SOCIETY SETS A HOT PACE

Many Minor Functions During the Last Week.

QUEEN OF THE CARNIVAL IS SELECTED

Miss Mildred Stephenson is Named to Lead the Social Set at a Great Society Event—Social Melange.

From a society standpoint the week between the holidays is usually the most quiet and uninteresting of the season. People are tired out by the Christmas shopping and devote their time to resting and gloating over the good things that Old Saint Nick has dropped into their stockings. The last week, however, all of the old established rules have been broken and, like prosperity, social functions have followed one another in rapid succession.

It is true that there was nothing that was intended to shake society circles from center to circumference, but there were scores of those little parties that are so pleasurable to those who participate. People entertained and were entertained; there were sumptuous repasts spread in the households and friends and neighbors gathered about tables that groaned under their loads of plenty.

The skating carnival that is slated for the near future is an event that is attracting more than usual attention, now that the queen has been chosen. Speaking of the queen of this carnival, it is a pleasure to most of the society people to know that Miss Mildred Stevenson is the young woman who will lead the hosts in the grand march and will wear the crown and the ermine of royalty. Miss Stevenson is one of the most estimable young women of the city and is a daughter of one of the oldest families in the state. While she has not always led the fashionable set, she is well known to the fashionable ones and will perform the duties of the occasion with most becoming grace.

The maids of honor who will assist the queen are: Misses Anna Heywood, Maggie Foley, Birdie Aurswald, Mae Robinson, Mabel Nelson, Edith Miner, Eloise Counchman, Marie Susteric, Nellie Rhine, Emma Brau, Jennie Graham, Freda Lange, Agnes Myers, Flossie Romaln, Minnie Neale, Anna Fall, Marie Woodford, Lottie Shalda, Florence Hazard, Emily Wareham.

Most of the young women are well known, which fact establishes the certainty that from a society point of view the carnival will be a flattering success.

Mrs. Benson's Reception.

One of the most notable receptions of the week was that given at the residence of E. A. Benson, Forty-eighth and Dodge streets, on Thursday evening, by Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Benson, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Selby, Miss Alexander and Mr. Frank E. Alexander. There were over 100 guests who called to pay their respects during the evening. The house was beautifully ornamented. In the dining room there was a large octagon-shaped bell of smilax and roses suspended over the table, with pink roses and smilax tastefully arranged elsewhere about the room. The drawing room was graced with large quantities of pink roses and violets, and in the reception hall were palms, ferns and red roses in rich profusion. Altogether the affair was one of the most notable of the larger functions that have occurred this season and was in every respect an unqualified success.

The costumes of the hostesses were as follows:

Mrs. Benson, green silk brocade trimmed in chiffon, violet velvet and violets with diamonds.

Mrs. Selby, moss green velvet with trimmings of pink satin, liberty silk, decollete, diamonds.

Miss Alexander, black net over cherry colored satin, trimmed in green chiffon and passimentary, diamond pendant.

The costumes of those who assisted were as follows:

Miss Imogene Alexander, a beautiful costume of pink silk brocade, decollete.

Miss Ada Alexander, blue silk and velvet trimmed in fur.

Mrs. E. M. Bartlett, white satin brocade, violet velvet and diamonds.

Mrs. E. E. Buckingham, yellow chiffon over yellow satin.

Mrs. Allen B. Smith, black satin trimmed in jet, with yellow satin and lace trimmings.

Mrs. Colfax, black satin with duchess lace.

Miss Tukey, black chiffon trimmed in violet and green, decollete.

Miss Blessing, white over white satin, pearl ornaments.

Miss Adnee Van Gieson, pink net over pink satin, violets.

Mrs. Dale, white brocaded satin.

Mrs. James, black velvet, point lace.

Miss Mae Bartlett, white over white satin, decollete.

Mrs. Mapes, white chiffon over white silk.

Remember the Thurstons.

In addition to the list of presents mentioned as last week received by Mr. and Mrs. John M. Thurston on the twenty-fifth anniversay of their wedding the following should be added:

A genuine brass samovar, brought from Russia and presented by Hon. Peter Jansen and wife, founders of the Russian colony at Jansen, Neb.; six silver spoons and butter knives, which had been presented to Mrs. Poland upon the occasion of her own silver wedding; A. F. Newman, a set of gold finished, enameled salt spoons; Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Dow, gold plated silver jardiniere, richly enameled and embossed; Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Thomas, beautiful porcelain cracker jar with gold enameled cover and trimmings; Mrs. Phoebe Knight and Miss Knight, a beautiful book accompanied by an original poem; Mrs. J. F. Boyd, a beautiful piece of silver; Clarence L. Thurston, a Harvard spoon, and Grace and Jean Thurston, silver after-dinner coffee pourer; E. J. Tuttle, a tall cut glass vase; Mr. and Mrs. A. Tooker, a large silver berry spoon; J. H. Tower, a unique silver pepper and salt set; J. C. Wharton and C. L. Chaffee, a handsome oval bread dish of exquisite design; Mr. and Mrs. Henry T. Clarke, a beautiful berry dish of chased silver, with spoon; Hon. and Mrs. C. H. Morrill, elaborate silver berry dish; Dr. and Mrs. George Tilden, fruit set; an elegant cut-glass punch bowl, silver ladle and salver, presented by W. H. Munger, George L. Miller, A. J. Sawyer, Euclid Martin, O. B. Hillis, S. R. Rush, J. L. Woodard and G. H. Thummel; a hand-painted punch bowl and cups and silver ladle, from George D. Meiklejohn, assistant secretary of war; a silver loving cup presented by the Union Pacific officials; a beautiful sterling silver set upon a gold mounted mirror stand, presented by John N. Baldwin, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Carrol and Charles Dundey; also a cut-glass silver-mounted loving cup from Congressman Stewart and wife of Wisconsin.

Watched the Old Year Out.

The new year was ushered in by the guests of the Madison in a most unique and original manner. The early evening was devoted to dancing, interspersed with various delightful solos upon the banjo and mandolin. Refreshments were served, after which one by one the guests disappeared, only to shortly reappear in a grand galaxy of colored artists who proceeded to execute a cake walk. The grand march was led by Mr. Harry Rand and was a success. Each couple paraded before the judges' stand with most graceful and fetching antics. Mr. Charles B. Keller and Mr. M. C. Jones had the difficult task of awarding the prize and after much debate decided the cake belonged to Miss Nellie Gallagher and Frank D. Lyon.

It would be impossible to mention the many excellent and ludicrous costumes, but Miss Maud Rand made a close second, dressed in true colored dude attire and conducting her partner, Miss Louise Hobbie, through the difficult hoedown of the sunny south. Mr. Ray Hoyt was a dream in ballet costume; Dr. W. F. Rice made a hit with his modest, blushing bride, Mrs. Frank D. Lyon. Miss Walker, another belle, was attended by Dr. James Seymour, who was dressed as a colored German policeman. Mr. M. Farnam Smith was smitten by the charms of a tall and willowy damsel, with whom he danced two or three times before he discovered her to be Mr. Harry Lindsay. Miss Ella Vaille was a perfect black nurse and acted her part in the care of her charming little niece, Miss Heath Vaille. Miss Sarah Shaver was a fairy with a mouth tied in a graceful knot at the back of her head; Miss Fannie Gilbert, Miss Anita Keller, Miss Minnie Keller and Miss McShane represented different dusky dinahs to perfection. Mr. Frank Adams and his Dwight Swobe were attractive colored cadets; Mr. Arthur Whitworth and Mr. R. B. Stevenson were colored cholly boys; Miss Maud Axtell was a tiny typical Topsy. The festivities closed with an inimitable monologue by Uncle Remus Frank Lyon, after which the guests reluctantly took their leave.

Entertainments of the Week.

Miss Bennett entertained a few friends at a delightful supper party on Saturday evening.

Mrs. Sam Katz gave a charming afternoon party for her son Jay on Christmas day, from 2 to 5 p. m.

Mrs. P. H. Cook entertained a few invited guests at her home on Twenty-second and Burdette streets Christmas day.

Miss Alice McCullogh on Friday afternoon gave a thoroughly enjoyable children's party to a dozen of her young school friends.

A social dance and banquet was given New Year's eve by the El Capitan Knickerbocker and Heptameron Dancing clubs. About fifty couples were present and all thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

Miss Mildred Foster, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Frank W. Foster, celebrated the eighth anniversary of her birthday on Wednesday afternoon by inviting in a number of her young friends to join her in a most delightful party.

The Semper Fidelis Card and Music club met at the residence of Mr. H. D. Walker, 1626 Wirt street, on Thursday evening. Progressive high five was the game of the evening. Dainty refreshments were served during the evening.

The party given by the young people of All Saints' church Tuesday afternoon and evening was a pleasant occasion as all those entertainments are. The children entered in very joyously to the fun of the afternoon and the older ones assembled in the evening.

The New Year was pleasantly ushered in by thirty-five young folks at the residence of D. B. Kinney on Friday night. The guests constituted what is known as the H. T. C. club. Music and games were indulged in until a late hour, when refreshments were served.

A dancing party at Morand's hall on Saturday evening brought out a large attendance of young folks, and the additional attractive features on account of the holiday season were enjoyed by the largest number of dancers that has yet attended any of the parties of this class.

Monday evening last the Tuxedo club members and friends, numbering about thirty couples, visited Charles Street park and spent several pleasant hours in skating. Everything possible to enhance the pleasure of the club was extended by the management and the skaters enjoyed themselves to the limit.

