

**BUDS THAT BLOOM IN WINTER**

Miss Mabel Barber is ushered into the Ranks of Society.

**SEVERAL EVENTS WORTHY OF MENTION**

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The week just past has brought the coldest weather of the winter, up to date, and another charming bud, also up-to-date. Cold weather and buds may appear to form a veritable paradox, but those who are familiar with the curious ways of society declare that the buds of society are seen at their best when the weather is coldest.

The debut of Miss Mabel Barber has given to Omaha society its fourth bud of the season, and completed a quartet of an interesting and graceful young debutantes as Omaha have had the pleasure of welcoming in some little time. In addition to the reception, which ushered in Miss Barber to society's ranks, there were during the week, the receptions of Mrs. Holdrege and Mrs. Kirkendall, the luncheons of Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. Martin, Miss Andrusen and Miss Dickinson that are worthy of special notice in a review of the week's affairs.

The musical given at the Kuntze home reflected great credit on those who arranged it and on those who participated in it.

Card parties have grown in number, and the quality of prizes given have increased in value to such an extent that some orthodox minister is likely to interject a few remarks some of these fine Sunday mornings. A trio of luncheons in honor of Mrs. Arthur Gulou swelled the list of affairs given for her to over fifty, and convinced even the doubtful that her return to Omaha was a fact.

The future holds forth many promising events to society devotees. Tomorrow evening the dancing club composed of the younger married folk of the city will hold its initial party. The invitations for the coming out party of the fifth debutante have not yet been issued, but there are a number of fair young women who society would only too gladly receive with open arms. It is rumored that the holidays will be ushered in by a big dancing party at the home of the Omaha banker and be brought to a close with a cotillion at the home of another. A pair of events that are scheduled for holiday week will announce the twenty-fifth wedding anniversary of the junior senator of Nebraska and his wife. There are on foot several schemes to form private skating clubs to take advantage of the work of the present cold snap. Each of these clubs will be limited to a small number of congenial young folks, and the evenings' pleasures will be generally followed by champagne and other supper at the home of some member of the party.

The last fortnight has seen such a wonderful exodus of the ladies and ladies claimed by fickle society from Omaha to Council Bluffs, that it may be necessary to call out the home guards to prevent repetitions. It must be confessed that the style and magnificence of the affairs given on the Iowa side of the river are tempting enough to induce one to forsake even the amenities offered in Omaha. The two of the most recent parties in the city to the east of us a majority of the guests were from Omaha, and as some Omaha functions were slighted on the same evenings, it is not surprising that a revolution is in the air. It is pleasing to note, however, in the society movement eastward that the belle of the Dodge ball was generally conceded an Omaha young woman, attired in a most beautiful toilette which she had just brought from the east. If the Omaha young folks are to emigrate for the sake of society, it is not agreeable to home pride to have them accord the premier positions.

The multiplicity of society events is always perplexing. A short time ago The Bee noted that society happenings were crowding each other so fast and furiously that it was necessary for one young hostess to be entertaining on Sunday night. The division of society events involves results just as embarrassing. During the week just past one popular and lovely young woman, who has been out about a year, was hidden for the Friday affair, but by some dreadful mistake became mixed in her dates and bobbed up serenely at the home of her hostess on Wednesday. She very naturally did not notice her mistake on entering the house, but demurely proceeded upstairs to remove her work to her room, and there she was having a lovely time when the frank and outspoken hostess said, "Really I am awfully sorry, but I shall have to ask you to leave, as you have been the wrong day. I thought it would be nice for me to tell you now than for you to discover no plate with your card at the table." If the demands of society are to engross the attention of the popular young women it might not be amiss for them to purchase memorandum books in which to record their unnumberable engagements.

At the residence of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Wood on Monday evening was held an interesting social at the home of the daughters of the American Revolution. Miss Ethelwynne Kennedy, dressed in a quaint costume of brown brocade silk, with white muslin cap and kerchief, represented a daughter of Miles Standish and related the customs of colonial times.

