

years showed that sixty-six smokers gained an average of eight pounds in weight, and 1.2 centimetres in height, as against six pounds and 1.1 centimetres for the non-smokers. The devotees of Lady Nicotine also surpassed the non-smokers in total strength. Of the students who smoke 47 percent won places on varsity teams as against 37 percent for the non-smokers. Of all the students of the university 52 percent are smokers, and of the athletes 56 percent smoke. In scholarship, the non-smokers showed themselves a trifle superior to the smokers, but this is accounted for by their lesser athletic activities.

EUROPEAN NEWS AND VIEWS

London, Dec. 24.—For the present at least politics will have no place in the thoughts of Britifshers. Christmas is upon the civilized nations of the world, and most of them have accepted the custom of its celebration, whether they are christians or not. Christmas day falling on Sunday this year, the religious feature of the Christmas festival will come more prominently to the foreground than in other years. All of the leading churches of London will have elaborate services, special musical programs having been prepared for the occasion. At the Royal Palace the celebration will be of a rather quiet nature, not only because of the family's private mourning for the late King Edward, but also because Queen Mary has recently been plunged into mourning by the death of her brother, Prince Francis of Teck. For the children, however, there will be plenty of Christmas cheer, and it will fall to the lot of the new prince of Wales and his brothers and sister to distribute gifts to the employes about the palace and to the poor of the city, through the various societies organized to help the poor.

At the American embassy plans have been made to celebrate the season fittingly, though quietly, for Mrs. Reid, wife of the American ambassador, is also in mourning for her father, Consul General and Mrs. Griffiths will entertain extensively. Mr. Griffiths having recently returned from a vacation spent in the United States.

The leading west end hotels have made elaborate preparations for the celebration of both Christmas and New Year's eves. Tables were reserved months ago for dinner parties and after-theater suppers. This practice has grown up in recent years and is adopted in many cases by people who live in London, many of whom have taken up the fad for the purpose of giving their servants a holiday.

At Paris, Ambassador and Mrs. Bacon will give a series of Christmas holiday entertainments. Mrs. Hill, wife of the American ambassador at Berlin, has been spending a while in Paris, resting from the fatigue of getting their new home in order, but has returned to preside over the holiday functions to be given to prominent Germans and Americans during the Christmas week. At Vienna, Ambassador and Mrs. Kerens have sent out a large number of invitations for important social events. The Kerens are rapidly establishing a record for lavish entertaining that compares favorably with the pace set by the Reids in London.

Hotel sharpers, swindlers and thieves who have victimized many an over-confident American on his travels abroad are going to have a hard time from January, next. An international crusade against them has been started, headed by the Swiss, hotel keepers, who have for two years been publishing descriptions and photographs of "well known hotel rats," as they are named in Europe. Seventy of the principal towns in England, Germany, France, Austria, Italy, Belgium and Holland have joined the movement and other countries are expected to follow suit.

Japanese competition is making serious inroads upon British industries, handicapped as they are by free trade. While British trade is booming, according to the free trade importers, Japanese cheap labor is displacing English produce in the hardware, cotton goods and dressmaking trades. London west end shops today offer French costumes made on the latest French models and exquisitely worked, but made in Japan, at one-fourth the cost for labor that would be paid to English dressmakers. At other shops can be bought dinner and tea services modelled in Japan on the best English Doulton and Minton designs and perfectly turned out at one-third the price of the genuine English goods and it is the same with cotton materials.

The sultan of Morocco has decided to reorganize his army into a smaller but well drilled and well equipped force. It is improbable that more than 5,000 men will be recruited, as the sultan realizes that they will never be required except against his own subjects. The old army is being disbanded and only such troops as are medically fit are recruited. The Moorish officers who have made a profitable living out of their positions, are extremely antagonistic to the new system, especially as the payment of the men will be taken out of their hands.

The Prussian ministry of the interior has issued a set of rules and regulations dealing with aerial navigation. Aerial flights undertaken by persons who have not obtained a certificate of efficiency can only be permitted above

such land as is unpopulated, and where there is practically no traffic. Aerial pilots in possession of their certificates must, as a rule, fly outside of inhabited places. At the same time the ministry of the interior declares that there ought not to be a general prohibition of flights above inhabited places, which may be permissible in certain cases. Even the air-men are to be warned of the danger which they cause to those beneath. No passenger may be taken up in a flying machine by pilots who do not possess certificates of efficiency. In all cases of doubt the police have far reaching powers to decide all questions and to enforce their decision.

