

christ, Miss McEwan, Kearney; George Burgert, Nebraska City; Mrs. Ford, Miss Ford and Miss Edith Ford, Des Moines; David Hawksworth, Detroit; William Brook, Grace Montgomery, Roy Montgomery, Edgar, Nebr.; Miss Carrie Cook, Wahoo; Mr. Van Burg, Hickman; Mr. Stubr, Grand Island.

Mr. Gustin graduated at the state university law school and then went to Salt Lake City, where he entered the office of Judge O. W. Powers with whom he afterwards formed a partnership. About a year ago he engaged in business by himself and now enjoys a lucrative practice. The bridal couple made a short trip to Nebraska City, returning to Lincoln Monday, and started on Tuesday for their new home in Salt Lake City.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. McDonald received informally on New Year's day, from four until seven o'clock. Those receiving with Mrs. McDonald were Mrs. Walter Hargreaves, Mrs. John B. Wright, Mrs. William M. Leonard, Mrs. Thomas Griffith, Miss Oakley, Miss Fannie Turner of Muncie, Indiana, and Miss Regna Harod.

The beautiful home was full of charm and fragrance. Everything was suggestive of merry making and good cheer. The house was dressed as for a festival. The windows were hung with evergreen wreaths tied with scarlet ribbons. On the front door was an immense wreath with a large bow and floating streamers. In the hall were rows of pine trees, and the staircase had received a most decorative touch, the banisters having been wound with hemlock and laurel and hung with wreaths of evergreen tied with scarlet ribbons. In the little green and gold drawing-room, where the ladies received, were festooned garlands of evergreen and laurels over fire-place and door-ways. The mirrors were draped with ropes of evergreen, tied back with scarlet ribbons. According to the pretty Southern custom, egg nog was served from a silver punch-bowl, under a bell of holly with a clapper of mistletoe—so that no end of complications might ensue. The bell was suspended by a rope of evergreen from the fish-net ceiling of the Moorish room. Dainty refreshments were served in the dining-room. Mrs. Leonard cut the New Year's cake, which had come from Kentucky. The round table was laid with scarlet satin and the deep valance festooned with smilax. In the center of the table was a large round mirror, which reflected a Nuremberg Christmas tree lighted by electric lights and hung with tiny toys. On the plate shelf were festooned garlands of hemlock and laurel and a succession of lighted candles. The windows and doorways were done in Southern smilax, making a perfect bower. On either side of the side-board were miniature Christmas trees, lighted and hung with toys. The effect was delightful. More than one hundred guests exchanged New Year's greetings during the afternoon.

Mrs. W. F. Allen announced the engagement of her daughter, Miss Grace Allen, to Mr. Henry T. Clark, Jr., at a luncheon given last Saturday. It was a buffet luncheon to which about twenty-five young married women and girls were asked to meet Mrs. Benj. Bates of Denver, whose bridesmaid Miss Allen was, a short time ago and who stopped here a few days last week on her wedding trip. The fact that the luncheon was for Mrs. Bates, made the announcement of an engagement unexpected though rumor had been busy with the names of Miss Allen and Mr. Clark for some time and their friends were ready with hearty congratulations. Assisting Mrs. Allen were Mrs. Luther Kountze, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. H. T. Clark, Mrs. Donnellan, Mrs. Barlow, Miss Taylor and Miss Clark. The dining room was

bright with holly and red carnations and lighted with red candles, while the reception room was decorated in bridesmaid roses.—The Excelsior.

The cotillion Coterie welcomed the new year at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Buckstaff. Mrs. T. W. Griffith provided the very pretty favors. Mrs. John Fitzgerald and Mrs. Leonard presided at the favor table. Dr. Ladd led, as usual. Just as the clock struck twelve and the new century leaped into life, the company joined hands and circled about twenty candles surrounding a wassail bowl. Then the members of the club drank to Mr. and Mrs. Buckstaff. Dr. Ladd's health was proposed and genial Richard Townley who led the cotillion for so many years was not forgotten. They spoke him a fair and hearty toast. And at last the century, which will still be toasted by lips yet unborn was welcomed. Old Lang Syne was sung in conclusion. Those present were: Messrs. and Mesdames Buckstaff, Wright, Hargreaves, Crittenden, Wright, Ladd, L. Marshall, J. Dorgan, G. Woods, M. Woods, Curtis, Fitzgerald, W. Green; Mesdames Fitzgerald and Griffith. The guests were Miss Sweet, Miss Turner; Messrs. Wehn, Joyce, Fitzgerald and G. Shedd.

Miss Ruth Bryan gave a very successful dinner last Saturday evening in honor of Miss Ruth Dahlman of Omaha. Covers were laid for sixteen, there being four small tables and the gentlemen changing places between each course. After the dinner the guests were each given a mysterious box and a bag of candied corn and were allowed to auction off the box at whatever price they might get for it. The boxes contained many queer and unique presents which afforded considerable amusement. The guests were Miss Ruth Dahlman of Omaha, Misses Louise Burnham, Fitzgerald, Gladys Hargreaves, Raymond, Baker, Fawell; Messrs. Wheeler, Willard Kimball, Fred Hurtz, Reed Fawell, Frank Brown, Charles Whedon, Montgomery of Omaha, and Wade of Jamestown, New York.

Miss Camille Hall gave a new year's party on Monday evening. The arriving guests were invited to write resolutions. They complied but repented when they were asked to write poems upon the coming of the old and the passing of the new century. They were read aloud and prizes were awarded to Miss Cleveland, Miss Minnie Sweezy, Messrs. Archie Sears and Emery Davis. The royal prizes were pictures, the consolation prizes were boxes of confections. Then there was dancing and the new year arrived to the music of Money Musk and the quaint figures of the Virginia reel.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Sawyer gave their annual party on New Year's eve. More than the usual significance attached to it this year because of the passing of the century, and the new year was welcomed with joy while a tear was dropped to the memory of the old as the Virginia reel was danced. Mrs. Sawyer's house was prettily decorated with Christmas greens and choice plants from her conservatory. An interesting program was presented. Mr. Albert Watkins gave the address of the evening on the subject "Off with the Old, On with the New." In the address Mr. Watkins is said to have excelled even himself which is saying much. Professor Movius, Mrs. H. B. Ward, Miss Gericke and Mr. Wurzburg, accompanied by Mrs. Wurzburg entertained the company with songs. Mrs. Will O. Jones played two exquisite piano numbers and a poem by Mr. A. L. Bixby was in his absence read by Mr. C. H. Gere. Refreshments were served late in the evening. At twelve o'clock the Virginia reel was danced. New Year's greetings were exchanged

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- 50 Smyrna Rugs, 30 x 60 inches, worth \$3.20, clearing price, each \$2.49
- Point Lace Curtains, 3 1/4 and 3 1/2 yards long, 54 to 60 inches wide, worth \$2.00, clearing price, pr. \$1.35
- Scotch Muslin, 49 inches wide, worth 50c, sale price per yard 33c
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