Six Days Which Were Not Especially Busy for the Swell Set.

SEVERAL BRIGHT EVENTS ARE NOTED

Usual List of Weddings and Receptions Serve to Occupy the Attention of the Gregarious Citizens Since Last Sunday.

Owing to the near approach of Christmas, red letter days on the social calendar have been less numerous than during some of the earlier weeks of the season, but the quality of those entertainments given has entirely made up for the loss in quantity. Most hostesses find that the extensive preparations which this fast approaching, restive holiday season brings in its train feative holiday season brings in its train. the return of the college girl and her no of Mrs. Hitchcock and the Misses Crounse less welcome brother or cousin is eagerly looked forward to and many are the social pleasures which will fall to their share during their recess from arduous mental toll and athletic struggles. Chafing-dish suppers are as much in vogue as ever and with good reason, for never has a more enjoyable of white Swiss, dreams of girlish beauty. repast been provided than the one which is prepared by the fair young hostess with the assistance of her guests, or better opportunity afforded her of showing her dainty culinary powers.

The most notable events of the week in Omaha society were the wedding of Dr. Edward W. Lee and Miss May Dundy and Mrs. William C. Guthrie's card party, Mrs. G. M. Hitchcock's musicale, Mesdames J. J. Brown and Henry F. Wyman's reception and the supper given in honor of the Misses Brown and Chandler by Mrs. J. J.

A most amusing circumstance in local society came to pass last week. As a consequence a local stationer is now the butt of a practical joke on account of somebody's extreme carelessness. Mrs. Francis A. Brogan was going out of town for a brief visit among friends in Colorado. She left an order with her stationer for her cards to be mailed to her friends to inform them of her absence from the city, a friend kindly agreeing to address the envelopes for her. The stationer didn't do a thing but slip in Mrs. Brogan's envelopes the invitations to Mrs. J. J. Brown's reception. The result was that Mrs. Brown entertained numerous guests she had never had the pleasure of entertaining, even meeting, before. She was some what surprised at the presence of so many guests she did not know she had, but she took it in good faith and until yesterday did not unfathom the mystery of the unexplained popularity of her reception. On the other hand, the people who did not know Mrs. Brown were none the less surprised to be invited to the house of the hostess they had never even met. The concomitant of the whole affair is that there are more explanations flying about society circles than have been noted for many a

A society girl in a dress suit, with hands and face blackened like the ace of spades. serving as a waiter was the sensation sprung at a stag dinner in a neighboring city, not 1,000 miles from Omaha, during the last week. Miss Blank's brother gave a stag dinner at his residence, and one of the twelve guests was the young man who hoped to become the brother-in-law of his host. At Miss Blank's earnest solicitation he had sworn "to touch not, taste not, handle not," to overlook the wine when it was red and had generally adopted the prohibitory amendment for himself. He was served in seven courses and at the conpromised her that he would not touch a clusion of each course the men progressed.

The work of persuading the colored waiter employed for the occasion to resign his place in favor of Miss Blank was accomplished through the medium of a \$10 bill, which also purchased the black man's silence. She made an admirable waiter and glided about the table like a fairy. She served beautifully, but she could not overlook the chance of getting square with one man she didn't like, so she just dropped a nice section of jelly on the sleeve of his dress coat. Those she liked naturally received the best service The principal part of the dinner had been served before her flance weakened in his temperance resolution. But he couldn't stand the strain and drank copiously of the flowing bowl. Miss Blank announced her presence, causing some consternation and heading off a favorite after-dinner story of her brother's. He said many things, but it was too late, for she had flown by the back door and in the morning he was not in a mood to reprove anyone.

Double Reception.

The reception given by Mrs. J. J. Brown and Mrs. Henry J. Wyman at the residence of the former on Sherman avenue was most fashionable and brilliant affair. The decorations of the handsome parlors consisted of American Beauty roses, holly and smilax. They were unusually beautiful. while the soft, red light produced by the use of very pretty red shades for the chandeliers and candelabra was extremely becom ing and artistic.

The toilettes of the hostess and Miss Jean Brown were very handsome and becoming to their wearers. That of Mrs. J. J. Brown consisted of a very handsome gown of gray and black satin en demi-traine. Mrs. Wyman wore an exquisite jupe of white satin striped with pink, also en demi-traine, and a corsage of black velvet trimmed with duchesse lace and jet. Miss Brown looked pretty in a dainty gown of rose taffeta.

