

# Society

By MELLIFICIA. Tuesday, December 28, 1915.

NEW ORLEANS has come out openly and announced that it is socially and hygienically the winter capital of the United States. New Orleans quotes the New York Herald to back it up in the claim. There are many press criticisms also quoted, including the New York Journal of Commerce.

New Orleans has the social lure, in that it does hold the trump card, and the beauty of it is, it has more than one trump, as well as a few cards up its sleeve and a mirror on the wall opposite.

"The midwinter season in the south has never known the brilliancy that has come to it this year," says the Herald of New York; "it has capitalized this year the things which are more properly native to it to attract the stranger and bring from afar the men and women who have been for many winters part of the social life of the old Creole city during the Mardi Gras days."

New Orleans society is much like a nobleman who has many titles, or a member of the light-fingered gentry with a string of aliases—the city has sets, many sets, all smart, where one may shine for the occasion and meet any one profitable to meet.

The celebrated "spangled set" is often open to strangers and brilliant enough to suit the most exacting, and it can show them the best and some of the exclusive personages of the far south.

**Orpheum Parties.**  
The following reservations have been made for Orpheum parties on New Year's eve: Mr. Louis Hiller, ten; Mr. Maurice Meyer, ten; Dr. B. W. Christie, twenty; Mr. E. R. Haughton, eight; Mr. Nathan Daniel, ten; Mr. M. Rehfeld, sixteen; Mrs. Clarence Bergman, four; Mr. Harry Byrne, four; Mr. Frank Boyd, ten; Mr. F. R. Carlyle, fourteen; Mr. L. Ziegler, four; Mr. J. McGuire, six; Mr. E. C. Goerke, four; Mr. C. D. Sturdevant, ten; Mr. J. A. C. Kennedy, four; Mr. C. E. Hutchinson, six; Mr. H. H. Fish, seven; Mr. H. Hart, six; Dr. W. H. Walker, eight; Mr. George F. Hanson, four; Mr. A. B. Warren, twenty-four; Mr. Robert Trimble, four; Mr. E. F. Thompson, four; Mr. H. J. Adams, eighteen; Mr. W. L. Randall, six; Mr. J. B. Kats, four; Mr. E. F. Jackson, three; Mr. E. V. Armstrong, six; Mr. R. E. Harris, six; Mr. T. J. Donohue, six; Mr. H. A. Jacobberger, eight; Mr. A. A. Liddell, four; Mr. C. W. Newport, four; Mr. W. T. Byrne, eight (two); Mr. H. N. Goodell, eight; Mr. W. T. Page, six; Tom McVittie, six; Adolph Storz, eight; N. A. Spiesberger, four; C. E. Spence, six; C. Bloodard, five; J. Foster, eight; W. C. Russell, six.

Three of the largest parties on that evening will be the Tuesday Bridge club with eighteen. Another large party will be a number of the members of the Thursday Subscription Dancing club, reservations having been made for twenty.

Still another party of twenty-four will be composed mostly of members of the Saturday Evening Subscription club.

**Dance for Millard Boys.**  
The brilliant affair of the week will be the dance given this evening at the Hotel Fontenelle by the Barton Millards in honor of their brothers, home for the holiday vacation, Messrs. Joseph, Ray and Willard Millard. The festivities will open with a dinner at which the host and hostess will preside, in the ball room of the Fontenelle. One hundred and thirty guests will dine at small tables and dance between the courses. The decorations will be in Christmas scheme and the tables have small candles with red shades. Later 100 other guests will arrive for the dancing. A buffet supper will be served in a private dining room at 11 for all the guests of the occasion.

**Les Hiboux Plans.**  
The ninth annual banquet of Les Hiboux, a high school boys' social club, will be held Tuesday evening at the Henshaw, and the annual dancing party of the club will take place Wednesday evening at Chambers' dancing academy. For these two affairs, alumni of the club have returned to Omaha from college and from business activities in various parts of the country. The club was the first of its kind organized at Central High school after the anti-fraternity ruling in 1907, and now numbers almost 30 active and alumni members.