On Christmas eve Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Lees entertained a number of friends in celebration of their seventh anniversary. Cards occupied the early part of the evening, and after refreshments were served dancing followed till the midnight hour proclaimed Christmas day. The house was artistically decorated in red and white.

A toboggan party was given Tuesday night in honor of Miss Clary of Nebraska City. Among those in the party were: Mrs. Eugene Fields Patrick, Messrs. and Mesdames J. F. Bergner, Robert W. Dunn, W. C. Cole, Miss Lizzie Fields of Lincoln, Mr. Berchfield Dunn, Prof. M. A. Corbitt and Miss Cora E. Clary of Nebraska City.

One of the most enjoyable events of the week was a card party given by Miss Bessie Brenholt at her home, 365 North Thirty-ninth street, last Tuesday evening. A guessing contest formed one of the pleasing features of the evening, the prize being won by Mr. Fred Singstack. The prizes at the card table were won by Miss Daisy J. Jankowski and Mr. Archie Coon. Delicious refreshments were served.

In honor of Miss Georgia Lindsey the Bachelors' club gave a charming dinner party on Thursday evening. Parisian calenders for the new year were the appropriate souvenirs. Miss Lindsey had the honor of being sponsor for this civic-military coterie before her removal to Chicago and so graciously did she assume the responsibilities that the vacancy has never been filled by the selection of another.

Mrs. George W. Megeath on Wednesday evening gave a Christmas tree party in which a number of young folks found great enjoyment. The gifts on the tree had been distributed by Mr. E. E. Buckingham, who acceptably filled the place of Mr. Megeath as Santa Claus on account of the latter's unexpected absence. After the distributions had been made the game of loto was played and refreshments were served.

The Oxford club and its friends gave a very enjoyable skating party last Tuesday evening at Charles Street park, it being the first of a series to be given by this club. That the efforts of the committee having charge of the affair were thoroughly appreciated was attested by the assemblage that gathered to participate and it was readily apparent that it was fully enjoyed by all. The party consisted of about twenty-five couples.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Cobry gave a New Year's dinner party in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Al Ward at their home, 314 North Seventeenth stret. A small number of friends were in attendance and a pleasant afternoon was enjoyed with music, singing and good cheer. Mrs. Ward sang several selections from her large stock of vocal music which were highly appreciated. In addition to the above entertainment there was music by the Ideal Mandolin quartet.

At the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Bressman, 2009 Clark street, an enjoyable progressive high five party was given in honor of Mr. William Harter of St. Paul Minn., during the week. Prizes were won by Mr. Elias Winans, Miss Ella Winans, Mr. Will Harter and Miss Buckly. Mr. Herbert Foutz entertained the company by rendering a few selections of vocal and whistling solos. There were also a few recitations, after which refreshments were served.

The dancing party of Mr. Clarence Thurston was attended by more of the young set of local society than has been seen at any dance this season. It was given on Monday evening at the home of the young gentleman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John M. Thurston, Twenty-fourth and Farnam streets. All the rooms of the first floor of the fine residence were cleared for the dancers, and over 100 of the former school friends of the host and a number of out-of-town visitors enjoyed the occasion. The opening dance was a popular Harvard air, played in honor of the alma mater of the young host, and twenty other equally popular airs followed for the party of merry dancers.

With the dress party given by the Thurston Rifles last Wednesday evening the gay yuletide season was brightened with one of the prettiest dancing functions that has taken place here this season. The Thurstons have thus far had a most enjoyable season of social gayety, and this being the last party to be given during the remaining days of the old year nothing was left wanting. The spacious apartments with the wealth of flowers, potted plants and decorations of a national nature, presented a magnificent scene. The company colors, red, blue and old gold, were in profusion and were worn by many of the dancers. The usual informal reception preceded the dance, and was held in the parlors and beneath a canopy of electric blaze. The ball room was very pretty and the chandeliers were bedecked with smilax and holly. About 9 o'clock the festivities of the evening were duly inaugurated with Sousa's new two-step "The Stars and Stripes Forever." A delightful program of twenty dances to the strains of excellent music was enjoyed until a late hour.

One of the most enjoyable of the various watch parties held in the city on New Year's eve was that at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Christie, on Manderson street, when about thirty invited guests assembled to observe the birth of the new-born year. The Christie home presented a beautiful display of flowers and flags, and behind a bank of potted plants and ferns an orchestra was stationed, and discoursed delightful music during the entire evening. Toasts appropriate to the occasion were proposed and responded to and refreshments were served. During the course of the evening's pleasure Mrs. Christie was most pleasantly surprised when Dr. Blythin, in a few well chosen remarks, presented the hostess with an elegant silver water service.

