

# Society

By MELLIFICIA. Thursday, December 23, 1915.

MISS KATHERINE LEE GRABLE'S dancing classes will be entertained at two delightful affairs today.

In the afternoon seventy of the children enjoyed a Christmas party at Turpin's academy, when several of the older girls entertained the younger ones. Grace and Esther Smith, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Crittenden Smith, gave an interpretive dance "Night" done to Greek music. They were dressed in costumes of black satin and tulle, with wings and skirts studded with silver stars and crescents.

Another dance, "Autumn," was most beautifully carried, done by the two Smith girls, two Porter sisters, Eleanor Baxter and Eleanor Burkley. Their costumes were in the autumn shades, in reds, browns and golds, with green scarfs. A Hungarian dance was also part of the program, and a Castle polka.

The classes of High school age will be entertained this evening at a conventional dancing party at Harie hall, Dundee. Thirty-five couples will attend.

### Dinners Preceding the Dance.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. McKeen will give a large dinner at the Hotel Fontenelle this evening, preceding the subscription club dance at Turpin's academy. Among the guests will be:

Messrs. and Mesdames—Charles D. Conroy, Joseph Barker, A. L. Reed, W. A. Redick, Walter Page, John A. McShane, H. H. Beckwith, Mesdames—

Warren Rogers, Mrs. Katherine McCormick, Messrs.—

Frank Barkley, Frank W. Judson, Harry McCormick, Mr. Luther Drake gave a dinner at the Omaha club preceding the dance. Covers will be placed for:

Messrs. and Mesdames—D. C. Stapleton, Frank Hamilton, C. C. George, L. C. Crofoot, Mr. George Peck of Moline.

### Yuletide Tea Room.

Mrs. Harry Bowen entertained six guests at luncheon at the Yuletide tea room today, and Mrs. J. R. Lehmer had an equal number of guests at luncheon. The women of the church, who are conducting the tea room, were in charge of the serving today, but for the last day of the tea room, Friday, when a larger number than ever is expected, Miss Virginia Offutt and Miss Esther Wilhelm will be in charge.

### Buffet Luncheon for Girls.

This season's debutantes and girls of the school set to the number of twenty, were entertained at a buffet luncheon today by Miss Naomi Towle, complimentary to Miss Genevieve and Miss Vivienne Barklow, who have recently come to Omaha from Denver to live. Mrs. Ward roses and yellow candles beautified the rooms.

Miss Towle and Miss Vivienne Barklow were classmates one year at Miss Wolcott's school in Denver. Miss Barklow now attends Sweetbriar college, Sweetwater, Va., while Miss Towle is at Bradford academy.

### Bride-Elect Gives Tea.

Miss George Trimble, whose marriage will be celebrated Tuesday of next week, entertained informally at tea this afternoon. Christmas decorations were used and the bride-to-be's mother, Mrs. J. P. Trimble, and her sister, Mrs. Harold Sobotker, assisted. Some fifty or sixty friends called to pay their respects to Miss Trimble, since the wedding is to be a very quiet one, with only members of the family and a few intimate friends present.

### House Party at McHugh's.

Miss Kate A. McHugh will entertain a house party for the holiday season. Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Platt, nee Florence McHugh, Mr. Platt's mother and his sister, Miss Frances Platt, arrive Friday morning from Davenport to spend Christmas with Omaha members of the family. Mr. John McHugh, who has recently returned for Christmas, but will arrive the day after, will be the whole party to remain until after New Year's.

### Holiday Travelers.

Miss Louise Esplin has gone to Topeka, Kan., to spend Christmas with her mother. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Shields have gone to St. Louis to spend Christmas with relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Sam A. North have gone to Spencer, Ia., where they will spend Christmas with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Malcolm have gone to St. Louis for the holidays. They will spend Christmas with relatives. Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Percival of St. Paul, Neb., have come to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Percival.

Mrs. Frank W. Judson and Miss Dorothy Judson left Friday for Minneapolis to be the guests of Mrs. Judson's father for the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Louis R. Hughes left Sunday evening to spend the holidays with Mr. Hughes' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Hughes of Chicago.

### Debating Society Gives Big Banquet.

The Demosthenian Debating Society of the Central High school, the largest organization of the kind in the school, gave its annual banquet at the New Hamilton cafe Wednesday evening. Covers were placed for thirty-six, making it the largest banquet in the history of the club.