**To Give Recital Tuesday.**  
Miss Katharine Kemp Stillings of Boston will arrive Wednesday to be the guest of Miss Frances Nash during her stay in Omaha. Miss Nash knew Miss Stillings in Boston and abroad. Miss Stillings was a student of music for seven years in Boston under the celebrated Prof. Auery. One of the features of the Tuesday Morning Musicale, given at the Fontenelle, January 4, will be a violin recital by Miss Stillings, accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Ludovic F. Crofoot.

**Bridge Postponed.**  
Invitations to the afternoon bridge to be given today by Mrs. John T. Brewster in honor of Miss Myra Cole of Atlantic City have been recalled, and the affair postponed. Miss Cole received a telegram this morning informing her of the death of a most intimate friend, Mrs. Arthur Ewens of Atlantic City, and she left this afternoon to attend the funeral.

**Invitations Recalled.**  
Miss Elizabeth Davis and Miss Melora Davis will not entertain at dinner this evening in honor of Mr. Oscar Weston of East Orange, N. J. The invitations are recalled in deference to the memory of Mr. Victor Caldwell.

**For Dr. Leavens.**  
Dr. Robert F. Leavens of Pittsburgh, Mass., will arrive in Omaha Wednesday morning to be the guest of Mrs. William Newton and later of Mrs. John McDonnell.

**For Chicago Guest.**  
Miss Elizabeth Barber gave a luncheon this afternoon in honor of Miss Louise Fort of Chicago, the house guest of Miss Dorothy Bell. Miss Fort arrived in Omaha this morning.

**Dinner Preceding Dance.**  
The Walter Pages will give a small dinner to twelve guests at the Hotel Fontenelle this evening preceding the dance given by the Barton Millards. The table will be decorated in Christmas greens and flowers.

**Martin-Dyess Wedding.**  
Miss Helen Dyess, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Dyess of Ottumwa, Ia., was married at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon at the Dietz Memorial parsonage to Mr. Laurence H. Martin, son of Mr. William C. Martin of Ottumwa, the Rev. Charles H. Dawson officiating. Mrs. Martin was a teacher and Mr.

## TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR HUSBANDS AND WIVES.



MRS. JUSTUS SHEFFIELD, WIFE OF A NEW YORK LAWYER.

JERSEY CITY, N. J., Dec. 29.—Mrs. Justus Sheffield, wife of a New York lawyer, in the course of her suit for divorce in the courts here has set forth ten commandments, each for husbands and wives. Mrs. Sheffield is suing on the grounds of cruelty and alleges that her husband is not the man of her dreams. She has written a book, in which she sets forth her ideal man and picture her husband as a rather undesirable character. Among the commandments for wives are the following:

- "Thou shalt not bore thy husband."
- "Thou shalt obey him—sometimes—uncertainty hath charms when minds are masculine."
- "Thou shalt be fresh and sweet and dainty as a shower bouquet; for lingerie is more to be desired than rubies and a good cook above government bonds."
- "Remember thy mother-in-law—to keep her guessing—for wise mother-in-law loveth a cheerful liar, and a good excuse is better than none."
- "Thou shalt not toy with danger, though, verily, live impulses has low voltage domesticity beaten to a frazzle."
- "Thou shalt be a man, dependable as a racer, mellow as old wine, constant as thy club dues, then of a surety will favoring thee as lichen to an old oak tree."

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**The LEXERD**  
A New High Boot  
We have just received a new style high boot which we have christened The Lexerd. It has a Spanish Louis heel and flexible welt sole. The price is—  
**\$4 and \$5**  
We are also showing this new, attractive number in the African brown shade in soft kid leather. The price is—  
**\$5 and \$6**  
Parcel Post Paid  
**DREXEL**  
1419 Farnam St.

## DIVORCE GAINS A LAP ON DAN CUPID

Seventy-Five More Couples Ask Separation and Forty-Four Less Are Wedded.

### RATIO IS NOW THREE TO ONE

Seventy-four more divorce suits were filed and forty-four fewer couples were married in Omaha in 1915 than in 1914, according to statistics compiled by "Cupid" Stubbenlof, marriage license clerk, and Fred A. Gordon, of the office of the clerk of the district court, the home of the divorce demon.

