

MORE THAN HALF THE WORLD CELEBRATES

Various People Commemorate the Birth of the Savior of Mankind.

AND SOME USE FIREWORKS

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'Twas the night before Christmas.

The Christian peoples of the world are about to celebrate the birth of Him on whom their religion is founded.

We are apt to think that Christians are a comparatively small body with the "millions who sit in heathen darkness." But this is not true. On the contrary they number hundreds of millions more than the adherents of any other religion.

And so, from the frozen poles to the tropics and all around the globe, many peoples, speaking many languages, are rejoicing over the birth of the Saviour.

Curious Beliefs.

The day is celebrated in many curious ways and there are many curious beliefs concerning strange things that occur then.

In the German Alps they believe that cattle have the gift of speech on Christmas eve. It is a sin, however, to be an eavesdropper on their conversation. A farmer's servant, it is said, once tried this and heard the following conversation: "We will have hard work this week," said one of the cattle, "Yes, the farmer's servant is heavy and the road to the church yard is long and steep," replied the other.

Some people believe also that bees sing, cattle kneel and the sheep go in procession on Christmas eve.

They celebrate the day by shooting firecrackers in some parts of Texas. In Russian villages the people march to the home of the resident nobleman on Christmas eve, where they sing carols and receive gifts of small coins.

In dear old Paris the "Noel" celebration takes the form of a street fair that continues all through December.

In Scandinavia and parts of Germany they place candles in the windows to light "Krisstine," or "Kris Kringle," on his way and put cakes out in the snow for him.

In Peru, where the weather is very hot at Christmas, they have big revellers on Christmas eve. There are "ice stalls" with chairs where people can cool off.

And so, all over the great, round world, the hundreds of millions will soon be celebrating, each nation according to its taste.

Gerard Sees Herr Zimmerman on Note

Berlin, Dec. 23 (Via London).—James W. Gerard, the American ambassador, at noon today had a conference with Dr. Alfred Zimmerman, foreign secretary, during which President Wilson's note was one of the chief topics of discussion.

Herr Zimmerman the American standpoint, having come to Germany fresh from conferences with President Wilson and Secretary of State Lansing.

Doctor Called Barely In Time to Save Dawson

Failure of "absent treatment" administered by his wife to stop the flow of blood from a ruptured artery, may cost the life of David Dawson, colored, 4114 Grant street.

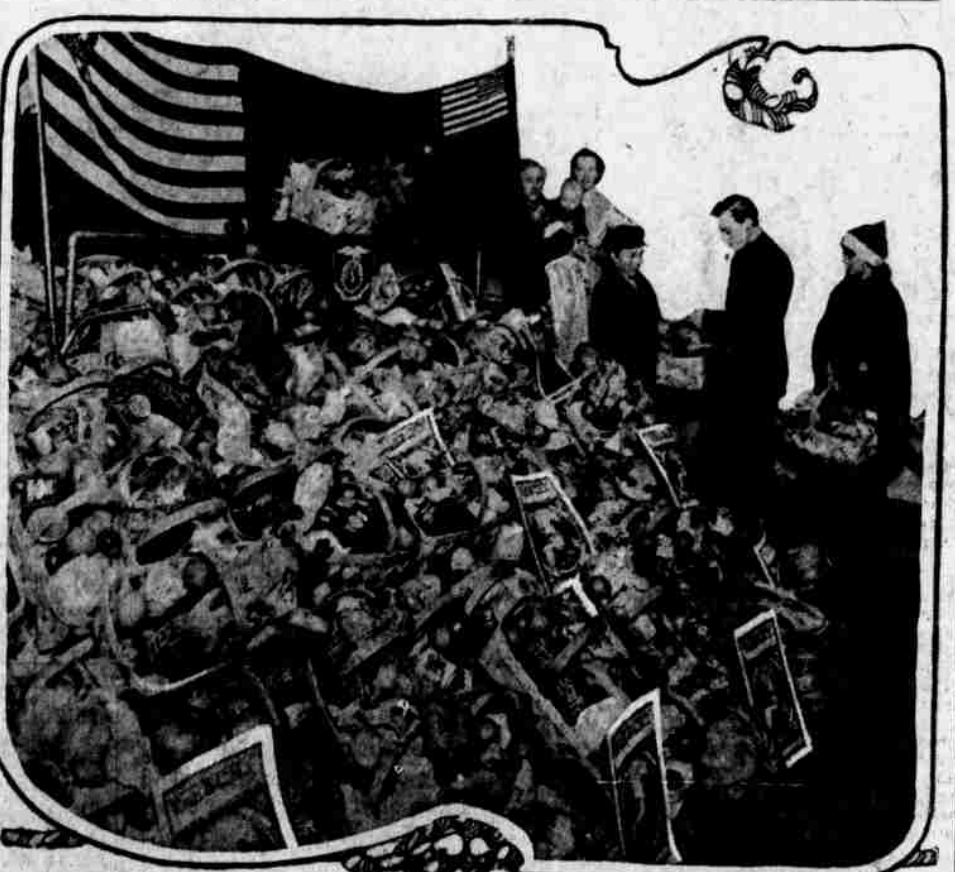
Dawson, who is employed as a janitor at the Neville block, was at work early last night, when an artery in his left leg, which had been weakened by an ulcer, burst. His wife, employed as a janitress there, who is a member of a cult of "divine healers," would not allow a doctor to attend to her husband, but insisted that "absent treatment" be employed.