Elmer Bailey presided as toastmaster, responses to toasts being made by the president, Arld Olsen; Sol Rosenbatt, Mac Ohmann and Jewel Jackson. Nathan Bernstein, formerly of the high school faculty, and Gilbert Eldridge, an alumni member, gave brief talks.

Following the banquet, the young lads made the waltz ring with their class songs.

### E. E. Crane Hurt When Auto Hits Lamppost.

E. E. Crane, book agent, living at the Paxton hotel, sustained a fractured rib and probable internal injuries when a car which he was driving skidded into a lamp post at Forty-eighth and Dodge streets. J. B. Waugh, 38 North Sixteenth street, who is employed by Crane and who was riding with him, sustained severe bruises and lacerations. Neither man was thrown from the machine, although the vehicle was badly damaged. The front of the car was smashed.

### Excavating for First Bank to Start at Once.

Farbridge-Thompson have been awarded the sub-contract for excavating the site of the First National Bank building. The work of clearing up the rubbish and hauling out the old floor boards and brick has begun preparatory to starting the excavating.

### Home for Christmas.

Mr. E. C. Sage, who is taking his annual year in medicine at the Wash-

## Margery McCord, Debutante and Popular, Suddenly Called by Death

Miss Margery McCord, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Hallack McCord, died yesterday morning at 11 of scarlet fever. Her death was most unexpected, since the young girl had been indisposed but a few days and it was not until Wednesday evening that her illness was diagnosed as being scarlet fever.

Miss McCord was one of this season's debutantes, having made her debut in society December 1 and a brilliant affair, a dancing party at the Hotel Fontenelle, was planned for her for Monday night. The affair had long been anticipated by the younger set as the most brilliant event of the holiday season and was to be preceded by a large dinner party given for Miss McCord by the Arthur Crittenden Smiths.

A number of St. Joseph relatives and friends, including Mr. and Mrs. Samuel McCord, Mr. Milton Toole and Miss Margaret Dolman, who were expected to come for the dance, will arrive instead for the funeral.

All social functions planned by the younger set and debutantes have been called off.

Miss McCord was judged the most expert horsewoman in the city, inheriting her love for horses and the sport from her father, the McCord stables being known all over the country.

Miss McCord attended school at Brownell Hall and Miss Spence's school in New York City. Besides her parents one brother, James, survives.

The funeral will be held today and will be strictly private because of the nature of the disease which caused her death. The body will be placed in a receiving vault here and will later be taken to St. Joseph, Mo., for interment. Friends are requested by the family not to send flowers.



MISS MARGERY MCCORD.

## MANY ARE CHEERED THROUGH CHARITIES

Mean Man is Found Who Will Not Let His Wife Have New Set of Teeth.

HUNDREDS HAVE BEEN HELPED

Secretary Doane of the Associated Charities is closing up her Christmas work, which has been of considerable magnitude. The bulk of the distributions has been disposed of and many persons have been cheered.

The secretary states that contributions of money, food, clothing, toys and other articles sent to her department through The Bee have been used to best advantage and many persons are thankful for the remembrances.

The work of investigation and listening to the pleadings of visitors to the charities office has revealed all sorts of pathetic situations and now and then a flash of humor breaks the somber perspective. One of the assistants on Wednesday called on a woman whose name had been sent in.

"What is your husband doing now?" asked the caller.

"I don't know; he's been dead two years," seriously replied the widow.

Probably the meanest man in Omaha has been brought to the attention of Mrs. Doane. His wife wanted a set of teeth for Christmas and when the charities secretary told the woman of a man who would furnish the teeth without charge, the husband of the toothless woman said he would not allow his wife to accept the offer. However, she will be cheered in some other way. Secretary Doane does not care to say for publication just what she thinks of a husband of that stamp.

Several letters have been received, addressed to "Mrs. Santa Claus." A girl wrote in behalf of her 15-month-old sister, "who has no father."

Additional cash contributions to The Bee's Christmas fund have been turned over to the Associated Charities as follows: Lillian Jackson, \$1; B. S. Barker, \$1; J. P. H., \$1; E. W. H., \$1; Theodore Wells, \$3. Several packages of toys and clothing sent to The Bee have been sent to Mrs. Doane for distribution.

## Hoo-Ray! Fifty-Three Pay Days Next Year

Nineteen-sixteen will be a prosperous year. All signs indicate that prophecy. Even the new calendar bears testimony. There will be fifty-three week-end pay-days next year. The year starts off with a payday. The months of January, April, July, September and December will have five Saturdays each, and the other months will contribute four each, which makes fifty-three.