The handsome library with its decora tions was seasonably suggestive of vuletide Its precincts were presided over by Mrs Guy Barton and Mrs. J. N. H. Patrick. The blending of pink roses and asparagus ferni in the dining room transformed it into e perfect bower of beautiful foliage, and nothing could have exceeded the beauty of the handsome mahogany table resplendent with heavy cut glass. In this apartment deliciously refreshing frappe was served under the auspices of Mesdames W. S. Poppleton. Richard Carrier and William Carter.

The following women lent their assistance to this brilliant function: Mesdames Saunders, Buchanan, Hoagland, Samuel Burns Learned, Charles Squires and Misses Jessie Millard and Black of Chicago.

Lee-Dundy Wedding. The marriage of Miss Mary M. Dundy and Dr. Edward Wallace Lee took place on Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the residence of the bride's mother. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. Butler in the presence of some sixty relatives and intimate friends. The bride, who was exquisitely gowned in white crepe, trimmed with chiffon, looked most queenly and beautiful and carried a bouquet of pure white bride roses. She was given away by her mother, Mrs. Mary M. Dundy. The actual ceermony was performed in the drawing

SOCIETY HAS A QUIET WEEK room, where a beautiful bower of paims, ferns and American Beauty roses had been erected. The spacious parlors were decorated throughout with American Beauty roses, in addition to which a very beautiful bunch of La France roses graced the center of the dining room table, in which room the daintiest refreshments were served. Immediately after the ceremony the happy pair left for Washington and New York. The bride's going-away tollet was especially becoming to her and universal admiration was felt for the handsome pair as they entered the carriage which bore them to the depot. Dr. and Mrs. Lee will return to Omaha on New Year's morning and be at home to their friends at 722 South Twentyninth street after that date.

were extremely becoming. Mrs. Gilbert M. Hitchcock's gown consisted of a jupe of very handsome black satin and corsage of pure ivory white, trimmed most tastefully with black velvet. Miss Gretchen Crounse and Miss Marie Crounse wore dainty frocks of white Swiss, dreams of girlish beauty. The program from a musician's standpoint was unusually good. Mrs. Hitchcock's rendering of Chopin was a most finished performance and reminded one of Vladimir de Pachmann, the great interpreter of Chopin, and the duet in which Miss Crounse joined her elicited admiration from all for the skillful technique displayed by both planistes. Miss Marie Crounse's violin solo showed much promise and talent. Her bowing was more diamonds and carried bride roses. The groom was attended by Mr. Robert S. Oberfielder as best man. The matron of honor was unusually grood mas attended by Mr. Robert S. Oberfielder as best man. The matron of honor costume consisted of white faille silk, entraine, and gold passementrie. She wore diamonds and carried bride roses. The groom was attended by Mr. Robert S. Oberfielder as best man. The matron of honor costume consisted of white faille silk, entraine, and gold passementrie. She wore diamonds and carried brider as best man. The matron of honor costume consisted of white faille silk, entraine, and gold passementrie. She wore diamonds and carried brider as best man. The matron of honor costume consisted of white faille silk, entraine, and gold passementrie. She wore diamonds and carried brider as best man. The matron of honor costume consisted of white faille silk, entraine, and gold passementrie. She wore diamonds and carried brider as best man. The matron of honor costume consisted of white faille silk, entraine, and gold passementrie. She wore diamonds and carried by Mrs. Holorous diamonds and carried by Mrs. Holorous diamonds and carried by Mrs. Holorous diamonds and carried brider as best man. The matron of honor diamonds and carried problem. pure ivory white, trimmed most tastefully much promise and talent. Her bowing was on a short trip. They will be at home to very clever and graceful. Mrs. Cotton's solo, their friends after January 1. "My Sweetheart," displayed the powers and culture of her voice to perfection. Her encore, a madrigal by Homans, was equally well chosen. The vaudeville bill given by

Mrs. Goss' Card Parties.

clous refreshments were served.

very entertaining. During the evening deli-

Mrs. William C. Goss entertained her lady friends on Thursday and Friday afternoons. The decorations, which consisted of chrysanthemums and smilax lavishly distributed through the rooms, were very beautiful. On Thursday afternoon the entertainment took the form of a Kensington, a novel and intensely enlivening feature of which was a guessing contest, by which the mental faculties of the forty guests present were severely taxed to give the correct titles of various books from the illustrations provided for them.

