NOTES ON OMAHA SOCIETY

Margaret Fuller Literary Society Entertained by Misses McCague.

MORE ANNOUNCED FOR HOLIDAYS

Several Young People Will Bring Guests for Christmas Vacation, for Whom Several Smart Affairs Are Planned.

The Margaret Fuller Literary society of the Omaha High school held a most enjoyable social meeting Thursday afternoon at the home of the Misses Anna and Henrietta McCague at 119 North Twenty-fourth street. It was a Christmas entertainment and all of the decorative appointments were suggestive of the yuletide. A large Christmas tree was much in evidence and each guest present received a souvenir. Miss Corinne Searle, as president of the society, had arranged an informal musical and literary program which was one of the pleasant features of the afternoon. About sixty of the members pere present.

Banquet for Creighton Men.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Levy gave a banquet Wednesday evening in honor of the class of 1907 of the Creighton College of Pharmacy, of which their son, Mr. Ike Levy, is a member. The table was decorated in the college colors, blue and white, and covers were laid for thirty.

Informal Party.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Smith entertained an informal party Tuesday evening at their home, 4115 North Twenty-eighth street. Carnations and ferns decorated the rooms and those present were: Mr. and Mrs. George Smith of Council Bluffs, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Edmaus, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lenhouts, Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Regen, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Cunningham, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Treaster of Chicago, Miss Clara Kurtz, Miss Frances Brown, Miss Alice Brown, Miss Gertrude Smith, Miss Helen Edmaus, Miss Lillie Folley, Miss Lillie Heyner, Miss Edna Lenhouts, Mr. Howard Treaster of Chicago, Mr. Harry Lenhouts, Mr. Amis Cottrell and Mr. Ayers Smith. Cards afforded amusement for the evening and prizes were won by Mrs. M. M. Brown, Mrs. Sam Hayner, Mr. Sam Hayner and Mr. Sam Edmaus.

Swastika Club.

The Original Swastika club was entertained Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. D. C. Buck. Mrs. E. Naught was a guest of the club. The members present were: Mrs. F. M. Swearinger, Mrs. J. E. Shaffer, Mrs. S. J. Sonier, Mrs. Alex Jetes, Mrs. Charles Webber, Mrs. F. Foote, Mrs. A. Martin, Mrs. J. C. Reeder and Mrs. I. Foley. The next club meeting will be in two weeks, when Mrs. F. Foote will be the hostess.

Club Meetings.

Miss Mabel Marr was hostess Friday afternoon at the meeting of the Junior Bridge club. Miss Julia Coburn and Miss Lorraine Comstock were guests of the club. The members present were: Mrs. Louis Clarke, Mrs. George Redick, Miss Helen Davis, Miss Mabel Marr, Miss Ruth Moorehead, Miss Mary Morgan, Miss Ann Brown, Miss Elizabeth Congdon and Miss Mary Alice Rogers.

Miss Ethel Goetz entertained the Kensington club Friday afternoon. Eight members were present.

Prospective Pleasures.

Complimentary to Miss Blanche Howland, whose marriage to Mr. Ed P. Boye will take place New Year's eve, Miss Blanche Rosewater will give a box party Saturday at Boyd's and in the evening Miss Henrietta Rees will entertain for the Howland-Boyer wedding party at dinner Covers will be laid for twelve and Christmas decorations will prevail in the appointments.

Miss Frances Nash, who has been attending school at Mount Vernon seminary Washington, D. C., will arrive home Saturday, accompanied by one of her class mates, who will be her guest during th Christmas holidays. Several affairs are being planned in their honor, among them a large dance, but as yet the date has not been definitely decided upon.

Miss Jean and Miss Helen Cudahy wil arrive home from the east Saturday morning, accompanied by Miss Forthman of Los Angeles and Miss Wrenn of Bridgeport, Conn., who will be their guests during the Christmas holidays. In honor of the homecoming of these young people, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Cudahy have issued invitations for a dinner and bridge party to be given Monday evening at their home. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Baum will also entertain in their honor at dinner Wednesday evening January 1.

The Friday club, which was to have been entertained this week by Mrs. Ben Cotton, has postponed its meeting.