Cupid's grief as the result of this showing is allayed to a small degree by one fact, the number of divorce decrees granted having been reduced by twenty-one in 1915, as compared with the previous year.

There were 2,492 marriage licenses granted in Omaha this year and 705 divorce suits were started. In 1914 there were 2,446 licenses and 631 divorce decrees. The figures for the last few days of the year are estimated.

The ratio of marriages to divorces decreased from 2.9 to 1 in 1914 to 2.4 in 1915, with the result that there is now practically one divorce to every three marriages in Omaha.

The number of divorce suits which were tried and in which decrees were entered, however, was reduced to 375 in 1915 as compared with 296 in 1914.

More marriage licenses were issued during the last six months of 1915 than during the first six months, the figures being 1,297 and 1,195.

Twenty-seven divorces suits were dismissed in 1915. Of these, however, a number were renewed after attempted reconciliations had failed.

## H. G. BOCK TO REPRESENT TWO ROADS IN THIS CITY

H. G. Bock, formerly traveling passenger agent for the Denver & Rio Grande road, January 1 will become its general agent, with offices in the Woodmen of the World building. He will also represent the Western Pacific in the same capacity.

# PRE-INVENTORY SALE

**New Pianos, Player Pianos, Good Pianos**  
The World-Renowned KRANICH & BACH, KIMBALL, BUSH & LANE, Popular CABLE-NELSON, the HINZE and GERHARD PIANOS, BEHR BROS., HENDERSON and HOSPE PIANOS.  
Imagine a Dependable, New Piano for Only \$163  
on \$1.50 weekly payments; other instruments of high-grade at \$195, \$225, \$316, \$340, \$395, and Player-Pianos that were \$450 to \$950, now \$375 to \$600, at sums and terms to suit your circumstances.

**FOR 20 DAYS—ONLY 18 MORE DAYS**

<b>Art Goods and Erics-a-Brac Must Go, Too</b>	<b>Music Stock Cut to Meet Demands</b>
Stock, carrying thousands of articles, made in Silver, Gold, Bronze, Marble, Pottery, Ivory, Natural Woods, go into this pre-inventory Price Slashing Sale; only 20 days in which to sell the over stock of \$20,000, in art stock goods, which embraces Electric Lamps in Gold in newest Perujap and Tudor Shaped Shades, at from \$3.75 to \$75.00.	20 Per Cent Off except on contract goods.
Candle Sticks, Night Lamps, in mahogany, white and oak woods, from \$1.00 up.	Complete Violin Outfits.....\$6 to \$350
Silver Ware in Sheffield silver, from 50c up.	Violin Cases, wood and leather.....\$1.25 to \$25
Brass Sets, Smoker's Sets, Book Racks, Book Ends, Umbrella Stands, Cornucopias, Desk Sets and many art pieces in brass, at a straight discount of 20 per cent off.	Violin Bows, imported.....75c to \$30
Cordova Leather, Ladies' Bags, Pads, Bill Books, Book Ends, Diaries, Leather Frames, at 20 Per Cent Off.	Music Stands, Japanese and nickel.....50c to \$2
Flowers, Artificial Roses, full bloom, 25c.	Mandolins, high grade.....\$5 to \$50
Butter Cups, Daisies, Nasturtiums, Poinsettias, from 10c up.	Mandolin Cases, canvas and leather.....\$1.25 to \$8
Vases in Bronzed Sterling Silver, Vasekraft Vases, Holland Vases, Niolak Vases. Every one of them at 20 Per Cent Off.	Guitars, American manufacture.....\$6 to \$35
Marble Statuary, Composition Statuary, 20 Per Cent Off.	Banjos, standard makes.....\$7 to \$25
Mottos, framed and in sheet, 20 Per Cent Off.	Drums, orchestra and band.....\$15 to \$35
Pohlsen Gallery, novelties embracing hundreds of useful necessities, cut with the 20 Per Cent Discount.	Cornets, brass and silver.....\$16 to \$95
	Clarinets, Perfect scale.....\$12 to \$75
	Flutes, Boehm & Albert.....\$12 to \$55
	Piccolo, at.....\$4 to \$8
	Brass Instruments.....\$16 to \$65
	Gauges, regulation.....\$4 to \$6
	Harmonicas, imported.....5c to \$2.50
	Accordeons, German and Italian.....\$6 to \$25
	Swiss Music Boxes.....35c to \$7.50
	Music Rolls, real leather.....75c to \$10
	Music Bags, morocco.....\$2 to \$10
	Orchestra Bells, Saxophones, Harps, Cellos and all accessories for musical instruments.