Rumor says that Queen Mary is going to have a black carpet in her boudoir in Buckingham palace and if the rumor is true black drawing rooms will speedily become the fashion in England. As a rule English women have but little respect for the taste of the queen in matters of dress, but her opinion of things relating to the home and its care is considered as the last word in elegance. Some years ago there was a temporary liking for black carpets and smart people fitted up rouge-et-noir salons in their houses, but the fashion quickly died out.

CHIEF ON TRIAL.

Donahue May Be Ousted From Office in Omaha. Omaha, Dec. 28.—Chief of Police Donahue is on trial for alleged failure to enforce liquor and gambling laws in Omaha.

Judge Robert E. Evans of Dakota City, as referee appointed by the supreme court, will take testimony and make his report to the high court for its review and final decision. That the trial will not conclude before Saturday is the opinion of Attorney General Mullen, who will prosecute the case.

The ouster suit was filed three months ago by direction of Governor Shallenberger upon formal complaint of Fire and Police Commissioner Charles J. Karbach.

Scores of resorts where liquor is sold after 8 p. m. and on Sundays and several gambling dens are named in the complaint against Donahue and existence of assignation houses in the residence districts is recited.

ADE'S BACTERIAL RHYME.

At the New Theater Dinner, the Playwright Read a New One.

New York, Dec. 28.—George Ade, one of our most promising young playwrights, said a piece at the New Theater dinner. He said the New Theater might have the piece if it desired, but as yet no decision has been reached. Anyhow, here is the piece:

The Microbe's Serenade. A lovelorn microbe met by chance, At a swagger bacteroidial dance, A proud bacillian belle, and she Was first of the animalcule, Of organism saccharine. She was the protoplasmic queen. The microscopic pride and pet Of the biological smat set. And so this infinitesimal swain Evolved a pleading low refrain:

"Oh, lovely metamorphic germ, What futile scientific term Can well describe your many charms? Come to these embryonic arms. Then hie away to my cellular home, And by my little diatom!"

His epithelium burned with love, He swore by molecules above She'd be his own gregarious mate, Or else he would disintegrate.

This amorous mite of a parasite Pursued the germ both day and night And "neath her window often played This Darwin-Huxley serenade— He'd warble to her every day This rhizopodial roundelay:

"Oh, most primordial type of spore, I never met your like before, And though a microbe has no heart, From you, sweet germ, I'll never part, We'll sit beneath some fungus growth Till dissolution claims us both."

LIFE IS A MONTE CARLO.

New York, Dec. 28.—Much has been said of the high cost of living. It was brought out the other day that undertakers make 500 percent profit and now it is ascertained that the cost of being ill has doubled in ten years. How are you going to beat that game?

To determine how the growth in the cost of living has affected the hospitals, a typical institution was selected and the figures of ten years ago were compared with those of the present time. It was found that in 1900 the daily expense of maintaining a patient was \$1.17. Today it is \$2.05.

North Nebraska Deaths.

John A. Vought died at Neligh. Simon P. Hight died at Bristow. Ellen Hoagland died at Winner. H. Ray Keith died at Long Pine. Herman Heer died at West Point. Mrs. John Maybury died at Neligh. Thomas H. Farrand died at Wayne. Mrs. Herman Raasch died at Stanton.

PLAYERS OF GREAT VALUE.

Each Club Has One or More Men That Money Cannot Buy.

New York, Dec. 26.—Two years ago Zach Wheat was dubbing around in the minor league, not making any great name for himself, but showing the promise that most young players flash at one time or another. Now he is rated one of the best youngsters that have broken into fast company in years. You couldn't buy him from Charley Ebbetts any more than you could purchase Christy Mathewson from John T. Brush. He is just about the backbone of the Washington park outfit and is young enough to have many seasons of star performances in

him. From an ordinary hitter he developed suddenly into a real slugger. He always was a sensational fielder base runner. The two big leagues contain many players who are just as valuable to their clubs as Zach Wheat is to Brooklyn. They are not all as good players as Wheat, but they are the men, around whom the team is built up and whom the fans cotton.