The Alumnae chapter of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity, gave its monthly dinner Friday evening in the private dining room of the Calumet. Several of the active members are in Omaha on their Christmas vacation and were present.

Come-and-Go Gossip.

Miss Rosina Mandelberg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Mandelberg, who has been attending Smith college, will spend her Christmas vacation visiting friends and relatives in New York City.

Mr. Ben Rosenthal is visiting friends in New York City.

Miss Olive Carpenter returned Thursday from Oberlin college.

Miss Hilda Hammer will return Saturday morning from Vassar to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George L. Hammer, 2102 Douglas street.

Mrs. John A. Wakefield and Miss Jeanne Wakefield returned the early part of the week from an extended eastern trip.

Mr. Will Schnorr will leave early in January for a few weeks' visit in New York.

Mr. Crummer of Denver, the fiance of Miss Margaret Wood, is expected to arrive Sunday to be the guest of Mrs. Ben B. Wood until after the holidays.

Miss Ruth Brandeis will return Saturday from New York, where she has been attending school, to spend her Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brandeis.

Miss Louise Peck will arrive home Saturday morning from Mrs. Wolcott's school in Denver and will spend her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Porter Peck.

Miss Mildred Wilcox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilcox, will return from school Saturday to spend the holidays with her parents.

Mrs. Lydia Morrison, who has been visiting friends in Lincoln for several weeks, returned home Friday evening.

Miss Mabel Krebs, who is attending the Peru Normal, will return Saturday to spend the holidays with her sister, Mrs. N. R. Wilcox, jr.

Miss Edith Allan of Kansas City has arrived to be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Tukey until after the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Morrison will arrive Sunday or Monday to remain until after the first of the year with Mrs. Morrison's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tukey.

Miss Hazel Eaton entertained the Quinto club Wednesday afternoon at her home, 216 North Twenty-third street. Twelve guests were present. A dainty luncheon was served, followed by cards and other social diversions.

SIGNIFICANCE OF CHARMS

Many Kinds Displayed by Women on Watchchains and Necklaces.

Hardly a woman who loves pretty trinkets is now without a good luck charm on her watch chain or necklace. One woman who has a collection of charm pendants strung at intervals along her watch chain told about them.

"New York is full of Swastika crosses," she said as she showed a square silver cross. "Mine came from Mexico.

"This is Italian, a charm against the evil eye." She twisted her chain to the next pendant, a little coral hand. Its thumb, third and fourth fingers were folded down over the palm. The index and little fingers were extended. "Italians believe that these little hands keep off the evil eye.

"You can get hands in any shop that makes a specialty of Italian jewelry. I know a woman who has a necklace chain hung with a row of them.

"Here's a pretty luck charm from our own south, a hare's foot mounted in silver.

"China is all for the elephant as a lucky charm. In the Oriental shops there is no end of the array of pendant elephant charms.

"Most of them come in ivory, but there are also made in coral, crystal, amethyst, jade and chrysopase. In many of the charms the eyes of the elephant are set with tiny sparkling gems.

"It is hard to know where to stop when one tries to choose a charm from among the many fascinating ones made of jade—the Chinese lucky stone. As it is the stone itself that brings good luck great scope in design opens for the charm maker. I chose this strictly flounder fish curled into a circle and I couldn't resist this little squat idol, or this group of the three mystic monkeys—see no evil, hear no evil, speak no evil. One monkey is blindfolded, the other clasps his ears, the third has his finger to his lip.

"Four leafed clovers inclosed in crystal make popular charms. You can have the four leafed clover you are lucky to find yourself mounted in this way. The crystal may be rimmed with silver or gold."

WHEN BEING PHOTOGRAPHED

Hints to Those Who Would Make Pleasing and Natural Pictures.

Wear the sort of dress you usually do. You can't make a bigger mistake than to don some sort of getup that you're totally unaccustomed to. If you're in the habit of wearing a stiff collar don't go and get photographed in a fichu.

If you are an outdoor girl be photographed out of doors.

Avoid violent contrasts in color or light and shade in your attire. Plain colors are best for gowns, and draperies usually come out much better than frills and flounces.

