Everything Indicates That the Gar Whirl Has Set In- Weekly Gossip with Omaha's Social Ones.

The twelfth month of what will soon be "the old year" has been most auspleiously ushered in by the gay followers of the fickle goddees of society who move and have their being within the confines of this metropolis. During the week just closed there have been several private dancing parties, attended by a goodly number of privileged guests and made enjoyable by the minutes: attention to the details which make such affairs successful. The Catillian club, under whose banner all those who esteem themselves in the first set of Omaha's society has held its second dancing party and given further proof of its popularity. There have been an unusually large number of teas, luncheons and dinner parties. Of these functions a majority have been in honor of an Omaha bride, and attest the popular

opinion of her worth.
Luncheons, dinners and other affairs where they "eat, drink and make merry" have been largely on the increase on the calendar book of the local society world. In fact so numerous have these affairs become that elx days does not now suffice to crowd all such occasions into the week. One fair young woman, who occupies a high place in court of Dame Society, demonstrated this lest Sunday evening by giving a Dutch supper to a number of friends.

It is hard to tell what the future holds in store for local devotees of society, as it is to read the hand of a Wyoming poker player. Some of the functions that are to happen it the near future may be named, but there are so many more being arranged that the few so many more being arranged that the few that are definitely echeduled seem small in comparison. What will probably be the lead-ing social function of this week is the first trisked denoing party of the season tomor-row night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed-ward Porter Peck. The debut of the popular daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Euclid Martin will be in the form of a reception to be given on Tuesday afternoon. On December 15 Mrs. Charles J. Barber will give a tea to an-mounce the debut of her daughter. Miss Mahel Barber. Whatever lack there may be in the number of debutantes this season is certainly more than compensated for in their uniform graciousness and charming personalities.

The appearance of the first real snow-storm that is worthy the name has given new zest to the winter sports, and sleighing parties are already being formed to take advantage of the seasonable weather formation of a dancing club among young married folks of the city is proof pos-itive that the benedicts and their wives do not intend to be barred out from dancing merely because they have taken the conjugal

It is pleasing to note that a misunder-standing among certain folks who figure more or less extensively in society functions about town has been cleared up during the past week. About two years ago a church that boasts of a fashionable congregation gave a reception. It was desired to use a number of rugs to ornament the floor and cover a few trite spots in the carpet. One of the younger men of the church went to the home of one of the leading families of the city and asked permission to borrow a few rugs, just for the evening. He thoughtlessly agreed to become personally responsi-ble for their safe return, and his request was granted most as soon as it was asked. Everything would have probably been all right, but for the dishonesty of one of the teamsters employed the next morning to return the various rugs and other articles of borrowed furniture. One of these men just held out of the best rugs, and has kept it for his own use until within a few days past.

The young man who had borrowed the rug or the welfare of the church was in a dreadful fix. He tried to explain, but the mater of the family which was minus the rug wouldn't listen to his explanation. Her daughter cut him dead. He endeavored to send them a new rug to replace the one that had been stolen, but they wouldn't have it They didn't say so, but they is timated that the young man borrower had eaten the rug or disposed of it in some other way. The coldness continued for two years.

The young man, however, had watched the man whom he suspected of the theft all the time, by day and by night. A few days rug in the teamster's room. It was quickly returned to its owners from whom it had so Song been separated, and the young man was fully and completely forgiven,

The entrance of society women into business is always recorded with an enthusiasm which is not invariably continued. Of all the branches of business in which they have woman ever undertook anything more remarkable than the line which the latest re-cruit has announced that she is prepared to take up. "I'm going to show people." she says, "how to furnish their homes in an original and artistic manner. I'm going to show 'my lady' how to wear her gown properly, and I am going to direct tachelors how to furnish their apartments properly."

Prospects for the Future.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Porter Peck will give domino dancing party on Monday evening. For Mrs. Arthur Guiou, Miss Kountze will entertain at luncheon on Tuesday, and Miss Webster will do the same on Thursday.

The meeting of the Wisteria Whist club has been postponed until December 15, when it will be entertrined at the home of Mrs

To announce the formal debut of her daughter into Omaba society Mrs. Euclid Martin will give a reception at her home, 3608 Jackson street, on Tuesday from 3 until

A dancing cab, composed of about forty of the younger married couples, has been redances of the same club are announced for

vived and will give an initial dance at Mo-rand's hall on December 20. The other January 17 and February 14.

