

YOUNG PEOPLE MAKE MERRY

Every Hour of Holiday Week Crowded Full of Amusement.

TWO FORMAL RECEPTIONS GIVEN

Custom of Keeping Open House on New Year's Day Will Be Generally Observed in the City.

Social Calendar.

MONDAY—Mrs. Wakefield's luncheon. Mrs. McKenna entertains the Six-Handed Euchre club. Metropolitan club, New Year's ball. Omaha Quince party. Nineteen Hundred High School club, progressive dinner party.

TUESDAY—Mrs. Betty Wilkins' buffet luncheon.

Mrs. Sumner's reception. Miss Moore's reception. Mrs. Woodworth's reception. Jensen-Todd wedding.

WEDNESDAY—Mrs. E. R. Hood entertains Wednesday Luncheon club.

N. G. E. dancing party. Mrs. F. H. Davis' dinner for Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Davis.

THURSDAY—Mrs. William Wappich and H. Vance Lane entertain A. B. L. club.

Though last week was crowded full of social affairs, the two receptions for General and Mrs. Lee and their family were the only really formal events, and with these Mr. and Mrs. Lee and their family were the most formal members of society were obliged to content, while the younger set, especially those who have come home from school and college, enjoyed, to the limit, every variety of amusement that goes to make up an ideal Yuletide.

This week promises a long list of affairs. The custom of "keeping open house," which has for years been so little observed, has come back with all its former popularity, and the young set will be fairly crowded with receptions, even to the extent of making society forget that a "Twenty-first Century Ball" had even been suggested for that day.

Reception for General and Mrs. Lee.

The first of the large social functions to be given for General and Mrs. Lee occurred on Christmas evening, when Mr. and Mrs. Walter T. Page received about 300 guests in their honor. At the occasion of the year have the formal decorations been as elaborate. Masses of southern smilax, festoons of mistletoe and holly and quantities of roses, which corresponded in color with the lighting of each room.

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The friends of Miss Josephine Green spent Wednesday evening very pleasantly at her home. A musical program was the feature of the evening. Supper was served. Mr. and Mrs. Morris Levy entertained at dinner on Friday evening in honor of Rabbi and Mrs. Leo M. Franklin of Detroit, Mich. Covers were laid for fourteen.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Baker entertained at their home on Georgia avenue last Thursday evening to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of their wedding. Music was the feature of the evening. Messrs. Chat Shiverick, Tom Davis and Walter T. Page gave an informal dancing party on Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Shiverick, which was enjoyed by the members of the younger set at home from college for the holidays.

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The high school class of '99 was delightfully entertained on Friday evening by Miss Blanche Rosewater at her home, Seventeenth and Douglas streets. A short business session was held, at which Miss Mabel Steichen was elected president of the alumni and it was decided that semi-annual reunions should be held the last of June and at Christmas each year.

A complimentary to Rabbi and Mrs. Leo M. Franklin of Detroit, Mich., and Miss Almeda Shkaman of Milwaukee. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur D. Brandeis entertained the members of the Kensington club and their husbands at an informal party on Thursday evening. The guests all appeared in infantile and though the entertainment of the evening was of a nature calculated to amuse children, the forty guests present participated in the nursery games with much enjoyment. Late in the evening an elaborate luncheon was served.

The marriage of Miss Elizabeth A. O'Leary of this city to Mr. Clarence C. Smith of Chadron was solemnized Christmas day at noon at 423 North Thirty-ninth street. The ceremony was performed by Dean Campbell Parr of Trinity cathedral and was attended only by relatives of the contracting parties. Miss O'Leary is the daughter of Mrs. Fannie M. O'Leary of Omaha and has a wide acquaintance in this city. Mr. and Mrs. Smith will remain here for a week before leaving for Chadron, where they will make their future home.

The Omaha Guards militia drill has been postponed until January 7. Mr. Wing Allen is the guest of Senator and Mrs. Thron in Washington. Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Coon and Mr. Archie B. Coon have taken rooms at the Shriner. Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Straun have taken apartments at the Farnam for the winter.

Mr. Crouse and the Misses Crouse are at the Hotel Lincoln in Lincoln for the winter. Mr. and Mrs. Henry May will entertain this evening in honor of their fifteenth wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Davis will entertain at dinner on Wednesday evening for Mr. and Mrs. Edward Minor Fairfield.

Mr. J. M. Woolworth will receive from 9 to 11 o'clock on Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Edward Minor Fairfield. The N. O. R. club has issued invitations for a dancing party to be given Wednesday evening, January 2, at Thurston Rifles hall.

