which has been made against them, an in-

quiry as to what things are unseemly upo-

the stage and an investigation of the duty

not lack pertinence. "The Lady Slavey,

which showed at the Creighton last week

Doe has been consured for praising the Dev formance instead of holding it up to the ex

representations seems the most serious him

tasto runs in low channels, and the public demand is for variety and for the other

spices of life. Managers who are managing

first of all for revenue and a long way after for aesthetic and philauthropic ends, cater

to the public taste and demand as they find them, taking advantage, like skillful navi-

gators, of every wind that will waft them on-ward over a treacherous sea. There are others, and all honor is due them, who

struggle to raise the tone of the drama and to create and foster a more general prefer-

ence for higher things. But that way is long and weary one, and few there be that

have the grace or the ability to remain

Under these circumstances, and even with

the stage as it is today, it would seem waste of time and energy to try to hoist

with denunciatory petards thrown at those abuses for which the public, in fostering

them with its insistent demands, is more than half responsible. Bestdes, standards

than half responsible. Besides, standards and criterions change. One generation—nay.

one season—may tolerate what the last con-lemned and what the next will veciferously

appland. Thirty years ago Adah Isaacs Men-len was looked upon as the fount and or-igin of all iniquity because she enacted

"Mazeppa" in a costume not much different from that which thousands of chorus girls

will wear tonight without conscious or sug

'ul of their reputations went to Niblo's on

the sly. Nowadays, the spectacle of many-colored fleshings, filled out in more or less ample measure with female loveliness, is so

common as not to shock the most delicate consibilities; and Mazeppas clothed only in

offered to adorn the stage in New York

There are so many sides to this question

of propriety-so many things enter into i

that unreserved condemnation of any cited offense is very seldom called for. One man's

meat is doubtless another man's poison, and what affords a great amount of pleasure, without doing a great amount of harm, to

thousands of honest men and women, has surely insofar established its claim to kindly

treatment. To some tastes the humor of

old Rabelais and the intense virility of the modern Whitman is too rank to be borne.

Others, while still deploring the license of thought and language which these writers

permitted themselves, find a warm-blooded

uality and an all-embracing humanity in

A safe general proposition would seem to

tendencies and to ridicule certain idiosyn

rasics of his which are set down rather to

ffectation than to genius. Such a handle-

es the episode referred to is too evident to be missed, and the paragraphers have al-

cally selzed upon it and begun the dreary ound of their pleasantry.

Unquestionably there are many thing

nirable. The same may be said of a num

of unlikely that he may have been entirely

er of his company who sat instead of

standing before him. If she sat under cer-tain circumstances, such, for example, as

uring a rehearsal, at the table in the center sed by the director, such a glaring breach

f stage etiquette would not go unrebuked

ould be much the same as if the head o great mercantile establishment, arriving

any self-respecting stage manager.

upled by a clerk who showed no disposition to vacate them at his employer's ap

roach. Mr. Mansfield is often enough

as quite within his province both of man-

In this case it may very well be that he

Coming Events.

A full house is expected at Boyd's tomor-

celebrated fighter, Robert Fitzetimmons,

ow night, when a double bill is announced

In conjunction with "Saved from the Sea,

is billed for a glove contest with his star ring purtner and a bag punching exhibition by himself

That the regime of melodrama is still

irishing is exemplified by the success o

this class of dramas on English and Ameri

can stages, and particularly by the recent approval and endorsement said to have been

accorded the elaborate production of "Saved from the Sea" at the Bowdoin Square theater, on December 23. It is probable that

melodrama will always maintain its hold on large numbers of theater-goers, as its

life. A perusal of any daily newspaper with its ensemble of news, echoing deeds of bravery, the wiles of chicanery, and the humors of the hour, is of itself an undra-matised play, lacking the striking situations

of the master hand of the playwright. Nothing so appeals to the patrons of box

cue, the suppression of villainy, or the triumph of honor, in "Saved from the Sea" a good story is said to be admirably

told. The novel mechanical effects are examples of realistic modern stage craft and the scenic ar ist's skill, the notable effects

peing the their ingrexplosion on the "Ocean Waif" at sea said the rescue in midocean

the realistic demotition of the bridge in

commencing Sunday, January 3, will

is for Monday night only.

or gallery alike as a situation of heroic re

told.

very ground work is so closely allied

ager and gentleman.

or of others. But in the case noted, it

ight in resenting the familiarity of a

out Mr. Manafield which are not at all ad-

hem which goes far to excuse the coarse-

ess in which they clothe themselves.

de performances.

single coat of bronze paint have

which a degenerate age presents.

Now, it will be generally admitted that it

minds somewhat less nicely ad-

ers love of markind.

## SOCIETY IN THE HOLIDAYS

Christmas is Accountable for a Light Week in Social Circles.

RESPITE BEFORE NEW YEAR'S GAYETIES Many Things Will Happen Before Another Sunday... Custom of New Year's Calling Shows Signs

of Coming In Again.

The week which holds Christmas is generally believed to be plentifully supplied with blessings by the fact of that possession alone, and not to need the added attraction of a whiri of social gayety to make it the most juyous time of the year. The period contemporary quotes from 3 to 5 o'clock on New Year's day, this being the annual reception of the club.

The Woman's club will receive its friends at the club rooms from 3 to 5 o'clock on New Year's day, this being the annual reception of the club.

Miss Gertude Clarks will give a recentled. most juyous time of the year. The period of seven days which has passed since the last hebdomadal review has been no exception in this regard to the rule established in other seasons. The week has been full of beaevolent preparations for the coming festival and of widespread and hearty enjoyment of that festival when it ceased to be an anticipation and became an actuality. It is a beautiful thing, this universal celebration of an event which joins the hearis of mankind all round the world in bonds of peace and good will. Perhaps an approclation of its deep significance helps to keep down the conflition of the social put during early holidays. At any rate, very little gone on in society in the week just ed. Mr. and Mrs. Cowin's reception for General and Mrs. Wheaton, with the danc-ing party which followed, were possibly the most notable events; and a certain amount will be found set forth in the columns which follow.

