

SOCIETY AND SANTA CLAUS

Christmas Shopping Takes the Place of Ordinary Pleasure Pursuits.

WEEK GIVEN OVER TO PREPARATION

Gifts and the Giving Thereof and the Other Things Incident 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 long-awaited for and eagerly awaited arrival the portals of every home are opened wide.

There have been so many dainty parcels to tie up and then untie again to see that 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, each a vast amount of decorating to be done at home and in the churches, so many tiny, innocent, little bits of the prettiest hosiery of the season, 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 gaieties, which, beginning with Christmas Monday, will fill the cup of all society's devotees with mirth and gladness and joys unpeakable, to overflowing.

And then the trees, the little evergreens and the stockings to be filled in silence and on tiptoe, lest the wondering, delightfully uncertain surmises be changed too soon into certainties, and the charm of mystery be broken.

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 the prettiest house weddings of the season. The bride is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Coon and is well known in Omaha, especially in musical circles. The groom is a leading citizen of Deadwood, S. D.

Misses Her and Miss Helen Cady

The Misses Her and Miss Helen Cady are home from school at Knoxville for the holidays.

Miss Mary Wallace

Miss Mary Wallace has returned home from the State university to spend the holidays.

Mr. E. C. Price

Mr. E. C. Price, having recovered his health, has resumed his position in South Omaha.

Miss Louise Korty

Miss Louise Korty has returned from Rockford, Ill., to spend the holidays with her parents.

Mrs. George Hurst

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

The family of Mr. J. W. Craig

The family of Mr. J. W. Craig will return to this city as soon as their new home is completed.

Mr. E. M. Dixon

Mr. E. M. Dixon has returned from New York, where he has his former quarters at the Omaha club.

Miss Ethel Tukey and Harry Tukey

Miss Ethel Tukey and Harry Tukey are at home from the University of Nebraska for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Southard

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Southard returned on Tuesday afternoon at 8 o'clock from their trip to Chicago.

Miss E. L. Lomax

Miss E. L. Lomax, accompanied by her daughter Mildred, arrived home from Utica, N. Y., on Friday.

Miss Celia Keeler

Miss Celia Keeler returned from Rockford college on Wednesday to spend the vacation at her home.

Miss Blanche Craig

Miss Blanche Craig will shortly enter Miss Blanche's school, Knoxville, Ill., and begin her education in Paris.

Miss Bertha Hill of Grinnell, Ia.

Miss Bertha Hill of Grinnell, Ia., is spending the holidays in Omaha as the guest of her sister, Miss Sue Hill.

Miss Bess Skinner

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

Miss Georgia Kennard

Miss Georgia Kennard is home from the convent of the Sacred Heart, Park Place, for a two weeks' vacation.

Mrs. Thomas Swobe

Mrs. Thomas Swobe arrived in Omaha on Friday morning and will be a guest at the home of her sister, Mrs. W. C. Wagner.

Mr. Fred I. Halstead

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

Miss Carita Curtis

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

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Jackson return on Christmas day and will be at home to their friends on Monday.

Miss Alice Purdy

Miss Alice Purdy returned from Friday from Chadron, after a delightful visit of two weeks' duration with relatives and friends.

Mr. Frank E. Alvord

Mr. Frank E. Alvord and children left on Tuesday for their home in Deadwood, and will be at home on the north Pacific coast.

Miss Florence Belle Lewis

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

Mr. A. B. King and family

Mr. A. B. King and family will remove to their new home, 1727 W. 24th street, on Monday.

Mr. Samuel Ritter Brown

Mr. Samuel Ritter Brown is expected home from New York to spend the holidays with his parents, Mrs. Samuel Brown, 2301 Farnam street.

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