Miss Ada Lewis and Mr. Charles Yates were united in marriage by Rev. Dr. W. W. Harsha at the home of the bride's parents near Florence on Monday afternoon at

Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Newell of 2121 Locust street elicbrated their twentieth wed-ding anniversary on last Monday afternoon following guests from out of the clip Mrs. T. D. Sargent, Council Bluffs, Ia.; Mrs J. S. Shoopshire, Butte, Mont.; Mr. and Mrs. George Richardson, Denisan, Ia. A num-

The Royal is the highest grade baking powder third further than any other brand.



The twentieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Rees occurred on Monday last and they celebrated the event by entertaining at their home quits a number of their old-time friends, among them being Mrs. William Allen of Clinton, Mo., and Mrs. Clark Breed of Fulton, N. Y., whose husbands were schoolmates of Mrs. Rees in New York. The guests were entertained with several vocal numbers by Mrs. Emery J. Street, a niece of Mr. Rees, who has results removed here from St. Lorent Mrs. WINTRY WEATHER STIRS UP SOCIETY cently removed here from St. Jos ph. Mo and also by instrumental music furnishes by Miss Henrietta and Master Samuel Ries. No little amusement was afforded by Mr. and Mrs. Rees wearing the costumes in which they were married. The house was hand-somely decorated with beautiful yellow and Wednesday. She had just returned from the control of the costument of th white chrysanthemams and American Beauty roses. A delightful time was enjoyed by all present and the host and hostess were wished many happy returns of the day.

Pleasures of the Week. On Wednesday Mrs. Charles Kountze en ertained for Mrs. Gulou at tuncheon. Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Claffin entertained the

embers of the Harmony club last evening. For Mrz. Smith of St. Joseph Mrs. Henry W. Yates entertained at tea on Wednesday In honor of Miss Silloway Mrs. David Haum

ntertained at luncheon at the Omaha club on Thursday.

Mount gave a delightful tea at her home Omaha on Tuesday. on Friday from 5 until II o'clock. For Mrs. Gulou and Miss Short of Cleveland, Mr. Dickson of Boston entertained at dinner at the Omeha club on Monday last, General and Mrs. Manderson entertained

at dinner on Monday for Mrs. Evans of Philadelphia and Mrs. and Miss McGowan of Washington. On Thursday evening a few friends of Miss adie Danford and Miss Addie Palmer gave them a pleasant surprise. The evening was

spent in games, music and a luncheon. On Tuesday afternoon Mrs. George Loomis entertained a number of friends at a high five card party. The first prize was won by Mrs. James Conrad and the second by

Mrs. Occar Williams. A very pleasant surprise party was given a honor of Miss Ethel Barr of South Omaha last Tuesday evening. The evening was pleasually spent in music and games, after which an ovster supper was served.

The Omaha Guards held their regular monthly drill on Monday evening. The sucorne, who for the third time won the rophy. It now becomes his property. Among the guests at the dinner and ger-

man of Miss Montgomery at Council Bluffs on Tuesday evening in honor of Miss Homans of St. Louis were Misses Webster and Palmer and Messrs. Heth and Wilson of Omaha. In honor of Miss May Munger of Fremon daughter of Federal Court Judge Munger

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hillis entertained at dinner on Friday evening the following: Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Baldwin of Council Bluffs, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Chariton and Mr. William Carey of Omaha. Miss Clara Gentleman was agreeably sur

rised by a number of her friends on Thursday evening. High five was enjoyed by all after which Miss Cassie Riley favored th company with a vocal selection. Mr. John Gleason sang, Mr. Daniel Hurley recited "The Countersign" and the Misses Gentleman pleased all with a vocal duet. Refresh ments were served at a late hour.

A very pleasant surprise was given Misa Nora Honafris on Friday evening at the About thirty young people enjoyed them-selves at high five, after which refreshments were served. The first prizes were wan by Miss Agnes Whiteside and Mr. J. G. Star-buck; the consolation prizes by Miss Ida Livingstone and Mr. James Cook.

On Saturday afternoon from 2 to 5 o'clock Master Daniel Howard Farrell entertained about twenty of his little friends in honor of his seventh birthday. He was the reof his seventh birthday. He was the re-cipient of many beautiful gifts. Many pleas-ant games were induged in. The guests were then invited to the dining room, which was brilliantly lighted and decorated with yellow and white chrysanthemums. After a dainty repost had been enjoyed each little one was presented with a pretty couvenir box of candy in honor of the event.

In honor of Mise Chapman of Boston, who is visiting Miss Florence Morse, Mr. and Mrs. William V. Morse gave one of the prettiest dancing parties of the season. large parlor and the adjoining library were thrown open to the dancers, and the floors of both cleared and transform lancing space. The parlor, the library and the dining room were handsomely decorated with American Beauty roses, chrysanthemums and palms. The guests were mostly of the younger set represented in the Coillion club.