The Christmas entertainment of the St. John's Episcopal Sunday school was given Monday evening in the parochial school building, which was crowded to its utmost capacity by appreciative friends. The entertainment consisted of songs and recitations, followed by the novel and interesting cantata, "The Dutch Doll and the Walking and Talking Christmas Tree." Mrs. Ada Coons had charge of the musical part of the program and the recitations and stage management were under the able supervision of Mrs. E. P. Caldwell. Mr. Walters, as the walking and talking tree, proved to be none other than Santa himself, and Margaret Caldwell as the Dutch doll made great merriment for the children and did herself and the character much credit.

The members of the editorial staff of the Woman's Weekly celebrated New Year's day by keeping open house from 11 o'clock a. m. until 5 o'clock p. m. Between these hours quite a number of Omaha citizens, including many business men, called at the editorial rooms of the popular publication, at 1214 Farnam street, to exchange New Year's greetings. Those who assisted Miss Mary Fahnbrother in receiving were: Miss Vesta Gray of Fremont, Mrs. Ritchie of Plattsmouth, and Mesdames Draper Smith, W. S. Strawn, C. W. Damon, White and Miss Mary Moody Pugh of Omaha. The rooms were tastefully decorated, and light refreshments were served. During the afternoon "Moky" and his tribe of newsboys called on the editors and wished them a happy New Year.

Miss White and Miss Bryan, assisted by Mrs. J. F. Carpenter and Mrs. G. W. Ryon, gave a delightful party on Friday evening at the home of Mr. J. F. Carpenter, 2706 Parker street. Twenty-seven young women were in attendance, dressed in costumes to represent a library of well known works of prominent authors. Many of the costumes were elaborate and unique, those especially well taken being: "Uncle Tom's Cabin," "Lucille," "Samantha Allen," "Old Curiosity Shop," and "Old Mother Hubbard." The books of the library were in constant circulation among the gentlemen, who were cautioned not to cut, write upon or injure, deface or destroy any book, under penalty of a fine. At the closing hour of the old year the guests formed a library circle, and speeded the old and welcomed the New Year by singing "Auld Lang Syne."

The reception given by Mr. and Mrs. Henry T. Clarke at their home, 2507 Cass street, on Wednesday afternoon and evening was an auspicious success. The occasion brought out one of the largest assemblages of the belles and beaux of Omaha society, as well as a numerous representation of the older members of local society, that has been seen at any function this season. American Beauty roses in the parlors and bridesmaid roses in the dining room were most prominent. After the reception a dancing party made the evening hours glide pleasantly by. Mrs. H. T. Clarke was assisted by Miss Clarke, who received with her, and by the following who served refreshments and at the punch bowl: Mesdames George A. Hoagland, George W. Kelley, W. E. Clarke, F. P. Kirkendall, J. S. Brady, T. J. Mackay, G. W. Wattles, E. M. Bartlett, I. E. Congden and J. E. Summers; Misses Grace Allen, Cleveland of Denver, Mabel Taylor, Tukey, Buergett of Toledo, Barker, Martin and Hoagland.

Mrs. John S. Briggs formed one of a congenial party which gathered at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Sawyer of Lincoln Friday night and watched the New Year take charge of affairs terrestrial and otherwise. Those forming the party constitute an organization which was formed about five years ago of people of literary taste but which has never been dignified by a name. The members gather at the Sawyer homestead each New Year's eve and pass out of one year into another amid the brilliant flashes of literary gems. The gathering was honored at the last meeting by the presence of President Jordan and Prof. Howard of Leland Stanford university, who happened to be passing through Lincoln en route to the Pacific coast from the east. Among those constituting the company were Messrs. and Mesdames Lamb, Gere, Moore, MacLean, Vifquain and Palm of Lincoln, and a number of Lincoln artists. Mrs. Briggs was the sole Omaha representative present.

Movements of People.

Mr. Casper E. Yost will spend the week in Boston.

Mrs. R. W. Dunn spent Christmas with Brownville friends.

Miss Hattie Morris of this city is visiting friends in Topeka, Kan.

Miss Fern Maty and Miss Louise Metz left for West Point Friday.

Misses Sadie Alexander and Hester Taylor have returned from Chicago.

Miss H. Estelle Brown, who spent the holidays in this city, has returned to Chicago.

Morris Wilson of Lincoln is spending the holidays with Walker Hargreaves of this city.

Mr. Thomas Lee, after a short visit with his parents, has returned to Iowa State university.

Miss Agnes Lund has been spending the week with Miss Daisy Blinn of Council Bluffs.

Miss Nellie Vaill La Selle of Beatrice is spending a few days with Miss Vaill at the Madison.

Master Dan Phelps of Worthington academy, Lincoln, is the guest of Master Ralph Cole.

