Gifts and the Giving Thereof and the Other Things Incidental to the Day Take Up the Time of the Devotees.

Santa Claus has been the figure around whose personality and movements all society's thoughts have been centered during the last week, and on whose longwished for Winona, Minn. and eagerly awaited arrival the portals of

every house are opened wide. There have been so many dainty parcels to tie up and then untie again to see that New nothing has been forgotten, so many letters to be mailed for those in foreign lands. such a number of finishing touches to be put to dainty gifts, such a vast amount of decorating to be done at home and in the churches, so many tlny, innocent, little bits of mistletoe to be concealed, and last, though by no means least of all, so much extra care and thought to be expended on my lady's toilettes, that other pleasures have been crowded out. However, those which have been sandwiched in have been thoroughly appreciated and enjoyed. In addition to those, there has been the great pleasure of looking forward to the numerous festivities and galeties, which, beginning with Christmas Monday, will fill the cup of all society's devotees with mirth and gladpess and joya unspeakable, to overflowing. And then the trees for the little ones and the stockings to be filled in silence and on

broken. There have been no affairs of the first magnitude during the last week of Omaha society. Cupid has kept up the high standard of work set by him early in the season, and the list of marriages, past, present and future, continues to lengthen at a rate that gladdens the heart of the parson and others. There have been several smaller receptions There have been several smaller receptions
and card parties during the week and these

Miss Mary Wallace has returned home from the State university to spend the holihave proved as enjoyable as more preten-

Ayers-Coon.

The wedding of Miss Myrtle E. Coon to Mr. George F. Ayers, which occurred on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the residence of the bride's parents, was one of Chicago, the prettiest house weddings of the season. Mrs. Charles E. Coon and is well known in Omaha, especially in musical circles. The groom is a leading citizen of Deadwood, S. The ceremony was performed by Dean Fair of Trinity cathedral.

To the strains of the wedding march from Lohengrin the bridal procession entered the room which had been prepared for the ceremony. The party was preceded by Roberta Gould, who carried the ring on a white satin cushion and looked a pretty picture in her dainty frock of fine white Swiss. The bride looked very sweet in a gown of bride looked very sweet in a gown of Miss Ethel Tukey and Harry Tukey are cream satin completely draped with white at home from the University of Nebraska tissue and lace. She carried a bouquet of bride roses. Immediately in front of the bridal party was an arch of holly and above was a heart of mistletoe encircled by a true lover's knot of evergreen. On either side of the heart was a white dove. Large palms stood on either side of the arch. N. Y., on Sunday. Mrs. Coon, the bride's mother, was very becomingly attired in a gown of novelty crepon. Miss Corbett, the maid of honor, loked handsome in a decollete gown of black chiffon. Six intimate friends of the bride were stationed close to the bridal party during the ceremony and formed a pretty background in their well-chosen decollete

The decorations of the parlors were tastefully and artistically arranged. The festoons of evergreen and bunches of holly which covered the walls and the roses and chrysanthemums transformed the pariors into a beautiful fairy bower. The dining room, in which pink decorations only were used, was presided over by Mrs. Weaver. Assisting through the rooms were: Mesdames Williams, Boss, Patterson and Gould. and under their auspices frappe was served in the back parlor. Fifty guests were present. The wedding gifts were handsome and numerous.

tollettes.

The bride's goaway gown was of serge, tailor made, with costume hat. Mr. and Mrs. Ayers were accompanied to the depot by a number of friends and left amid wers of rice and old shoes and good wishes, for their future home in Deadwood. Especially worthy of notice among the presents was a very handsome set of game

Weddings and Engagements. marriage of Miss Edith May Howard and Mr. Marion W. Penny was solemnized

Mr William H Huybold and Miss Fis'e Schutt were married on Wednesday evening Rev. Charles W. Savidge. Among other Christmas weddings is that

of Mr. Henry A. Rhode of this city and Miss Margaret M. Stenglein, daughter of Mr. Adam Stenglein, of Waterloo, Neb.

The wedding of Mr. Thomas D. Metcalf and Miss Elsie Schoentgen is announced to take place on January 24 at the home of t

and groom are both well known in Omaha that city since her return from abroad.

On Sunday last the marriage of Mr. Isawas solemnized at Temple Israel by Rabbi Franklin. The bride wore a beautiful gown of white silk and was attended by Rosa Metz as maid of honor. After the ceremony, which was witnessed by about 300 friends of the young couple, the guests ourned to the vestry of the temple, a dainty collation was spread. Among the many beautiful presents received was a complete set of house furnishings from the women of Temple Israel.