Every one who while Charley Murphy breaks 5 to 6 print with an offer for Mathewson, but there is not a chance on earth that any club will ever be able to buy him until he has pitched his arm off. For years he has been the real strength of the club. There are any number of people who firmly believe he is the whole team. There is no telling what might have been the outcome of the Yankees-Giants series had the Polo Grounders been forced to play without Matty.

For years Matty, by his pitching, and McGraw, by shrewd management, have kept the Giants several positions higher up in the National League than they should have been. Now the Giants are being picked as the most probable winner next year. Prove to the experts that Matty is all in and the Giants would be dropped immediately as championship possibilities. He is a New York institution and will remain one until he has gone to pieces.

Eddie Collins, Jack Coombs and Chief Bender mean almost as much to Connie Mack. No amount of money would induce Mack to part with Collins. Anyone could offer \$20,000 for him with perfect safety. It is not at all likely that Johnny Evers could be purchased at that figure, though it is not at all certain that the "human crab" will ever play ball, championship ball, that is, again. Johnny broke his right ankle last fall and it's an even chance that he will never again be able to cover second base as he used to. For all that he is not on the market.

Where would Detroit be without Ty Cobb? Cobb is one of the most unpopular players in the American League with the fans, all of whom look upon him as the very personification of the last word in the conceit line. But his acquisition made pennant winners of the Tigers, and he ranks with Christy Mathewson and Hans Wagner as the greatest drawing cards in baseball.

The Boston Americans, for all John I. Taylors talk, would hem and haw a long time before parting with Tris Speaker. Washington fans would miss an awful holler if Walter Johnson were disposed of to a rival club. Cleveland thinks so much of Larry Lajoie that no amount of money would buy the Frenchman. The St. Louis Americans have not anything that the fans hanker about ever seeing again, but any number of clubs have been trying vainly for a couple of years to buy or trade for First Baseman Knutcheny.

During the recent baseball meetings Charley Coniskey was approached by rival magnates and magnates seeking trades offener than any other magnate in either league. But they all wanted Big Ed Walsh and it would cost as much to get Walsh out of Chicago as it would to get Mathewson away from New York.

Hans Wagner has been traded, on paper, to half the clubs in the National League, but Fred Clarke said the other day that the demon Dutchman will play for Pittsburg as long as he plays. He is one of the most popular players in the country and one of the three greatest drawing cards.

Getting back to New York again, what would happen if Chase tried to send Russ Ford or Ed Sweeney or Jack Knight to another club? Chase wouldn't for there isn't enough money in the strong box of any ball club to purchase them. But just supposing that matter, how many people would attend the opening of Farrell field next spring if the Yanks president parted with Chase for a cash consideration.

It's easy enough to go out and buy star players—on paper. As an actual fact there is generally some good reason for letting the man go when a club parts with a star of the first magnitude. Bad habits that may cut his career short, failure to get along with the players on the team or too long a stay in one town are usually the reasons behind the sale of a star.

There is a whole lot more in the one man ball team idea than many fans believe. The Giants would look fairly good for next season without Matty, but with him they figure to romp home. The Cubs have gone back tremendously, but it is a cinch bet that they never would have lost that world's series so ingloriously had Evers been on the job. And while the Athletics might struggle along without Eddie Collins, it is certain that his presence in the infield strengthens the team fully 50 percent.

Ferguson to Box Langford. Boston, Dec. 27.—Sandy Ferguson and Sam Langford will try conclusions here tonight before the Armory athletic club. The bout is scheduled for ten rounds.

Moha Outpoints Quill. Milwaukee, Dec. 27.—Tommy Quill of Boston was outpointed by Bob Moha of Milwaukee in a 10-round fight, Moha having the best of the sparring in every round except the first three.

New World's Skate Record. New York, Dec. 27.—Edmund Lamy at Saranac Lake, N. Y., broke the world's amateur 220-yard skating record, negotiating the distance in 17 2/5 seconds. This clips 2 2/5 sec-

onds from the record of 19 4/5 seconds, made by Leroy See in 1909.

A Tame Fight. Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 27.—James Barry of Chicago and Tony Ross of New Castle, Pa., fought eight rather tame rounds to a draw before the National Athletic club.

A Knockout. Syracuse, N. Y., Dec. 27.—Howard Morrow of Benton Harbor, Mich., knocked out Hugh Ross of Oswego in the tenth round.

