WHAT THE WEEK HAS OFFERED TO SOCIETY

Functions in Which the Swell Set flas Figured Most Prominently-Mrs. Exra Millard Launches Her Daughter on the High Wave of Social Success.

The week has been rich in dancing parties, receptions, high five seances and Kensing tons. Although the demands of the social season have been operous on the society set they have found time to keep up the grand round without much display of "that tired feeling." The present week also gives evidence of affording society considerable pleasure, the Christmas musical of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Burt opening the week aus-pictousty. Wednesday will occur the mar-riage of Miss Johnson and Mr. Chariton at Trinity cathedral, Miss Kountze on the same evening giving a swell german at "Forest Hill." Thursday will crown the events of the week, the visit of the Yale Gles and Banjo clubs, making a red letter occasion in the lives of the debutantes at

Miss Lrake's Debut.

Miss Drake could not have had a more auspicious entrance into the world of society than was tendered her Wednesday evening by her parents, Mr. and Mr. L. J. Drake, who gave one of the most charming dancing parties of the season in her honor. Associparties of the season in her honor. Associated with the fair debutante in the enjoyment of the pieasures of the occasion were Miss MacBane and Mr. Seth Drake, Mr. and Mrs. Drake, Miss Drake and Miss MacBane received the guests, who were in the most part members of the young society set who have illuminated the season by a series of functions that have not been equaled in the

Social life of the metropolis.

Mrs. Drake is an ideal postess and the house, while beautifully decorated, showed a discriminating taste that was the acme of perfection. The rooms were ornamented with palms, while the mantles and fire banked with roses and car places were nations, while smilax served as a background to the beautiful coloring. The whole lower floor was canvassed for

the nancers, the orchestra being stationed in a room off the hall. There was a delicious punch served throughout the evening, while laborate refreshments at midnight gave the dancers renewed life A feature of the dancing party most re-

marked by the guests was the presence of sufficient men to fill every dance program and per consequence there was not a wal flower observed, the young people enjoying the evening without a single heartache. Mrs. Drake received in a beautiful gown of gray silk, trimmed with gray velvet and

Miss Drake, a very pretty and accom plished young woman, wore pink silk trimmed with pink striped chiffon and carried pink roses. Miss MacBane was costumed beautifully

in white trimmed with dark velvet and lace and wore yellow roses.

Miss Alice Drake, just home from school

and a stilkingly pretty girl, wore blue silk and blue chiffon with bands of blue ribbon as an effective ornamentation.

Miss Colpetzer, light and dark blue silk. Miss Cady appeared in a graceful gown of

pale, yellow silk, which became her well. Miss Curtis wore white brocaded silk with of white chiffon around the top of the skirt, and a brocaded silk waist, Miss Amy Barker, a favorite in the social life of the metropolis, was gowned sweetly

in pale lavender silk.

Miss Margaret Cook wore an effective though very simple gown of white dotted Miss flughes were white brocaded silk with ruffles of pink silk.

Miss Maud Reese tooked particularly well in a white cloth costume trimmed with vel-Miss Palmer, a simple gown of white silk.

Miss Barse of Kansas City, pink and white silk.
Mrs. W. V. Morse were a levely gown of

gray brocaded silk. Miss Van Camp, a gentle costume of white

The guests were: Miss Barse of Kansas City, Miss Hughes, Miss Barnard, Miss Curtis, Miss Colpetzer, Miss Reese, Miss Funke of Lincoln, Miss Cady, Miss Pratt, Funke of Lincoln, Miss Cady, Miss Pratt, Miss Moore, Miss Short, Miss Norton, Miss McKell, Miss Cook, Miss Blessing, Miss Katharine Barker, Miss Palmer, Miss Hamilton, Miss Bolle Hamilton, Miss Alice Drake, Miss Alexander, Miss Ruth and Misses Van Careef and MacBane of Fort Dodge; Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Morse, Mr. and Mrs. Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. Whoeler, Mr. Chatham Redick, Mr. Clarke Redick, Mr. Heath, Mr. Guiou, Mr. Wakeley, Mr. Ratph Richardson, Mr. Harry Moores, Mr. McKell, Mr. Charlie Marsh, Mr. Wheeler, Mr. Hieks, Mr. Cook, Mr. Will Clarke, Mr. Whitbread, Mr. Allen, Mr. Wilkins, Mr. Mr. Hicks, Mr. Cook, Mr. Will Clarke, Mr.
Whitbread, Mr. Allen, Mr. Wilkins, Mr.
Cockrett, Mr. Heartly, Mr. Christian, Mr.
George, Mr. Edward George, Mr. Josselyn
of Council Bluffs, Mr. Walter Smith, Mr.
Baldridge, Mr. Palmer, Mr. Howell, Mr. Short and Mr. Tyler of Davenport.

The Senior Class Entertains. The High school was filled with a jolly growd of people. Friday evening being the occasion of the seniors' first reception. Over fifty members of the class of '94 and a large number of their friends were present. The guests were met at the landing on the second floor by a reception committee consisting of Miss Ruth Philippi and Mr. Erwin Davenport. The literary program, given during the first part of the evening, was in the shape of a delightful farce by Grace Livingston Furniss entitled, "Tulu." Tulu Secretar became a charming American ingenue in the hands of Miss Maud Kimball who fitted the part of Miss Maud Kimball, who fitted the part perfectly, playing it with just the audicity that the author intended. Miss Belle Adler was just the person for the part of Petrolia, Tulu's sister, slightly more dignified withal, but still possessing an air of American free dom. Miss Edith Waterman, as the Duchess of Toedmag, formed a fine contrast to the oil magnate's daughter with her English stiffness and constant exclamation of "atrocious," at the impudence of her lanate friends. And the male characters of the play were not far behind the other sex, for more villainous personage than Mr Ross Towie as Lord Blazonberrie, the spend thrift son of the duchess, has seldom been en on the local amateur threatrical stage The part of Jack Ryder, an ascending Ameri was acceptably interpreted by Archie Pratt, as was also that of Dick Chetwyn, a jolly young photograph fiend, taken by Mr. Philip Russel. Mr. Charles Detweller, al hough filling a minor part as Rob-inson, the butler, held up the honor of the tiouse of Toedmag in a very faithful man

Dancing followed the play, and refreshments were served in the course of the even

A Mistletoe Party.