The marriage of Miss Leta E. Allen of Pueblo, Colo., to Mr. Eben E. Marks of Omaha was solemnized at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Allen in Pueblo on Thursday afternoon. The ceremony was per-formed by Rev. Thomas F. Stephenson, pasthe First Baptist church of Pueblo. The bride was chosen the queen of Pueblo's pageant of states and nations last summer and is one of the popular young society women of that town. The groom is a well known commercial traveler of Omaha, redarks will make Omaha their home.

Christmas Parties.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Kimball will entertain thirty guests for the benefit of the young with a Christmas tree on Monday. The Christmas gathering of the McCague family will be held on Monday at the resi-

Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Kountze will entertain a family party at supper on Christ-was night. The decorations will be com-posed of mistletoe, holly and evergreens, and have been since July, on Friday.

SOCIETY AND SANTA CLAUS a feature of the evening's entertainment will be the Christmas tree. The Christmas reunion of the Kimball family will be held on Christmas Day at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. George

Dr. and Mrs. Richard C. Moore will enmas Day, to be followed by a tree for their little grandchildren. Mr. Charles F. Breckenridge and other members of the family meet at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. George B. Miller of Council Bluffs on Christmas Day.

Movements of Society People. Mr. and Mrs. George Marples are in Kansas Mrs. R. W. Baxter spent part of last week

in Chicago. Mr. Adel Smith is home from Boston for the holidays. Mrs. Lyman Sholes is visiting friends at

Miss Eleanor Montgomery has returned from St Loius. Mrs. John C. Cowin will arrive home from York today. Mrs. Charles A. Wanner is spending the holitage in Chicago.

Clarence Thurston is home from Harvard spend the hondays Mrs. Nathan Horton and son Irwin have

from the east. Mr. and Mrs. John A. Kuhn are spending Mayor Moores has returned to the city

from a visit in Cincinnati. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gulou spent several days last week in Chlcago. Mrs. Drew and sons, Gerald and Clyde,

are visiting in Plattsmouth, Mrs. Charles A. Rutherford has returned from an extended eastern trip. Mr. O. E. Holt has gone to Neligh, Neb., to spend the holidays with his wife.

Mr. and Mrs. George F. Ayres are at home Hal Yates has arrived from Harvard to spend the holidays with his parents. tiptoe, lest the wondering, delightfully un-certain surmises be changed too soon into erysipeias for a week, is much better. Mr. C. J. Crittenden returned on Thurs

certainties, and the charm of mystery be Mrs. John L. McCague and family are spending the winter at Greeley, Colo. Mr. F. L. Degen and family left for an

> The Misses Her and Miss Helen Cady are home from school at Knoxville for the holi

slous functions. The social calendar shows Mr. E. C. Price, having recovered his a brilliant prospect for the coming fort- health, has resumed his position in South Miss Louise Korty has returned from Rockford, Ill., to spend the holidays with her

parents. Mrs. George Hurst is spending the holidays with her sister, Mrs. Herbert Ostrom, in

The family of Mr. J. W. Craig will return The bride is the only daughter of Mr. and to this city as soon as their new home is Mr. E. M. Dixon has returned from New completed. taken his former quarters at the Omaha club.

one Kilostrick returned yester-

da? w spend the holidays with her parents in this city. Mr. and Mrs. Leslie J. Allen will be a home after January 15 at 295 South Twentyfourth street.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Templeton and daugh-ter. Florence, will spend the holidays at

for the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Southard returned on December 20 and are at home at the Grand in Council Bluffs. Mrs. E. L. Lomax, accompanied by her

daughter Mildred, arrived home from Utica, Miss Celia Kessler returned from Rockford college on Wednesday to spend the vacation at her home. Miss Blanche Craig will shortly enter Miss

Ely's school in New York. She will continue her education in Paris. Miss Bertha Hill of Grinnell, Ia., is spending the holidays in Omaha as the guest of her sister. Miss Sue Hill.

Miss Bess Skinner arrived from Chicago early part of the week to spend the holidays with her parents. Miss Georgia Kennard is home from the

onvent of the Sacred Heart, Park Place, for a two weeks' vacation, Mrs. Thomas Swobe arrived in Omahi Friday morning and will be a guest at the

Hotel Dellone for some time. Mr. Fred I. Halstead will arrive home this morning, after a visit of nine months in New York and New Jersey.

Miss Carita Curtis of La Salle seminary is spending the holidays with Mrs. John F. Wagner in Washington, D. C.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Jackson return on Christmas day and will be at home to their friends at 1624 South Tenth street. Miss Alice Furay returned on Friday from

Chadron, after a delightful visit of tweeks' duration with relatives and friends. Mrs. Frank E. Alvord and children lett on for an extended visit to Portland. Seattle and other points on the north Pacific

Miss Florence Belle Lewis has return from St. Mary's school, Knoxville, Ill., and will spend three weeks at her home on Wirt street

Mr. A. B. King and family will remove enter upon the study and practice of oste-

Mr. Samuel Ritter Brown is expected home from New York to spend the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Samuel Brown, 2501 Farnam street:

Jay B. Katz returned on Saturday from Wentworth Military academy to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Katz.