A number of receptions are announced for Year's day and evening, and it obable that several women who are prom formally to the old-fashioned observances of the day. The custom of New Year's calls has been allowed to fall into disuse of late, much to the regret of many who keenly enjoyed the convival round. Just now it would seem, from certain apparently trustworthy signs of the times, that the pleasant practice is coming in again, and its advent will unquestionably be hailed acclamation by hostcases and callers Mr. and Mrs. Vradenburg Surprised

Mr. and Mrs. George L. Vradenburg wer very agreeably surprised last Monday night their home, 1533 South Twenty-ninth Papillion and Omaia, it being the thirty-first anniversary of their married life. The entire party met at the home of Miss Uhl and at 8 o'clock completely surprised their friends by appearing with lunch baskets well filled, together with a very handsome present. Mr. Magney made the presentation speech, testifying on the part of those present their high esteem of the beneficiaries.

Mrs. Noe, Mrs. Stalhower, Mrs. Beadle

Mrs. Noe, Mrs. Stalhower, and serving

and Mrs. Util acted as hosterses and serving maids, while the bride and groom received the congratulations of their old-time friends. Moore fornished the musical program for the evening, which was very much ap-preciated. It was long after midnight when

preciated. It was long after midnight when the last guest departed, after having spent a most enjoyable evening.

Those present from Papillio were: Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Brown, Mrs. S. B. Norton, Mrs. J. W. Beadle, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Stalhower, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Critchfield, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Moore. From Omaha: Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Carpenter, Mrs. R. McConnell, Mrs. J. M. Grainlich, Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Cameron, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Greavey, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Ettinger, Mr. and Mrs. and Mrs. M. C. Ettinger, Mr. and Mrs Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Ettinger, Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Shevroden, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Magney, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Campbell, Mrs. W. M. Fuller, Mr. Frank Ewers and Mr. and Mrs. Mel

Picture and a Poem

To the Society Editor of The Bee: I ask you-to print the following lines. When I Harry Fisher, tell you that Eugene Field did not compose them you will the better appreciate, perhaps, how very like him they are. The actual authoress is one who takes no second rank in the home and social life of Omaha. The occasion was a present to me, many months ago, of a beautiful photographic license" is allowed to describe as "little folks" in the last two verses, the "curtain" being "drawn" upon "one of the folks:" Five little folks from home are we, Very important all agree; Big and little and between we be-Five little folks from home

One little folk is round and small. But thinks he is the biggest of all! When he speaks we obey the call Of this little folk from home,

If any day to chance to meet One little folk—she is so sweet— You'll love her from her head to feet, One little folk from home.

One little folk is most a man; All that's black is only tan— He wil "do" you if he can— This little folk from home.

One of the folks is lean and "thin," Sober, solemn, without a grin, Honest and happy—without much "tin." This little folk from home.

One of the folks—I draw the curtain; You'll find no other, I'm very certain, So mild, so sweet, so nonassertin' o mild, so sweet, so nonassert As this poor folk from home.

Miss Conden Entertains.

Miss Cathryn Conden entertained a number of her friends at her home at 1146 South Thirty-second street last Tuesday evening. Among those present were: Misses Clara Hervey, Adele Ryon, Janette Miller, Mamie Epeneter, Maybel Hull, Nell Gregg, Helen Redington, Maybel Carrey, Nellie Carrey, Pearl Ley, Margarette Fanning, Cora Stick-ncy, Eva Stickney, Vivian McDowel, Ger-trude Caswell, Mary Maner, Beck Hoon, Margarette Curtis, Ethel Wilkins, Ethel Sraight, Mildred Clark, Grace Taylor, Mame Ethel Taylor, Jennie Campbell, Dec Solomon, Hat-tie Mitchell, Constance Frederick, Alice and Messrs. Charlie Pritchard, Royal Com- received the men's royal, while Mrs Stock, Herbert Cole, George Ackerman, Rod Cameron, John Cameron, Walter Foster, Waldo Foster, George Canfield, Devore Parmer, Harry Macumber, Bob Sherley, Jim Yule, Author Chisam, Ray Chisam, Howard Chisam, Earl Hervey, Lester Hutchinson, Chisam, Earl Hervey, Lester Hutchinson, Cole, W. Weber of Wayne, Neb.; J. Weber, Cally Macumber, William, Cally Wayne, Neb.; J. Weber, Cally Macumber, William, Cally Wayne, Neb.; J. Weber, Cally Macumber, William, Cally Wayne, Neb.; J. Weber, Cally Macumber, Weber, Cally Wayne, Neb.; J. Weber, Cally Macumber, William, Cally Wayne, Neb.; J. Weber, Cally Macumber, William, Cally Wayne, Neb.; J. Weber, Cally Macumber, William, Cally Wayne, Neb.; J. Weber, Cally Macumber, Wayne, Neb.; J. Weber, Cally Macumber, Wayne, Neb.; J. Weber, Neb.; J. Irving Slater, Willie Galbraith, Charlie Kosters, Elmer Frank, Joe Quin

Hogan's Alley Musquerade.

unique form of masquerade was in dulged in by the friends of Mr. and Mrs. Will Hooper on the evening of December the date being the eleventh anniversary their marriage. At 9 o'clock the quiet moonlight night was

made hideous with a horrible din and after listening to a most successful charivari the thoroughly surprised hostess welcomed her strangely attired guests. "Hogan's alley" strangely attired guests. "Hogan's alley denizens of every known type were there the yellow kid, as usual, a prominent

The evening passed with cards and music Refreshments were produced from capacious baskets and the guests departed quite eathsfied with the novel celebration. Those prosent were: Messrs, and Mes-ames Pierson, Owen, Hopson, Hutchins and

Huff: Mesdames Hooper, Hughes and De Yoe: Misses Hepson, Cullison and De Yoe and Messes, Toozer, Hess, Hayes and Flint.