When Dawson became unconscious, however, others intervened and called Police Surgeon Earl Connolly. The flow of blood was stopped and Dawson was removed to the hospital regardless of his wife's protests.

Omaha Will Wear Ermine For Christmas Holidays

Because of the slowly rising temperature and the unsettled weather conditions, the prospects are excellent that Omaha will be greeted with a white Christmas. The weather man would not positively forecast a snowfall, but said that conditions were favorable for one. The weather has continued its rapid rate of moderation.

CHRISTMAS CHEER FOR THE OMAHA POOR—Hundreds of baskets loaded with good things to eat and distributed by the Salvation Army from funds raised by the "Santas" on the street corners, will bring some seasonable joy where otherwise gloom would have reigned.



NEW LABORATORY FOR NEBRASKA UNI

Regents Will Ask State Legislature to Appropriate Money for the Building.

SAY MEDICS NEED IT

A new laboratory to cost \$120,000 is now contemplated for the college of medicine of the University of Nebraska at Fort-second and Dewey avenue.

Of course the proposition is contingent upon the regents of the University of Nebraska being able to get this appropriation from the legislature at the coming session. But a laboratory is badly needed, the regents say, for there are 50 per cent more students in the medical school now than there were when the legislature was in session two years ago.

There is at present but one building for the medical school, and this is entirely inadequate. If the appropriation is voted, the new laboratory building is to be built south of the present building at the extreme opposite end of the campus.

The regents will incorporate in their annual report to the governor notice of the need of this new building. They will also ask for an appropriation of \$60,000 to equip the state hospital which is now under construction on this campus.

The building progress has been good on this structure, with the exception of a few halts necessitated on account of car shortage which made it impossible to get certain materials when they were most needed.

However, if the appropriation is voted for the equipment, it is expected that the hospital will be ready to receive patients about May 1, 1917.

Christmas at City Hall

Mayor Dahlman will have Christmas dinner at home with his family, including Austin J. Collett, son-in-law, and Jack and Jim, grandsons, who are on a visit from Santo Domingo.

City Attorney Rine has gone to Fremont to visit his parents in his "old home town."

Secretary Bourke of the Board of Education is confined to his home with a slight indisposition.

School teachers will have two weeks in which to recover their aplomb after eating plum pudding and other Yuletide delicacies.

Employees of the engineering department sent their associate, J. P. Ford, interned at Rochester, Minn., a purse of money and Christmas cards.