Lester G. Rahm and Frank Vierling, who are attending Wentworth Military academy man and alderman of Council Bluffs and at Lexington, Mo., are home for the Christ mas holidays.

> Master Herbert Meyer has returned home to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Moritz Meyer, 2104 Douglas street.

> Miss H. Brandels, one of the members of the Phi Gamma scrovity of the University of Minnesota, has returned home to spend the Christmas vacation. Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Frederickson have re-

> turned from an extended visit through the west and are at home to their friends at Mrs. Holyoke, who now resides in Louisville. Neb., visited in Omaha last week and was the guest of Mrs. John Forbes and Mrs.

George W. Holdrege. Miss Kountze expects to leave on Monday for a visit with friends in Chicago, Cin cinnati and New York. She will not return

to Omaha before Lent. Miss Lin Maxwell Carpenter, who is atschool at the Frances Shriner

egdemy, Mount Carroll, Ill., is at home for the Christmas holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas R. Kimball will spend Christmas Day in Rome. They sail for America on January 12 and will reach home about January 31.

When Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Crittenden find a suitable residence in Lincoln they will re-move there, much to the regret of their numerous Omaha friends. Dr. and Mrs. Edward Wallace Lee will return from their wedding trip on January 1. They will be at home to their friends at 722

South Twenty-ninth street. Mr and Mrs. Thomas Stevens Clark ar-

close of the evening.

will go to Denver this afternoon to take up | light being shed by small candles nestling in the pretty Christmas decorations. By each cover stood a candle and at its side Miss Grace Abbott Porter returned on Fri-day from Peru to spend the holidays with Omaha relatives and friends. She was ac-companied by Miss Lucy Maid. a marshmallow for parching. Presently the lights were turned on and numberless small flags were discovered fastened skillfully to flags were discovered fastened skillully the holly, which formed the centerpiece.

day from Vassar to spend the holiays with he parents, Mr. an Mrs. John N. Baldwin, at the Grand hotel, Council Bluffs. On the Social Calendar. afternoon of Thursday next. Mr. Clinton Briggs left on Wednesday for a trip through the east and south. He ex-pects to be gone three months, and before re-turning will probably visit Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Rector will give a party a Morand's hall on Friday evening. Mrs. Albert Cahn has returned from New On Christmas day the Metropolitan club York, where she was called several weeks ago by the serious illness of her sister. The will give an elaborate stag banquet.

Mr. Charles S. Elgutter's naval ballad, "The Battle of Santiago Bay," printed in the Omaha Bee August 14, 1898, was repro-Mrs. Oscar C. Hillis will entertain at buffet breakfast on Thursday of this week. duced in Leslie's Weekly of December 29. The Harmony Card club will be enter-tained by Mrs. Dinning on New Year's eve. Miss Leonora Hedendahl, who is attending school at the Knox seminary, Galesburg, Ill., has returned home for the Christmas holidays. She is accompanied by Miss Leila An-The second of the dinner-dances is announced to take place on Monday, Janu-

Dr. and Mrs. Mercer will give a dance in honor of Miss Caroline Mercer tomorrow Mrs. E. G. McGilton and two children, Harriett and Eleanor, will start tomorrow morning for San Antonio, Tex. They will spend the winter there on account of the serious illness of Harriett. evening.

Mrs. T. J. Mahoney has returned from Milwaukee, to which city she was called by the illness of her father, Mr. John Lipps, which resulted in his death. Mr. Lipps was one of Milwaukee's pioneer citizens.

lerson of Galesburg.

is now much improved in health.

Rabbi Leo M. Franklin will leave for his new home in Detroit about January 21. Mrs. Franklin and daughter will leave Omaha on January 7 and will spend two weeks with Mrs. Franklin's parents in Chicago.

Miss Eliza Wessells of Jefferson Barracks, Mo., who was expected to spend the holidays here, has given up her visit, as her father, Major Wessells of the Tenth cavalry, has been ordered to Fort Ethan Allen, Vt. Canon Doherty has accepted a call to Christ church Yankton, S. D., and has entered upon his new duties. The numerous friends of Canon and Mrs. Doherty will be pleased to learn that Mrs. Doherty and family will spend the winter in Omaha.

Miss Reasoner is expected to return from her home in Kansas early in the week and will remain with Omaha friends until the New Year. She will then enter upon her new duties with the Department of Pub-licity of the Paris Exposition, with head-quarters in Chicago.