The Misses Savage entertained a number of their friends at the residence of J. D Courtney, 1417 North Twenty-fifth street South Omaha, Saturday evening of last week. The rooms were decorated with evergreens and gay paper festoons branched from Christmas trees in the center of the rooms. A fine musical program of six numbers was rendered by the hostess, after which a luncheon was served and presents dis-

Those in attendance were: Messrs, Tal mage of Omaha, Perrin of Clinton, Ia., Gra-ham of Indiana polis, Theodore Bennett of Omaha, Gosney, Gates, Lou Etter, A. Ben-nett of Omaha, F. Etter, Mr. and Mrs. Grif-fith, Mr. and Mrs. Courtney, Misses Snail of Lincoln, Kenworthy, Gosney, Harding, Elli-ott, Hutchins of Omaha, Gosney of Union, Nen. Lillie Saavge, Jessie Savage.

Mr. and Mrs. Baker's High Pive. Friday evening Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin S Baker entertained a large company of friends at high five. Thirteen tables were in use and every effort was made to render the occasion enjoyable. Mrs. Baker has become so favorably known as an entertainer that an invitation to her delightful home is considered a passport to a particularly good time. It has generally been noticed, more-

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over, that the genial United States attorney is a valuable second to his wife in these friendly gatherings. The rooms were tastefully decorated, the refreshments were daintily served and all through the eventual the music from Suterius Mandolin quartet kept the guess in excellent humor. Mrs. Baldrige, Mrs. Garner, Mrs. Claffin, Mrs. Baldrige, Mrs. Garner, Mrs. Claffin, Mrs. Pinto and Mr. Purvis captured the pretty

Drizes.

The invited guests were: Mr. and Mrs.
H. H. Balridge, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Thurston, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Weaver, Mr. and
Mrs. E. A. Cobb, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Boggs, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Megeath, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Bolgs, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Megeath, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Weller, Judge and Mrs. E. S. Dundy, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. John Francis, Mr. and Mrs. D. V. Sholes, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Bartlett, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Purvis, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ransom, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Wyman, Mr. and Mr. and Mrs. William H. Wyman, Mr. and Mrs. A. U. Wyman, Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Kennedy, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Kennedy, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Loomis, Judge and Mrs. Frank Irvine, Judge and Mrs. Macomber, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Watties, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Garner, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Pinto, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Baum, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Webster, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Offutt, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Kinsman, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Dundy, jr. Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Claffin, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Gillespie, Mr. and Mrs. C. Chubbock, Mrs. R. H. Palmer, Mrs. E. C. Freeman, Miss Mabel Pratt.

Mrs. Horbach's Reception.

The reception given last Monday atternoon by Mrs. John A. Horbach marked the com mencement of the past week's festivities. The affair occupied the hours between 3 and 5. Mrs. Horbach had as assistants in receiving Mrs. Bourke, Mrs. Benjamin Smith, Mrs. Charles Shiverick, Mrs. Victor Caldwell, Miss Gertrude Chambers, Miss Dewey and Miss Alice Chase. The Sutorious Mandolin was hidden benind palms in elub the hall and furnished their best music sduring the afternoon. The refreshment table was decorated with pink reses and lighted by candies shaded with pink. At one end Miss Chambers served the coffee, while at the other Mrs. Victor Caldwell poured the tea.

Among those present were: Mrs. Alvin Saunders, Mrs. Russell Harrison, Mrs. Kil-patrick, Mrs. Yates, Mrs. Warren Rogers, Mrs. Deering, Mrs. Janes E. Boyd, Mrs. Shiverick, Mrs. Alda Eddy, Mrs. Lacey, Mme. Powell, Mrs. Joseph Millard, Mrs. McKenna, Mrs. L. S. Reed, Mrs. William F. Connell, Mrs. John L. Webster, Mrs. Cowin, Conneil, Mrs. John L. Webster, Mrs. Cowin, Mrs. Worthington, Mrs. Ford, Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. John Barker, Mrs. Clement Chase, Mrs. Balcombe, Mrs. George W. Lininger, Mrs. Frank Haller, Mrs. Green, Mrs. Bradford, Mrs. Dan Wheeler, Mrs. James Hyres, Mrs. Beall, Mrs. W. V. Morse, Mrs. Hitchcock, Mrs. John McShane, Mrs. Victor Caldwell, Mrs. Robert Rungwall, Mrs. Ceptila, Callins, Mrs. Robert Rungwall, Mrs. Gerilla, Callins Mrs. Robert Ringwalt, Mrs. Cecilia Collins Miss Summers, Miss Yates, Miss Lemon,
Miss Bessie Yates, Miss Johnson, Miss
Fisher, Miss Boyd, Miss Burns, Miss Jessie
Millard, Miss Collins, Miss Hoyt of Utica, N. Y., Miss Rodman, Miss McKenna.

Hop at the Garrison.

The bachelors of Fort Omaha gave a very entertaining hop at the club house at the post, which they prepared without the least assistance from their feminine friends and did it in tip-top shape, too, as the hall was y their dextrous hands and varied ideas, granged in a most exquisite manner. The tage was draped in flags and bunting, ighted by gorgeous lamps and varicolored hades. The effect was delightful and reected real credit upon the painstaking osts, Henry Hines, Bookmiller, Prince, Marquart and Powell, assisted in receiving Abercrombie, Mrs. Waring and Mrs. Worth.

those from the town garrison were: General and Mrs. Brooke, Dr. and Mrs. Summers, Col-Mrs. General and nel Bates. Captain and Mrs. Sarson, Captain and Mrs. Turner, Captain Crowder, Captain Day, Major and Mrs. Worth, Captain and Mrs. Waring, Major and Mrs. Humphrey Captain Kinzie, Lieutenant and Mrs. Aber crombie, Lieutenant and Mrs. Pickering Lieutenant and Mrs. Wright, Captain and Mrs. Uhilo, Lieutenant and Mrs. Penney Lieutenant and Mrs. Chrissman, Captain and Mrs. Ayers, Mrs. B. Smith, Mrs. Dr. Summers, Lieutenant and Mrs. Wilkins Major and Mrs. Cushing, Lieutenant and Mrs. Webster; Misses Yates, Fisher, Mrs. Webster; Misses Yates, Fisher, Lemon, Jentie Yates, Balcombe, Chambers, Reece, Thomas, Worden, Wakeley, Kinzie, Woolworth, Rodman, Tilden Cushing, Hamilton, Dandy, McCielland, McKeana, Van Camp; Messrs, Hines, Powell, Biner, Book-Saunders Beth Baldridge Guion Ross, Redick, Witson.