J. P. Butler, gas commissioner, is being remembered at St. Catherine's hospital.

George Parks, head of the street department, will appear as Santa Claus at the municipal Christmas tree celebration Sunday evening in the Auditorium.

"Hank" Dunn, chief of the gentlemen, will warble at the many Christmas tree exercises.

Alvin E. Patten of the city clerk's office recovered in time to make a week-end visit to the city hall and join in the chorus of "Merry Christmas."

Present for Each One at Rosewater School Christmas

There was a present for everybody who attended the Christmas tree given by the principal, teachers and pupils of the Edward Rosewater school last evening. From the large Christmas tree that was draped with presents each of the parents was given some token, while the attendants were presented with popcorn balls and cane candy.

The Christmas program, which was held around the tree was as varied as it was interesting. What appeared to take best was the pageant representing Christmas scenes given by the pupils of the Fourth grade. Five floats attractively decorated made up the event.

A recitation, "The Night Before Christmas," was given by Charles Brown, and a dramatization, "The Wiser Way," was presented by Glenn Hopp and Earl Parsley. In addition songs and folk dances were offered by the pupils. About 1,000 were present.

Baron Astor's Sheet Dislikes U. S. Note

London, Dec. 23.—In its comment on President Wilson's note the Pall Mall Gazette sharply criticizes the president.

"To revive a term once familiar in American politics," it says, "he assumes the attitude of a 'know-nothing.' He does not realize that he makes the blood of every honorable man in Europe boil when he professes inability to distinguish the objects and professions of the two sides."

Central Park Children See Santa Claus Come

Five hundred Central Park citizens gathered at the school house in this entertainment last night to have a Christmas treat and then the older ones listened to a program of speaking. C. H. English made an address, following one by President Frank Sterling, in which he expressed his regret at leaving Omaha. E. W. Sinnott, head of the United Improvement clubs, in a brief talk said he hoped it would be possible to keep Mr. English here as head of the local boy scouts.

The gathering was perhaps as large as any one of the social center meetings yet held.

Christmas pardons for thirty-three prisoners in the Arkansas state penitentiary were issued by Governor George W. Hays. Among those freed are eight persons convicted of second degree murder, whose sentences aggregated 137 years.

MEDICS INDICTED ON FRAUD CHARGE

Ten Accused of Attempting to Secure Licenses in Illinois by "Short Cut."

"RING" MAKES LARGE HAUL

Chicago, Dec. 23.—Ten persons, two of them Chicago physicians, and the remainder medical students, their instructors and others, were indicted here today in connection with alleged fraudulent attempts to obtain medical licenses from the Illinois State Board of Health last July.

Two indictments were returned against each defendant on testimony offered by Dr. St. Claire Drake, secretary of the state board, and Fred Farr, said to have been a member of the alleged ring. One charges conspiracy to operate a confidence game and the other conspiracy to obtain money under false pretenses.

Dr. Drake charged that the "ring" induced at least forty-one medical students to pay money for a guarantee that influence would be used that they might pass the examinations required for a license by the Illinois state board. Dr. Achatz was accused of supplying fraudulent medical diplomas; Dr. Drake charging that in one case a diploma from Marquette university, Milwaukee, was supplied a student. Dr. Fellows, he alleged, was the "brains" of the "ring."

It was said that most of the victims of the alleged conspiracy were students at the Davenport school and that Farr, for sums ranging from \$50 to \$550, guaranteed that they would pass the examination. Williams is charged with unfolding the plan to students at the college, while the indicted school authorities are charged with acting for the "ring." The students named in the indictments are said to have paid to have influence exerted and then having obtained other students, who also paid. The alleged ring is said to have obtained about \$50,000 in its operation.

LODGE ROOM NEWS OF GREATER OMAHA

Woodmen of the World of Local Camps Active in Working to Increase Membership.

MEETINGS IN NEAR FUTURE

Columbus Camp, No. 69, Woodmen of the World, will meet Sunday, December 31, at the Prague hotel, Thirteenth and William streets, for initiation. The degrees will be conferred in full form.