While Miss Ura Kelly was the guest of Mrs. Underwood of Chicago she was enter-tained on several occasions by Mr. and Mrs. Ching Ling Foo of the Exposition Chinese village. On one occasion guest and hostess received invitations to a dinner and a vaude-Lieutenant W. L. Murphy and bride, nee Miss Pauline Lowe, were tendered a reception by the regimental officers of the Twenty-fourth infantry, U. S. A., on their arrival at Salt Lake City. The regimental band gave a concert in honor of the bride and groom, after which a banquet was served.

Entertainments of the Week. Mrs. Joseph Barker entertained at dinner on Saturday evening.

Miss Pratt gave a 5 o'clock tea on Satur-day in honor of Miss Brown. Miss Edna Cowin entertained six guests et a chaffing-dish supper last Thursday even-

The Chaffing Dish club met on Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. George W. Mer-cer and were entertained by a Christmas

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Crittenden Smith entertained the members of the Chafing Dish club at the Creighton-Orpheum on Wednes-

A theater party on Wednesday evening was composed of Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Kountze, Miss Shiverick, Miss Kountze, Mr. Floyd Smith and Mr. Adel Smith. The tiny pupils of Mrs. J. Heller's kindergarten, 2572 Harney street, were entertained with a Christmas tree on Friday morning. Quite a number of their friends were present.

Miss Carrie M. Pennock gave a most elaborate dinner to fifteen young people on Wednesday evening in honor of her guest,

Mr. Fred Nash entertained in a novel and most enjoyable manner on Wednesday even-ing. The guests amused themselves by popping corn, after which a chafing-dish supper

Miss Annia Rothschild entertained a few of her friends at crokinole on Wednesday evening in honor of Miss Isabelle Adier and Max Richenberg. Prizes were won by Mrs. Leo M. Franklin and Miss Adler.

A thoroughly enjoyed and unique enterchildren of Westminster Presbyterian church, of which Mr. Kreider is superintendent, on Friday evening to 200 poor children, to each of whom they presented gifts. Mrs. Ingram entertained charmingly at a red and white Neighborhood Card club party on Monday evening. The game chosen was high-five, for the greatest skill in which prizes were awarded to Mrs. Oscar D. Kiplinger and Mr. Howe. The club will m next at the home of Mrs. Howe on Popple-ton avenue on Manday evening, January ? The Forest Hill Whist club was delightfully entertained by Mrs. Thomas L. Kimball on Wednesday afternoon. The pariors were decorated beautifully with holly and the colors chosen for the score cards were yellow and white. The first prize was won by Miss Barker and the second by Mrs. Haller, while Mrs. R. T. Clarke carried home

the prize awarded to the winner of the greatest number of games. The members of the A. O. B. C. club met at the home of mass the miler last mounty evening. In spite of the inclemency of the weather a goodly number attended. A few selections of Bill Nye's were read, provok-ing much mirth. This was followed by card playing till 11 o'clock. A delightful luncheon was served by the hostess, and there were speeches from the gentlemen and several ne vocal selections by different members of

The Saturday Night Card club met at Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Porterfield's home recently and reorganized for the season. After the business meeting, at which Mr. E. P. Smith was chosen president, the favorite game of cinque was indulged in and the evening was spent most enjoyably by all present. Ele-gant prizes were carried home by Mrs. J. C. Bodman and Mr. G. M. Weaver. Mrs. Por-terfield's graceful hospitality was much ap-

preclated by the guests. The Harmony Card club was very delightfully entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Canfield at their residence, 1322 South Thirty-second street, on Saturday evening. The game played was high-five and the prizes were awarded as follows: First prizes, to Mrs. Ewing, Miss Pinto and Mr. Olmsted; second prize, to Mr. Goss. The riors were very prettily and seasonably corated with holly. The next meeting of e club will be held at the residence of Dinning on New Year's evening.

In all probability Omaha does not possess a club with members more congenial, hapand quicker at repartee than those of S. N. C. club, whose last meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Cotrell, where they had the happiest of happy times. Mrs. Poppy Hostetter Brunner and Mr. E. P. Smith were the appreciative and fortunate recipients of prizes. The parlors were beautifully decorated with chrysanthe-mums. After dainty refreshments had been served the little daughters of the house, Blanche and Grace, delighted the members

with instrumental music. Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Gibson entertained fifty guests at a Thirty-three party on Monday evening. The host and hostess had intended not to disclose the fact that the day was the anniversary of their wedding. The secret was known by their guests, who in token of their esteem presented them with a beautiful cut glass punch bowl. Judge Macomber made an entertaining and witty speech on presenting the gift. The rooms were fitted with beautiful cut flowers, carnations and moses predominating. Prizes were won by Mrs. Weaver, Mrs. Lees, Miss Bowie, Mr. Pierce, Mr. Schnelder and Captain Reynolds. Dainty refreshments were served at the