Misses Kathleen and Elwood Smyth are spending a few days with Mrs. J. N. Bradley at Denison, Ia.

Mr. and Mrs. John Clarke Colt spent New Year's day with the parents of the former at Missouri Valley, Ia.

Mr. Gus S. Harter, Evansville, Ind., who was in this city a few days last week, left for the east yesterday.

Miss Edna Wetzel will return to the State university tomorrow, after spending the holidays with her parents.

Charles True of the University of Nebraska has spent a week in Omaha with the family of W. R. Bowen.

Miss Fannie Cole, who is attending the University of Nebraska, spent the holidays at her home in this city.

Mrs. John Clarke Colt will be home, 135 North Thirty-first avenue, on Wednesdays during the month of January.

Mrs. Walter H. Sanford has returned from California, where she has been spending the early part of the winter.

Mrs. F. W. Stallard is entertaining her sister, now home on a leave of absence, after six years as a missionary in Japan.

Miss Nanna Pritchard of Red Oak, Ia., is spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pritchard 2211 Davenport street.

Miss Carrie Mercer will leave for Miss Peeble's school, New York, tomorrow. She will be accompanied by Mrs. Helen Mercer.

Miss Cora E. Clary, one of Nebraska City's most popular teachers, spent her vacation in this city, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Cole.

Mr. and Mrs. George P. Moore, during the holidays, entertained Frank Riley of the University of Nebraska and Henry Bellon of Chicago.

Mrs. James M. Bishop and Mr. and Mrs. Edgar W. Bishop of Quincy, Ill., spent the holidays here as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Allen.

L. M. Rheem and family, formerly of this city, spent the holidays in Omaha with friends. Mr. Rheem is now in Minneapolis, where he has a fine business.

Miss Helen Howes of Blair spent several days of this week with Miss Mae Naudain. She returned to Rockford college, where she has been attending school, on Monday.

Rt. Rev. Alexander C. Garrett, bishop of the Protestant Episcopal diocese of Dallas, Tex., arrived in the city on Friday morning from Kansas City and is the guest of Bishop Worthington at Bishopthorpe. The bishop will be remembered as the first dean of Trinity cathedral, and has a host of friends in Omaha who will be pleased to renew their acquaintance with him.

Dr. J. M. Wilson and Mrs. Wilson, who have been in Topeka, Kan., for two weeks, returned home Thursday. Dr. Wilson has regained his strength sufficiently to again occupy his pulpit.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Hamilton have again taken up their residence in Omaha after an absence of three years. Mr. Hamilton having resigned his position as superintendent of the Argo starch works at Nebraska City.

Mr. Henry Munterfering sailed on Saturday from New York on the steamer Normandie. Mr. Munterfering's father is in poor health in Germany, and the trip is purely made on that account, and also to interest foreign exhibitors in the exposition.

Weddings and Engagements.

Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Terry of DeLand, Fla., announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Lillian DeLand Terry, to Mr. Frank Corey Starr of Philadelphia.

The marriage of Miss Josephine Gunther, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Gunther, to Mr. DeRay Austin, will take place at the bride's residence, 524 South Twentieth street, on Tuesday, January 4.

Mr. Reese E. Clawson of Omaha and Mrs. Kate M. Clawson of Muscatine, Ia., were married on Thursday evening, December 30, at the residence of Dr. W. A. Hosteter, North Sixteenth street, by Rev. Charles W. Savidge.

Cards have been received announcing the wedding at Rapid City, S. D., on Wednesday, December 29, of Harriet Ambrose, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orville L. Cooper, to Mr. Frank Snead King of Omaha. Mr. and Mrs. King will be at home after February 1 at 436 South Twenty-fourth street.

William T. Best of Chicago, Ill., and Miss Caddie Stout of Indianapolis, Ind., were married New Year's morning at 7:30 at the home of the officiating pastor, Charles W. Savidge.

The engagement of Miss Hattie Cady, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry F. Cady, to Mr. William Herbert Wheeler was announced during the week. Both have been prominent figures in local society for several seasons, but Mr. Wheeler is now stationed at Washington, occupying a responsible government position.

On Wednesday, December 29, at the residence of Prof. William Lighton in Florence, Louis K. Lighton and Miss Alice A. Field of Omaha were united in marriage, Rev. T. J. Mackay, rector of All Saints' church, officiating. The lovely young bride was simply gowned in white muslin trimmed with delicate lace and white ribbons and carried bride roses. Miss Dorothy Rheem Lighton, niece of the groom, was the only attendant, and looked like a little fairy in pale blue and white. The occasion was rendered doubly joyous by its being the anniversary of the wedding of the groom's parents. Only relatives witnessed the ceremony, after which a delicious wedding breakfast was served.