Their Fifth Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. George H. Devereux celebrated the fifth anniversary of their marriage last Monday evening at their home at 4216 Davenport street. A large number of friends were present and the evening was spent in a very pleasant manner. Mrs. Devereux was assisted in receiving the guests by Mrs. J. W. Frad, Mrs. E. C. Barr and Miss Helen Rogers. The happy couple received many pretty gifts from their friends.

A literary and musical program was rendered, consisting of recitations by Miss Helen Rogers, Kitty Fead and Maude Sherwood, violin solos by Miss Jeffries and a vocal solo by Mrs. Charles Wilson. The prizes m. Welson and Mrs. George King. Light refreshments were served and all departed in honor of Miss Hall of Haverill, Mars., of Coffeyville, Kan.

Alliong these present were: Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Charles B.

Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Pesc, Mr. and Mrs. Edward E. Willever, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Harr, Mrs. C. D. Fox, Mrs. George King, Mrs. Jackson, Misses Pauline Perri, Helen Rogers, Nancy Schultz, Kitty Fead, Christian Scinitz and Cora Wilever, and Mesars.

Affred Pizey, John Lewis, Charles Yungblut, Fred Lohan, J. H. Kough, G. Fox, E.

We Devereux, J. E. Van Porn, Emmett

North Schuelanders. W Devereux, J. E. Van Dorn, Emmett Schwalenberg, Howard Wilson and Sullivan.

Marriages and Engagements. Mr. John Noff and Mrs. Mary A. Lieber-knecht were married Wednesday, December 23, at the home of the officiating minister. Charles W. Savidge.

Mr. George A. McCarty of Loss Angeles, G'clock. Cal, and Miss May Bardwell of Omaha were | The A

Mr. Herbert D. Waldren and Miss Florenes Gail Magoe were married last Thursday at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James E. Mance, at Fairmont, Neb. A reception to Mr. and Mrs. Waldron will need rext Friday, January 1, at the will necus rext Friday, January 1, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Waldron, south of Ashland, Neb. Mr. and Mrs. Herbort B. Waldren will make their home in

Pleasures that Have Passed. ast evening for General and Mrs. Wheaton. Captain and Mrs. Sarson entertained at

uncheon last Friday for General and Mrs. Miss Bees Skinner entertained a party of riends from Chicago, Burlington and Platts-

nouth at luncheon last Saturday. For their son and daughter, who have not set formally entered the domain of society, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Reed entertained a number of the younger set at an informal dancng party on Christmas evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Offutt entertained at

linner last Tuesday night Miss Gleason of St. Louis, Miss McKenna, Miss Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. Crofoot, Mrs. Cartan, Mr. Hall Mr. Drake, Mr. Palmer and Major Crowder. Mr. and Mrs. Clement Chase gave a dinner last week Saturday evening in bonor of Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Kountze. Covers were laid for Mr and Mrs. Kountze, Miss Kountze, Miss Palmer, Miss Woolworth, Mr. Tarleton, Mr. John Patrick, Mr. Palmer and Mr. and Mrs. Chase.

Chief Clerk Davis of army headquarter. intertained the guests of the Drexel hotel ast Wednesday evening with an instrunental and vocal program on the "Grams phone." Fifteen numbers were given, and so pleased those present that several songs. eto, had to be repeated.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Brinkman entertained at dinner on Christman day Miss Hattle Landeen and Messrs. W. E. Cardwell and F. H. Hansen in honor of Miss Ora Wetmore of Sloux City and their daughter, Etta, who has just returned after a four weeks' visit with triends in Sioux City.

On Christmas day the following named parties enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Joslin at their new home Fortieth and Davenport streets. Those present were Alfred Joslin, Perdinand Josin, A. O. Teabury, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Read, Mr. and Mrs. C. Tellick, Mme. Tellick, Mrs. Jennie Spence and daughter, Ethel. Wild turkey from Tennessee was served.

Mr. W. F. Hypes of Chleago was in th city last week and was entertained Wednes-lay evening at the home of Mr. Fred J. Adams 918 North Nineteenth street. present were given a rare treat by Mr. Hypes in several songs, which showed him to be a true artist. Mr. Hypes is solo tenor in the First Presbyterian church of Evanston, Ill., and a charter member of the Apollo club of Chicago.

One of the enjoyable parties of the week was given by Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Fisher t a few near relatives and most intimat-friends on Christmas night at their home on Corby street. Those present were Mrs. J. F. Flaher, Messrs. and Mesdames H. B. Carnes, W. L. Fisher, Misses Ford Carne Holland, Lillian and Birdie Acurswald, Ward Laura, Minnie and Nellie Fisher and Gills Messra Harrison, Smith, George, Fred and Mrs. J. B. Blanchard entertained the

South Side Whist club in her usual pleasing manner Tuesday, December 22, at her home on Georgia avenue. The house was profusely decorated with holly and mistletee in honor of the festive season. After a group of the family of "five little folks from were served by the hostess, assisted by her parents, home." Two of whose number "poetic daughters, Miss Blanchast Med by her parents. Blanchard and her niece, Miss Hall of Cres The prizes were carried off by on. Ia. Mesdames Crickmore and Marty.

Mrs. William W. Keysor gave a small but very charming ten yesterday afternoon in honor of her slater, Miss Ellist Portraits of twenty-five distinguished men were sup-plied, and the guests were invited to name them in competition for prizes. Mrs. Bu-chanan and her guest, Mrs. Root, were the successful guessers. Those present were Mesdames Wattles, Dickey, Potter, Rustin Bierhower, Buchanan, Root, Bidwell, Nott, Richardson, Fleming and McIntosh, the Misses Davis and Miss Ellis.