**Picture Prices Cut 20 per cent discount on all paintings, water colors, pastel pictures, steel engravings, etchings, facsimile pictures, artotypes, ready-made frames and made-to-order frames. No charge for fitting.**

# A. HOSPE CO. 1513-1515 Douglas Street

**GLOVES**  
25c Children's Cashmere Gloves, on sale at, pair.....19c  
Children's 25c Wool Gloves.....15c  
Women's 85c Leatherette Gloves go at, per pair.....49c  
Women's Lined Cashmere Gloves, on sale at.....25c  
Children's Leather Gaiters.....45c  
Mittens, sale price.....45c

**KNIT GOODS**  
\$2.00 Silk Scarfs, plain and fancy, on sale at.....88c  
\$1.25 Fiber Silk Knit Scarfs.....59c  
35c Mercerized Silk Scarfs.....15c  
50c Fascinators and Hoods.....19c  
Children's 19c Velvet Bonnets, sale price, each.....5c

**Brandeis Stores**  
Our Greatest January White Sale Begins Next Monday, January 3d.  
The big features about this sale which we wish to emphasize the strongest are: Our purchases were made before cotton prices soared to their present formidable height; this sale will establish a high record in value, variety of styles, completeness of sizes and quantities of each.  
**Wait for It!**

**Want Skates?**  
Boys' and Men's Cast Steel Skates, sale price, pair.....40c  
Boys' and Men's Nickel Plated Skates, on sale, pair.....35c  
Boys' and Men's Tempered Skates, sale price, pair.....\$1.85  
Girls' and Women's Skates, per pair.....95c, \$1.25 and \$3.00  
Sporting Goods Dept.

**Boys' Clothing**  
\$7.50 to \$10 Boys Suits.....\$5.00  
\$4 to \$5 Boys' Overcoats.....\$2.95  
\$4 to \$5 Boys' Mackinaws.....\$2.95  
75c Corduroy Knickers.....49c  
Sweater Coats, \$1.50 value.....\$1

# The Smart Winter Coats We Have Reduced— An Event in the Great Year End Clearing Sale

30 Sport and Skating Coats, worth to \$15, at, clearing sale price—  
**\$5.00**  
26 Plush Coats, worth \$15, clearance sale price for only—  
**\$8.98**  
15 Plush Coats with fur trimmings, worth \$22.50. Sale price—  
**\$12.50**

Coats that are now at the zenith of their fashionable popularity—at the height of their season—wanted now as at no other time! And yet they are reduced.

Coats full of the swing and style that belong to the wide flare, the ripple, the cadet and redingote and semi-military styles.

Materials are the rich velours and plushes of various textures, corduroys and fancy coatings. High chin-chin collars, cuffs and bands of fur, etc.

Clearance time knows no favorites, and the benefits are yours.

**Bargains in Children's Coats**

Heavy Wool Coats, worth to \$5.98, at—	Heavy Wool Coats, worth to \$7.00, at—	Heavy Wool Coats, worth to \$10, at—	Girls' Coats, worth to \$15, sale price—
<b>\$2.89</b>	<b>\$3.98</b>	<b>\$4.95</b>	<b>\$8.75</b>

25 Fine White Chinchilla Coats, worth to \$25.00, at sale price—  
**\$10.00**  
55 Fine Coats of different materials, worth to \$50. Sale price—  
**\$25.00**  
Children's \$19 Coats, clearing—  
**\$13.85**

**Hosiery and Underwear**  
35c Silk Lisle Hosiery.....19c  
50c Boot Silk Hosiery.....29c  
Misses', Child's 25c Hosiery.....12 1/2c  
Men's 5/8c Rockford Socks.....5c  
Women's 15c Cotton Hose.....10c  
\$3 Munsing Union Suits.....\$1.79  
\$1.25 Munsing Union Suits.....89c  
59c Fleece Cot. Un. Suits.....39c  
50c Fleece Cot. Un. Suits.....29c  
35c Fleece Cot. Un. Suits.....25c  
Child's 25c Cotton Vests and Pants.....12 1/2c