Wishing Party.

Wednesday evening of the week past, at the residence of Miss Helen Matilda Carlsen of Twenty-fifth avenue, was held one of the most unique entertainments of the season. Miss Carlsen proved herself a most charming hostess. Each guest was furnished upon arrival with a dozen wish bones daintily gilded and tied with tinted love ribbons, the wish bones ranging in size from that of the tiny "wet my lips" ragtel to the large Canada goose. A merry exchange of wishes followed and Miss Christine Larsen, who is a very pretty and lovable girl, was the successful winner of the first prize, the prize being awarded to the one retaining the largest number of the long ends of the wish

Mr. Hermann Pressen carried off the gentleman's prize, gaining the honor by winning only one more wish than Mr. Oscar Swansen. The decorations were in keeping with the Christmastide season, greens in profusion being artistically suspended in graceful designs, while white holly berries gave color and tone that was simply charming. Chinese lillies growing from exquisite jardinieres were placed about the room, their rare exotic blossoms and subtle perfume eliciting unlimited admiration from all present.

The refreshments were prepared and served under the immediate supervision of the charming hostess, and were both unique and happily original. Among those attending were the followng: Misses Ella Nelsen, Annie Swansen, Freda Johnsen, Danie Jonsen and Messrs. Oscar Swansen, John Swansen, Gustavus Carlsen, Gustavus Andersen, Charles Lend

The Eiks Entertain A very delightful social and high five party was given Thursday evening, December 21, by the Elks at their club rooms High five formed the principal diversion of the evening, Miss Emma Potter and Miss Herter Taylor officiating as score markers. The first prizes were won by Mrs. Perkins and Mr. R. Smith, the second prize going to Mrs. Gregory, while the consolation awards were carried off by Miss Stella Beaford and

Among the guests were: Mr. and Mrs. George Shields, Mr. and Mrs. Cadet Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. McBride, Mr. and Mrs. Dr. R. S. Anglin, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Potter, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Cronly, Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Ballou, Mr. and Mrs. C. Franklin, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Donohue, Mr. and Mrs. T. Mulvihill, Mr. and Mrs. F. Gregory, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Caldwell, Mr. and Mrs. W. Abbott, Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Miner, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. G. Schriver, Mr. and Mrs. Brarder-burg, Mr. and Mrs. Perkins, Mr. and Mrs. Among the guests were: Mr. and Mrs. burg, Mr. and Mrs. Perkins, Mr. and Mrs burg, Mr. and Mrs. Perkins, Mr. and Mrs. Shropshire, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Bryson, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. A. Angler, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. White, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Strawn, Mrs. G. S. McManaus, Messrs. C. H. Briggs, T. C. Brownville, A. G. Benganen, R. Smith, G. Hulsign, T. S. Flanegen, P. H. Philibia, W. C. Bishop, J. W. Bedford, Misses Claudin (and Mrs.) Legic

W. Bedford; Misses Claudia Caldwell, Jessie Hughes, Nora Briggs. May Hackett, Stella Bedford, B. Leavitt, Brandt, A. Hitt. Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Crager Entertain. Among the festivities of the past week was very enjoyable party given at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Crager, 2518 Decatur street, Tuesday evening. There was no attempt made at any elaborate decorations, the simplicity and artistic effects of the fine paintings which adorned the walls, wrought with the congenial countenances of the hostess, needed little to make the room beautiful, yet dainty bows of ribbon were fastened in conspicuous places, while the soft-rays of light shed from the chandeller gave to the double pariors a very handsome appearance. The bric-a-brac, which added much to the attractiveness of the scene, dis-played a taste for art seidom surpassed. The rooms were redelent with the scent of choice flowers and house plants, which gave the place a very refreshing appearance. Merriment reigned supreme from the as-

sembling of the happy party until a late sembling of the happy party until a late hour. Social conversation, mingled with several games, aided in making up a most delightful evening. Miss Emma Nelson won the laurels on this occasion, scoring the greatest number of games. A most superb luncheon was served by the hostess, who had left nothing undone that would tend to further the enjoyment of the guests, and not until a late hour did the gathering disperse, after expressing their thanks for an evening so pleasantly spent. evening so pleasantly spent.

The Miliard Dancing Party. Mrs. Ezra Millard, for her youngest daughter, Miss Helen Millard, gave a "lunching" party that was distinctly one of the memorable events of a brilliant holiday season. The house is just suited for a dancing party, opening beautifully one room into another, while the pictures and bric-a-brac show an artistic temperament that is very enjoyable even to the surfeited society swell From the gas fixtures bunches of holly were suspended, while evergreeus artistically fes tooned gave a Christmas effect to the res idence that captivated everybody. The mantles were gorgeous with palm ferns and potted plants. Receiving with Miss Helen Millard were Mrs. Millard, Miss Millard and

Miss Anna Millard.

The debutante, Miss Helen Millard, was costumed beautifully in white figured sfik trimmed with ruffles, while an aignette of feathers gave tone to a very effective ensemble. And she was completely effective down with pink and white roses. weighted down with pink and white roses.

Mrs. Millard were a lovely dowager cos

tume of gray and black.

Miss Millard was in white chiffon trimmed with white ribbon, wnile Miss Carrie Mil lard was in pink.

Miss Lemon were a pretty gown of white

swiss with blue velvet bodice and white Miss Johnson, yellow silk. Miss Sadie Hambleton was picturesque in pink organdie trimmed in pink ribbons. Miss Jentie Yates looked lovely in pale ellow silk and dark red roses. Miss Pink Balch wore blue silk, while her

sister, Miss Thede Baich, was very beautiut in pink silk and pink passementerie Miss Kountze wore a quaint gown of white Miss Palmer, a blue mulle accordeon pleated over blue silk.