The XXIV T. D. Card club was entertained charmingly by Mrs. B. F. Weaver and Mrs. Charles Cox at the home of the former. A turkey dinner, served in several courses, preceded the cards. Five tables were arranged for the card players, of whom Mrs Bailey and Mrs Cowle are the prizewinners. The visiting guests were Mesdames Coit, Olmsted, W. V. Patterson and May Course are the prize of the pr Maxwell. The arrangement of the dining room was especially worthy of notice. On entering the room the guests found themselves in semi-darkness, the only

Mrs. Korty will entertain at cards in the Mrs. Cowie will entertain the XXIV T. D. Card club on January 3.

Mrs. Samuel Katz will entertain the Ken-sington club the first week in January.

The date of the third cotillion has been

changed from Friday, January 20, to Thurslay, January 19. On Friday next Messrs, Gaylord Martin and Walter Roberts will give a dance at and Walter Metropolitan hall.

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Wharton will give dance at Morand's hall for their sons on Saturday evening. The next meeting of the Firest Hill Whist club will be held at the home of Mrs. Henry Clarke on January 4.

An informal dance will be given by Mr. and Mrs. Lewis S. Reed for Mr. Philip Reed on next Wednesday. The Neighborhood Card club will meet at the home of Mrs. Howe on Poppleton avenue

A reception will be given by Mr. and Mrs. Z. T. Lindsey on Monday, January 2, from 4 to 6 o'clock in the afternoon and 8 to 11 o'clock in the evening. At Chambers' academy this week will be given the annual children's class Christmas party on Monday afternoon and in the even-

ing the Christmas party and cakewalk of the

The Cadet Officers' club of the High school has appointed committees to arrange for a musicale to be given in February. The pro-ceeds of the entertainment will be used to defray part of the expenses of the hop to be

given later. A reunion of the class of '95, Omaha High school, will be held at the home of Miss Kate McHugh, the class teacher of their senior year, 415 North Twenty-fifth street, Thursday evening, December 29, at 8 o'clock. a cordial invitation is extended to all mempers to be present. A royal time is expected. The hosts and hostesses for the dinner dances to be given by Mr. and Mrs. W. S. oppleton and Mr. and Mrs. Myron Learned on January 2, at the Poppleton residence. are the following: Mr. and Mrs. J. J.
Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Crittenden
Smith, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Cowin, Mr.
and Mrs. E. W. Nash Mr and Mrs. Harry
Cartan, Mr. and Mrs. Z. T. Lindsey and Miss Chandler.

Out of Town Guests. Mr. Joseph Morsman is here from Chicago for the holidays. Mr. Will V. Irwin of Chicago, an old

Omaha boy, is spending the holidays in the city. Mrs. Bell Stoutenborough of Plattsmouth will be the guest of Mrs. Draper Smith for

the holidays. Miss Gale of St. Louis will soon be the guest of Miss Eleanor Montgomery at Hillside. Council Bluffs.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. McKinlay of Chicago There are many kinds of cut are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. kind Edholm sells is the best. Harry Woodward of St. Joseph is visiting friends in Omaha and will remain in the

city during the holidays. Miss Carr of Galesburg, Ill., who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Love, returned home on Wednesday. Miss Florence Coop of Beatrice is spend-Charles B. Coon. 2578 Herney street.

Miss Heien Curtis of Winsted, Conn., will to be the guest of Miss Shiverick for several Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ford Scovil of Cincinnati will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs.

Rector, 1046 Georgia avenue, for the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur L. Burgess of Kan-as City are spending Christmas day with Mrs. Burgess' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Sinhold.

Mr. and Mrs. Ensign of Chautauqua, N Y., who have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Belden, left for California on and Mrs. Fred J. Breckenridge of Hamilton, Ontario, are in the city, the gu

of Mrs. Breckenridge's parents. Mrs. Breckenridge is an old Omahan. Mrs. H. A. Scandult. her two daughters son and Miss Rose of Faribault, Minn. ace G. Burt during the last week. Dr. Albert E. Stuht of Colfax, Wash

Councilman Stuht, is in the city and will remain for several weeks. Several ago Dr. Stuht removed to Colfax and be is now mayor of that town. Mrs. S. P. Cassell of Denver will be the guest of her mother, Mrs. W. R. Harding,

for the holidays. Mrs. Cassell will spend the remainder of the winter in visiting friends and relatives in the east. Mrs. Jessie B. Dorward, teacher elecution

physical culture; winter classes. 623 N. 19th The annual mesquerade ball given by the Thurston Rifles will be held on Friday evening next at their armory, corner of

grand cake walk will take place. OMAHA SUBURBS.