On Friday afternoon, when the number of guests exceeded that of the previous day, high five was chosen for their delectation and a most delightful afternoon was spent. The women who assisted Mrs. Goss were: Mesdames J. P. Johnson, A. W. Edmiston and John Davis of Council Bluffs. The prizes on Thursday for the guessing contest were won by Mesdames Davis, Payne and Talmadge, and on Friday for the greatest skill in cards, by Mesdames Baum, Bryson and

A Progressive Supper.

The brilliant entertainment in the shape of a progressive supper provided by Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Brown at their residence in honor of their daughter, Miss Jean Brown, and Miss Della Chandler, was a leading event on the calendar of society. Nothing was lacking to make this repast a thorough success. Covers for four were laid at a number of small tables, each of which was differ-ently decorated, the flowers chosen being pink and red carnations, pink and red roses, violets and marguerites, with dainty watercolor plate cards and bonbons of artistic harmonizing hues. The elegant confection bit of wine at her brother's dinner, but she was from Missouri.

The additional diversion afforded by the witty bon-mots of a clever monologuist was guests were fifty of the prominent young society folk of the city.

U. P. Employes' Ball. The first annual ball of the Union Pacific railroad freight house employes was held last evening in Patterson hall. In the grand march, led by Mr. George Vapor and Miss May Morgan, nearly 100 couples took part, and the dancing that followed continued long after midnight. The committees having the ball in charge were: Reception, F. Boyle, P. Milehead and F. Herzog; floor, George Varor, R. Thomas and F

Thurston Rifles' Benefit.

The benefit for the Thurston Rifles was concluded last night with a dance in the armory. At noon and in the evening dinner and supper were served, and afterwards the floor was cleared for the dance, which was held at & o'clock. It was an informal affair, in which about fifty couples participated. The arrangements were made by Mrs. C. E. White and Mrs. R. M. Cross, assisted by the entertainment committee.

Masquerade Ball.

In Woodman's hall the Young Men's So cial club gave their first annual masque rade ball, which was attended by about 150 ouples in masques and grotesque costumes. There were two orchestras to furnish the music and at midnight everybody removed their masques and gathered around a buge table, where there were toasts and responses by the prominent members of the club.

Mrs. Guthrie's Card Party. Mrs. William C. Guthrie entertained about orty friends at six-handed euchre on Wednesday afternoon. The game was spirited and each guest carried away a prize in the shape of a dainty hand-painted score card. Mesdames Baum, Ogden and Davis were the

was enjoyed immensely by all the guests. Weddings and Engagements. For Thursday, December 22, the McGinty-Chritton wedding is announced.

The wedding of Miss Myrtle E. Coon and Mr. G. F. Ayres is announced for Wednesday next. The marriage of Miss Edith May Howard to Mr. Marion W. Penny will take place on Wednesday, December 21.

The marriage of Miss Ella Elizabeth Atkins and Mr. Harry Gamble Jackson was celebrated on Saturday at the home of the bride's parents, the officiating minister being Rev. A. J. Turkle of Keuntze Memorial church. The bride is the only daughter of church. The bride is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Atkins and is well known in this city, having lived here since childhood. The groom is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Jackson of Oshkosh. Wis. and is one of Nebraska's well known "knights of the grip." Owing to the illness of the bride's father the wedding was a very quiet one only immediate relatives. very quiet one, only immediate relatives being present. Mr. and Mrs. Jackson will be at home to their friends after December 25 at 1624 South Tenth street.

One of the prettlest weddings of the season took place at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Swartzlander, 2518 Caldwell street, on Wednesday afternoon, the occasion being the marriage of their daughter. Minnie May, to Mr. Leslie J. Allen. Promptly at 4 o'clock, to the strains of the wedding march from Lohengrin, played by Miss Edna Hobart, lit-

tle Fredericka and Harry Swartzlander, cousins of the bride, entered, hearing the white ribbon, which formed an alsie for the bridal party. They were followed by the officiating minister, Rev. A. J. Turkle of Kountze Memorial church, Mr. Leon H. Curtiss, the best man, and Miss Kate Swartz-lander, the bridesmaid, and lastly the bride The bride looked charming in a gown of white opera batiste, over white silk. The bridesmaid was becomingly attired in white organdle, over pink silk. The house was tastefully decorated with palms, red roses and carnations. The bride and groom were the recipients of numerous and costly presents. After hearty congratulations and good wishes, they left for a short wedding trip amid a shower of roses, rice and old shoes.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Canfield entertained the Harmony Card club on Saturday Mr. and Mrs. Allen will be at home after January 15, at 295 South Twenty-fourth second street.