Miss Burns, a fetching costume of blue

Miss Helen Smith, plain pink silk with pink ribbons. Miss Margaret Brown was lovely in white silk ornamented with white silk mulle. Miss Brownie Baum wore a dainty dress of white with white and green flowers.

silk, trimmed with velvet and effectively

Miss Hattie Cady, white silk. Miss Alice Chase wore a lavender silk trimmed with chiffon and caught up with

Among the guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Among the guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kilpatrick, Mr. and Mrs. James Ayres, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Carr, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. John Ringwalt, Mr. and Mrs. Will Poppleton, Mr. and Mrs. Myron Learned, Misses Rodman, Palmer, Barse, Yates, Bessie Yates, Jentie Yates, Lemon, Fisher, Johnson, Kountze, Hambleton, Deering, Colpetzer, Cady, Burns, Margaret Brown, Margaret Mrs. Margaret Brown, Margaret McKell, Hime baugh, Balch, Thede Balch, Chandler, Flor ence Kilpatrick, Chaunte, Octavia, Chaunte, Clara Brown, Dewey, Webster, Dandy, Alice Chase. Messrs. Baldridge, Gannett, Bert Watson of Chicago, Baxter, Clapp, Joseph Garneau, Charles Wilson Raiph Richardson, George Palmer, Charles Chaunte, Joe Morseman, Cook, G. M. Hitchcock, Kennedy, Talliaferro, Randall Brown Lyman, Dr. Gifford, Messrs. Saun ders, Hines, Charles Kountze, Guiou, Jordan, George, James How, Turner, Vaill

A Christmas Musicale. Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Burt, 202 South Thirty ninth street, will celebrate Christmas by musicale, the program of which is as follows

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PART I.

Trio (for piano, violin and 'cello). Mendelssohn
Messrs. Gahm, Albert and Foehringer.

Vieuxtemps Reverie...... Mrs. Hans Albert. Mrs. Hans Albert.

(Bouree, B minor........Bach-St. Saens
Nocturne, G flat .....Brassin
| Allegro Moderato, from Sonata.....Grieg
Mr. Joseph Gal.m.

Romanze Mr. Gustaf Foehringer.
Ballade and Polonaise Vieuxtemps
Mr. Hans Albert.
Kreutzer Sonata (for piano and violin) Reethover. Messrs. Gahm and Albert.

Valse, A Flat. Chopin Nocturne, D Flat, Op. 27, No. 2 Chopin Polish Songs Chopin-Liszt Svendso Spanish Dance Mr. Hans Albert. Frio ...... Beethoven Messrs. Galim, Albert and Foehringer.

Mrs. Irvine's Reception. Mrs. Frank Irvine gave a reception Thurs lay afternoon from 4 till 6 in honor of Mrs. M. L. Irvine, who is visiting her. The decorations were holly and evergreens and formed a pretty combinagation. Mrs. Irvine was assisted in receiving

Mrs. John L. Webster, Miss Burns and Miss Copeland.
The costumes were many and beautifu

The costumes were many and beautiful, those worn by some of the ladies being something new in the way of reception gowns. These were invited:

Mrs. J. N. H. Patrick, Mrs. John Cowin, Mrs. Charles Offut, Mrs. William Meikle, Mrs. Joseph Lehmer, Mrs. Ike Congdon, Mrs. Frank Richardson, Mrs. George Marples, Mrs. Gilbert Hitchcock, Mrs. Heller, Mrs. John R. Brooke, Mrs. Tallaferro, Mrs. J. C. McKell Mrs. Hayley Mrs. H. C. Smith Mrs. John R. Broose, Mrs. Iaila'erro, Mrs. J. C. McKell, Mrs. Hawley, Mrs. H. C. Smith, Mrs. Lucien Steven, Mrs. Ed Baum, Mrs. David Baum, Mrs. Clement Chase, Miss McCague, Miss Curtis, Miss Hawley, Miss McKell, Miss Alexander, Miss Pratt, Miss Funke, Miss Baum, Miss Baum, Baum, Baum, Baum Miss Brownie Baum.

Mrs. Henry Paimer's Function. For Miss Palmer and her guest, Miss Barse of Kansas City, Mrs. Henry Palmer entertained delightfully Wednesday from 3 to 5. The house was exquisitely decorated, the mantels, sideboard and table being profusely ornamented with roses, lilies of the valley forms, etc. The table was dainty with its decoration of pink ribbons, with flowers scattered between the angles in an artistic manner. The door leading from the hall sto the dining room was hung with a portiore of smilax, while the stairway and balustrade were entwined with the pretty green ten-drils. Mrs. Palmer, Mrs. Holdredge, Miss Palmer and Miss Barse received, assisted by Misses Margaret Brown, Hattie Cady, Susie Colpetzer, Jentie Yates, Amy Barker, Louise Drake, Miss MacBane, Miss Burns and Miss

The shortness of the hours brought all the invited guests together pleasantly and was pleasantly commented upon.

Dance at Erfling's Ball. One of the most successful dancing parties f the holiday scason was that given by the O. B. S. club last Friday night at Erin shall on Sherman avenue. This club .. new organization, composed of the young

Those present were: Misses Holiand, Peterson, Boan, Axford, Shields, Willis, Macomber, Wilcox, Campion, Gilmore, Hall, Cowles, Shook of Minneapolis, Hamlin, Bas-Byrne, St. Geyer, Dunham, Mc-Latey, King and Bowman; Lain, Latey, King and Bowman; Messrs, Collett, Andrews, Short, Thom-sett, Claud Stocknam, Charles Stock-ham, Willis, Al Barstow, Tom Bar-stow, Halstead, Hamlin, Robinson, Mc-Donald, Burdick, Van Court, Bowman, Lee-der Schneider, Parkins, Berlin, Bailey, Pot-Donald, Burdick, Van Court, Bowman, Lee-der, Schneider, Perkins, Berlin, Bailey, Potter, Giacomini, Squires, Corby and Angell

tards Once More.

The Kountze Place H. T. club met at the

residence of Mr. and Mrs. E. Lewis, Kountze Place, l'hursday evening. The evening was spent playing high five, after which elegant refreshments were served. The first prizes were taken by Mrs. C. C. Chase and Judge Bradley. The consolation medals were car-ried off by Mrs. Brisban and Mr. Fred W. Race.

Those present were: Rev. Mrs. J. P. D. Llwyd, Judge and Mrs. Bradley, Mr. and Mrs. Brisban, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Powell. Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Race, Mr. and Mrs. E. Van Court, Mr. and Mrs. G. Chase, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Holbrook, Dr. and Mrs. E. M. Park, Mr. Spencer Olls.