Florence. Mrs. G. J. Hunt was an Omaha visitor Fri

and Douglas. During the evening

Miss Prudence Tracy, our postmistress, was an Omaha visitor Thursday. T. Estelle of California visited with the family of F. S. Tucker Thursday and Friday. All the teachers in the public school here went to Omaha Saturday to see the Christ mas display.

Captain Reynolds and wife entertained a number of their friends at their home Sat-John Anderson and wife attended the wed ding of Mr. Anderson's brother at Calhoun, Neb., Thursday. Mrs. A. J. Smith has been seriously ill

for several days and at the present writing is not any better. J. B. Young and daughter, living near ent. Ia., visited with the family of Dr. J. F. Tracy Saturday. Charles A. Smith, a former resident of this city, is here visiting friends and rela-

tives for a few weeks.

The Modern Woodmen of America gave dance and supper at the city hall Saturday night to observe the season. O. A. Cowies officiated at a Christmas entertainment at the Ponca church, three miles in the country, on Saturday night.

tending the State Normal school at Peru for the last four months, as at home during the St Mark's church will have a Christmas tree at the church Wednesday night, December 28, for the children of the Sunday

Miss Blanche Tucker, who has been at

Mrs. Effie Harris of Perry, Ia., visited with her grandmother Mrs. J. H. Deland Wednesday, returning home Thursday, accompanied by Mrs. Deland, who will probably spend the rest of the winter in Perry. lice Court of Omaha: Sir—I herewith state to you that I fully confess that the testimony C. D. Neal and wife, Mr. Standeven and

the Fraternal Review, a paper devoted to Odd Fellowship published in Omaha. There was a Christmas tree at the Presbyterian church Saturday night for the ben-efit of the Sunday school children, all of them receiving a present. There were ap-propriate services by the pastor, Rev. Robert T. Graham.

Benson. The public schools closed last Friday for the holiday vacation. Charles Opsted, who is well known here

risited with old friends last week. Miss Ruth Hogan went to Blair last week to spend the holiday vacation at her home. George Hawkins and wife are entertaining a number of relatives at their home today. The Ladies' Aid society met at the home of Mrs. Graybal on last Thursday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Parash went to Neola, In., Saturday to spend the holidays with rela-

Mr. and Mrs. Freeling of Omaha are visitors among friends in Benson for the Christmas holidays. Special Christmas services will be held at 10:45 a. m by the pastor at the Methodist Episcopal church, Sunday school at 12 m.;

no evening service. The public schools had Christmas programs in all the rooms and after the close of the exercises the pupils received favors from their teachers.

Mrs. Edgar of the Rescue Home of Omahi gave a lecture at the Methodist church last Sunday evening instead of the regular serv Instead of the regular prayer meeting at

the Methodist church next Wednesday even ing the Official board will hold its third quarterly conference. The repairing of the interior of the town hall under the direction of the Town board is completed. The building was wholly remodeled and with the addition of a new stove it is now a credit to the town.

Masters Glen Wharton, Gerald Wharton,
Harvey Clayton are Harry Wade will give a
song and prayer the program was carried
song and prayer the program was carried farvey Clayton are first and farvey Clayton are first and formal so on Saturday evening.

The members of the Outre Mer club announce that their holiday party will be held on Wednesday evening at Metropolitan hall.

At Morand's academy the annual children's Christmas festivities. After entering the Christmas festivities. After entering the Church they sang the hymn, "Antioch," and after this came boys and girls dressed to effort the same boys after this came boys and girls dressed to represent the different colonies, presenting their offerings to Uncle Sam, who was seated on his throne in the center of the

New Central Turkish bath, absolutely modern; separate and exclusive department for ladies. Experienced lady masseuse in attendance. Baths, 50c; twelve baths for \$5. Open all night. 107 S. 14th. Tel. 1851.

Walnut III : cheletmas Entertainment The children of the Walnut Hill Methodist Episcopal church Sunday school gave their annual Christmas entertainment have evening before an attendance numbering nearly 200. There were numerous songs and reci tations by the members of the different classes, but the most interesting happening of the evening was the distribution of presents from the two huge Christmas trees that were loaded down with bon-bons and knickknacks for the little folks.

Among those who were on the program to speak or sing were Irene Smith, Ethel Richter, Ruby Gagnebin, Ether Cohen, Lucile Spatts and Hellen Harris. Built between the two Christmas trees was a miniature chapel constructed of boxes of candy for bricks. W. T. Gagnebin, as Santa Claus, tore down the chapel and distributed the bricks among the children. Then the present ents were taken from the trees and passed around, every child in the church receiving something in the way of gifts. The enter tainment was under the management of Su-perintendent J. M. Gillan.