The Cotillion club, which has very sucresafully passed through the critical forma-tive period and is now an assured fixture among Omaha's swagger set, held its second meeting at the specious and handsome home of Hon. James M. Woolworth on Thursday ovening, which was elegantly decorated with cut flowers and potted plants. Mr. George Palmer led the extillion. The favors were unique and pleasing. They consisted of nuffs and frogs, Japanese parasols and lan-terns, morning glories and chrysanthemums. ache: bags and paper shaving balls, blotter. and photograph frames charmingly painted in water colors, hats and bornets, baskets and curios. Resides the regular members were present Misses Chapman of Boson, McGowan of Washington, Cleveland of Denver, Curtis of Peocla, Mr. Cudahy of Shicago.

auxiliary of the Thurston Rifles at the armory last Friday evening in connection with the bazar held during the past week. In spite of the untoward weather abou seventy ecuples braved the wintry blasts and mjoyed one of the most elaborate dancing parties that has to far appeared on the ocial calendar of the company. In Gonor of the bazar the company appartment was richly lecorated. An orchestra rendered a compli dance program. During several ulls in the program the guests visited the displays and booths. The most duractive terious realm was most frequented as a refuge to enjoy a draught of Arctic coolness. Amid the Klondike claims, polar bear caves and other Alaskan surroundings of a chilling nature four charming maidens, the Misses Mabel Armstrong, Clara Loranzen Mary Houston and Moud Buchanan, all robed in white attire, posed as modern "Queens Po-laris" and served refreshments and orange co to the guests between dances.

Movements of Seciety People. Mrs. Rheleander of Lincoln is the guest of Mrs. George Eddy.

Miss Florence Morse is entertaining Miss Miss Blanche McKenna has recently returned from St. Paul.

Clarence Thurston will give a dancing Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Weeks have moved to 23 North Twenty-third street.

Mrs. Martin of Fremont was the guest of he Woman's club on Monday. Mrs. Garlick of Fort Smith, Ark., is visit ag her sister, Mrs. Adams, this winter. Mr. and Mrs. McGowan of Washington are

he guests of General and Mrs. Manderson. C. E. Sumner and family left on Juesday to spend the winter in Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Taliaferro have re d from a three weeks' visit in Chicago Mr. George Bowman of Cleveland was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Dickinson this week Bishop Worthington returned on Tuesday

from a short trip in the western part of the Miss Ethel Lynn left for Neligh, Neb., last Thursday, where she will spend the winter

The silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Thurston will be celebrated on Decem-Dr. C. B. Clapp of Moberly, Mo., is visit-

ing his sister, Mrs. O. J. Matthews, on North Nineteenth street. Miss Etta Wheeler, who has been visiting Denver for the last six months, has reurned to Omaha.

Mrs. A. C. Powell and son, Charles, left yesterday for Portland, Ore., where they will

Mr. and Mrs. O. Whitney, formerly of Eik City, have removed to 2011 North Twenty-third street, this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Z. B. Knight and Miss trade mark is invariably cut on the

Knight left on Friday for San Diego, Cal., genuine.

FOURTH BUDS OF THE SEASON ber of elegant presents were left by the whore they will join Mr. Frederic Knight and spend the winter and spring. Judge Fawcett and family have returned North Ninete ith street.

Mr. and Mrs. James E. Preston, formerly now of Denver, were it Omaha during the week. Mrs. Charles J. Barber will give a tea on Wednesday, December 15, to bring out her daughter, Miss Mabel Earber.

Miss Bell of Cincinnati, who has been for several weeks the guest of Mrs. Charles Kountze, returned home Tuesday.

Frank F. Adair left last week for New Mexico with his sister, Miss Maurice L. Mrs. Stoutenborough was in the city on Wednesday. She had just returned from a visit to York, where she attended a meeting of the York Federation of Clubs.

Mr. William Rosse of Bloomfield, Neb., and Miss Vera Barden of Denver, Colo., stu-dents of the State Normal school, returned on Monday, having spent the holidays with the Misses Lynn.

Mrs. Edward Smith, who has been visiting here for a week, returned to St. Joseph on Friday, taking with her Miss Bessie Yates, who will visit Mrs. Smith and Miss Carolyn Johnson for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cartan and Miss Adeline Nash arrived in New York City yesterday on the steamship Compania after a two months' trip through England, Ireland, Scot-In honor of Miss Short of Cleveland Miss land and France. They are expected in

NOTES FROM OMARA SUBURBS

Florence.