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Mrs. Gratie left immediately for southern California and will be at home after May 1. Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Briggs spent Christmas with Rev. Frank High and family at Pender.

Mrs. C. H. Hooker and Miss Hooker have arrived from Coifax Springs and will be at home at the Murray. Misses Emma Johnson and Katherine Holland left Thursday for Honolulu, where they will remain several months.

Mr. Arthur Smith of Armour institute, Chicago, spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Draper Smith. Misses Janet Rogers, Bessie Brady and Mary Lee McShane are at home from New York schools for the holidays.

Mrs. E. G. Brabcock and children left for Chicago last week to join Mr. Brabcock, where they will reside in future. Major and Mrs. D. H. Wilson and son have gone to Silver City, N. M., to attend the wedding of Mr. Percy Wilson.

Dr. and Mrs. Lamoreaux and son, Palmer, are spending the holidays in Ashland, Neb., with Mrs. Lamoreaux's sister, Mrs. Alex Lavery. Miss Esther Chambers, who has been at Bancroft, Neb., for the past three months visiting her sister, Mrs. Holstrom, returned home Thursday.

Among the State university students who came home for Christmas were: Misses Blanche Howard, Helen Redington, Edith Clark, Abby Bowen, Nellie Kreider, Fannie Cole, Gertrude and Maude Macomber, Ethel and Louise Tukey, Edith Jackson, Hortense Richards, Bernice Edmond, Messrs. Jack Coley, Harry Tukey, Charles Mann, Doane Powell, Lester Kreider, Will Harmon and Donald Barker.

John: Come with me (I'm an Elk) to the stag social tomorrow night. It will be "A Hot Time." JOE. Candelsticks and novelties for N. Y.'s reception at Mrs. Burbridge's, 423 Paxton blk.

OMAHA SUBURBS. Florence. Andy Anderson was a business visitor in Omaha Saturday. Miss Amy Gilmore of Omaha is the guest of Mrs. C. J. Hunt.

J. L. Garrison spent Saturday night and Sunday with his family. Miss Ollie Simpson of Crescent, Ia., visited relatives here this week. Mr. Barnes went to Tekamah Friday to visit a daughter there a few weeks.

Miss Mattie Powell gave a party to her young friends Saturday at the home of her parents. Rose Rebekah lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, gave a dance at the Florence hall Christmas night.

Mr. Argensinger and son, Harry, of Fremont, Neb., spent the past week visiting the family here. Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Weber, Jr., are spending the holidays visiting Mr. Weber's brothers in Wayne, Neb.

Carl Taylor, employed by the railway company at Emerson, spent Christmas with his parents, who live here. Mr. Ed Green and family, late of Oklahoma territory, arrived here this week and will make this their future home.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bondesson of Omaha spent Christmas day here, the guests of their daughter, Mrs. C. A. Vectors. The members of St. Mark's church gave a party at the city hall Wednesday to the Sunday school children of that church.

The members of the Christian Endeavor were entertained at the home of Mrs. C. V. Foke Friday evening. Refreshments were served. Harold and Helen Reynolds are spending their vacation at home. Harold is attending Bellevue college and Miss Helen Brown hall.

H. V. Latham, junior engineer, connected with the Missouri river commission, spent a couple of days here this week, the guest of F. S. Tucker. Mr. E. T. Gilbert, principal of the public school here, accompanied by his wife and children, spent Christmas with friends in Iowa, returning home Friday.

Henry Nicholson, of the firm of Hall, Veeder & Nicholson, contractors of Murray, Ia., is spending the holidays here visiting with his mother and brothers. W. B. Wilson, who has been carrying mail from the postoffice to the depot for the past four years, resigned December 23 and will go to Texas during the winter on the business trip.

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PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS. G. P. Reynolds of Wymore is at the Millard. James A. Cline of Minden is at the Her Grand. J. N. Phelan of Alliance is stopping at the Paxton.

J. J. Bethel of Fallman, Neb., is at the Murray. E. E. Mockett of Lincoln is a guest at the Paxton. E. S. Koller of Hastings is stopping at the Murray. Mr. M. Morgan of Kansas City is an Her Grand guest.

W. A. Howard of Lincoln is stopping at the Her Grand. E. B. Southwait of Kearney is among the Paxton guests. F. B. Choate of Salt Lake City is a guest at the Her Grand.