Played High Five. A number of young ladies and gentlemen of North Omata enloyed a very pleasan evening at the residence of Mr. L. D. Fow ler, 1812 Wirt street, Wednesday evening

the occasion being the third meeting of the

U. O. A. C. at North, Side high five club Cards were played with 10:33, after which very dataty refreshments were served. Those present were: Misses Fowler, Van Court, Hall, M. Lehmer, R. Lehmer, Hostetter, Emminger, Jones, Kelly, Kinsler, Althaus, Brighter of Chicago, Stafford of Nebraska City: Messrs Cooley, Colb. Has-kell, Bauman, Jones: Schneider, Dickey, Boudinot, Walker, Templeton, Stickler, The prizes were won by Miss Althaus and

Mr. Bauman 10000 Dancing at the Dellone. Friday evening Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Gibson gave a novel dancing party at the Hotel Dellone, which was the delight of those who were fortunate enough to be there. The dancing program, consisting of four-

teen numbers, gave great pleasure to the

The guests were: Messrs and Mesdames George Fisher, Birdsail McAllister, E. V. Lewis, George W. Shields, Harry Lowrie Herbert Porterfield, George A. Brown, E. D. J. Frice, R. B. Hop-Weller, J. W. Miner-casey, C. H. Reed; Van Court, C. kins, C. F. A. Casey, C. H. Reed; Misses Corby, Turner, Caldwell, Bates, Bowie, Jessie Bowie, Fowler, Van Court, O'Haulon, Weller; Messrs, Pope, Green, Lampert, Bowie, Weller, Davenport, Bates, Hayward

Mr. and Mrs. Cowles Surprised. In honor of the nineteenth anniversary of their marriage Mr. and Mrs. John Cowles were made the recipients of a pretty surprise Tuesday evening at their residence, 2524 Charles street, arranged by Mr. and Mrs. George Rappley and Mr. and Mrs. O. P.

The surprise was complete and a ver pleasant evening was seent in card-playing and dancing. A supper was served at 12, partaken of by the following: Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Black, Mr. and Mrs. George Rappley. Misses Jennie Hade, Lulu Starks, Sellma Dalstrom, Minnie Millen, Barbara Smith, Vistoria Smith Mahle Champton, Lillie Victoria Smith, Mable Crampton, Lillie Stockman; Messrs. George Starks, Joseph Keck, Robert Dalstrom, Willis, Ed Marnell.

Doings in Social Circles, John W. Paul is in Chicago on business. Mr. Charles Barton is expected home today from Texas.

Ed and Dwight Swobe are home for the Christmas holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Guy C. Barton returned last Sunday from New York.

Mrs. Slayback of St. Paul is visiting her

sister, Mrs. Schwan, at the Paxton. Miss Marie Dewar has gone to London Ont., to spend the Christmas holidays. Miss Silloway arrived Tuesday to be the ruest of Mr. and Mrs. Harry McCormick. Miss Maggie Kane of Chicago is visiting

Miss Weiss of Topeka, the guest of Dr and Mrs. R. C. Moore, left for home yester Miss Jennie Hade left Wednesday for her home in Illinois to spend Christmas with her parents.

her cousin, Mrs. J. M. Dowling of this city

Mrs. C. E. Squires has returned from Cleveland, accompanied by Miss Louise Squires. Miss Markham of St. Louis arrived Thursday to be the guest of Mrs. Myron

Mrs. C. B. Havens has been visiting the past week in Genoa, Neb., the guest of Mrs. H. Riley Mr. Alian Marsh returned from Williams

college yesterday to spend the Christmas holidays. Mrs. Myron Leslie Learned received Fri lay from 3 to 6 in honor of her guest Miss

Colonel and Mrs. Vroom, who were mar ried at Fort Leavenworth on the 15th, are at the Paxton Mrs. Cartar of Fort Bridger, who has been the guest of Mrs. Warren Chase, returned

home Sunday. Mr. Pierre Garneau left Saturday for St. ouis, where he is spending the holidays with his family.

A cablegram received Friday announced the safe arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Victor White at Liverpool. Miss Jessie Dickinson, daughter of Mr. Edward Dickinson, returned yesterday from her school at Ogontz, Pa. Colonel John C. Bates entertained last

Saturday evening at Fort Omaha, in honor of Major and Mrs. Schwan. Miss Grace Atlen and Miss Mabel Taylor returned Friday from Lasell seminary, to spend the holidays at home.

Miss Carnahan from Fort Wayne, Ind., is expected in Omaha about the 27th, to be the nest of Mrs. Warren Rovers. Mr. and Mrs. Osgood T. Eastman arrived rom Chicago this morning to spend Christ-

nas with Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Burns. Mrs. M. A. Zanner and son, Frank, from Faribault, Minn., are the guests of Mr. and drs. J. J. Stubbs, at 2407 Capitol avenu Mrs. James Bishop, sister of Mrs. W. F. Allen, and Mrs. Wardell of San Francisco, ire expected here this week to be the guests

f Mrs. Allen. Misses Junith and Mary Underwood and Miss Webster of Lincoln will spend a few ays this week with Miss Ura Kelly, 2225 loward street.

Mrs. Berry, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. E. C. Ker, for the past two weeks, returned to her home in Chicago Wednesday last. Mrs. C. B. Davidson of St. Louis is at Fort Omaha, where she will spend the winter

with her daughter, the wife of Captain Webster, U. S. A. The engagement is announced of Miss Mattle Belle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Polack, to Mr. Frank Douglas

Rubel of Chicago. Mrs. Cecilia A. Collins and Miss Collins have taken possession of their former resice, Capitol avenue and Nineteenth street and are at home Thursdays. W. B. Smith and Lawrence Hayden of

Chicago will spend the holiday season in Omaha. They will be guests of Mr. Joseph Hayden, 2210 Douglas street. Miss Gertrude Branch returned Wednes day from Hillsdale college, Michigan, where she is taking a course in music, remain until after New Year's.