Another series of brilliant functions have been held during the last week for Mrs. Arthur Gulou. On Wednesday and on Friday luncheons for Mrs. Gulou and Miss Shorl. On Wednesday the table decorations, while on Friday the table arrangements were mainly of holly. On Thursday afternoon Mrs. Dunlop Wheeler, Jr., gave a tea for Mrs. Gulou. Mrs. Euclid Martin entertained in a charming manner at luncheon on Wednesday afternoon for her friends who assisted at the reception during the last week for Mrs. Gulou. The luncheon was served at two tables, one in the library and another in the dining room. The former gardenias prevailed in the floral decorations and at the latter chrysanthemums were the principal flowers. At each plate were found hand-painted plate cards, with scenes in water colors constituting the decorations.

The following program was given by the Department of Oratory of the Woman's club on Wednesday morning: "Speech of the Regular," Mrs. A. W. Shorl; "I Would Not Give a Copper Penny," Mrs. Schneider; "No Knot in the End of the Thread," Mrs. Alex. Hildred; "Punch and Prayer," Mrs. Frank Pugh; "The Drummer's Bride," Mrs. P. B. Patrick; "Dream Shards," Mrs. E. McKelvey; "Now I Lay Me Down to Sleep," Mrs. J. E. Lee; "The Bridge," Miss Ella Lacey; "The Last of the Mohicans," Mrs. F. C. Fuller; "Just 'Fore Christmas," Mrs. H. Cox; "The Dying Year," Mrs. Clarence Cox; "Tom," Mrs. C. B. Cunn; "The Three Lockers," Mrs. B. F. Carpenter; "The Legend of the Organ Builder," Mrs. B. G. Burbank; "Ostrory," (original) Mrs. P. B. Bryan; "A Sacrifice to Party Interests," Mrs. L. A. Welch.

**Movements of Society People.**

Mrs. Cadys has returned from a brief visit in Iowa.

Mr. Charles C. Roswater is confined to his home by illness.

Mrs. G. W. Hoobler has gone to Chicago to spend the holidays.

Mrs. I. A. Leclercq left last Wednesday for a trip through California.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Ford have returned from Philadelphia.

Mr. Charles George has returned from a courtship in New York City.

Mr. H. S. Rollins of Neighb. Neb., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. McWaters.

Miss Lydia Moore is at home from St. Mary's school for a two weeks' vacation.

Miss Curtis will leave Omaha shortly after the holidays for an extended eastern trip.

Mrs. C. S. Buchanan is expecting her sister from San Francisco to spend the winter.

Misses Edith and Bessie Har are home from St. Mary's school for two weeks' vacation.

Prof. Williams of Brown University, Providence, R. I., will pass on coming week with Mr. G. T. Crandall and family of this city.

The innumerable friends of Miss George Lindsay will be glad to hear that she is to take a brief vacation from her duties as nurse in the Chicago hospital to spend the

holidays with her parents to this city. She is expected home on Monday.

Mrs. Harriet Cornell university will spend the holidays with friends in New York.

Mrs. J. W. King has been called to West Union, Ia., on account of the illness of her sister.

Lieutenant and Mrs. Dean are here to spend the holidays with General and Mrs. Dandy.

Mrs. Barber of Bloomington, Ill., arrived Wednesday and is the guest of Mrs. J. S. Brady.

Mrs. James of Cheyenne, who has been Mrs. Guthrie's guest, left on Tuesday for her home.

Miss Florence Gridley is home this week from St. Mary's school, Knoxville, Ill., for the holidays.

Mr. Bernard Rehfeld is expected home for the holidays after an absence of two years from this city.

Miss Heichen Rehfeld, who is attending the State Normal school at Peru, Neb., will spend her vacation at home.

Mrs. Charles L. Lawton and Miss Beth Hill of Cripple Creek, Colo., are the guests of Mrs. Har.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry McCormick are expected down from their ranch near Sheridan today for the holidays.