Robert Paul was a business visitor in Omaha Friday. Oscar Tucker was a Blair visitor the first art of the week.

Misses Hattle and Myrtle Cox of Omaha ire visiting friends in the city. Miss Lilian Fogg was an Omaha visitor during the Thanksgiving vacation. Mrs. Mary Smith left last Tuesday for an

extended visit with her sister in Iowa. Mrs. Lou Warlier has been very sick fo the last three weeks and is slowly recover-Charles Fouk has had his house moved to

the south side of his lot and had it repaired

for the winter. Freeman Tucker of De Sota, Neb., furnished the music for the Modern Woodmen dance at the city hall Thursday evening. Miss Lillian Bondesson, who is attending the Peru State Normal school of Peru, Nob. will be at home for the holiday vacation.

Mrc. Margaret Miller, who has been visit-ing with a daughter in Kansas City for the ast two months, returned home last Tues-

Mr. G. J. Hunt, who is interested in an irrigation company in the western part of the state, was home for a vacation last Miss Mattie Tucker, who is teaching a

will spend her holiday vacation at her home Mrs. Louis Lighton tripped and fell down the stairs leading from their house to the

street, injuring herself quite severely. It is hoped that nothing will result seriously from At one time there were thirty-three cases of diphtheria in the city. Now there are only two. Dr. J. F. Tracy, the city physician, is having remarkable success in the

treatment of the disease. Mrs. Captain Reynolds received word from Williamson, N. Y., announcing the death of her mother, Mrs. L. B. Short. It is probable Mrs. Reynolds will attend the funeral services if she can reach there in time.

The pupils of the public school are preparing for their annual entertainment the evening of December 23. In the past these entertainments have been well received and the coming one, it is expected, will be superior to any yet given. Weber & Son are having their mill resaired and new machinery in place of the

now here and when their work is completed the Weber mill will be one of the finest and best equipped in the state. ohurch Saturday evening, December 11, for the benefit of the church. The entertainment will consist largely of microscopic pictures

old put in. Several expert machine men are

enlarged by means of a magic lantern. The extreme cold weather has delayed the erection of the Arctic Ice company's new ice house to some extent. As soon as the to completion. The water works company

the pipe laid. Board of Education for two weeks on ac count of diphtheria. The teachers claimed their wages and the matter was referred to

Mrs. Madden and children moved from Benson last Tuesday.

William H. Bosse of Peru, Neb., visited with friends in Benson during the last week. Mrs. Bodinson of Kearney was the guest

Ed Cone and family moved last week to Clifton Hill, where they will stay for the

The meeting of the Ladley' Aid society was ield at the home of Mrs. W. J. Joseph last Thursday afternoon. Errvices will be held this evening at the Methodist Episcopal church at 8 o'clock.

The funeral services of Christina Wollgast n aunt of Miss A. Wollgast, teacher of the primary department, was held in Omaha last Monday afternoon and the schools were

closed to give all the teachers a chance The digging of the ditch to drain the pond on Military road has been stopped by o der of the commissioners, who will leave it till spring by request of the young people of

Benson who wish to use it for a skating pond through the winter. The members of the different lodges of Benson attended church in a body at the Methodist Episcopal church last Sunday evening. The Independent Order of Odd Fe lodge has attended in this way on the

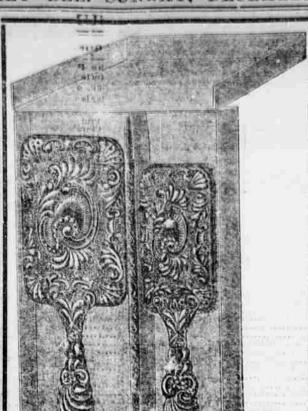
last Sunday of each month for some time. December 1 at Wednesday noon was the Mr. Arthur Carr, both of Logan, Ia., at the ome of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edge. The wedding was a quiet home affair, no guests being present except the immediate relatives. Miss Edge is the third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William

Letter Carriers Elect Officers. Branch No. 5, National Association of Letter Carriers, held its regular meeting held and other business transacted. The heid and other business transacted. The transfer card of Fred Tonsing was re-ceived from Portland, Ore. The list of of-ficers for the coming year is as follows: Fresident, E. L. Hoag; vice president, E. G. Rozzelle; recording secretary. D. W. Tillotson; financial secretary. Thomas Dwyer: treasurer, N. A. Lundberg; ser-geant-at-arms, R. C. Dayis; trustees, E. N. Howles, Charles Creighton, A. P. Ben-nett; collector of the Mutual Benefit asso-ciation, C. W. Newton.