Fred Pickens of Omaha, who has been con fined in St. Mark's hospital, in Salt Lake lity, for the past four weeks with typhoid fever, is now slowly recovering. Miss Helen Hoagland, who is spending the year at Miss Graham's New York school,

will be in Omaha for Christmas, bri with her a cousin from Massachusetts. bringing Mr. and Mrs. T. Wollstein and daughters of Chicago, enroute to the Midwinter fair, are spend ng a few days in Omaha, visiting the family of Mr. E. Seligsobn of South

I'wenty-second street. Mrs. A. D. Morse, who has been in China for several months, arrived at Vancouver on the 20th by steamer Empress of India. She will visit friends in Seattle, Wash., for few days before coming to Omaha.

Mrs. Charles F. Drexol has kindly ented to assist the choir at the First Bap tist church in the rendering of its Christ-mas music this morning. She will also sing as a solo Gastaldon's "Christmas Song." Miss Susan Milward of Lexington, Ky., is the guest of the Misses Baum. Miss Mit-ward accompanied Miss Sadie Baum from

their school, Hollidaysburg seminary, and they will return there after the holidays. Donnell Fisher of Chicago will be the mest of Mr. and Mrs. J. Francis this week. Mr. Fisher is one of the swells of Chicago for whom Mrs. Francis will give one or two small functions during his stay in Omaha. Mr. Kitchen has kindly donated the use of the cafe at the Payton for an entertainment on Thursday evening, Innuary 4, for the benefit of the Trinity Industrial school. I'wo plays will be given, with Mrs. C. P.

Peck and Mrs. Matheson and Misses Bishop. Drano, Jetic Yates, Dandy, Burns, Balch, and Messrs. Wakeley, Wilson and Harry Lyman in the casts. A most cordual invitation is extended to all.

The Woman's club will meet socially at the Commercial club rooms, Sixteenth and Farnam streets, New Year's afternoon, from 2 to 5. Members are requested to bring their husbands or gentlemen friends, Mr. Angustus Rountze arrived vesterday from New York to spend the note ays when his family. He was accompanied by two guests, Mr. Robert Carnaban and Mr. Zloin-ger. The Messrs. Berger will also be guests at Forest Hill for the holidays.

Mrs. S. A. McWhorter received the sad news of the sudden death of her mother. Mrs. E. S. Millikin, at Decatur, III., Tuesday, who had been ill with la grippe for several weeks. Mrs. McWhorter was unable to accompany Mr. McWhorter, who started at once for Decatur.

Mrs. John C. Cowin entertained at disnot Monday evening. Her table was bright with silver and glass, and gorgeous American beauties nodded from their vases. The guests were: General and Mrs. Brooke, Mr. and Mrs. Lyman, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. H. Patrick, Mr. and Mrs. Guy C. Barton.

In honor of Miss Fisher, the guest at "Hillside," Mrs. Thomas Kilpatrick entertained at lunction Tuesday noon. The table was as dainty as could be and decorated in pink roses. The young girls present were: Misses Fisher, Lemon, Johnson, Jeu-tie Yates, Dandy, Alice Chase, Hambleton, Margaret Brown, Webster, Florence Kil-

Miss Cora Knapp was agreeably surprised last Wednesday evening by a number of her friends. The evening was passed with games and music. Those present were: Patten, Sharp, Ivins, Lafferty, Soule. nolds, Coppock, Thomas, Convery, Potter Reynolds, and Messrs, Sullivan, Knapp Bradley, Patten, Reynolds, Hansen, Shane Convery, Sceifkin, Reynolds. Cards of invitation have been issued by Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Kline of Three Rivers

Mich., to the marriage of their daughter Miss Katharine Kline to Mr. Landreth F Sine, Wednesday evening, January 3. Mr and Mrs. Sine will be at home after January 20, 519 South Twenty-sixth street, Omaha Neb. Mr. Sine is connected with the Car penter Paper company of this city. Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock the mar riage of Miss Jennie Lafferty and Mr. Robert

Reynolds was celebrated at the residence of Mr. J. Hunter, 2816 North Thirty-first street, Rev. J. G. Powell of the Hillside Congrega tional church officiating. After the ceremony the happy couple adjourned to 2927 Franklin street, where a reception was held from 7 to 9 o'clock. After January 15 Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds will be at home at 2927 Franklin

Last Tuesday evening Mrs. Clayton Weldon gave a charming reception at her home Kountze piace, for her guest, Miss Ada Ben-well of Indianapolis. Assisting the hostess in receiving were Misses Margaret Riley and May Deo. The evening was spent in music and dancing, the parlors, vestibule and dining room being canvased, while dainty re-freshments were dispensed on the stair landng by Miss Canan. About eighty guests were in attendance

Mrs John C. Jones entertained very in ormally and very enjoyably Monday afternoon. A number of girls were asked to spend the afternoon and wear or do some-thing to represent the title of a well known novel. Miss Dandy gave correct answers to the greatest number of hidden titles and was awarded a dainty blotter book as a The girls present were Miss Eney, Miss Meliora Woolworth, M Wakeley, Miss Meliora Woolworth, Miss Baum, Miss Brownie Baum, Miss Barse, Miss Dandy, Miss Webster, Miss Cady, Miss Mabel Balcombe, Miss Palmer, Miss Funke of Lincoln.

Among the very pleasant social events of the week was a progressive high five party given by Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Wertz at their ce, 1614 Burdette street. Cards were played until 11 o'clock, when a most delicious luncheon was served. Those comprising the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Bal ock, South Omaha; Mr. and Mrs. McDon cock, South Omana; Mr. and Mrs. McDon-ald, Mr. and Mrs. Luteu, Mrs. Crouch, Mrs. Pettis, Mrs. Giffey, Miss Cumming and Miss Reynolds, Mr. L. Giffey, Mr. B. Wertz of Maryville, Mo., Mr. W. Ramser, M. E. Gib-son, L. Littiefield, J. F. Scobee, Mr. Tucker, Mr. Styer and Mr. J. A. Wertz.

That there are people in Omaha who are mbitious for recognition in the theatrical world is evident from the announcement that there is to be produced in the near fu ture a new farce comedy, entitled "A False Face," by Charles M. Breckenridge of Omana. Mr. Breckenridge's friends have long since recognized the fact that he has that his play will prove an entire success A capable company has been engaged and the initial performance will occur in the near future. The Seventh Ward orchestra, one of the best known musical organiza tions in the city, will appear in conjunction with the company, which is a guarantee that the musical program will be of a high order.