Genuine Lemaire opera glasses make a desirable Christmas gift. Edholm's, opp. P. O.

Woman's Club Announcement. The regular meeting of the parliamentary and social economy section of the Omaha Woman's club is postponed from Monday, December 26, to Wednesday, December 28, at the usual hour and place.

There are many kinds of cutglass-but the

Farmer Boy Who Dabbled in Bad Money is Held by Uncle Sam on

His Wedding Day. Otto Webber is a farmer boy and when he is at home he lives at Springfield, Minn. Some months ago he fell into bad company and now he is in fail charged with passing and having counterfelt coin in his ossession. He has had a hearing before United States Commissioner Anderson and has been held to appear in the United States

court in Minnesota and answer. About one year ago Webber was working on a farm and one day he formed the acquaintance of one Wolfe. Wolfe convinced him that there was an easier way of making a living than by following the plow. After gaining the confidence of Webber, Wolfe told him that he was in the counterfelt busines, but was short of funds with which to procure the material for making the apurious coin. Webber supplied the funds and money was manufactured, after which a liberal supply was given to Webber to float. He got rid of the money, having paid a good price for the same. About the time that he got rid of it, he was arrested over in South Dakota and lodged in jail at Sioux Falls. One day when the turnkey was asleep, Webber walked out of jail and came down here. He found employment on a farm Gilmore and worked there several weeks. shucking corn. Yesterday a secret service officer dropped down on him and took him into custody. He will be taken back to

Sloux Falls as soon as requisition papers can be secured. Wolfe, who got Young Webber into the trouble, is still at large. He skipped as soon as he learned of the arrest of Webber

and at this time his whereabouts are unknown. Webber is in desperate strails, as this was to have been his wedding day. He was engaged to one of the young women at Gilmore and the day of the wedding had been set. Owing to his arrest, the ceremony has been postponed for an indefinite period.

BRIXIS OWNS UP TO PERJURY Writes Letters Confessing that He Lied About Elroff and Pence on

the Stand.

Ed Brixis has made a confession, absolving Jake Elroff and Ed Pence of burning the building at 107 North Ninth street on November 12. After the fire Elroff and Pence were arrested and charged with the crime of arson. They were bound over to the district court by Judge Gordon on the testimony of Ed Brixis, a cook at Elroff's place. Brixis alleged that he heard Elroff and Pence planning to burn the building for the insurance. Since the trial Pence has been in jail and Elroff out on bond, until the other day both were discharged and the case dismissed on motion of the county attorney. This action was owing largely to the following letters to Elroff and Judge Gordon in Brixis' hand-

Mr. Elroff: I hope you will forgive me for the unjust I have done upon you and your family. I have done it in a passion when I was mad out of the little difficulty we had, but I am trying now to amend my wrongdoings and take a great risk upon mysel believed me Joe since the wrongfull act mine to lestify again nosente my consience trouble me until I took

upon myself to amend my wrong-doing. I have sent a letter to Judge Gordon and I tope that this will help you out and God will lorgive me. ED BRIXIS. forgive me. The second letter to Judge Gordon is confession of the perjury Brixis was guilty To the Honorable Judge Gordon of the Po-

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ness trouble I had with Joe, and I fully confess that Joe is innocent of the charge against him, and I hope, judge, that you will try to get him out of the trouble my conscience has bothered me since I done that. I have wrote to Joe a letter and when applied and applied applied and applied applied applied and applied applied applied applied applied applied applied and applied appl that. I have wrote to Joe a letter and told-him that I have sent to you an affidavit.

Yours, ED BRIXIS. Omaha, as they bear the city postmark. The officers promise Brixis a hot chase if he can be located. Elroff hopes to secure his in-

Licenses Refused to Applicants Who Neglect to Fully Comply with Law's Requirements. The Board of Fire and Police Commissioners yesterday refused to grant saloon licenses to forty-two applicants on the