## WEATHER COLDER IN WEST AND NORTH PART OF STATE

According to the reports to the railroads, in western and northern Nebraska, and out toward the mountains, the weather is much colder, although there is no storm in sight. Snow was not reached Wednesday night, but there were a number of points where as low as 15 to 18 above were recorded.

## First Omaha Trade Excursion Was Held Twenty Years Ago

In 1894 the Omaha jobbers and other business men made the first trade excursion into the South Platte country. That was so long ago that many of them have forgotten it; but Mark Perkins, editor of the Fremont Herald, has just dug up an old pamphlet telling of the excursion. He dug it up when he was cleaning out some old filing cases, so he mailed the booklet to E. V. Parrish, manager of Omaha's publicity bureau.

Twenty-one years makes a difference in the personnel of the heads of business firms in a city. This is shown by the personnel of the passengers on this excursion and the list of the firms they represented. Thus, W. A. L. Gibbon was then president of the Commercial club. W. F. Baxter was representing Kilpatrick-Koch company. W. S. Wright was representing the Rector & Wilhelm company. George W. Kelley was representing Kelley, Stiger & Co. and A. P. Tukey was listed as just "capitalist."

A Christmas tree celebration will be held this evening at the City Emergency hospital, 912 Douglas street. Mrs. George Redick has bought presents for twenty-four poor children who are at this institution, most of them convalescent, but not permitted to leave. There are forty children and ten adults at the hospital. Health Commissioner Connell suggests that persons seeking a wise use of their Christmas beneficence might turn their attention to these little shut-ins.

## Mrs. Geo. Redick to Provide for the Kiddies in Hospital

Handsome Baskets and Hand Painted Satin Boxes, filled with our choicest confections, \$2.50 to \$15.00

Candy Beads for trimming Christmas trees, sale price, 15¢ per foot for 50¢

Candy Canes, 2 for 5¢, each, 5¢, 10¢, 15¢, 20¢, 25¢ and 35¢.

Special Christmas Package 2-lb. box Assorted Chocolates, Bon Bons and California Fruits, for \$1.25

Sweet Milk Chocolates A. B. C. Blocks, 50 pieces, in box, for \$1.00

Special Family Package 5-lb. box Assorted Chocolates and Bon Bons, regular \$1.25 grade, Christmas special at \$1.00

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## PACKAGES MOVING WITHOUT A HITCH

Extra Force Put on by Postmaster Wharton Makes the Work Move Smoothly.

NO DELAY IN ANY BRANCH

When "Nixie" Bowles arrived to take charge of his scales in the post-office corridor Thursday morning he found a line of package-laden people extending from the table a distance of about fifty feet.

Yet the day was still very young, the hour being but 7:20 a. m. The rush is totally unprecedented.

Shortly after that early hour the other three weighers were "on the job," and the rush was growing.

In spite of this there is no congestion of Christmas packages in the Omaha postoffice. So systematically has everything been arranged, both as regards incoming and outgoing mail, that it is moving along perfectly, and Postmaster Wharton wrote to the postmaster general in Washington that there is a record-breaking business and no congestion of mail here, a record, which, it is believed, won't be equaled elsewhere.

Naturally in the great crowd the careless and the absent-minded are not entirely absent. Fourteen packages have been dropped into the chutes with absolutely no address on them. Some of these are packages which people presented for weighing with only a card showing the address for which they were destined. Having affixed the required stamps they then forgot to transfer the address from the card to the packages. But this is a mere tiny fraction of the

many tons of packages that are dumped into the postoffice daily.

The distribution and routing system for the dozens of tons of incoming packages is working even better than was expected and with the assistance of twenty extra wagons with fifty drivers and helpers, the packages are being delivered as rapidly as they come in. This system was devised and installed by Postmaster Wharton and his superintendents, and the department at Washington is watching its working with interest. Its complete success indicates that it will be adopted in all the other large offices of the country.

## RIO GRANDE HEAD WILL BE IN OMAHA CHRISTMAS

President Mudge, formerly with the Rock Island, but now the head of the Denver & Rio Grande road, will be in Omaha a short time Christmas afternoon, on route east.

# BRANDEIS STORES

All merchandise bought in our stores up to 7 o'clock Friday evening will be delivered the same day

## Rich Blooming Potted Plants to add the finishing touch of Cheerfulness to the Christmas Feast

We are ready, and will be ready up to the very last minute Friday, to provide all kinds of flowers and floral decorations.