Hack Beats Roller. Boston, Dec. 27.—George Hackenschmidt, the Russian wrestler, defeated Dr. Ben F. Roller of Seattle, by winning two straight falls, the first in 1 hour, 7 minutes, 20 seconds; the second in 15 minutes, 27 seconds, with an arm grab and a body roll.

McGovern Nearly Out. Milwaukee, Dec. 27.—Jack White of Chicago all but knocked out Gene McGovern in a 10-round bout. McGovern was substituted for Johnny Schultz of Toledo who was taken sick. The bout was an uninteresting one, it being a slugfng match in which White did the slugfng.

Will West Fight Sullivan? Norfolk fight fans are now wondering whether or not the West-Jack Sullivan fight for the \$1,000 deposited at Gregory will come off. West stated after his defeat at the hands of Dan Sullivan that it was his last fight. Saturday West declared he could defeat any of the Sullivan boys in a twenty or forty-five-round go and that he had a good backing. When he was asked if the fight for the \$1,000 side bet would be fought he stated that he would not know until he reached Gregory.

AGREES NOT TO WED.

This Telephone Girl Gives a Bond Not to Marry Before June. Spokane, Wash., Dec. 27.—When Miss Margaret Perkins went to work as telephone operator in a local hotel today the management required her to give a bond not to marry within six months. This instrument, duly signed and sealed, holds Miss Perkins bondsman liable to the extent of \$500 in the event she becomes a bride on or before June 21, 1911. The sureties are prominent business men.

The reason for this unusual requirement by the hotel management is that a half dozen telephone operators have married within as many months, the last two being Miss Florence Joyce, who recently married a rancher, and Miss Olive Bourne, who has gone to Rockland, Mich., to join her intended husband.

"I am not engaged to any one, nor do I expect to enter into an engagement during the coming six months," said Miss Perkins, a comely brunette, "and for that reason my bondsman have nothing to fear. Of course I have received a proposal or two, but I am not ready to settle down for life."

"The making of a bond is a matter of business with the management of the hotel," the operator continued. "There is more or less trouble every time a new operator is 'broken in,' the rule being that as soon as a girl becomes efficient she deserts the switchboard to join heart and hand with some mere man."

"As I said, I am not ready to become the wife of any man, therefore the management has nothing to fear so far as I am concerned. The two young women working on the other eight-hour shifts will also be required to give bonds, I am informed."

A. G. Benson, manager of the house, believes that Miss Perkins and the other operators will carry out their agreement to the letter.

Historians at Indianapolis. Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 27.—The American Historical association began its twenty-sixth annual meeting here today, with a number of distinguished delegates in attendance. Holding meetings at the same time are the North Central History Teachers' association, the Mississippi Valley Historical Association and the Ohio Valley association. Headquarters of the organizations are at the Claypool hotel. Among those expected to make addresses is J. F. Rhodes, the historian who was recently honored for his history of the United States.

A Large Jurisdiction. Spokane, Wash., Dec. 27.—Rev. Father James Rockliff of Spokane, appointed recently as head of the California province, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Rev. Father Herman J. Goller, provincial, has the largest jurisdiction in the gift of the Jesuit order. His territory extends from the Pacific coast to the Dakota-Minnesota line and from Alaska to Mexico. There are 300 priests under his orders. Father Rockliff announces he will make Spokane his headquarters and direct the work of the parishes and missions from this city. He will visit numerous cities in California early in 1911, afterward making trips to other parts of the province. Father Rockliff came to Spokane from the east a short time ago and was connected with Gonzaga college here. He knew his predecessor as a boy and was with him when he began his studies for the priesthood. "Father Goller was a most lovable character," he said, "and he did a great work in this country. He was broad in his views and as a result attracted many men and made them his friends."

BRIDGE RULES TO MUSIC. That Explains Much Humming Now Done at Card Parties. New York, Dec. 27.—A woman who makes it a point to ask the name of every new tune she hears spent half an hour in a room where a dozen other

women were playing cards. When the other women had gone she asked the hostess:

"What was that pretty little air your guests kept humming every little while? Is it from some new opera?"

No opera on earth was ever so popular as that song is just now," laughed the hostess. "It was composed by a teacher of bridge. She put the most important rules of the game into rhyme and set them to music. It's a pretty, lilting tune that appeals to the ear. Women that had never been able to remember, the rules from one day to another could easily remember that song and become pretty good players. Even now in their excitement, they forget a point once in a while, but they have that song at their tongues' end and a few measures sets them right."