If you have a good figure take care to preserve a clear outline. If not, never be taken full length.

Furs usually look well, but unless care is taken of the way they are disposed they are apt to be rather overwhelming. Sable in particular comes out very nicely, but ermine is apt to be hard, and is, perhaps, better avoided.

Much jewelry is a mistake, but one or two really good things look very well. A fine string of pearls is always safe to wear.

PECK BUYS FIVE DWELLINGS

Chicagoan Puts Eleven Thousand Dollars More Into Omaha Realty.

NEXT YEAR WILL BE A HUMMER

Opinion of Real Estate Dealers, Who Agree on Likelihood of Some Readjustment in Operation of Loans.

Sanford Peck of Chicago, who some four weeks ago invested $30,000 in Omaha real estate, increased his holdings Friday by $11,000 when he bought five residences, two of which are located at Thirty-third and Cass streets, and three at Twenty-first and Spencer streets.

Mr. Peck bought the holdings of Spencer Otis last month after making a trip to Omaha and looking over the city and summing up the outlook for the future. More than eighty lots were included in his first purchase and it is said to be his plan to improve many of them. The houses he bought Friday are all new.

Mrs. Golda F. McCulloh closed a deal Friday with Earnest Sweet for the residence near Thirty-third and Harney pany has sold a home at Twenty-eighth and Hickory streets to John Kercher of Des Moines, Ia., who is coming to Omaha to make his home.

Question as to Volume.

Whether real estate transfers of this year will be as great as those in 1906 is a matter of conjecture with real estate dealers, who have experienced the first six weeks of real quiet during the year. The transfers last year amounted to $10,265,963, an increase of more than $3,000,000 over the previous year.

"But next year will be the hummer," said H. G. Jordan of the Byron Reed company, speaking of the outlook.

Real estate dealers are generally agreed that some readjustment is likely in the operation of the city real estate loan deals. It has been exceedingly easy to handle real estate on the constantly rising market and with plenty of money seeking investment.

Every bank has been more than willing streets, the consideration being $5,500.

One of the important real estate deals of November was closed when David Cole delivered to Rt. Rev. Richard Scannell, bishop of Omaha, the deeds for lots at Fifteenth and Leavenworth streets, which was bought in the name of St. Philomena's parish, an incorporation.

As this property was in the courts for a number of years, it was sold under contract to give a clear and clean title. Mr. Cole succeeded in securing every detail of the abstract, and it was accepted by the church for $14,000. When Mr. Cole bought it some time ago, he is understood to have secured a bargain at $8,000, the property increasing $6,000 in value while he held it and the opposite corner selling for $15,000

The Osborn-Hanson Real Estate com- to advance the funds with which to handle a real estate "deal," and as for those who have good collateral there will be no trouble in the future, but the savings and loan associations probably will have applications for more money than they can supply. Such is the condition of the Omaha savings and loan associations at present. At the last meeting of the board of directors of one institution loans were contracted ahead for almost $200,000 and the company was compelled to stop making loans or promising to make them.

Such conditions, if they continue long into the new year, are apt to lessen the rapidity of selling city property, according to the dealers.

CHATEAU DE SABLE AT AUCTION

Ancestral Home of Miss Shonts' Fiance Sold Under Embarrassing Circumstances.

The Duke de Chaulnes, who is engaged to marry Miss Mary Shonts, had the mortification of learning this week that his beautiful Chateau de Sable must be sold at auction to pay off some of his creditors.

Although the chateau was offered at private sale, there was no purchaser, owing to the duke's creditors having insisted on an extreme price in the hope that Mr. Shonts would come to the duke's rescue and pay off his liabilities by buying the chateau and presenting it to the future duchess as a wedding present.

Sanguine as the creditors are that the duke will soon be able to pay all his debts in full, as soon as he marries Miss Shonts, they were unable to prevent a part of the estate being sold. It is expected the duke will redeem the family souvenirs which are not yet sold.

Owing to the forced sale of his estates, and in order that the remains of his ancestors may not fall into the hands of strangers, the duke has caused the body of his grandmother, the Duchess de Chevreuse, to be exhumed and transported to a vault at Dampierre. The body of the duke's father has been exhumed and interred in a cemetery at Bovisset.