S. Scholer of Spokane, Wash., is registered at the Millard. Thomas W. Day of Kansas City is registered at the Millard. G. Spencer, S. W. Chapman of Plattsmouth was at the Murray yesterday. C. W. Turner of Lincoln registered yesterday at the Millard. A. P. Spitzko of Topeka, Kan., is registered at the Her Grand.

Miss J. Henry and George H. Koon of Hastings are at the Murray. Miss Helen Wyckoff, principal of Bancroft school, is spending her vacation at Crotona. Miss Florence Moore, deputy clerk of the United States district court, is visiting in Fremont.

Judge and Mrs. C. C. Kohlsaat, Judge and Mrs. O. H. Horton and Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Eckhart of Chicago are at the Paxton. William Geyer of Philadelphia, Pa., is in Omaha visiting his mother, Mrs. Sophie Geyer, of South Twenty-eighth street. S. W. Chapman of Plattsmouth was at the Murray yesterday.

Major David Wilson, chief commissary, U. S. Army, is in Omaha on his way to St. N. M. where, with his wife and son, Guy Wilson, of Laurel, Neb., he attended the wedding of the son. H. A. Wilmerding, J. N. Bundich and W. Connelly of Norfolk, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Leibel of Chadron, A. H. Olson of Waverly, T. J. O'Keefe of Homingford and C. F. Way of Lincoln are state guests at the Her Grand.

Rome Miller of the Her Grand hotel was married yesterday by the recital of a telegram announcing the fact that he was grandpa for the first time. The little one, a girl and was born to Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Clark of Lincoln. Nebraskaans at the Merchants: St. L. Dolan, Grand Island; D. M. Owen, Norfolk; Arthur Eganis, Alliance; A. F. Niquist, Osceola; J. W. Tyrnes, Columbus; George C. Baker, Grand Island; T. G. Spencer, Elm Creek; D. C. Woodring, Lincoln; W. Carroll, Gothenburg; M. M. Bitzner, Lincoln.

LOCAL BRIEVITIES. Diphtheria is under quarantine at 109 South Twenty-eighth street. St. Mary's Avenue Congregational church will unite with Kountze Memorial in the evening service. The doors will be open at 7:15. The Board of Park Commissioners has purchased 1000 spruce trees which will be placed in nursery rows at Elmwood Park. Many of the trees will be used later in Fontanelle park.

Fifty traveling men of Swift and Company, South Omaha, here were banqueted by the firm last night at the Her Grand hotel. It was a very pleasant affair and thoroughly enjoyed by the travelers. Sylvester Nichols of Homer, Neb., has been committed to the Douglas county jail to await the action of the federal grand jury on charge of selling liquor to Indians. He was brought in by Deputy Marshal Roy S. Sargent and his congregation.

There will be no services at St. Mary's Avenue Congregational church tonight. Rev. S. Sargent and his congregation.

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The windows of the Dundee houses were filled with holly wreaths and happy faces on Christmas day, and many town people were busy during the day to their hospitable homes. Benson. The public schools will open next Wednesday after the holiday vacation. Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Rosenbrin and family moved to Monmouth Park last Thursday.

Prof. Fox returned from his holiday visit with relatives in the western part of the state. Miss Pearl Kelly came up from the Peru normal to spend Christmas with her parents in Benson. Mr. and Mrs. William Tindell entertained a number of friends from Omaha at a Christmas dinner. Mrs. John Speedy came down from Lincoln to visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Grove during the holidays. Some of the teachers of the school here went to Lincoln to attend the State Teachers' association convention.

Rev. Newell Dwight Hillis, pastor of Plymouth church, Brooklyn, was made famous by Henry Ward Beecher and Lyman Abbott, will preach this evening at Kountze Memorial church. Rev. Hillis addressed the Nebraska State Teachers' association at Lincoln and was the guest of Rev. Tref for a few hours yesterday. His mother and sister live at Woodstock, Ia., and he is spending today with them and will return to Omaha in time to fill the Kountze Memorial church pulpit this evening.

Dr. Hillis is a graduate of Lake Forest university and McCarroll Theological seminary. After leaving school he preached at Evanston and Peoria and was then called to succeed Dr. David Swing as pastor of Central church, Chicago. Rev. Dr. Hillis' desire for a revival resulted in his withdrawal from the Presbyterian church. He has written many books of a theological nature and his literary style has been compared to that of Matthew Arnold. Although only 40 years of age, Dr. Hillis is pastor of the most prominent church in the world and is one of the best known lecturers in the United States.

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