Miss Helen Winans was delightfull surprised at her home on Friday evening December 18. The evening was spent in games and music, and at a late hour an abundance of good things were served. Among those present were: Misses Hattle Martin, Edith Sayre, Hattle Raber, Mabe Robling, Elma Schmidt, Bessie Bonine Fayette Pardum, Pearl Bons and Hele Vinans; and Messrs, Willie Falconer, Frank Bons, Henry Schmidt, John Austin, George Bray, James Muray and Edward Winans. Monday evening, December 14, Mrs. M.

O. Maul was tendered a surprise by some her friends, the occasion being her sixtl wedding anniversary. Cards were indulged in, after which winners and losers alike participated in a dainty lunch. Those present were: Messis, and Meslamos Wright, Davis, Anderson, Callaban, Lapage. Stubin, Goodwin, Plumb and Clark, Mesdames J. Redell, K. E. Decker, George E. Powell, A. Walker, M. Kelley, Mies E. Russell, Miss B. Cregger, Meesrs, Pogue, Brown, Burke and Mealto.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Weber, jr., entertained a number of their friends last Thursday even ing in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Weber of Wayne, Neb. High five was the feature tie Mitchell, Constance Frederick, Alice of the evening, twelve games being played. Frederick, Edith Anderson, Emma Geraey, Mrs. Backus won the woman's royal, Mr. Cole stock, Herbert Cole, George Ackerman, Rod Cole and Mr. Backus were presented with

sr., and Mr. Carl Bondesson, The North Side Kensington club was delightfully entertained Monday afternoon by Mrs. W. J. Bradbury and Miss Rich at their home in Kountze place. The women, after working on fancy articles for an hour, were given fourtern bottles containing perfumes and spices, which they guessed by the odors, Mrs. Harry Weller winning the prize. Later dainty refreshments were served to Meo-dames Foster, Palmatier, Jones, Davenport, Gibson, Reynolds, Harry Weller, Goodman, Charles Weller, Pierce, Grimmel, Schneider, Misses Livesey, Weller, Bauman and Boss,

the latter of Leavenworth, Kan. The reception given by Mr. and Mrs. John C. Cowin last Tuesday evening in honor C. Cowin last Tuesday evening, in honor of General and Mrs. Frank Wheaten, who have been spending the week with them, was one of the most brilliant events which have thus far brightened the social season and undoubtedly the most consciousness society event of the week. A holiday aspect was given to the occasion by the special decora-tions, which were chiefly of holly and evergreen. A list of the invited guests would include a great part of the prominent names in Omaha society. Following the reception was a dancing party for the younger set,

given for Miss Octavia Wheaton. Pleasures in Prospect.

Mrs. G. M. Hitchcock will give a tea on Ney Year's day from 4 until 7 o'clock. Miss Havens and Miss Stone will receive on New Year's day at the residence of the

The third party of the Monday Night club will take place tomorrow night at the Millard.

Mrs. Hoagland and Miss Hoagland will give a dancing party on the evening of Wednesday, January 6.

Tables Mr. and Mrs. Deverous many happy next Friday afternoon from 4 until 7 Miss Dora Thomas and Miss Adams will receive on New Year's day at 1712 Capitol

avenue, from 2 to 6 p. m. Mrs. J. F. Dale will give a reception next Thursday afternoon from 3 until 5 o'clock for her guest, Mes. Fulton.

Mrs. Kirkendall and Mrs. Brady will give a large children's dancing party next Saturafternoon at Morand's assembly rooms. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph W. Breckenridge and home" on New Year's day, from 7 to 11 Mr. and Mrs. Ira B. Mapes will give an

to the members of the Chicago University Glee club at the Millard hotel Monday after-

After the concert of the Chicago University Glee club next week Monday night a reception and dance will be given to the members and their friends at the Millard. Ak-Sar-Ben lodge No. 322, Ancient Order of

United Workmen, will give its first annual ball at its hall, Seventeenth and Vinton streets, where the members and their guests will dance the old year out and the new in. Mrs. M. and J .A. Fuller, Mrs. J. R Webster, Mrs. J. C. Howard and Miss Emily Fuller will receive their friends on New

Year's day from 3 to 10 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. C. E. Cowan and Mrs. J. H. Daniels, 3015 Chicago street. The Dorcas Ten of All Saints gives a evening at the residence of Mrs. C. S. Montgomery, 502 South Thirty-sixth street. A poster show, dancing and refreshments are the pleasures its friends

People Who Come and Go. Miss Helen Peck is spending the holidays at home

Mrs. J. Stewart White has returned from the east. Miss Skinner is home from Chicago for the holidays.

Mr. Warren Blackwell left for the eas Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gamble are in Denver Mr. Harry A. Frank is at home from

ornell for the horidays. Miss Blanche Estabrook of Chicago is disiting friends in Omeha. Miss Rowena Higginson is spending the olidays at Madison, Wis. Mrs. R. W. Talmage has returned from an

xtended trip in the cast. Mr. and Mrs. William Lyle Dickey spent Christmas at Topeka, Kan. Mr. and Mrs. Osgood Eastman are visiting dr. and Mrs. Samuel Burns.

Licutenant Hutcheson has gone to Salt Lake City for a holiday visit, Messrs. Gray and Charles Montgomery are in town from Madison, Wis. Miss Mand Oakley of Lincoln has been in Omaha during the past week. Miss Jessie Smith of St. Louis is spending the holidays with Miss Downs.