UNPAID TAX FROM 'WAY BACK

Some on Books Are Forty-Four Years Old, as Fink Report Shows.

County Treasurer Fink has submitted a report to the county board showing there is now on the treasurer's books $82,017.44 of unpaid real estate taxes levied prior to 1903, some dating back to 1863, when the report begins. All of these taxes are represented in the scavenger suit, 2,623 in tax certificates and 692 in cases still pending before the courts. The report was made at the request of the commissioners, in order that a proper basis might be reached in checking over the accounts preparatory to turning over the office to Treasurer-elect Furay. The report on personal taxes has not been made yet.

County Treasurer Fink has asked that the chairman of the finance committee or some other authorized person be present when the office is turned over to his successor, in order that the board may have a representative to witness the transaction.

ASTORS ENTERTAIN ROYALTY

Duke and Duchess of Connaught to Spend Christmas as Their Guests.

Before sailing for Malta the duke and duchess of Connaught, King Edward's brother and sister-in-law, accepted an invitation from the young Waldorf Astors to spend Christmas at Cliveden. This is an extraordinary honor, because ordinarily all members of the royal family are expected to spend Christmas at Sandringham with the king and queen.

The honor is emphasized by the fact that all the hostesses of England are striving for the Connaught's attendance at their parties. The Princess Patricia, who is a great friend of young Mrs. Astor, will be among the guests. This is the first time royalty has been entertained by the Astors under their own roof over night.

Member of Parliament Sentenced.

DUBLIN, Dec. 20.—Laurence Ginnell, member of Parliament for North Westmeath, who has been prominent in the cattle driving campaign in the west of Ireland, was sentenced today to six months' imprisonment for contempt of court in connection with comments in a recent speech upon the cattle driving trials.

WEEK LAYOFF FOR SHOP MEN

Vacation Decided On by Union Pacific for the Holidays.

ECONOMY AND SYSTEM OBJECTS

Company Says Many Employes Take Rests Anyway and Saving Can Be Made by Closing the Shops.

All the principal shops of the Union Pacific will be closed for a week and a day during the holiday season. The shops will close Tuesday night, December 24, and not reopen until Thursday, January 2.

This order comes as a surprise to the thousands of men employed in the shops along the line of the Union Pacific, as there is said to be no precedent for such a move, the reason for which is said to be economy.

At the general offices, where the order was issued, it was said the men had, many of them acquired the habit of taking several days off about Christmas time for rest and celebration and this has seriously handicapped the work of the shops. To meet this emergency is given as one of the reasons for shutting down the shops.

Many of the men have been in the habit of laying off a few days before Christmas and a few days after New Year's and some fail to show up after Christmas, so as to accommodate all as well as to work a little economy at the same time, the shops will be closed for the holiday week, so an official says.

All forces will be laid off for the week and only such men as are absolutely necessary to keep things in shape will be kept at work. "Economy" was the reason given by one of the men in authority. Work has been falling off to a considerable extent and it was figured that by laying off all at a time when most of the men would like to lay off anyway, a considerable sum of money would be saved to the company and the forces would not have to be cut down to make the required reduction in expenses.

The order affects about 1,750 men at the Union Pacific shops in Omaha, about 400 at Grand Island and about 200 at North Platte, besides more at other shops.

Milk Shed to Be Built.

The Union Pacific has for some time been working on plans along the line ordered by the State Railway commission, which ordered a creamery service depot in Omaha. When the case was filed the Union Pacific admitted in its answer present facilities were inadequate and for some time has been working with the creamery men to supply their wants. Several conferences have been held with the representatives of the creamery companies and several trips have been made to Union station to formulate some plan which would be satisfactory to all concerned. Officials of the company say they will construct the needed building to care for the cream and milk, but have as yet not formulated exact plans as to how it will be done.

Several other roads are interested in Union station and their consent will have to be secured to any change made. Now that the commission has ordered the work to be done, the other roads probably will have to consent to the improvement or be forced to do so by the commission.

A wag has suggested that if the State Railway commission has authority to order the railroad company to build a new station to care for the creamery business, it might have authority to order the Union Pacific to proceed with the construction of its headquarters and prescribe the size and height.