The wedding of Miss Maude Johnston to Mr. S. A. Wallace, both of this city, took place at the residence of the bride's parents, 1918 North Twenty-sixth street, on Wednesday evening, December 29, at 8 o'clock. The ceremony was performed by Rev. John McQuoid, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal church, the bride and groom standing under a beautiful canopy covered with smilax and with a tasteful background of white and palms. The bride appeared lovely in a gown of Paris mousseline, with veil and carried a bouquet of bride's roses. Miss Mattie Wallace served as ring-bearer. The wedding was attended by thirty-five of the relatives and intimate friends of the wedded couple. Mr. and Mrs. Wallace will be at home to their friends after February 1 at 1918 North Twenty-sixth street.

Prospective Pleasures.

The next party will be held at Morand's hall on Monday evening, January 17.

The next dancing party of the Cotillion club will be held on Tuesday evening at the home of Miss Kountze.

The next dancing party of the Young Clerks' Dancing club will be given at Patterson hall on Saturday evening.

On Thursday evening the Semper Fidelis Card and Music club will meet at the residence of Miss Marguerite McCarragher, 403 North Nineteenth street.

OMAHA SUBURBS.

Florence.

A New Year's ball was given at the city hall Friday night.

St. Mark's church gave a Christmas tree at the city hall Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Jacob Weber, jr., gave a select party to a few friends Saturday evening.

Miss Lillian Fogg spent vacation week with friends and relatives in Tabor, Ia.

Mrs. George Price of Smartville, Neb., is visiting relatives in the city during the holidays.

Miss Edith Sutherland of Blair is in the city visiting Miss Eunice Tracy for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Hans Iverson of Coffman spent New Year's day with the family of Ole Olson.

Mr. J. M. Tracy and wife returned to St. Paul Tuesday, after spending a week at the home of his parents.

Miss Mattie Tucker leaves Saturday for Campbell, Neb., where she is teaching a term of school.

Rev. Barnes Lower, the Presbyterian minister of this place, attended the State Teachers' association at Lincoln.

Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Nieman of Omaha were in the city Sunday visiting Mrs. Nieman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Weasa.

Mr. and Mrs. Luke Simpson of Loveland, Ia., spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. Simpson's mother, Mrs. Vose.

Mr. J. G. Hunt spent a few days at home this week with his family, he being with an irrigation company at Sidney, Neb.

Messrs. Tom Walker, J. McGregor, Jake Umler, George Cole and Claus Anderson attended a dance at Calhoun Friday night.

Mrs. Henry Peterson of Crescent, Ia., was visiting her sister, Mrs. George Stalon, Sunday and Monday, returning home Wednesday.

John Kirk, a brother of J. C. Kirk of this place, died in Omaha Wednesday evening. His remains will be taken to Illinois for burial.

Miss Ida Miller, one of the teachers in the public school here, went to Lincoln Tuesday, for a visit during the remainder of the holidays.

Miss Ida Miller and W. B. Backus, teachers in the public schools, represented the teachers of Florence at the State Teachers' association in Lincoln during the week.

Mrs. Wead of Des Moines, Ia., was visiting the family of E. H. Walker Tuesday, going from here to DeSoto to spend a few days with relatives before returning home.

Charles A. Smith, formerly of this city, but now playing Marks and Deacon in Uncle Tom's Cabin, was in the city Friday night, returning to Council Bluffs to join his company Saturday morning.

The choir boys of St. Paul's church, Omaha, were given a treat last Tuesday evening. Chaperoned by the organist and Mrs. Brown they were brought out here and served with refreshments at the Tuckes hotel.

W. C. Harris, connected with the Clover Dairy company at Blair, has rented a house and will move his family here in a few days and make this his future home, the company having established a milk depot here, shipping the milk from Blair.

A quiet wedding took place at the home of Prof. William Lighton last Wednesday, uniting his youngest son, Louis Reem, and Miss Alice Field. Only relatives were present. It was however, a doubly happy occasion, the professor and his wife celebrating on their way their thirty-third wedding anniversary. Rev. T. J. Mackay officiated.

Fort Crook.

Private Frank Roose is on a ten days' furlough.

Private Robert Grey is visiting his brother at Sioux City, Ia.

Musician Block of the band has been laid up with a sore throat.

Private Newman, company B, is visiting his parents at Sheridan, Ind.

Lieutenant and Mrs. Wassels have gone east on a two months' leave.

Sergeant Chapins, first sergeant of company A, re-enlisted on the 18th.

The Fort Crook Christian league meets every Thursday evening at 7:30 at the post hall. The society is growing rapidly.

Mrs. Hodges and Mrs. Campbell entertained the Card club Thursday night. Mrs. Mosher won the women's head prize; woman's lone hand, Miss Koerper; men's head prize, Lieutenant Godfrey; lone hand, Captain Getty.