Chandler received serious injuries Friday afternoon in a collision with a street car at Eighteenth and Vinton streets. He had alighted from a car at the point near-est his home and in crossing behind the trailer was caught by a car approaching trailer was caught by a car approaching from the other way. He was thrown and dragged some distance, breaking his nose and severely brutsing his body. He was removed to his home, 2234 South Twentieth street, where his injuries were attended to.

A grand concert and ball was given las light at Germania hall under the direction of Prof. Adolf Edgren. An enjoyable program was rendered by Messrs. Joseph Dunn Genaro, C. A. Jacobson, Ernest Nordin and officers, Miss Emma Moeller and the singing Society Norden, After the program he floor was cleared and dancing was con-inted until a late hour.





Gifts for Ladies-

Ostrich Feather and Neck Boas—all inds—from \$1,50 up; silk, 58c up to \$3,75, Silk Mittens, lined, from 58c up, Kid Mittens, from 59c and up, A large and complete line of Kid Gloves for street, driving and evening

12-button Evening Gloves, \$1,50 up; 16-

We carry the celebrated Perrin Gloves, Elegant line of Aprons, from 25c up.

Hand Embroidered Pieces-a large as-

Ladles' Fancy Hose, cotton or silk,

Ice Wool Searfs and Real Lace Scarfs

or wrapping head and neck, Beautiful Dresser Sets, Pillow Shams,

able Spreads, Sofa Pillows, Scarfs

A beautiful line of Tollet Sets-brush

comb and mirror—from \$1,00 up.

Elegant hand decorated Trays,
An elegant line of Fancy Baskets and
Decorated Baskets, including office, infants' and work baskets,
Beautiful Sterling Silver Novelties in
Manicure and other pieces,
See the new imported Mosaic and Enamel Broches, Paper Weights, etc.
Infants' Gold Pins, solid and plated,
Enameled, Sterling Silver and Gold
Bracelets—the newest designs,
Stick Pins, Cuff Buttons and Pins,
Lorgnettes and Fan Chains,
Ladies' New Ties, in mull, net and silk,
a Hudsome Chiffon Fronts,
Neck Ruchings in endless variety—
from 25c to \$2,50 a₄yard,

Drapes, Mexican Drawn Work, etc.

omb and mirror-from \$1,00 up.

Prices from \$1,00 up,

ortment at very low prices.

Handsome Silk Umbrellas,

rom 50e to \$3,75 a pair

outton, \$1,87 up.

Sheerest Fine French Linea for \$1,00, Sterling Silver Novelties

In Manieure Pieces, Letter Openers, Letter Seals, Button Hooks, Shoe Hooks, Shoe Horns, Nail Files, all jeweled opped: Horns, Scissors, Darners, Vastline Boxes, jeweled tops, gold or silver; Glove Stretchers, Match Safes, Stamp Boxes, Thimbles, Vinagrettes in gold, silver or cut glass; Purses, Belts, jeweled or plain. oxidized silver or gold; Chatelaines, Jewaled or plain, oxidized or gold-from 75c

Sterling Silver Novelties, from 25c up.

Infants' Combs, Dressing Combs, Hair, Hat and Cloth Brushes. Our Novelties are the prettiest ever shown in this city-such as Handkerchief and Glove Boxes, Jewel Boxes, Work Boxes, Needle Books, Hand and Stand Mirrors, Calendars, Christmas Cards, lotters, Music Holders, Music Racks, ases, Fancy Bric-a-Brac, Elegant Pyraline Baskets, Brush and Comb Trays, hand painted; Pocketbooks, Shopping Bags, Chatelaines, Boston Bags, Mani-Sets, Trays andPhoto Holders, Card Counters Opera Glass Bags, etc.; and decorated Linen Cases for clippings and Receipts, Hand Decorated Linen Choto Holders, Note Cases, Calling Lists, Hand Decorated Portfolios, linen covered—Hand Dictionaries, Call Bells, Sonp Paper, Novelty Candle Sticks, etc.
The very choicest Perfumes and Toilet Waters,
We have hundreds of beautiful things for Christmas presents which was canfor Christmas presents which we can-not enumerate here,

Gifts or Ladies-

Fine Linen Handkerchiefs, with dainty

A white pure silk Initialed Handkerchief at 25c and 50c. Beautiful Embroidered Handkerchiefs,

A very handsome line of all linen

Handkerchiefs, 15c, 25c, 50c and 75c. A bargain-Very fine plain linen Hand-

rehiefs at 25e-come in one-quarter, on

Japanese Initial Handkerchiefs, 15c-

A handsome line of Mufflers at 35c, 50c.