Mrs. F. M. Ford gave a delightful informal reception to members of her department of ne Omaha Woman's club Monday afterno it her home, 120 South Twenty-fifth street. Mrs. Nicholas gave a talk on Hull house which she has recently visited, and answered many questions in relation to the management of this modern haven of happi-ness for working women. Mrs. Ford read an extract from Charles Kingsley's poem on Christmas, after which tea, coffee and waters were served and Social Science disussed in the most sociable manner imagina ole. The fifty or more women enjoyed the afternoon and Impered until long after 5 clock, getting better acquainted than would ever have been possible in a formal meeting at the club rooms

Dr. Gunsalus, the renowned pastor of the Plymouth Congregational church, Chicago, who will be Dr. and Mrs. J. T. Duryea's guest this week, has volunteered to give a lecture on "Savonarola" at the First Congregational church Tuesday evening, the proceeds to be devoted to the charity fund. Dr. Gunsalus is not on the lecture platform, but taking, as he does, an enthusiastic inter-est in charity work, offered his services to Mrs. Duryea, which were accepted, Mrs. Duryea in turn deciding that the pro-ceeus should be turned over to the charity ommittee of the Ladies society ecturer needs no introduction to Omah people. He stands at the head of Congre gational ministers in the west, his literary work having brought him a most enviable reputation in Europe as well as America "Savonarola" is one of his favorite themes, in fact the preparation of the lecture was a labor of love with him, and it abounds in beautiful imagery, high thoughts. Omaha is to be considered fortunate in being able to hear this eminent divine.

FIRED AT A THIEF.

An Officer Lecovers Stolen Property, but Fails to Get His Man. About 5 o'clock yesterday morning Officer Mauer was standing at the corner of Sixteenth and Farnam streets when he saw man cross Farnam, at Seventeenth street, carrying a large bundle on his back. The officer skipped through the alley north of the New Lork Life building and tried to head his man off. He caught up with his man in the alley north of Douglas street and ordered him to halt.

The thief, seeing he was closely pressed, dropped his bundles and fled down the alley toward Sixteenth street. The police officer gave chase, but soon found that he was being distanced. He then drew his revolver and fired two shots at the thief, but failed to The thief's booty consisted of a big roll of

Brussels carpet and a sack full of clothing and underwear.

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The fire burned by fits and starts in the olf fashioned grate. Now and then sodden clouds of smoke rolled up the chimney, as the wind biustered, fretted and fumed without, while the snow beat against the window panes like light hall. There were wraiths of Christmases past in the dark vapors that rose chimney ward, twisting and eddying in long spirals up the dark bassage. Suddenly the flame flickered bluely athwart the smoke, caught at a tiny twig on the green hickory wood, rolled 'round the stick and lit up the whole body of smoke and plazed out cheerfully and bright and then sank into

Christmas eve! a night of reflection and etrospection for the man of five and thirty who sat silently by the tying embers watch-ing the white ashes gathering fast over the bed of fire. There were pictures in the coals as they faintly glowed, warmed occa-sionally into the semblance of life as the

wind scurried down upon them.

A student lamp burned dimly on the table, pulled up near the fire, while the books and papers which littered it seemed to absorb the heaviness of the atmosphere 'round about. The wind continued to play fantastic obligates to the soles of the snow sprites as they sing from out the Nowhere into the

The cold grows more apparent to the silent watcher by the fire and a chill passes over him as a tiny flame darts through the ushes, catching at a remaining twig, lighting up the

surroundings near by, and then flickers, wavers and goes out. Prentis Mulford pulls his well-worn dressng gown closer about him, rises, and turns p the lamp. He takes up the power and be gins to stir the smoldering embers with nervous energy. The fire, roused from its lethargy, begins to roar up the chimney, and the smoke is dissipated in the blaze that shines out beamingly upon the rather con-

monplace furnishings of the room.

The warmth somewhat restored, Mulford takes up his case, preparatory to lighting one of the cigarettes, when his eye falls upon a lonely cirgarette lying near a page of opon a lonely circarette lying mean. The nanuscript, directly under the lamp. The nanuscript, directly under the lamp, and it rigarette was old and dry. So long had it been in existence that the rice paper about the roll of tobacco was worn out and stained with its contents. A tiny strand of blue ribbon encircled it. The ribbon was tied in a true lover's knot. Time had made itself manifest on the ribbon for it was faded. There were memories of the most poignant kind written all over the bit of paper and its knot of blue, memories may hap that would have long since been forgotten if they could In that solitary eigarette, lying apart from its newer and brighter companions that seemingly grew whiter in the mellow glow of the lamb light, a history was enfolded, the hap-plest, saddest period in Prentis Mulford's

He took up the senseless bit of paper, and the knot of blue, grown weary of b the tobacco, possibly, fell over his finger which brings Mulford with a round turn out of his revery. He tenderly removes the rip bon from his hand and places both cigarette and ribbon on the top page of the manuscript.

A cheery step is heard without, the crunch ing of the snow giving forth a sharp, metal-lic sound, while a loud knock at the casement sends the echoes flying through the Mulford pulls himself together and, walk

ing over to the door, throws it open. "The compliments of the season to you and the merriest Chrismas in all your life, sang out a hearty voice from the darkness and Mulford invites his visitor within.
"Why, my boy, I am delighted to see you said Mulfort as he grasps the hand of Jack

Byron, a dapper young fellow of two and twenty, who is in his war paint, so to speak in his dress suit, wearing a stylish Inverness with a jaunty debonnair manner that marks the society swell in every curve and contour "You must congratulate me," Dorothy has just consented to be my wife and the wedding is set for the first Wednes day after Lent. Come, old fellow, let's drink a bumper to the happiest Christmas of my No more room for intrepid forays of the

imagination with this flesh and blood young gallant in the room, no more dreaming. thinks Mulford to himself as he walks over to his rather meager sideboard and take down a bottle of good Scotch whisky. hangs a small kettle on the hob over the fire and as the water commences to sing lullables to the flames he gets the bowl of sugar, a lemon and prepares to give his cheery young friend a real Christmas greeting over a glass

of hot Scotch.

Byron having tossed his top coat over the nge in the corner, pulls up the big old ashioned chair nearer the fire and turns the table to get a cigarette, when his eye falls upon the old cigarette and the knot of rib-bon lying on the written page.