geraniums and the edifice presented a beau-tiful appearance as the bridal party marched down the aisle to the strains of Mendelssohn's "Wedding March" and a chorus of twenty voices. The bride was attired in white satin, entraine, trimmed with pearl passa-mentrie, veil caught with diamond tiara, wore diamonds and carried bride roses. The

Pleasures in Prospect. Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Gibson will entertain

at cards on Monday. The Thurston Rifles will give a dance at artists from the Creighton-Orpheum was the Armory on Friday, December 23. Mrs. Kimball will entertain the Forest Hill Card club on Wednesday afternoon. On Saturday, December 31, Mr. and Mrs. Stone will celebrate their golden wedding. Dr. and Mrs. Mercer will give a dance for Miss Caroline Mercer on Monday, December

> Mrs. B. F. Mayer and Mrs. Charles Eve will entertain the XXIV T. D. Card club at luncheon on Tuesday, December 20. During the afternoon cards will be played. The next dance of the Cotillion club will be given on Thursday, December 29. As it will occur during the Christmas holidays, seasonable flowers and decorations will be seasonable flowers and decorations will be chosen. Mr. Joseph Barker and Miss Eliza-beth Peck will lead.

Movements of Society People. Mrs. John C. Cewin is out of town Mrs. S. P. Morse removed to Chicago last

Mr. Fred Lake will return to Omaha on Mr. C. F. Weller spent part of the week in Kansas City. Dr. Lee of Chicago attended the Lee

Dundy nupfials. Mrs. Horace G. Burt spent a few days in Chicago last week. Mr. and Mrs. Julius Kessler left on Fri-

day afternoon for Chicago. Mrs. Harry Wilkins was the guest of Miss Lala Alexander last week. Mrs. W. H. Hazzard is in Minnesota visting her son and daughter. Mrs. S. Newman left for Friday to visit her relatives.

Mrs. Lyman Sholes has gone to St. Peter, Minu., to spend the holidays. Mrs. Joseph S. Sykes returned on Friday rom a week's visit in Chicago. Miss Julia Taliaferro will spend the holi-days in Omaha with her family.

Miss Ada Gilmore has gone to California, where she will spend the winter. Mrs. T. W. McCullough spent a couple of days with friends at Galesburg, Ill. Mrs. Joseph Hanley of St. Louis was a guest at the Lee-Dundy wedding.

witty bon-mots of a clever monologuist was Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Barrow and Master greatly appreciated. Among the invited Lane have returned from Toronto. Mrs. Thomas W. Taliaferro has returned Miss Ethel Wilcox will arrive home or

Vednesday to spend the holidays. Miss Lydia Moore, who has been quite ill luring the last week, is convalescent Miss Ura Kelly will spend next week in Chicago, the guest of Mrs. Underwood. Mrs. Mac Burkenroad has gone to Platts-mouth for a short visit to Mrs. E. M. Weil. Miss Flora Webster is expected home from an eastern trip during the coming

week. Miss Bessie Brenholt returned home Friday after a three months' visit in the Mrs. Samuel Katz is home again after a

ortnight's stay with Mrs. Herzog of Lin-L. Lomax will leave this week for

tica. N. Y., where her daughter is attending Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brandels and Mr. J. L. Brandels returned from Detroit on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Paxton and their niece, Miss Shaw, are spending a few days in Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Southard will be at tome at the Grand in Council Bluffs after Mrs. F. Rabello of Boston is visiting her brother, Mr. B. P. Boone, at 3410 North Twenty-ninth street.

Miss Florence Gridley will return from St. Mary's school, Knoxville, during the coming week for the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Nash have returned from New York. Miss Nash will remain in Omaha for a short time only.

Gerald A. Wharton, son of Mr. John C. Wharton, returned home on Saturday from Princeton to spend the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Jaquith and laughter left on Saturday morning for Honolulu, where they will spend several months.

Miss Helen Harris of Chicago and Miss Jeannette Styles of Atchison, Kan., will be prize winners of the afternoon. The event the guests of Mrs. T. W. Taliaferro during Mrs. F. W. Judson of 4106 Lafayette avenue left on Monday for Minneapolis, where she will visit friends and relatives during

he holidays. Mrs. George B. Donnelly of Chicago spent the greater part of the week with her mother, Mrs. William J. Broatch, returning some yesterday.

Mr. J. H. Richardson and Miss Richardson of Beckett, Mass., who have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Richardson for several months, left last week for their home in the east.