FORTY-TWO BONDS ARE BAD

grounds that the bonds they furnished were illegal in that they contained the signature of but one witness, instead of two, to the signatures of the bondsemn. The point is a new one. In the past fire and police boards have accepted bond upon which the name of but one witness i attached. Mayor Moores, however, gave it as his opinion that two signatures are Arthur Delmore Cheney necessary in law. As a consequence the board decided to delay action on applicants

whose bonds contained but one witness's signature. Those whose bonds showed the names of two signatures and who have complied with other legal requirements were as fol lows and were granted licenses: Fred Krug Brewing company, 1001 to 1007 Jackson Gustave Stepp, 1812 North Twenty-fourth: Gustave Stepp, Thirtieth and Spaulding; Ernest G. Meyer, 111 South Fourteenth; J. M. L. Schmidt, 1302-1304 Dodge; Charles Herbertz, 1401 Douglas: Louis R. Metz. 2802 Farnam: Emil Gall, 902 Douglas: Henry Krug, 602 South Thirteenth; Adler & Heller, 1206 Farnam; Fred Hunziker, 1002 Howard Theo Baumer, 223 North Tenth; Herman Schaeffer, 324 South Thirteenth; Annie O'Hearn, 1002 South Tenth; Gottlieb Storz excellent place could not have been chosen. Bros., 1557 to 1829 Sherman avenue; Anton The table was becomingly decorated with

1415 Farnam: Arthur Metz, 2001 North Twentleth John Boesn of Seventeenth and Dorcas street filed protests against the granting her plate, while boutonnaires of bride roses of licenses to fourteen places, for which Max Flotow, George W. Tierney, Charles F. Weymuller, Gottlieb Storz and John Buck have filed applications. He based the protests on legal contention that an applicant for a saloon license must run the place himself and cannot employ some one to manage it for him. In his complaint he sets out that last year all the parties mentioned obtained licenses for places to which they appointed managers and therefore he asserts that they violated the law as he construes it and consequently should not be

granted licenses. All the men against whom the protests were made are said to be agents of the of mutual interest. The closing moments Omaha Brewing association. It is also reported that Boesen is a man who ran a saloon for the association last year and was deposed. He is therefore charged with making the protests simply to get even. The places affected by this protest are as fol-

George W. Tierney, 424 South Thirteenth, 2425 North Twenty-fourth, 1601 Leavenworth, 102 South Tenth, 101 South Thirteenth. 2818 Farnam. Charles F. Weymuller, 1232 South Thir-John Buck. 207 South Fifteenth, 2801 North

Gottlieb Storz, 1101 South Ninth, 1557 Sher-

Max Flotow 1402 South Thirteenth, 1264 South Sixteenth, 101 South Ninth.

man avenue.

The board apparently does not seriously regard the protest, for it overruled it in the case of Storz, at 1557 Sherman avenue, and granted him a license. Protests have also been filed against the granting of a license to the Schlitz Brewing company at Twenty-ninth and Cuming street and to the same brewery at 3802 North Sixteenth street. In both cases objection s made on the grounds that the proposed

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women found an American Beauty rose at

adorned the space allotted to them near the men's places. The menu was left entirely at the discretion of the steward and the tempting delicacies served so carefully by the waiters were attacked with zest. The guests found themselves at the close of Christmas eve and also the end of a long hard week with good appetites that required no urging in the disposal of the palatable collation. There was no disposition to hasten the approach of the final course, the time intervening between the several courses being happily spent in talking over subjects passed in many hearty good wishes on all sides. Mr. Raymond expressing his satisfaction over the result of the year and hoping that each of his guests would find

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

nothing to mar her or his Chritsmas.

Miss Miskimmins, secretary to Superintendent of Instruction Perrse, is spending Christmas with her parents at Chariton, Ia. Joseph H. Dietiein and R. S. Bloss of St. Joseph. Mo., came in over the Burlington last night to spend Christmas with friends. Hon. D. E. Thompson of Lincoln spent esterday in Omaha seeing his friends and talking sena orial matters. very well pleased with the outlook for

Frank Teal Riley, a former Omehan, but now a resident of Kansas City, is a string friends and relatives in the city. He is also renewing acquaintances at the University of Nebraska, of which he is a graduate. Major S. P. Ayres, editor of the Daily

Telegraph of Atlantic, Ia., accompanied by his wife and daugh er are in the city, the guests of H. F. Sheaver of the railway mail saloon is to be located in the heart of a res- service. They will remain over Christmas. Nebraskans at the hotels: J. W. McClelis also pointed out that the saloon will be land, Hastings; W. H. Arthurs, Franklin; J. T. Hoskins, Benkelman; Evelyne Tote Randolph; W. J. O'Brien, South Bend George H. Brush, Albion; C. A. At the Murray: S. E. Carmon, St. Louis;

A. H. Carrington, Louisville Ky.; John R. Truall, New York; James D. Draper, Marion, Ia.; Morris J. Jones, N. A. Gray, Red Oak, S. W. Tatum, St. Joseph; Miss Adele to twenty of his employes at the Omaha | Captain Allen G. Fisher of Chadron, one

club last evening that proved a fit ending to an unusually successful week. The ante-holiday trade had been good and Mr. Raymond sought this method to show his National Guards at Chadron and having been appreciation of the efforts of his assistants. elected captain, is being boomed for the