Northwest Weddings.

G. Tunis and Miss Goldie Phillips were married at Butte. J. C. Zink and Miss Lena Maurer were married at Bassett.

Robert Keckler and Miss Bessie Pilar were married at Fairfax. Frank Mallory and Miss Daisy Dredge were married at Pierce.

Alvin P. Lelsey and Miss Sadie Ebel were married at Wisner. Rudolph Böttger and Miss Mattie Patjen were married at Pierce.

P. L. Weiss and Miss Marie Spicher were married at Battle Creek. C. E. Neff and Miss Amalia M. Hofferer were married at Creighton.

RAILROAD NOTES.

Frank A. Dudley of Niagara Falls, president of the Utah and Grand Canyon railroad, which has been at project for some time, says that work on the road will begin as soon as contracts can be let and the weather permits.

The Kansas Southern & Gulf, a Kansas state road, has finally given up the ghost. Its operation was conducted for eighteen months by C. E. Morris, who, as receiver, finding its one engine had fallen to pieces, resigned and the one employe of the road is hauling the mail between the two stations on a handcar.

The Lehigh Valley has authorized the construction of an extensive freight transfer station at Manchester, N. Y. The principal results of the improvement will be a more rapid movement of high class freight, and a reduction in the expense of handling. There will be 28,000 feet of new track.

Employees of the Pennsylvania railroad engaged on or about tracks have been provided with a set of rules designed more fully to protect their lives and save them from injury. They are of a very specific character and printed in several languages.

Important changes in the official family of the Pennsylvania are expected early in the new year, owing to the retirement of Charles E. Pugh in February, when he will attain the age limit of the company.

Employees of the Santa Fe have been given to understand that they can not smoke cigarettes and remain in the service of the company. Several have already been discharged for carrying the mark of the "yellow stained finger."

Official notice of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas to take over the Texas Central has been issued, in accordance with a Texas statute. It states that this first will be done by means of a lease for twenty-five years, the stock of the road to be acquired later and its indebtedness assumed.

No reduced rates for the holidays or for the next three months are available for those who travel during that period in the territory east of the Mississippi river and north of the Ohio. Associations having jurisdiction there decided several weeks ago to suspend special rates until after February 28. It may mean hardship to some, but the railroads expect to get increased revenue in the belief that there will at least be heavy travel during the holidays. What the policy will be for the summer season will not be known until the usual rate conferences are held in February.

At a cost of \$6,000,000 the Pennsylvania will equip all of its locomotives with smoke consumers that will cost \$1,000 each. Seven of these devices are in experimental use now on various divisions. Twenty-five are being constructed in the shops of the railroad. The stoker is an underfeeding device designed to mechanically convey the coal underneath the fire instead of it being thrown on top as heretofore. The invention will reduce the work of the locomotive firemen about ninety percent and they are correspondingly happy.

Sixty thousand miles of railroad east and west, will have been traveled before the year 1910 closes, by R. S. Church, chief watch inspector for four lines of railroad. Mr. Church inspects the watches of railroad employes on the Milwaukee road, including the Puget Sound extension, the Chicago & Northwestern, Chicago & Alton, and the Chicago division of the Soo Line. 1,000 miles a month Mr. Church travels much at night and the sleeping car habit is strong with him.

Charles Jordan, a ticket broker, was recently arrested in Los Angeles for misusing the mails, in conducting his business in selling non-transferable tickets. It was his practice to find customers whom tickets coming into his hands would benefit. His case is believed to be the first of its kind.

HAND GROUND IN SELLER.

Farmer Near Wayne Loses Hand as Result of Accident. Wayne Herald: William Harder, who lives seven miles north of Wayne, caught his right hand in a corn sheller at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and the member was so torn and mangled that it had to be amputated at the wrist joint. He was shelling corn

on his farm, and the sheller, with a gasoline engine as power, was working at full speed. He was wearing mittens with two thumb stalls on each hand. He tried to release an ear of corn that had caught, the wheels fastened to the extra thumb stall, and in an instant his hand was drawn into the flying machinery and ground off.

Snow is of Benefit. Alnsworth, Neb., Dec. 24.—Special to The News: A three-inch snow, very wet, fell here followed by a Che-nook wind from the northwest. Much of the snow melted and the balance settled down close to the ground where it will do much good for next year's crops.