Handsome Decorated Boxes for collars.

cuffs and ties, Cigar and Tobacco Jars.

ffice Baskets, Toilet Sets, Travelin Cases, Perfumes and Toilet Waters. Ask to see our beautiful Traveling Cases in

real seal and ebony fittings, Smoking Sets, Calendars, Drinking Glasses in

cases, Stamp Boxes, Whisk Brooms, and

Holders, Cards in Cases and Shaving

aper Cases, Hair. Hat and Cloth Brushes hand decorated and sterling sil-

ver, Ink Stands and Pen Wipers, Ash

Receivers, Scap Boxes, Hand Mirrors.

75c, \$1.00, \$1.50 and \$2.25. Elegant Silk Hose at \$1.00 a pair.

Handsome Silk Umbrellas.

New Novelties for Men.

initial, at 25c each, or \$1.50 per hand-

some box of half dozen.

at 50c, 75c and \$1.15 each.

half and one inch hem

2 for 25c.

MRS. J. BENSON

.. Christmas Novelties

and have just opened them on our counters.

Gifts for Ladies-

are bound to sell them.

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We know we are showing the finest

line of Christmas Handkerchiefs ever

shown in this city, and at prices that

All Linen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs

from 5c up, Embroidered Handkerchiefs from 19c up,

Unlaundered Hand Embroidered Hand-

A Sheer All Linen Hand Embroidered

Initial Handkerchief 15c each-2 for 25c,

per box of half dozen, in fancy box,

A finer quality at 25c each, or \$1,50

Linen Handkerchiefs from 5c to the

A Handsome French Linen Handkerchief, hand hemstliched, initial, sheer quality, 50c each, or \$2.75 half dozen.

A very fine sheer all linen Handkerchief, with dainty script initial, 35c each. or \$1,87 handsome box of half dozen,

Pretty Lace Trimmed Handkerchiefs for 50c, 75c and \$1.00. A large line of real Duchess Lace

Handkerchiefs, from 75c to \$12,50-prettiest goods ever shown for the money Dainty French Hand Embroidered Handkerchiefs, from \$1,25 up to \$25.00, Beautiful Empire Fans Gifts for Men-

Perfumes-

Handsome Royal Worcester Novelties, Urns, Bottles, Tea Pots, etc., filled with choice perfume. Handsome Atomizers, from 35c to \$2.50, Very handsome fancy Ivorine Baskets filled with perfume, toilet soap and tollet water, \$2.75 to \$5.25,

Writing Paper-

We have a grand line of Sationery, plain and fancy, put up in elegant boxes for Christmas trade. Prices 25c, 35c, 55c and 75c per box.

Dainty boxes of children's Stationery, 15c, 29c and 25c,

Calendars-

We have the handsomest line of Calendars this year ever brought to Omaha—Shakespearean and Byron Calendars—and other authors and posts, with quotations.

Beautiful Calendars in other designs,

For the Baby-Infants' handsome Robes, Silk Bibs, Bootees, Caps. Cloaks and Jackets—just the articles for baby for Christmas. Baby Rattles, Toilet Sets, Brushes and Combs, Infinits' Baskets, etc.

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We name a few prices, Imitation Marten Collars, \$2.50, Electric Seal or Astrakhan, \$3.50, Electric Seal and Astrakhan Combined, Dolls from two inches up to life size \$5.50 Examples. The bables—from Yellow Kids up to the finest quality—dressed or undressed. Shots and stockings and Doll Tollet Sets.

he fin-Shots Real Seal and Persian Lamb, trim-med with marien talls, \$13,75, Real Marten, \$21,50,

BASKETS-

We have the largest and finest line of imported and Indian Baskets ever brought to Omaha. Scrap Baskets from 25c up to \$3.50. Work Baskets from 10c up. Fancy Baskets from 5c up.

GORDON WRITES A LETTER

Prof. Lighten and a friend from Omaha will Police Judge Replies to Communication of the Mayor.

SAYS THAT HE IS NOT VIOLATING THE LAW

and Then Points Out a Remedy Plames Police and Executive of the City.

Last night Police Judge Gordon sent a to Police Judge Gordon last Wednesday, calling his attention to the manner of conducting cases in the police court.