Mr. Brown of the Episcopal church held services at the Post hall last Sunday.

Rev. Hoyt of Bellevue talked to the men at the post hall Sunday afternoon at 3:30.

Private Ringling, company E, was discharged after serving a three years' enlistment.

From December 31 to January 4 there will be no drilling at the post and no duty but the necessary guard and police during that period.

Monday night Mrs. Mosher entertained Mrs. Lockwood, Mrs. Hodges, Mrs. Getty, Mrs. Davison and Miss Patterson at six-handed euchre.

Monday night the annual meeting to elect the officers of the club for the ensuing year was held. Captain Mosher, who has held the position as secretary and treasurer, resigned, much to the regret of all, as he filled the position admirably. Lieutenant Hodges was elected in his place and he will doubtless do as well as his predecessor, being a most capable and efficient officers.

Christmas day there were a number of dinner parties. Colonel and Mrs. Wickoof entertained Dr. Koerfer and family. Colonel Patterson had for his guests Mr. and Mrs. Davison, Lieutenants Wolf and Newell. Major Van Horn entertained Captain Kell. Captain and Mrs. Getty entertained Captain and Mrs. Mosher. Mr. Patten entertained Captain and Mrs. Crittendon and Lieutenant and Mrs. Moore.

The service of the Catholic church was held at the Post hall Christmas morning at 7 o'clock. The enlisted men donated evergreens and some of the women white flowers, which, added to the candles, etc., made a very pretty altar. Mr. Reichardt played the organ and special Christmas music was one of the features of the service. Too much cannot be said of the kind father who came all the way from Omaha in a sleigh after holding midnight mass in one of the Omaha churches to give communion.

Benson.

Services will be held this evening at the Methodist Episcopal church at 8 o'clock.

Miss Cora Johnson has been on the sick list during the last week.

Mrs. B. L. Childs left last week on an extended visit to her old home.

Sam Horten and family, who were residents of this place some time ago, moved back to Benson last Tuesday.

The little ones at the St. James orphanage were made happy during the holidays by the many donations of friends and patrons of the institution.

Mrs. B. Tuttle of Colorado arrived in Benson last week and is visiting at the home of her aunt, Mrs. S. R. Hoffman.

Effie McGuire, who has been quite ill with membraneous croup, is out of danger and is improving rapidly.

The Scandihoven club gave its last ball of the year at the Town hall on Christmas eve. It was attended by a large crwd.

The officers of the Benson Fraternal Union of America lodge No. 116 will be elected for the coming year at the meeting to be held next Wednesday evening. All members are requested to be present.

The Ladies' Aid society met at the home of Mrs. S. R. Hoffman last Thursday afternoon. They are preparing to give an entertainment in the near future.

The women of the Methodist Episcopal church will give a reception to Rev. and Mrs. Bross at the church next Monday evening at 8 o'clock, and a cordial invitation is extended to one and all to be present at this reception.

Dundee.

A son has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Jay Serviss, 4919 Davenport street.

Mr. Henry Van Gieson, father of Dr. Van Gieson, after a visit of several months, has returned to his home in Paterson, N. J.

The Choral society, which meets once a week under the direction of Mr. Thomas Kelley, is doing good work and adds to the sociability as well as the culture of this popular village.

The Christmas celebration at the Sunday school, in which the children took part, under the leadership of Miss Sophia Fischer, was a great success this year. Speeches by Mr. E. A. Benson, Mr. Haugh and others were exceptionally fine.

All the Dundee people met in a body at the home of Mr. W. J. Fischer to watch the new year in. Guessing games, music and speeches were the features of the evening and each guest pronounced it a happy method of closing the accounts of 1897.

On Thursday evening of this week a large reception was given at the home of Mr. E. A. Benson by the following hosts and hostesses: Mr. and Mrs. Benson, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Selby, Miss Alexander, Mr. Frank Alexander. Extra cars ran at frequent intervals on the Dundee line for the accommodation of the townspeople who came and went between the hours of 8 and 11.

HYMENEAL.

Kline-Tolmie.

HURON, S. D., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—Andrew J. Kline, a Minneapolis druggist, and Miss Christine C. Tolmie of this city were united in marriage Thursday afternoon, at the home of the bride's parents, Rev. John R. Jones of the Presbyterian church officiated, the ceremony being witnessed only by near friends and relatives. The couple departed for Minneapolis on the evening train.

Bell-Shibley.

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—Prof. Alexander Melville Bell, the distinguished Scotch scientist, and father of A. Graham Bell, the inventor of the telephone, and Mrs. H. G. Shibley of Toronto, were married at the Park Avenue hotel here today.

Hull-Hillebert.

HUMBOLDT, Neb., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—Police Judge H. T. Hull of this city and Miss Alice Hillebert, also of this place, were married at the Presbyterian parsonage this morning by Rev. C. C. Week.