Mrs. Robert Cowell, who was called east three weeks ago by the serious illness of her father, which terminated fatally, returned on Friday. Mrs. Cowell's father was one of Cleveland's pioneers. The Misses Maude, Gertrude and Sarah

Macomber, who are at Lincoln attending the State University, will return home to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Macomber, during this week. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Alexander have re turned from their eastern trip, during which they visited New York, Washington and other eastern cities, including Norwalk, Conn., where their daughter, Miss Sadie Alexander, is attending school.

Miss Lillian Watson has left for her hon in Pennsylvania after a stay of one year with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Chaffee, 1209 Park avenue. Mr. and Mrs. Chaffee accompanied Miss Watson to her ome and will remain until Christmas Mrs. M. A. Jeffries is spending the early winter months with her mother and other relatives in the east. She visited for several weeks at Whittaker, Mich., the guest of her daughter, Mrs. E. P. Lombard, nee Genevieve Jeffries, and formerly a we'll

Entertainments of the Week Miss Higginson entertained a few friends supper last Sunday evening.

Mrs. George W. Wickensham entertained at a kensington on Friday afternoon. A very pleasant surprise party was given o Miss Amelia Holdorf at her home. 3508 Hamilton street, on Thursday evening.

Music, games and refreshments helped to pass a most enjoyable evening. Whist club on Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Duncan Vinsonhaler entertained the

The Officers' club at Fort Crook gave an informal dance last Tuesday evening. Last Thursday evening Miss Edua Cowin entertained charmingly at a chafing-dish

Mr. and Mrs. Euclid Martin pleasantly Monday evening. A dainty chafing-dish supper was given

last Tuesday evening by Miss Creighton to a few of her friends. Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Canfield enter-tained the Harmony Card club on Saturday

Mr. and Mrs. Dell A. Pearce entertained a number of their South Omaha friends at their former residence, 1811 Cass street, on Wednesday evening. Refreshments and punch were served at 11 o'clock.

About a score of friends gathered at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Black on Wednesday afternoon to congratulate Mrs. Needham on the occasion of her birthday anniversary. Mrs. Needham, Mrs. Black's mother, was the recipient of many gifts showing the exteam in which the label has

showing the esteem in which she is held by her numerous friends. On Tuesday evening about thirty-five young people of Clifton Hill surprised Miss Edith Packard at the home of Mrs. M. V. Solomon on Military avenue. One of the party brought a camera and afforded much amusement by taking flashlight pictures. Music and recitations, followed by an oyster supper terminated a very pleasant even-

Mrs. Godfrey entertain d the Wisteria club mrs. Godfrey entertain of the Wisteria club most pleasantly at her home on last Wednesday afternoon. Nine games were played. Mrs. Langie won the first prize—a handsome picture—and Mrs. D. J. O'Brien won the consolation prize. Mesdames O'Brien and Risley will entertain the club on the evening of December 2s at the base of Mrs. evening of December 28 at the house of Mrs. Risley, 2205 Sherman avenue.

The T. M. E. rechristened the Century Card club, was entertained on Thursday af-ternoon by Mesdames A. J. Vierling and Hughes at the home of the former on Poppleton avenue. Mesdames W. A. Partridge and R. E. Pollard were the prize winners. The next meeting will be held at the resi-dence of Mrs. L. A. Korty, 2566 Poppleton avenue, on December 29.

The members of the new organization of Thurston Rifles gave a very successful smoking concert on Wednesday evening. The most entertaining and amusing feature of the evening was the coon quartet—Messrs. Howard Judson, C. F. Hackenberg, Ken Mockley, Dean Thompson. Prof. Valisse, Cap-tain Hayward and Messrs. Bernard and Bax-ter contributed to the evening's entertain-

Out-of-Town Guests. Miss Burr of Lincoln returned home of Wednesday after a visit with Miss Tukey. Mrs. Jessie B. Dorward, teacher elocution physical culture; winter classes, 623 N. 19th. Toy headquarters at People's Furniture and Carpet Co. Lowest prices and best as-

OMAHA SUBURBS.

Florence. Mrs. M. B. Potter was an Omaha visitor Mrs. J. G. Negley made a business trip to Omaha Thursday.