SIR KNIGHTS ASSEMBLE.

Regular Annual Christmas Day Observance Held in Norfolk.

At the annual Christmas observance held by Damascus Commandery, No. 20, at 11 o'clock Monday morning nineteen knights were present. W. E. Reed of Madison was principal speaker. Rev. J. F. Poucher of Stanton, who was expected, was unable to be present. J. G. Mines and J. T. Bressler of Wayne were among the out-of-town knights. Eminent Commander G. B. Salter was toastmaster and read a letter from Judge Barnes of Lincoln expressing regrets at not being able to be present.

A collection was taken up by the sir knights and the usual amount was sent to the Masonic home and the remainder will be given to the local board of charity.

About 100,000 knights throughout the United States met at the same hour Monday morning.

Knights at Fremont drank to the health of Colonel S. W. Hayes of Norfolk, who founded the commandery there.

Bonesteel Improvements.

Bonesteel, S. D., Dec. 27.—John Sullivan of Grimes, Ia., has purchased the E. E. Moru property occupied by the O. A. Gamit news and confectionery, also the stock of Mr. Gamit, and will as soon as the weather permits, erect a cement block building 24 by 60 two stories high. As soon as the building is complete he will install a hardware and harness stock.

A. P. Hendrickson, our retired mayor, will in the spring erect a cement block building on the lot now occupied by the George H. Brown bakery and confectionery. The new structure will be 24 by 60 two stories high; the ground floor will be used as a store building and the upper story as a lodge hall.

George Brown has purchased the bulk of the O. A. Gamit confectionery stock of John Sullivan.

F. L. Crosby, late of the Bonesteel State bank, has secured the co-operation of the majority of our business men and will shortly begin the erection of an ice plant. He will also install an electric light plant. The next year gives promise of being the most prosperous Bonesteel has experienced since 1904.

Notice of Probate of Foreign Will.

In the county court of Madison county, Nebraska. The State of Nebraska, Madison county, ss:

To Metta B. Higman, widow, Ruth Higman, Marietta Higman, Helen G. Higman, Arthur B. Higman, Mable Higman Flood, Bertha Higman, Louise Higman Price, John Floyd Higman, Ada B. Higman Fox, Mary L. Higman, Anna B. Fowler, H. C. Higman, Comfort B. Higman, W. E. Higman, John Higman Flood, Anna Higman Webb, Nellie Higman, Margaret Higman, Edna Higman Wilder, Clarissa Fowler Murdock, Jane Fowler, Mary Fowler, Mable Alliston, Grace Higman, Helen Higman, Lulu R. Baker, Ethel R. Fowler, Helen Ray Lee, Florence Barlow, May Barlow, Olive Barlow, Ruth Barlow, Esther Barlow, Anna H. Ray, John Barlow, Katherine Higman, Margaret Higman, Elaine Higman, Sally Douglas Flood, Barbara Wilder Price, the First Baptist church of Benton Harbor, Mich., Children's Home society, St. Joseph, Mich., and all persons interested in the estate of said John Higman, late of Berrien county, state of Michigan, deceased.

Whereas, Metta B. Higman, Bertha Higman, Irving W. Allen and Oren B. Hipp, executors of the last will and testament of said John Higman, have filed in my office a duly authenticated copy of an instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of John Higman, deceased, and of the proceedings and probate thereof in, and by the probate court for the county of Berrien, in the state of Michigan, and also their petition, duly verified, praying that said instrument may be probated, allowed and recorded in this court as the last will and testament of said deceased; that letters testamentary or letters of administration with the will annexed issue to Metta B. Higman, Bertha Higman, Oren B. Hipp and Irving W. Allen, and for such proceedings as the law requires.

It is therefore ordered that the 24th day of January, 1911, at 1 o'clock, p. m., at the county court room in Madison, in said county of Madison, Neb., is the time and place appointed for hearing said matter, when all persons interested therein may appear at the hearing in the county court to be held in, and for said county, and show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted and that notice of the pendency of said petition and the hearing thereon be given to all persons interested by publishing a copy of this order in The Norfolk Weekly News-Journal, a legal weekly newspaper, printed, published and of general circulation in said county, three successive weeks prior to said day of hearing.

Witness my hand and official seal at Madison, in said county, this 27th day of December, A. D. 1910.

Wm. Bates, County Judge. (Seal)