Hungarian Petofi, No. 478, will meet next Friday evening in Bohemian hall, Thirteenth and Martha, Anton Adler, the clerk and deputy, has promised real activity. This is the first meeting called to boost the membership.

Conenius Camp, No. 76, will meet Saturday evening, December 30, in Metz hall, Thirteenth and William. The protection degree will be conferred.

Druid Camp, No. 25, entertained its members last Monday night in Druid hall with a Christmas tree and a musical program. In the distribution of gifts each child present was remembered. This was the third annual gathering of Druid Camp members with Welcome Grove, its auxiliary, as its guest.

Alpha Camp, No. 1, will entertain members and friends Tuesday evening in Myrtle hall with a Christmas tree and other entertaining features.

The American flag was flying over the Woodmen of the World hall, three miles west of Omaha on the Dodge street road, last Sunday, which indicated that a meeting was being held by Papio Camp, No. 221. It is known as the McArdle special family camp and it is among the oldest in Woodcraft. Special efforts are being made to double its membership.

Woodmen Circle.

W. A. Fraser Grove, No. 1, Woodmen Circle, is giving a "White Christmas" entertainment and informal dance in Crounse hall next Friday evening.

A special meeting of Emma B. Manchester Grove, No. 156, will be held December 26 in room 307 Woodmen of the World building.

Women's Relief Corps.

Phil Kearney Corps, No. 143, held its election of officers as follows: President, Mrs. Mary Eastman; senior vice president, Mrs. Alice Brennan; junior vice president, Mrs. Carrie Glick; secretary, Mrs. Josephine Carroll; treasurer, Mrs. Mary Cress; chaplain, Mrs. Mary Lisy; conductor, Mrs. Lottie Anderson; guard, Miss Kathleen Carroll; delegate to department convention, Mrs. Alice Brennan; alternate, Mrs. Carrie Glick; patriotic instructor, Mrs. Josephine Carroll; press correspondent, Mrs. Mary Cress. Officers will be installed January 20.

Women's Catholic Order Foresters.

St. Mary's Court, No. 577, elected the following officers at the last regular meeting: Chief ranger, Mrs. Alice Brennan; vice chief ranger, Mrs. Anna Conroy; treasurer, Mrs. Mary Kelly; recording secretary, Miss Elizabeth Kennedy; financial secretary, Mrs. Mary Volz; trustees, Mrs. Nora Ryan, Ellen Hanlon and Rose Ryan; delegate to national convention in Milwaukee, Wis., Mrs. Alice Brennan; alternate, Mrs. Mary Volz. Installation occurs January 5.

Lawton Auxiliary.

The General H. W. Lawton Auxiliary to Camp Lee Forby elected officers as follows: President, Mrs. Chris Christensen; senior vice president, Mrs. A. Russell; junior vice president, Mrs. A. Gladden; chaplain, Mrs. Walter Jones; conductor, Mrs. Walter E. Lane; assistant conductor, Mrs. A. Edgar; patriotic instructor, Mrs. O. Whipperman; historian, Mrs. Frank Osborn; guard, Mrs. C. Stull; assistant guard, Mrs. Earl Nye.

Knights and Ladies of Security.

Omaha council No. 2295 will give a flower dance Monday evening, January 1, 1917, at the Swedish auditorium, Sixteenth and Chicago streets.

PEARCE PARADES IN SMOKING JACKET

And Girls in Court House Wear that Christmasy Smile as Gifts Come.

MISS MARTIN DELUGED

The real Christmas spirit permeated nearly every nook and corner of the court house on the last day of the week. It was the spirit of giving—and receiving. As the majority of the offices closed at noon, Saturday morning presented the last opportunity for the members of the big court house family to exchange presents and Yuletide greetings before scattering to their respective homes to spend Sunday and Monday.

Nearly every office was piled high with gifts. Practically every department head was the recipient of some sort of gift from the members of his office force. Harry Pearce, register of deeds, spent the morning walking about in a smoking jacket of elaborate design which his employees gave him.