Freight officials of the Union Pacific say they have no intention of hauling the cream via freight trains, as suggested by the commission. The cream is now hauled by the Pacific Express company, which is well organized to care for the business, having trucks at each end of the haul, messengers on the trains, blanks, delivery wagons, and the officials say the business is handled more satisfactorily that way then they could handle it in refrigerator cars on freight trains.

STANDARD TO GIVE CANDLES

Company Ventures to Make Christmas Gifts Despite Rockefeller's Selling His Auto.

Close upon the receipt of the news that John D. Rockefeller is retrenching and has sold one of his automobiles comes the announcement the Standard Oil company is to give all employes who have Christmas trees a box of candles to be used in the decoration of trees.

Employers who are to give their workers Christmas presents in Omaha do not look down upon the gift of John D. Rockefeller. The candles cost money—of course not much to the manufacturer—and by the time everyone gets a box it will cost considerable. Besides Mr. Rockefeller's expenses are large. He has a garage with a superintendent of garage and other garage employes, down to the deputy assistant wick trimmer and the Christmas present could not be much larger without making a dent in Mr. Rockefeller's pocketbook.

But the employes of the Commercial club of Omaha are to get much more out of life on Christmas day. For more than a week a long sheet of paper has been on the cigar counter at the club rooms and the $1 and $2 pieces have been subscribed and paid over at a furious rate. The employes of the cafe and kitchen will have a good-sized fund and when it is divided each will have a good-sized fund for Christmas.

Now and then a Christmas box makes its appearance in a hotel or shoe-shining stand and the way people respond to the appeal of the little sign "Remember the Porter" would certainly drive away the feeling that someone may be overlooked Christmas.

The iron kettles and chimneys of the Salvation Army and American Volunteers are still receiving the coins, and girls are standing in the cold for ten and twelve hours each day to guard the collection boxes. Everything points to a merry Christmas.

"EVERYBODY TAKES THE BEE"

Such is Conclusion of Representative F. C. Best, Who Speaks of Sunday Laws.

"I am fully satisfied with the claims o the circulation department of The Bee,' said State Representative F. C. Best. "Th other evening The Bee made me say, o rather it could be interpreted as such that I did not believe in any legislative re strictions as to a person working on Sun day, and from the number of friends tha spoke to me about the article I think everybody takes The Bee. That there is needed legislation of this kind, no one will deny, but it must not be of such a sweeping character as to deny the plying of absolutely necessary vocations, which are materially different in a metropolitan city and the small town. I believe unnecessary work is carried on in this city every Sunday, but I find a wide divergence among conservative men as to what is necessary and what is not. I am opposed to any law which denies the wage earner his pleasure and recreation, as such is the moral foundation of society."

STOCK COMPANY AT THE BOYD

O. D. Woodward Announces Change in His Plans for Omaha's Chief Theater.

Word over the telephone was received from O. D. Woodward Friday morning, who says he is recovering nicely from the effects of the wounds he recently received at the hands of a discharged employe of the Kansas City Post. In regard to the theatrical situation at Omaha, Mr. Woodward announces that he will install at the Boyd theater in April a stock company on a higher plane than any he has yet had. It will be devoted to the production of only high class plays. This plan is due to the unsettled conditions of the show business in the east and his desire to keep his Omaha theater open full time. The bookings for the season until April will not be interfered with in any way by the stock company plan, but after April 1 arrangements will be made to take care of the high grade attractions and keep the house open to stock as well.

RESPITE FOR PUSHCART MEN

Ordinance Not Effective Until New Year at Request of Author, Councilman Brucker.

At the request of Councilman Brucker, father of the pushcart restriction ordinance, the chief of police has notified the force not to enforce the terms of the ordinance until after January 1, although by its terms it became effective immediately and some pushcarts already have been driven from the proscribed area.

The change in the rule makes the enforcement of the pushcart ordinance coincident with the abolition of lunch wagons. The latter would have gone into effect January 11, under its terms, but as all licenses expire January 1 and will not be renewed the sale of lunches on the streets must be abandoned with the new year.