Mr. George B. Dady, Jr., student at the University at St. Paul, Minn., will spend the holidays with friends at Washington, D. C., this year instead of coming home.

Miss Stella Harmon, who is studying at the University of Wyoming at Laramie, Wyo., has returned on the Saturday with her parents, Mrs. and Mrs. Luther A. Harmon.

Mr. and Mrs. John O'Neil of Portland, Ore., will spend the coming week with relatives and friends in this city. They are returning to their home on the Pacific coast after a visit with friends in Ohio. Mrs. O'Neil on Monday evening, Mrs. O'Neil enjoys the friendship of a wide circle of friends, many of whom will entertain for her.

**Scheduled for the Future.**

Miss Yates will give a swell dancing party on Christmas night.

Tomorrow evening the Dancing club will give its first meeting at Morand's hall.

On December 30 Mr. and Mrs. Benson will give a reception at their home, 4788 Dodge street.

The Semper Fidelis Card and Musical club will be entertained by Mrs. Cella N. Wolcott and Mrs. Electa Waterbury at 3914 Burdette street on Thursday evening of this week.

The first of a series of socials to be given by the Young People's society of Unity church will be at Thurston Rifles' armory on Friday evening, December 24. Admission will be by invitation only.

The Cotillon club will dance out the old year at the residence of Herman Koutze. Those who enjoyed a similar event three more delightful New Year's eve party this next week.

The English students of the High school who are studying Galley's Myths will, after the holidays, give an exhibition of pictures and statuary founded on the classical myths. All the people of our city who are interested in building up a higher appreciation of art are earnestly desired to lend their best efforts any assistance in their project.

**Weddings and Engagements.**

The marriage of Miss Sylvia M. Visco of Boston is announced for Tuesday.

Mr. Victor W. Deering and Miss Myrtle C. Hamblin were married last Thursday evening at the residence of the officiating minister, Rev. Charles W. Savidge.

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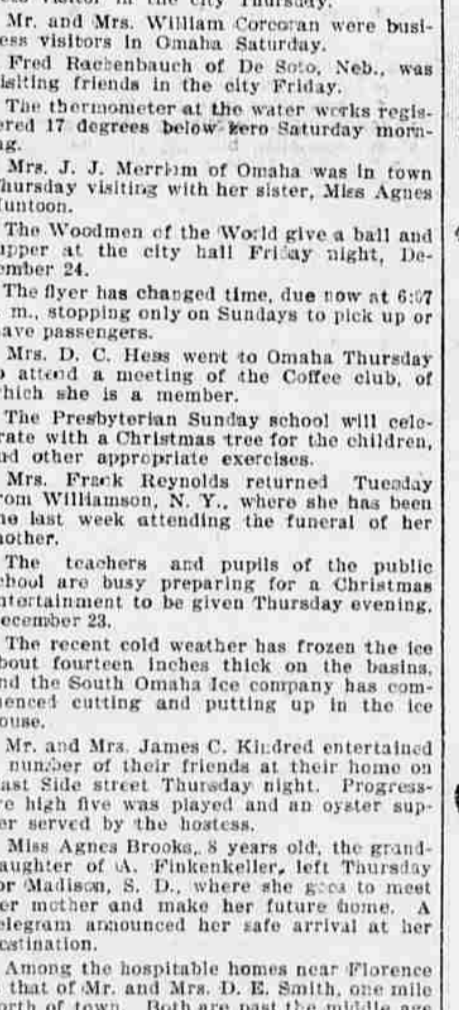
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A finer All Linen Hand Embroidered Initial Handkerchiefs—each 2 for 25c.

A fine quality at 25c each, or 15c per box of half dozen, in fancy box.

Linens Handkerchiefs from 5c to the Sheerest Fine French Linen for \$1.00.

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

A very fine sheer all linen Handkerchief, with dainty script initial, 25c each, or 15c handsome box of half dozen.