Potted Poinsettias, at each—  
**29c**

Friday We Will Feature Especially  
A very large assortment of Blooming Plants at very special prices. Our Cut Flower Department will deliver all evening as late as practicable Friday—and then as long as necessary to make all deliveries Christmas day. We are also in position to ship to any point you may wish. Everything carefully packed to insure its being received on time and in good order.

Potted Cyclamen at each—  
**79c**

Fine Azalea, at each—  
**\$1.50 to \$5.00**

Fine California Violets, American Beauties, Carnations, Roses, Cut Poinsettias, etc., at Special Prices for Christmas.

Holly Wreaths, at each—  
**20c**

## The Pompeian Room—Headquarters for Pure Candies—Package Goods, Put Up By Us

Special Christmas Package 2-lb. box Assorted Chocolates, Bon Bons and California Fruits, for \$1.25

1-lb. boxes Assorted Chocolates, Bon Bons and California Fruits, for \$1.00

Special Christmas Mixtures American Mixture hard candies, per lb., \$1.00

## Buy Your "1892" Aluminum Utensils From Us.

To the Housewives of Greater Omaha: Come to this store for your "1892" Aluminum Ware. Assortments are complete, with bright, shining, durable utensils for every kitchen need. Our assortments are complete for you to choose from.

Oval Roaster, shown here, is stamped from heavy Aluminum sheets. Steam trap regulates condensing of steam, which acts as self baster. Tray on bottom keeps roast from burning. Polished outside. Size 6 1/2 inches deep, 16 inches long, 11 inches wide, each \$5.70

The double lipped Sauce Pan, approximate capacity 5 pints, now being advertised in the daily papers, is also offered by us, each 39c

## Special Sale Player Music 55c

Any Roll in Our Music Library, Friday, December 24th, ONE DAY ONLY. Brandeis Piano Department—Third Floor.

## Early Street Car Service, Christmas Morning, December 25, 1915

For the accommodation of persons desiring to attend church services early on Christmas morning, earlier-than-regular street car service will be furnished on most lines. The service will be as follows:

Line	First Car	Subsequent Service	Interval
<b>FARNAM LINE—</b>			
Leaving Depots (northbound)	3:52 a. m.	5:00 a. m.	Then every 5 minutes.
Leaving Dundee	4:20 a. m.	5:30 a. m.	Then every 10 minutes.
Leaving Forty-sixth and Cumins	5:45 a. m.	6:02 a. m.	Then every 10 minutes.
<b>HARNEY LINE—</b>			
Leaving Depots	4:20 a. m.	5:05 a. m.	Then every 10 minutes.
Leaving Thirty-third and Parker	4:45 a. m.	5:30 a. m.	Then every 10 minutes.
<b>DODGE LINE—</b>			
Leaving Depots	5:05 a. m.	5:20 a. m.	Then every 10 minutes.
Leaving Thirty-third and Spaulding	5:35 a. m.	5:50 a. m.	Then every 10 minutes.
<b>PARK LINE—</b>			
Leaving Twenty-fourth and Ames (southbound)	5:05 a. m.	Regular Sunday schedule.	
Leaving Twenty-fourth and Kansas Avenue	5:30 a. m.	Regular Sunday schedule.	
Leaving Florence	5:58 a. m.	Regular Sunday schedule.	
Leaving Thirty-second and Valley	5:35 a. m.	Regular Sunday schedule.	
Leaving Twenty-ninth and DuPont	5:50 a. m.	Regular Sunday schedule.	
<b>SOUTH OMAHA LINE—</b>			
Leaving Twenty-fourth and Ames (eastbound)	4:45 a. m.	Regular Sunday schedule.	
Leaving Forty-second and Grand	5:20 a. m.	Regular Sunday schedule.	
Leaving Forty-third and Q.	5:37 a. m.	Regular Sunday schedule.	
<b>BENSON AND ALBRIGHT LINE—</b>			
Leaving Albright	4:56 a. m.	5:25 a. m.	Then every 10 minutes.
Leaving Benson	5:00 a. m.	5:36 a. m.	Then every 10 minutes.
<b>WEST LEAVENWORTH LINE—</b>			
Leaving School for the Deaf	5:32 a. m.	5:50 a. m.	Then every 10 minutes.
Leaving Elmwood Park	5:49 a. m.	Then every 10 minutes.	
<b>CROSSTOWN LINE—</b>			
Leaving Twenty-fourth and Lake	5:15 a. m.	Regular daily schedule.	
Leaving Forty-fourth and L.	5:30 a. m.	Regular daily schedule.	

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