Forrest-Pilling.

PENDER, Neb., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—John Forrest, cashier of the State bank of Pender, and Miss Edith Pilling, also of Pender, were united in marriage last evening by Rev. O. W. Comstock.

HITCH IN THE LUETGERT CASE.

Charges Made Against One of the Present Jurymen.

CHICAGO, Jan. 1.—The Luetgert trial was brought to a halt today. When court was called to order this morning Lawyer Harmon of the defense objected to the holding of court and hearing of testimony today on the ground that it was a legal holiday. Judge Gary, who had announced yesterday that the trial would go on today, had evidently reconsidered the matter, for he at once sustained Attorney Harmon's objection and adjourned court until Monday. Judge Gary said that while in his own opinion the fact that New Year's day was a legal holiday it did not invalidate the proceedings, the supreme court had never passed upon the matter and there was a possibility of the one day's proceedings spoiling the work of months.

There is a possibility of the trial coming to a sudden termination by reason of the challenging for cause of Juror Elmer W. Ferris, who is charged with having expressed the opinion that the defendant should be hanged. The lawyers for the defense, it is said, have affidavits to this effect and will present them to the court. No action was taken today, however.

BIG SALE OF CATTLE IN TEXAS.

Twelve Thousand Head Change Hands at Good Prices.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Jan. 1.—Yesterday's transactions in cattle were a fitting close to the most active year ever known on this market. Over 12,000 head af cattle changed hands at prices frequently up to the top figures of the year. Jennings, Moore & Lyttle bought of the Alamo Cattle company 1,000 2-year-old steers, 1,000 2-year-old heifers and 2,000 cows at $17 per head all around. The same parties bought of J. R. Blocker 2,000 2-year-old steers and 2,000 cows at $17 per head all around. The same parties bought of T. A. Coleman 2,000 steers, 3s and 4s, for $51,000. Sam Walker bought of J. B. Wells 450 2s at $17, and 150 3s and 4s at $22. The same party bought of Gus Forthing 1,000 steers, 2s, 3s and 4s, at $18 all around. Total sales aggregated $216,000.

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To Provide Chronic Sufferers With Proper Care, Treatment and Medicines at One-Quarter the Usual Expense, and to Introduce the More Scientific and Successful Methods in the Treatment of Chronic Maladies.

Let it be distinctly understood that the spirit and purpose of the Shepard specialty system is two-fold.

First, it is to bring to the treatment and cure of chronic diseases generally the efforts and labors of physicians specially educated and trained to their mastery, and thus to insure a more competent, a more radical and a more successful handling of those seated, stubborn and malign disorders most prolific of human misery, or most destructive of human life.

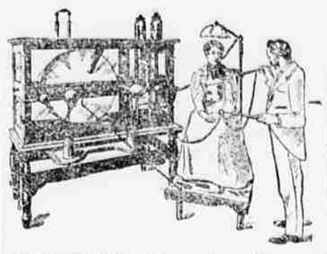
Second, it is to place rich and poor alike on absolutely one level and footing, as regards its benefits, by making the fee undeviating and uniform at a small sum per month, including all medicines.

And this is all the expounding, all the elucidation necessary to an understanding of this system. Invalids who can not afford the usual fees for treatment are thus clearly informed of a treatment which they can afford. For those who are solicitous that their treatment be intelligent, faithful, skillful, and effective, there is no evidence superior to any clinches of argument, and that is the sincere personal testimony of neighbors and fellow sufferers who have been patients of Dr. Shepard. What they desire is definite information; let them receive such information from those who have acquired it not from hearsay, but from experience.

In other words, ask your friends and neighbors about it who have been cured.

Notice.

During the months of January and February Dr. Shepard will make a very low rate of charges for all cases coming under surgical or electrical treatment. All who suffer from Rupture, Hemorrhoids, or affections requiring the use of any form of electricity will be accorded treatment at much less than the usual fee. This offer is for all who may come. Consultation free.



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Bronchial Catarrh—Might Have Passed Into Consumption

MRS. E. M. ERSKINE, 3312 CHARLES STREET, WHOSE HUSBAND IS CITY SALESMAN FOR S. F. GILMAN, WHOLESALE FLOUR:

"As far back as I can remember I was never able to take a full breath of air into my lungs, and was never free from a sense of heaviness and obstruction in my chest. Nothing ever helped me until I breathed in the healing vapors administered at the Shepard Medical Institute. These at once healed and soothed the bronchial tubes and seemed to be what I should have had years ago. I frequently coughed and spat up matter streaked with blood. My father's family was consumptive. My lungs were always sore and my breath so short that I couldn't sweep a floor, nor use my arms to knead bread. I was miserably thin and poorly nourished.

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