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A large line of real Duchess Lace Handkerchiefs, from 75c to \$1.25—prettiest goods ever shown for the money.

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Beautiful Empire Fans.

Ornate Feather and Neck Boas—all kinds from \$1.50 up; silk, 50c up to \$7.50.

Silk Mittens, from 50c up.

A large and complete line of Kid Gloves for street driving and evening wear. Prices from \$1.00 up.

12-18 Evenling Gloves, \$1.50 up; 15-18, \$1.80 up.

We carry the celebrated Perin Gloves. Elegant Linen Aprons from 50c up.

Hand Embroidered Pieces—a large assortment at very low prices.

Ladies' Fancy Hose: cotton or silk, from 50c to \$3.75 a pair.

Ice Wool Scarfs and Real Lace Scarfs for wrapping head and neck.

Beautiful Dresser Sets, Pillow Cases, Table Spreads, Sofa Pillows, Scarfs, Trapes, Napkins, Drawn Work, etc.

Handsome Silk Umbrellas.

A beautiful line of Toilet Sets—brush comb and mirror—from \$1.00 up.

Elegant hand decorated Trays.

An elegant line of Office Baskets and Decorative Baskets, including office, infants and work baskets.

We have hundreds of beautiful things for Christmas presents which we cannot enumerate here.

**Sterling Silver Novelties**

In Manicure Pieces, Letter Openers, Letter Seals, Button Hooks, Shoe Hooks, Shoe Horns, Nail Files, all jeweled tooth; Horns, scissors, darning, Vaseline Boxes, Jeweled tops, gold or silver; Glove Stretcher, Match Safes, Stamp Boxes, Thimbles, Vinegartraps in gold, silver or cut glass; Purses, Belts, Jeweled or plain, oxidized silver or gold; Chateaus, Jeweled or plain, oxidized or gold—from 75c to \$12.50.

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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, Fancy Bric-a-brac, Elegant Pyrexine Baskets, Brush and Comb Trays, hand painted; Pocketbooks, Shopping Bags, Chatelaine Boston Bags, antique Cards Sets, Trays and Photo Holders, Card Counters, Opera Glass Bags, etc., hand decorated Linen Cases for clippings and Receipts, Hand Decorated Linen Photo Holders, Note Cases, Calling Lists, Hand Decorated Portfolios, linen covered Hand Dictionaries, Call Belts, Soap Paper, Novelty Camille Socks, etc.

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**Prospect that the Election Will Go Into Court.**

The discussions among the members of the Douglas County Agricultural society will probably soon be taken into the courts. The fact that considers itself aggrieved in the recent election of officers has placed the matter in the hands of a local firm of attorneys, who have instructions to begin quo warranto proceedings to test the right of the new officers to hold the offices. It is stated that the petition in the case will be filed in the district court in a few days.

The main contention of the petitioners is that the election was accomplished by fraud. The candidates for the presidency of the association were S. R. Williams and O. J. Pickard, and the former was successful by a vote of 11. A number of the members of the society were mainly instrumental in securing Williams' election and a number of the farmers allege that in order to accomplish this they got in enough illegal votes to control the election.

A meeting of the minority was held in the Board of Trade rooms a week ago and a committee was appointed to take measures to contest the election on these grounds. The committee has employed the attorneys and his members declare that they propose to push the matter to the limit.

**Anderson-Chambers.**

**WEST POINT, Neb., Dec. 18.—(Special.)**—Last Wednesday afternoon Rev. W. A. Lippe, pastor of the Grace Lutheran church, united in the holy bonds of matrimony Edison Anderson and Miss Belle Chambers, at the home of the bride's mother in Tamaqua Thursday evening by Rev. P. C. Wing of the Christian church in the presence of but a small company of relatives and friends.

**Belle Succeeds General Brooks.**

**DENVER, Dec. 18.—Governor Adams** today appointed Colonel Irving Halle of the First regiment Colorado National Guard, brigade general, to succeed the late General E. J. Brooks.

**Bellevue.**