Police Judge Goldon's letter follows: Hon, Frank E. Moores, Mayor, Dear Sir—Yours of December 1 at hand. You start out by saying that "complaints are coming in daily that the police court is being run in total disregard of law and justice." This certainly a false allegation. During my acumbency I have at all times endeavored incumbency I have at all times endeavored to administer the law honestly and justly. I am confident in the belief that no act of mine as police judge, since my induction into office up to the present, has been such as to justify the slightest sober criticism. In the goldee court, more than in any other judicial tribunal, justlee must be tempered with mercy, and yet while observing this fact. I have at all times endeavored to administer the law as I in my humble judgment interpreted it.

You charge that I have "remitted fines.

ment interpreted it.
You charge that I have "remitted fines and sentences in violation of the law." This is also untrue. I have remitted no fine, nor have I the statutory right so to do. I have suspended sentences on condition of future good behavior, but this only in instances where imprisonment would work hardship on innocent and dependent women and children. In other instances where I have suspended sentence the accused has invariably agreed to leave the city, thus saving the taxpayers of the city much unnecessary cost. Vagrants and people of like character have frequently been committed, owing to their failure to comply with the order of the court, as to departing from our midst, SPIRIT OF THE LAW. SPIRIT OF THE LAW.

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You say that the coolice have informed you that more than 70 per cent of the complaints filed had been dismissed by me in the last two months. I have dismissed no complaints during the last two months, nor at any other period. That duty devolves upon the city prosecutor and complaints that are dismissed are either dismissed on his motion, or when the complaining witness fails to appear and prosecute. Proof of this may be found in the court records to which, if you doubt my statement, I invite your attention. It is a matter of common notoriety that the police are overzealous in the matter of prosecuting, not alone criminals, but every person arrested on suspicion of crime. They often go to extremes to accomplish a conviction. In my judgment, and is tails I trust I have the support of every good citizen, it would be a much greater crime to punish one inaocent man than allow one guilty one to escape. I want to say here and now, that while I am on the police heach, no person will be deprived of his or her liberty without competent testimody. It is just as much my duty to protect the innocent as it is to punish the guilty, that is the spirit of the law if not the letter.

I stand ready to meet any and all charges against me. Thess charges are not nex. They were lodged before the police com-

I stand ready to meet any and all charges against me. These Charges are not new against me. These charges are not new They were lodged before the police complisioners something over a year ago, herided brondenst by the newspapers, and at my trial in the court of public opinion on the 20th day of tast April I was vindicated by a majority of 2,00 and that, too, in the face of a terrible or slaught on the head of the treet.

face of a terrible of slaught on the head of the ticket.

The robberies to which you evidently refer are cases the most difficult to unravel, Though numerous cuses are tried, the police are seldom able to secure connectent tostimony, to that extent as to justify binding over to the district court. In such cases the interests of the taxphyers are consulted by me. In every instance where the testimony has been sufficient, I have bound the defendant over, and let me note right here, that you and the police are responsible for many of these robberies.

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Right within a few blocks of the city hall and police station hundreds of lewd women are permitted by you as chief executive of the city, to openly and shamefully transgreas the law. The sobberies of which you speak are in nearly every instance committed by these women. Yet, if you and the police lived up to your oaths of office, not one of them asould be there and the robberies would, therefore not occur. You and the police are responsible for the cause and you have the temerity to blame me for the effect.

To my mind, you ask the police judge

to find a way of running an illegal business legally, an infinitely complex problem, and one decidedly difficult of solution.

As to the danger of your impeachment by reason of my conduct I would say that you make a mistake in going around with a lamp in your hand hunting trouble. You will be many years in the executive chair if your retirement be contingent upon official misconduct on my part. Indeed, past events counsel me to suggest that danger of impeachment lies in the recesses of your own official record, rather than in mise, Come, now, honor bright, mayor, don't you think your letter a little top heavy? Yours very respectfully,

pectfully, M. I. GORDON, Police Judge, WATER ROUTE IS SATISFACTORY.

Railronds May Have to Reduce Rates to Meet the Competition. CHICAGO, Dec. 4 .- It is possible that in the near future the transcontinental reads letter to Mayor Moores, the same being in will be compelled to meet the same trouble freight rates. The arrangements that the steamship companies have made between New York and the Gulf of Mexico ports and from there to San Francisco with the Southern Pacific have proven so satisfactory to shippers that it is altogether likely that they will send much freight in that way if they are afforded equal rates via the direc-Freight shipped by steamer mail routes. from New York via Houston to San Francisco been carried through in nine and onehalf days, which is fost enough for the method of getting freight to the Pacific coast

> straight rail routes. ALL WATCHING THE UNION PACIFIC. Its Course May Shape That of Other