The girl stenographers and private secretaries in the different offices seemed to be the favored ones. They were kept busy all morning unwrapping gift boxes and fluttering from office to office in the excitement of telling each other what they got.

Miss Charlotte Martin, private secretary in the office of County Attorney Magney and known to thousands of Omahans in all walks of life, who has been "on the job" for seven years, got enough candy, perfume and jewelry to stock a small department store. Her gifts were from lawyers, business men, court house employees and detectives whom she has greeted with her cheery "good morning" hundreds of times during the year.

All fur work at Dreshers is of course done under the supervision of Antone L. Kish, a Fur Expert of authoritative experience. By the way, your furs may be dyed here at a bargain figure during January—ONE-FOURTH OFF. And if you have any furs to be stored they may be stored as usual in the inimitable Dresher Fur Storage Vaults.

Remember—Fur Repairing Bargains in January—Also Bargains in the making up of new furs. Stop at Dreshers' immense plant, 2211-2217 Farnam St.—and have a personal talk with Mr. Kish, leave your work at Brandeis, Burgess-Nash or Dresher The Tailors, or phone Tyler 345 for a Dresher man. Dreshers pay parcel post or express charges one way on all out-of-town shipments.—Adv.

Omaha National Gives Bonuses to Help Beat H. C. L.

The Omaha National bank distributed substantial bonuses to all its employees who have been with the institution a year or more. Christmas presents of cash were given to employees of less than a year's service.

The bonuses were based on the annual salaries of the employees and were characterized as "substantial" by J. DeF. Richards, cashier, who made the announcement of the gift distribution.

The bonuses are more in the nature of ammunition to be used against the H. C. of L. than Christmas presents, Mr. Richards stated. They will aid materially in helping the boys over the hump.

THIRD OFF ON FUR REPAIRING

Dresher Brothers Plant to Put Plenty of Action Into January's Fur Department Business.

Antone Kish, Furrier, Will Make New Fur Garments at 25% Off During January.

A "Bargain Month" in a Dry Cleaning Establishment! Never heard of such a thing before, have you?

Well, it's a fact, nevertheless, for Dresher Brothers, the Dry Cleaners & Dyers, at 2211-2217 Farnam street, will offer a ONE-THIRD reduction on all repair work done in their Fur Department during January.

Not only that, but Dreshers will offer ONE-FOURTH OFF on all NEW Fur Garments that may be made up in their Fur Department during the month of January.

Think of the opportunity that presents itself to you. For instance, you may have that large scarf of yours made into a vastly more fashionable small one; your pillow muffs may be made into the present stylish round muffs; you may have new collars and cuffs put onto your fur coats; you may have your fur entirely re-lined—and all at a discount of ONE-THIRD, if only the work is done here during January.

Speaking of furs reminds you that furs will look better and wear better if brought here to be "glazed" now and then. "Glazing" fur gives them that brilliant-shine and delightful fluff which is so desired.

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Raymond's Christmas

greeting finds expression in all that the sentiment of the Yuletide means; coupled with the fact of this being our own FIRST Christmas, it affords us a double pleasure. There remains no better or more appropriate thing to be said than that we wish for all a full measure of merriment, good cheer and every pleasure the joyous season brings.

Early Street Car Service Christmas Morning, Dec. 25, '16

For the accommodation of persons attending church services on Christmas morning, earlier-than-regular street car service will be furnished on most lines.

The Service Will Be As Follows:

Table listing street car lines and their schedules for Christmas morning, including FARNAM LINE, HARNEY LINE, DODGE LINE, HANSCOM PARK LINE, SOUTH OMAHA LINE, BENSON AND ALBRIGHT LINE, and WEST LEAVENWORTH LINE.

Drake Service Extends Greetings and Good Wishes Happiness at Christmas Prosperity Throughout the Year

OMAHA & COUNCIL BLUFFS STREET RAILWAY COMPANY