"Hello!" said Byron in his impulsive

fashion, "what new fad have you taken up now, Mulford? Surely not collecting old igarettes!"

The tone of the young worlding rouses the elder man and after mixing the bumpers of "Christmas cheer," takes a seat near his friend at the end of the table. "No, not a fad," said Mulford, "but I seem to be making a collection of memories. on this night of all nights, hardly consonant with the spirit of good cheer that animates everybody at Christmas time. Shall I tell you the history of that cigarette?"

"Certainly." responds Byron as he takes up a cigarette, lights it and then lounges back in the depths of the chair. "But no ghost stories. I am entirely too happy for any tales of apparitions or hobgoblins Mulford moves his chair to one side of the hearth. He kicks the front stick which ends the sparks flying in all directions and

then having satisfied himself that the fire would burn for some little time, turns back the pages of the bygone and begins to sweep away the cobwebs of the past. "With that faded cigarette," said Mulford as he gazed upward toward the ceiling, is associated the happiest period of my ife, my first and only love affair.
"Twelve years ago! It seems

as many centuries, so slowly does time go, since Nellie hung that bit of ribbon around the button of my coat. I see her now, with her great blue eyes, her wealth of light brown hair, her peachlike complexion and her fitting and becoming gown of white crepe, just as she appeared when the cigar-

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rotte was given to me. We were at a dancing party together. Tired of waltzin we went up stairs, I into the smoking room. at there were only cigars there and I didn't care much for clears then, as I don't now. There was no one else in the rooms, all the fuests being below stairs, and I asked Nellie to come in and have a chat. I told her the o come in and have a chat. I told her the his thing nocessary for my happiness was a learette. She said I should be happy and orthwith hastened to her brother's overcal and fliched three elgarattes from one of his pockets. Is moked three cigarettes from one of his pockets. Is moked two of them and while so engaged she took a piece of blue ribbon that was fastened about her wrist and tied it around the cigarette, suspending the knot of ribbon from my coat.

"I was young then, just out of college, and the world seemed full of happiness. Only a short time before I had discovered that this beautiful young girl cared for me. As she tied the knot of blue on the button of my coat she said something about not smoking it until—and I finished the sentence by saying until each are accounted." ing, until we are married. I can see her blush now. Refreshments were announced and reluctantly we went down stairs.

"I put the cigarette away." Journalism was my chosen profession. 1 o wrote it when the class historian asked or my profession, with other of my individial characteristics in connection with his class history.

I expected to be an editor of some great

and growing daily paper within a year at most. In the meantime I had secured the position of city editor of the only daily paper in the place in which I had been born and

bred. I was poor.
"Love's young dream west on. Suddenly Nellie was enveloped in sorrow; her brother was taken sick and died and her father followed soon after the latter's death being very sudden. Our engagement was not known so it was deemed best for me not to escort Nellie at either of the funerals, although I had charge of each of them. Nelie's mother made the decision and there was to other recourse than to respect her wishes. The estate was badly involved and Neilie and her mother found themselves with no property when they each supposed that the estate would enable them to live in the style they had been accustomed to. Under these circumstances a visit to a rich relative

in the east was decided on "It was plain to me that Nellie's mother was averse to me as a sen-in-law, because I was poor. She was old in the world's ways and knew how much misery is caused by poverty and was therefore determined that Neille should marry a rich husband. she succeeded. For something was said in one of Nellie's letters to me at which I took offense and the engagement, as a result of the quarrel, was broken off. Nellie married rich man. I have never seen her since her marriage. As for the down in the folds of my old trunk, which I had occasion to go to today to get out story I had written some time ago for the Century

bit was twelve years ago this Christmas eve, that Nellie and I came to understand each other's heart, when I asked her to be my wife. I was just thinking before you came in, Byron, what right I had to keep a souvenir of the past in which the wife of an ther man plays such an important part. He took the well worn bit of paper and triking a match lighted the eigarette

"A truce to the past," said Byron, "lets have another Scotch. Now a toast, here's to brighter days, more congenial friends, a larger measure of charity and a peaceful larger measure of charty and exit from life's stage when the final act is over. Hello! what's this?" taking up the over. Hello! what's this?" God bless me if it's not a poem and dedicated to Nellie." And then he read, as the Christmas day dawned, his friend's tribute to a love that was dead.

"When the wild birds southward fly And the gray clouds fill the sky. And the red leaves scattered lie, In the dust.

When the purling brooks grow still And the wild flowers leave the hill And the wind sweeps bleak and chill, With each gust.

When the moon grows wanly bright And the frost lies cold and white, And the mist wraps all the night In a baze.

Then we miss the scenes of yore, But we dream them o'er and o'er Till our fancy brings once more Summer days. E. C. SNYDER.

FRENCH-CANADIANS JUBILANZ. They Rejoice Greatly at the Election of a

Catholic Mayor of Chicago. MONTREAL, Dec. 23.—The French-Canadian thelic press of Montreal and Ouebec is very enthusiastic over the election of John Hopkins, the Catholic mayor of Chicago. Prominent French-Canadians in Chicago wired Senator Tasse that 6,000 French-Canadians voted for him. The La Minerve adds that the election of a Catholic in Chicago is a great event.

"The position of mayor of Chicago," it says, "is equivalent to that of many leaders of states, seeing that the city expends \$38,-000,000 annually, as much of the whole of Canada. Though the late Mr. Harrison did much to give the Catholics their share of patronage, much remains to be done. It would be a mistake to believe the United would be a mistage to believe the Chites States is a tolerant country enough for Cath-olics. They merely have the crumbs of patronage. This is quite evident when we remember the 10,000,000 of Catholics in the United States have not a single representain the Cleveland cabinet, though it owes its existence to them. We are far from being of the opinion of his lordship, Mgr. reland, when he hads the United States as being the ne plus ultra of tolerance and Christian civilization. But every time our neighbors will break down the barriers of prejudice and imitate the example of the itholics of Maryland, we will always be happy to appreciate their improvement, and we may hope that at a not distant date a new era will dawn for our co-religionists on the other side of the border."

North Carolina Town Burned. COLUMBUS, S. C., Dec. 23 .- A special to the Register from Winsboro, N. C., says that there was a fire raging in that town and about a dozen stores were burned. latest news says the fire is under control.



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