Roads. CHICAGO, Dec. 4.—The western passenger men are watching the course of the Union Pacific with great interest and many of them admit that its course under the new management will for the next few months shape the course of its competitors. Some of the passenger men expect it to cut the rates and others are claiming that it will be handled in a conservative manner, the men of the latter epinion being in a decided majority. It is admitted on all sides that the stand the Union Pacific will assume toward the associations will have very much to do with the reorganization of the Trans- hold its next annual meeting in Indianapolis. continental Passenger association and with he future of the Western Passenger associa-

Dispose of Northwestern Bonds. NEW YORK, Dec. 4 .- The Chicago & being offered in exchange for bonds company matering at early periods, at fixed conviction more summary and trial more rates of exchange. The total issue of the speedy; depriving defendants of the right to new general mortgage, which materes in 1997, appeal to a higher court; offering rewards will be \$165,000,000, and the outstanding bonds for the elscovery and conviction of crimmals; maturing at various dates, for the retirement sterilization of defectives, both moral and

Increased Railroad Earnings. CHICAGO, Dec. 4.-The gress earnings of over 16 per cent over the aggregate earning:

same roads for the same month of Eastbound freight shipments for the week ending December 2 amounted to 52,925 tons, compared with 44,661 tons last week and 72,166 tons the corresponding week of last

Deaths of a Day. POMONA, Cal., Dec. 4.-William Blake the first white settler in what is now Ponona valley, is dead. Deceased was born in New York City and was a member of the roops that were with Fremont on his first expedition across the plains. He assisted as ieutenant in the United States army in planting the stars and stripes first on Pike's peak. He came to California with Fremon in 1847 and was a participent in the strug gle about Monterey and Santa are ted Californ's from Mexico. He bore dis patches from General Fremont to Commo lore Sloat in negotiations for the transfer of the state from the Mexican to the United

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MEGEATH STATIONERY CO.,

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the water's edge today, causing a loss of \$45,000. It had been towed into midstream and the prospects of extinguishing the fire were good when the bollers burst, scattering burning coals to all parts of the lighter.

METHODS OF PREVENTING CRIME. National Prison Association Makes Radical Recommendations. AUSTIN, Tex., Dec. 4.-The National

Prison Association today decided that it The most important business of the morning ession was the submissi n of the report from the committee on criminal law reform. The report stated that the progress of crime was comething frightful and recommends that it NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—The Chicago & should be most successfully checked by the Northwestern Railway company has disposed following changes in the handling of the of \$20,000,000 of 314 per cent gold bands, correcting changes in the nameling of the world: Greater severity of which are to be used for refunding purposes, purishment, doing away with all technicalipunishment, doing away with all technicali ties in trials; abolishment of juries; making of which the new issue is destined, amount to physical; abolishment of poverty; removing or restricting the power to pardon; prohibiting the use of intoxicating liquors; recon struction of the ethical code of lawyers; cur ing inherent defects in the law as distinseventy-nine roads for the month of November were \$9,118,056, an increase of a triffe scientific motherhood; state regulation of marriage; restricted immigration; popular ed-ucation and colonization of criminals; the reformation of criminals by the abolition of the definite sentence. The committee states that some of their suggestions are practically impossible at present, but if followed as closely as possible the morals of the country would be greatly immediately. marriage; restricted immigration; popular ed-

that the ratification of the Dawes-Choctaw treaty was defeated at Monday's election. Supporters of the bill here concede its defeat. The adopted and inter-married citizens were not permitted to participate in the election

Modern Woodmen Case Goes Over The case of the Modern Woodmen of America against the Union National bank. of the state from the Mexican to the United States government.

Floating Elevator Burned.
NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—The Hamburg-American Steamship company's grain elevator. Columbia, at Hoboken, N. J., burned to

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would be greatly improved and crime would be correspondingly decreased.

VOTE DOWN THE DAWES TREATY.

Adopted Citizens Not Allowed to Vote at the Election.

ARDMORE, I. T., Dec. 4.—Returns from two out of four counties just received show that the ratification of the lawer Chocar month.

Three Fingers Shy.

J. S. Alufpaugh met with an accident about midnight last night which resulted in the loss of three fingers of his right hand. Alufpaugh is a switchman in the employ of the B. & M. and was on duly last night in the yards of the company. It was wet and slippery and in making a coupling Alufpaugh's hand was caught and badly crushed. He was removed to the Presbyterian hospital and attended by the company's physician, was found it necessary to amputate three fingers. Alufpaugh has been in the employ of the B. & M. for about two months. about midnight last night which resulted about two months,