Mr. John L. Webster and Miss Webste ave returned from a southern trip. Mr. J. M. Woolworth and Miss Woolworth were in St. Louis early in the week. Miss Ida Butts is spending the holiday acation with friends in Creaton, Ia. Mr. W. S. McCune and Miss McCune ar

ending the holidays in Pennsylvania. Miss Alico Drake is expected to visit it Smaha soon after the first of the year. Mrs. Smith Bogan of Hamburg, Ia., is in the city, the guest of Mrs. Charles Bogan. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Smith, formerly of maha, but now of Chicago, are in the city. Miss Elizabeth Allen is spending the holilays with her grandparents at Fairham Mass Mr. Henry D. Estabrook, now resident in hicago, spent a few days in Omaha las week.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur B. Smith returne Friday morning from a trip to the Pacifi Mr. and Mrs. Harry McCormick of Sheri

Ian, Wyo., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Fonda. Miss Juliet Morris has returned from school to spend the holidays with her

Miss Sadie Burnham of Lincoln was guest of Miss Alexander for several days last week Mr. J. C. Kinster has returned to Harvard

iniversity to complete his course in the lay

epartment. Mr. and Mrs. George Forgan are receiving ongratulations upon the birth of a daughter ast Monday.

Mrs. Frank Kleffner is spending the holilays in Kansas City with her daughter, Mrs H. Sawyer. Lieutepant Van Liew, Second Infantry, has

en visiting old friends in Omaha during the past week. Miss Pennell and Miss Symns, who have cen the guesta of Miss Stone, have returned

Misses Perle and Claudia Urlau and Miss lyina Engler are spending the week with dends in Avoca, In. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Chrisman of Maple on, Ia., are visiting Mrs. Chrisman's nother, Mrs. C. H. Downs.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Wagoner of Albany N. Y., are in the city, the guests of Mr and Mrs. Clarence W. Cox. Mr. and Mrs. Mcredith Nicholson of In-

olis arrived last Thursday to spend he holidays at Forest Hill. Miss Katherine Kluetach of Lincoln wh vas the guest of Miss Bauman over Christnas, returned home yesterday, Miss Nissam of Connecticut, who has been

visiting Miss Alexander for several weeks, left for her home last Monday. Lieutenant Dean of St. Paul, who was ormerly stationed here, has been spending few days with friends in Omaha.

Mra. Belle Koip, who has been visiting friends in this city, leaves for her home in San Francisco, Cal., this afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Smith of Council Bluffs are spending the holidays with their parents Mr. and Mrs. John Barker. Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Ford and children eft Christmas day for Indianapolis to visit

Miss Anna Broadfield has returned to Omaha from Schuyler to spend two weeks of the Christmastide with her family. Mr. Will McLeod of Denver, Colo., is visit-ing Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Scott of South Twenty-ninth street during the holldays. Mrs. E. Newton and Mrs. R. Newton of Mizzouri Valley, Ia., are spending the holfdays with Mrs. Greevy and Mrs. Sherraden, Mr. Arthur H. Place, Cornell, '94, at present instructor in the University of Mia-souri, arrives this morning for a holiday

friends and relatives for two weeks.

Masters Rex and Waiter Lyon and Lester Rahm, who have been attending school at Wentworth Military academy, Lexington, Mo., are at home for Christmas vacation. Mr. J. Laurie Wallace left last Wednesday or Chicago to paint the pertrait of Leopold edowsky, the planist. This commission vill keep him in Chicago about two weeks General and Mrs. Wheaton and Miss Wheaton, who have been the objects of much social attention during their week's stay in Wheaton

visit with Mr. Charles C. Rosewater,

Omaha, will leave for Washington this after-Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Catlin left on Thursday for Colorado, where they will be commencing Sunday, January 3, will complete the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer A. Thayer of Pueblo. They will be absent about ten

Mrs. N. A. Kuhn has gone to Minneapolis for a month's visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Preston, who are now ocated there, after forty years' residence in Omaha.

Mr. Scott Brown, a graduate of the Omaha High school, and formerly resident here, is a member of the University of Chicago Glee club and is with that organization on present tour. Telegraph Operator Kills Himself.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 26 .- D. W. Barick

have ever been lauded so highly by press and public as this machine. It amazes startles and delights by turns. Nature, an-imation, life itself, seem to be placed before low, a telegraph operator, formerly employed in Kansas City, Kan., committed suicide by taking morphine. Baricklow be-came despondent because of his inability to the eye with impressive fidelity. Among the scenes to be shown here are The Ostriches," "Watering Hotses," obtain employment. His father is a resident

## AMUSEMENTS.

In view of the character of certain enter- , at Buda Posth." "Cardeners and the talum his which have been offered recently Boy," "Russian embe "Russian emperor and empress and nt of France at Porte Dauphin, "Snanish Guard" mounting at Madand ut local theasers, and in consideration further of the charge of vulgarity or wors-French Cuirasaiers in Sham Battle, th of Ninety-sixth French Infantcy. of critics in dealing with this question may naneuvers or a royal party, these views vill be doubly interesting. is said by some to have been indecent. A

theory, and from the standpoint of a sature ideally just, equable and perfect, vulgarity is vulgarity wherever and whenever found. appearance after a three years' tour of Encope and South Africa; Ben R. Harney, exponent of the negro character, singing negro melodies and playing "Rag Time must on the plane; Sam and Kitty Morton, character singers and dancers; Dolph and Susie Levine in "The Rival Aris." Morton and Mack as the "Piper and Dancer," the Misses Grovini and Murray, acrobata dancers; and contoritorists; Edite O'Dell, the athletic tramp; Delmore and Lee, gymnasts on the revolving ladder suspended in midair; Kaye and Henry, comedy sketch artists, in Capital vs. Labor," and the Motographe, a device for presenting animated pictures upon a screen

"Pudd nhead Wilson," with its quaint haracters and faithfully depicted scenes of he south, "befo" de wah," will be presented the Creighton for three nights, comencing Thursday, January 7, being intercreted by a company almost identically the Pudd'nhead, the character made famous by the lamented Frank Mayo, will be interreted by Theodore Hamilton, an actor of ong experience, whose success in "Priends" during its first presentation here will be remembered by many, and who has been highly commended by press and public for his work in this more recent and most difficult undertaking, Newton Chisnell, Frank Campau, Frank E. Alken, Arnold Daly, Eleanor Moretti, Lucille La Verne and Frances Grahame and other favorite players are still retained in the cast,

The engagement of "The Shadows of a Great City" at Boyd's will be brought to a gested impropriety. Reputable women at that time were not seen at representations of "The Black Crook," and even men careclose with matinee and night performances today.

