

Round About New York

New York, Dec. 24.—New York is a christian city. There are many Jews, of course—more than in Palestine.

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.

"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 Savior whom you worship."

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, Prince Francis of Teck.

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.

"Oh, lovely metamorphic germ, What futile scientific term Can well describe your many charms?

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—

"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,

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.

The passenger, bundled up in an overcoat, enters the car and soon, if it be very warm, begins to perspire.

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.

The Prussian ministry of the interior has issued a set of rules and regulations dealing with aerial navigation.

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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

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

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.

EUROPEAN NEWS AND VIEWS

London, Dec. 24.—For the present at least politics will have no place in the thoughts of Britishers. Christmas is upon the civilized nations of the world, and most of them have accepted the custom of its celebration.

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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.

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.

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.

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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.

Every one who while Charley Murphy breaks 1/10 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.

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.

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.

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.

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 assignment houses in the residence districts is recited.

ADE'S BACTERIAL RHYME.

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The Boston Americans, for all John I Taylors talk, would hem and haw a long time before parting with Tris Speaker. Washington fans would raise an awful holler if Walter Johnson were disposed of to a rival club.

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.

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.

It's easy enough to go out and buy stars 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.

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.

To determine how the growth in the cost of living has affected the hospital, 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.

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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.

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 bondsmen liable to the extent of \$500 in the event she becomes a bride on or before June 21, 1911.

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 bondsmen 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.

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.

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women were playing cards. When the other women had gone she asked the hostess: "What was that pretty little air you 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, lulling 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.

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. Hofner 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 employee of the road is hauling the mall 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 be at least heavy travel during the holidays.

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 employees on the Milwaukee road, including the Puget Sound extension, the Chicago & Northwestern, Chicago & Alton, and the Chicago division of the Soo Line.

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 SHELLER.

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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.

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.

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 Allison, 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)