**BLANKETS—COMFORTS**  
\$7.50 Genuine U. S. Army Blankets, tan, on sale, per pair, at.....\$4.95  
\$2.50 12-4 Woolnap Cotton Blankets, sale price, per pair, at.....\$1.50  
\$6.00 Fine All-Wool Plaid Blankets, per pair, clearance sale.....\$4.79  
\$5.00 Fine All-Wool Blankets, sale price, per pair, clearance.....\$3.98  
\$5.50 Fine Wool Filled White Blankets, on sale at, per pair.....\$4.49  
\$2.00 12-4 Heavy Twined Cotton Blankets, on sale, per pair.....\$1.49  
\$1.50 Single Beacon Blankets, on sale, each, clearance sale.....89c  
85c Double Soft Fleece Cotton Blankets, sale price, pair.....59c  
\$7.00 and \$8.00 Fine All-Wool Blankets, on sale at, pair.....\$4.95  
\$4.50 Wool Filled 11-4 Double Blankets, sale price, pair.....\$2.95  
\$3.00 Mixed Feather Filled Bed Pillows, on sale at, pair.....\$1.95  
\$6.00 All Clean Feather Filled Bed Pillows, sale price, pair.....25c  
\$4.00 All Goose Feather Bed Pillows, sale price, per pair.....\$3.29  
\$1.00 Comforts, white cotton filled, sale price, per pair.....69c  
\$1.50 Large Size White Cotton Comforts, sale price, pair.....\$1.00  
\$2.00 Large Size White Cotton Comforts, on sale at, pair.....\$1.49  
\$2.50 and \$2.75 Extra Large Comforts, sale price, pair.....\$1.98

**Blouses**  
About 1,500 Crepe de Chine, Solre Silk, Plaid, Taffeta, Chiffon, Striped Silks, Radium Taffeta Blouses, values to \$6.98, special.....\$2.98  
Slightly Soiled Lingerie Blouses, worth to \$1.25; sale price.....69c  
Slightly Soiled \$3.00 Lingerie Blouses, sale price.....\$1.45  
1,000 Crepe de Chine Blouses, Crepe de Chine Blouses, values to \$3.00; on sale.....\$1.79  
New Satin, Crepe de Chine and Lace Blouses, \$5 value.....\$3.98

**After Xmas Clearance Sale OF BOOKS**  
SOME 1/4 OFF SOME 1/3 OFF SOME 1/2 OFF  
at at at  
During our great Christmas book sale many books became more or less soiled and damaged by the enormous crowds that handled and looked at them. All such books and many others that we wish to close out quick have been gathered up and marked at reduced prices as above.  
**All CALENDARS at HALF PRICE**  
Book Dept.—East Arcade.

**Men's Furnishings**  
50 doz. 25c Wool Mufflers 12/50  
75c Negligee Golf Shirts.....49c  
Men's 15c Cotton Hose.....9c  
15 doz. Men's \$1 Un. Suits.....69c  
25c Silk Fiber Hose, pair.....15c  
Men's 25c Silk Neckwear.....19c  
25c Silk Fiber Hose, pair.....15c  
Fine \$3.50 Silk Mufflers.....\$1.49  
Men's \$1.50 Union Suits.....95c  
\$1.50 and \$1.75 Dress Shirts.....\$1  
Men's, Boys' 75c Gloves.....39c  
\$1 Dress, Street Gloves.....69c

**Shoes---Slippers**  
Child's Blue Felt Slippers.....25c  
Women's Felt Slippers.....25c  
Men's Slippers, emb., pair.....39c  
Women's Slumber Slippers.....25c  
Women's Felt Slippers.....98c  
Men's \$1.25 Slippers, pair.....89c  
Wom. \$3.50 Dress Shoes.....\$1.50  
Bath Slippers, all kinds.....25c  
Women's \$5 Shoes, pair.....\$2.85

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