"Alabama" will be at Boyd's in the near future.

Della Fox and her comic opera company will be the attraction at the Creighton thea-ter on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings of this week, with a special mati-nee on New Year's day. "The Little Trooper" will be sung Wednesday evening and at the New Year's matinee. "The Little Trooper" has been adapted for the American stage by Clay M. Greene from Le 28 Jours de Clairette, a French operretta by Raymond and Mars. The story of "The Little Trooper" tells of the adventure of Clair-ette, the jealous wife of a young captain of hussars, who follows her husband to camp, and, finding that a former sweetheart of her husband's, ignorant of his marriage, is visiting him there, and has been introduced by a blundering friend as the captain's wife, she disguises herself and reports for duty as Lieutenant Benoit. The blundering friend makes violent love to her. Clairette gets into trouble by boxing her husband's cars in the presence of his superior officer and is arrested and only saved from

execution by the arrival of the real Benoit. The opera Miss Fox will present Thursday e that thires are vulgar and indecent of the stage, pretty much in proportion as they are intended to be so. and Friday evenings, "Fleur de Lis," may be summed up as comprising good libretto. On this basis, although there are parts of 'The Lady Slavey' which are undeniably ounded on a familiar French story, "Fleur Rabelaisian in their humor, they do not seem to the writer to overstep very seriwas taken from the French of de Lis" Thivot & Duru, the words and lyrics being justy the bounds set for decent and reputaby J. Cheever Goodwin. The musical numbers are entirely original, and are by William Furst. The plot of the opera hinges on the disagreement of two life-long friends. Manafield just now, because, in the course of the trial of a suit for damages brought Tubortierre estate at St. Claude, France.
The action of the opera is supposed to take place in the sixteenth century, affording of the audience—pennies, nickels and dimes are the measure overy opportunity for brilliant scenic disgainst him for an alleged breach of conract by a female member of his company, transpired that he had used violent lanage toward the plaintiff because she ven-red, unbidden, to sit in his presence. Now play, as well as the introduction of novel given only for paupers. it is the fashion in very many quarters to rail at Mr. Mansfield's supposed autocratic

and picturesque costumes. Miss Fox has a company of seventy people,

William Calder, the well known play producer, will arrive in this city this morning and spend a couple of days with his Saved from the Sea company that plays at Boyd's theater this week. Mr. Calder also directs the tours of "The Span of Life," "Northern Lights," "In Sight of St. Paul's" and other scenic productions. His wife and daughter accompany him, and they will, during the week start for California, where for a couple of weeks on his fruit farm Mr. Calder will recuperate.

The Players, the newly organized company of the Creighton Theater Dramatic school. will give its first public performance at the Creighton theater, Tuesday evening.

"M'lle Loti" an original one-act comedy com the French story, "Serpolette," which has recently been dramatized by Mr. Guy B. Short, will have its first performance on any stage on that evening. Miss Mina Mar-shall, who plays the part of a French lanseuse, has a most difficult part to por Her rehearsals give ground for the elief that she will asionleh her many Omaha friends with her acting. Five life studies will be given. These ife studies were quite the success eception given by Mr. Short for Miss May

Robson in September. As many requests have been received by Mr. Short for a repetition of his excellent performance of "The Bells," which was given at Creighton theater last May for th enefit of the Creche, that he has consente o repeat it at this performance. The play has been recast, and greatly to its benefit.

At the Nebraska Music hall during th coming week many new features will be presented and several of the strongest favto | orites of former weeks will be retained. made up this week, the entertainment cludes the Kellys in their comedy, "S ery's Visit," Dot West, Mamie Newman Mamie Peck, in songs and dances; West, buck and ring dancer; Mae Waldron Milt Peck, May Cameron, Ruby Knight Tillio Stork and Signor Almon Zrenyi, hand

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only means the destruction of the profes-

balancer and equilibrist.

and the precipitation of the bridge in act.

2, and the precipitation of the villain to the waters below, and the wonderful scene at the scaffuld—a novelty new to the stage and a scene that found its prototype in real life. "Saved from the Sea" will be seen at Boyd's all the week, but "Lanky Bob's" engagement is for Monday night only. sional musician and the relegation of the grandest of the arts to propagative powers of those who value it only as a recreation, and whose hearts are in it only a very small portion of the time. If a man is to be a successful lawyer he must have cases to try, titles to look up, estates to esttle, and from the work done he must make a living. A lawyer is in slender repute who makes his business a side issue and few there are who care to trust him ane supporting company, presenting "The Operator," "Corsican Brothers," "The Lyon Mail" and "The Clemanceau Cace." This with matters of importance. The world be-lieves that a man's business should be first in his mind. Music is a business and under marvelous machine for the reproduction of moving pictures will be identical with the ne used at the Schiller theater at Chicago existing conditions, in this city, a very un-profitable one. A few teachers are making a decent living; many are not. A few singers get \$2. \$5 or \$5 a Sunday for alog-ing in church. Many sing for nothing or and other theaters in the large cities. Nonof these machines have ever been sold and today they command a higher rental than my of the other reproducers of photographic but at all. A few orchestra musicians get the marvelous stipend of \$1.80 a night play-ing in the theaters, if the house is open, and Few attractions presented on any stagthey are expected to practice until they can rival the players in Theodore Thomas' orchestra, who get from \$30 to \$50 a week. Musical appreciation can be much better manifested by supporting the musicians than by criticising them and many people would Spanish Artillery Evolution," "Festivities in that way hide a vast realm of the sub-

limest ignorance. When money takes it says a writer and lecturer upon music he has few

clety has given two concerts, the Symphony orchestra one, the Mondamin Choral society "Russian Dance," "Baby's Repose" and one Colowsky one, all since November I. "Sword Dance," A glance at this list will Just think of it! Five concerts in two show that many of the scenes are of foreign months! What an avalanche of art, what a origin and to those who have never seen deline of music! A concert once in two such a thing as French or Spanish military weeks is a fearful priversion of public interest and wealth surely, especially when with one exception the wealth was to buy The Boston Howard Athenaeum Star cocclaity company, now in its fifteenth season, will be the attraction at the Cocision or two nights, commencing with a matinee and any company, and it is not true that the configuration of two nights, commencing with a matinee and any company and at the configuration of the configuration o

levice for presenting animated pictures upon be respected, and, when an opportunity presented, it should be discharged. Su an opportunity consists in attending and supporting concerts that are not free. Music is often made into a sort of pack horse to carry the troubles of churches and other organizations short of funds. Programs of questionable merit are thrown together by persons who have few, if any, of the peculiar Mrs. W. C. Mulford qualifications of a program maker, the words Omaha were the gues "Grand Concert" are written over it and Groves Christmas day. Grand Concert" are written over it and the public is humbugged. That sort of thing brings music into bad repute and morning at 11 o'clock and this evening at the public is humbugged. That sort of morning at 11 o'clock and this evening at the public to get around again, affords an excase, to those who seek for one, to turn up their noses at concerts it general and refuse to assist in building up the musical resources of their city. A great after a confinement of two weeks with a chorus, a fine orchestra, is a criterion of the sprained ankle, which he received in a runreal civilization of a city, in Africa there are mone, and the further removed a city is from the barbarism of such a country and people the more it values art and the better will go to Elkborn to spend the it supports it. Music is one of the refine- with her son. William McGinnis, ments of civilization. It is the outgrowth her husband in two or three weeks. of the world's progress through all the ages. It has been found to be worth while. It repays those who learn it by giving them a limitless field of pleasure. It shines into the heart like a flood of heaven's light. The world is better for it. Some of the orchestra musicians have aug-

gested the idea of giving a series of con-certs Sunday afternoons. For some years past Mr. Taber has given organ concerts Sunday afternoons and they were well at-tended. This season he is not giving many and there are some who would not think it right to go into a theater on Sunday. It seems to the writer, that from a redictions point of view, it is much more consistent to give and attend a concert upon any day in a place dedicated and devoted to such purposes. Churches are dedicated to the ourposes. Churches are dedicated to the worship of God and are looked upon-or purposes. should be—as sacred places and to be used for sacred purposes only. A church does not make a concert a good one; if it did church concerts would not be so uniformly If "the Sabbath day was made for and he is not to use it for his intelbad. man'' lectual and spiritual development there can hardly be found any serious objections to well managed orchestral conserts upon Sun-day afternoons, for good music is certainly good food for mind and soul. Music by an rchestra is no less worthy of Sunday performance than that by an organ. Indeed, the organ is but a machine constructed to imitate in tore-color an orchestra, and the real thing is generally considered better than an imitation. Of course no orchestra concerts could be

on the disagreement of two life-long friends. the Marquis de Rosolio and the Count dez Escarbilles, over the ownership of the Duchy | Mr. Taber's recitals have demonstrated beyond a doubt that if the support of a musinin to pay for a good thing it must e a sin to presess that good thing at all, including many well known comic opera and as a good thing can, in justice, come artists. The scenery and costumes are said to be of an elaborate nature, and a handsome production is promised. are decidedly wrong. A series of Sunday afternoon concerts supported by the well-to-do, who should occupy the lower part of the theater, could be made of great educa-tional value to the poor and unfortunate by distributing with discretion free tickets to those who cannot afford to buy them, and

icvoting the balcony and gallery to this use. This afternoon at 3:30 Mr. Taber will give another of his free organ recitals in the First Congregational church. This is the irst time the public has had an opportunity to hear Mr. Taber play on this organ this cason and no doubt he will be greeted with crowded house. Mrs. C. E. Squires wil

The following program will be given:

PART II.

Offertory on Christmas Hymns ... Gullmont Soprano Solo-Save Me. O God ... Randegger Mrs. Squires, Communion in G............. Batisti Grand March-From Queen of Sheba

The Oberlin Glee club will give a concert

Tuesday evening, December 29, at St. Mary's Wyo.
Avenue Congregational shurch. This organization has gained the bighest commendations from the critics for its style, finish, precision, shading and ensemble. The club comprises sixteen trained voices carefully selected from among 1,500 students, and is in constant and studious drill under North Platte, competent directors. The program pre- Hon, W. J. pared for the holiday concerts of the comterday while of the comtenday while of the competence of t ing scason is in line with the club's stand-ing. In both the lighter, rollicking college songs and the heavier chorus work full opportunity is afforded for the display of the qualities which have won for the singers heir position in the college musical world The club has secured the talented violin soloist. Walter G. Logan, who has studied for five years with Henry Miller, one of the best known teachers in this country, and later studied with the celebrated Bernhard

Listermann The club is also fortunate in having with them Everett L. Brown, an accomplished net soloist whose playing is regarded as truly artistic.

The Creighton theater has been employng during the past week an orchestra of ten men. The improvement in the music is well worth the extra expense if the audi-ences will only give it their attention. One first-class musician more earning a good living is a matter of importance in a city where there are so few such and where their remuneration is so small.

Miss Margaret Boulter, who has been in Chicago studying the piano with Mr. Emil Liebling, has returned home and brought the report that Mr. Liebling would like to the report that Mr. Liebling would like to visit Omaha and play before its people. He is certainly one of the greatest planists in the country, and a man of brains also. As

Unring the present season several musical. The officers and executive committee of nterprises have been started in this city the Omaha Musical society have had sevwhich depended upon public appreciation of eral meetings during the past week and music for their existence. By the greatest have decided to continue their concerts at amount of effort people were driven into the Creighton theater. In addition to the bensys. It is said bard times is the reason strains have heretofore consisted, at each for this lack of support, but there are not performance a cantata will be given. "The conserts enough given in this city to make that an excuse. The Omaha Musical sobeen selected and "The Specter's Bride," by Dvorak, is under consideration. Both are works of genius and will be well work studying and hearing. The orchestral numbers will continue to form a most important part of each program and several selections never performed in this city are contem-plated. The solo work will be done in the society, except when a performance is given in conjunction with foreign arrists. If the val with the aid of the finest foreign singers avaitable

Among the well known vaudeville artists who will assist in entertaining are Mollie Thom, some other town. Those who know nothing the nothing and it they wait to Thom, some other a three years' tour of Engage and South Africa; Ben R. Harney, exponent of the negro character, singing negro inclodies and playing "Rag Time" music on the plane; Sam and Kitty Morton.

NOTES FROM OMAHA SUBURBS.

Benson Notes. Mr. G. Stiger spent Christmas in Plattsmouth, Neb.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Bailey spent Christman with friends in Clifton Hill. William Basting of Bloomington, Ill., is

isiting with relatives in Benson. The schools closed last Wednesday for the vinter vacation, and will open again Jannary 4. Gus Bodinson has given up his position in

Howard's store, where he has been clerking the past year.

Mrs. W. C. Mulford and son Warren of

H. M. McGlanis went on a trip to Colorado Monday, Mrs. McGinnis and children will go to Elkborn to spend the holidays with her son, William McGinnis, and join The literary society will hold its next meet-

ing at the hall Wednesday evening, Decemher 30, commencing at 8 o'clock sharp. The question to be debated on will be: "Resolved. That modern machinery and appliances are a benefit to the laboring man. There will be six speakers on each side. The children of the Methodist Episcopal

church and Sunday school gave a short en-terialnment at the church on Christmas eve. Several musical and literary numbers composed the program. During the even of these gratuitous performances, although ing the children received discouraging tele-one is announced for today, and has left an grams from Sania Claus, but at last they open field for other musical work of an ecceived the joyful news that he was coming educative character. Of course, orchestral and they soon saw him entering the door concerts would have to be held in a theater with his packages of presents and treats The school children gave their Christmas entertainment at the town hall Wednesday

evening. Before 8 o'clock the hall was crowded by the people who came from all the surrounding country to see the chief event of the week. The stage was appro-priately arranged and decorated with the national colors, with the May pole, which the little tots unwrapped, standing in the center. The program of the evening was: Mr. Eby Christmas May Pole. Primary Department Recitation Anna Bielk Christmas Reunion. School

Senior Drama Drill Cora Johnson and Mrs. Bailey ...Gertrude McGuire and Miss Eby ....Mr. Goodall and Mr. Jorgeson

en lodgings at the police station for sev given longings at the police station for several nights past, were yesterday furnished with transportation to Denver. The woman says she formerly resided at Dubaque, in., with an unele, who died recently. This left her without a home, and she started for Denver, where she has relatives living and got as far as this city when her funds gave out.

Flour Mill Seeks Location in Nebraska The Nebraska club is getting inquiries form manufacturers thinking of changing Freeport, Ill., man, desiring to put in a flouring mill. The inquiry has had the attention of the club; also been referred to various county club secretaries for replicates to opportunities offered locally.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

C. M. Rigg of Beatrice was at one of the hotels yesterday. F. G. Hamer of Kearney was aoming the yesterday arrivals. F. H. Gilchrist of Kearney was among

the arrivals yesterday,

Judge J. H. Broady of Lincoln was an Omaha visitor yesterday. T. P. Rutherford of Lincoln is in the city. He leaves for Chicago today. Andrew J. Kellar of Hot Springs, S. D., was an Omaha visitor yesterday.

Charles Singer has gone to Chicago, where he will visit friends for a fortnight J. P. English left last night for Chicago where he goes on a short business trip, C. A. Curtin, city editor of the Nebraska City Press, was an Omaha visitor yesterday, J. P. Kilpatrick of Beatrice was in Omaha

vesterday waile on his way to Sheridan E. D. Gould of Fullerton, one of Nebraske's leading horsemen, was in the city yea-

W. F. Cody is in Omaha on business, having arrived last night from his home, near Hon, W. J. Bryan was in the city yes terday while on his return to Lincoln fro Atlanta, Ga.

H. H. Nicholson, one of the professors of the State university, was an Omaha visitor yesterday. Hon. A. S. Paddock is in the city for a few days while on his return home from a

Justin Maloy, who has been visiting rel-

atives at Emerson, Ia., for a short time, returned home last night. Colonel Robert C. Clowry and wife and H. D. Estabrook and family came over from Chicago to spend the holidays.

W. A. Dilworth of Lincoln, one of the accretaries of the State Board of Transportation, was in the city yesterday. Ex-Governor Baxter of Wyoming was in the city last evening while returning to his home in Denver, after an extended eastern

trip. A. P. Brink, wife and son, who have been spending the Christmas holidays with relatives at Red Oak, Ia., arrived home last night.

Highest of all in Leavening Strength.-Latest U. S. Gov't Report.