Miss Ida Smith of Omaha visited friends here Saturday and Sunday. Will Negley of California is here for several weeks visiting his brother, J. G. Neg-

Mr. J. Hartson of Franklin, Neb., visited with W. A. Wilson Wednesday and Thursday. Mr. Hancock of Craig, Neb., visited with the family of Dr. J. F. Tracy Monday and

Tuesday. Charles Tiotz of the Third regiment, Ne-braska volunteers, is visiting friends here and in this vicinity.

was commissioner in 1876, at the period when the greatest stimulus was given to American invention by the exhibition made under his

The Ladies' Aid society gave an oyster supper at the Presbyterian church Tuesday night, which was well attended. Marion Ransom and daughter of New York are visiting with Mr. J. F. Ransom and will

probably spend the winter here. Miss Dena Carlson, who has been visiting with friends at Bancroft for the last two months, returned home Friday night. Mrs. Hester Elberts, who has been visiting relatives in Lincoln for a month, returned home Tuesday, accompanied by he

Harry Rutland of Litchfield, Neb., who has been here the last two weeks visiting his uncle. F. S. Tucker, returned to his home Monday.

Mrs. Lunda of York. Neb., attended the In 1897 it was 574,369, to 286,081 for France, funeral of her sister. Mrs. Stephen Mattox, Saturday. She returned home Monday, acimpanied by one of her nephews. Two ice companies have had a large force

men cutting ice from the reservoirs here the last week. The ice is about twelve inches thick and of first-class quality. Mr. William Pulte, first engineer at the water works, accompanied by Hugh Suttle, also an engineer, made a trip to Platts-mouth, Neb., Monday to assist in setting up some water works machinery.

Benson.

The town hall is being papered and re-Mrs. J. Jacobson has been seriously ill during the last week, but is improving. C. B. Smith is erecting an addition to his house and making other improvements.

The Ladies' Aid society met at the home of Mrs. Kerns last Wednesday. It will meet at Mrs. Graybal's next Wednesday. Miss Martha Fisher of Shelton, Neb., arrived in Benson last week and is visiting at the home of her nephew, F. A. Bailey.

The revival meetings held at the Methodist church for the last two weeks closed last Friday evening with the special young

Services will be held at the Methodist church today at 10:45 a. m.; Sunday school at 12 m. The special evening services at 7:30 will be conducted by Mrs. Edgar of Omaha.

James Walsh, living west of Benson, who was superintendent of the Douglas county agricultural exhibit during the exposition, has been presented with a gold medal and a diploma. The diploma is signed by J. M. Woolworth, chairman of the committee of awards, and bears the inscription, "For ar tistic installation of Douglas county exhibit.'

The club women met with their husbands for a social evening on Friday of this week

at the home of Mrs. P. J. Barr. The rumors of the prevalence of scarlet fever in the village are erroneous, as there has not been a single case of that disease this winter. There have been four cases of diphtheria during the last thirty days, none of which have been fatal. As a precaution the school closed a week earlier than the usual holiday vacation.

An unusually interesting session of the Dundee Woman's club occurred on Wednes-day at the home of Mrs. E. V. Heaford. The club is studying American history and the period dwelt upon in the excellent papers of Mesdames Perry, Howard and Stonecypher was that just prior to the civil war. Selby contributed a musical number Mrs. Hamilton read a poem in keeping with the subject. In the half hour devoted to current literature Mrs. Tallaferro and Mrs. Ebersole gave some interesting illustrations. The feature of the occasion was greatly enhanced by the presence of Mrs. Draper Smith, president of the Omaha club, and Mrs. Harford. Both women expressed their pleasure and surprise at the progress made by the smaller sad younger club and offered

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Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Dorset, former residents of this place, now living at Tekamah, visited friends here last week.

"At that time," remarked Commissioner "At that time," remarked Commissioner Duell to a Chicago Record correspon dept. "it was believed by many that the inventions there exhibited represented the highest development possible in the industrial arts, but from our standpoint, at the close of the century, we see that it had only just begun. For three years afterward there was a falling off in the number of applications for patents received, but in 1880 the boom began and has been continued until last year the number was 6,000-more than twice the total received in 1876. Th

total last year was 47,905. "The reputation of the Yankees for in ventive genius is maintained heroically. Our total number of patents now exceeds 600,000 252,000 for Great Britain, 113,254 for Germany and 139,742 for Belgium. Connecticut last year got one patent for every 786 of her inhabitants. Next in order are Massachusetts, one to every 1,180; District of Colum-

"What inventions have had the highest ommercial value?" I asked. "The cotton gin, the sewing machine, the self-binding harvester, barbwire fencing the roller flour mill, sulphite paper process the telephone, the application of electricity to light and power, the typewriter, the bicycle, photography, the cash register, aluminium and basic steel process, by which they produce steel from phosphorus, and therefore capable of being worked when cold. The fear that these labor-saving in-

ventions, which have revolutionized industry, would deprive people of employment has not been realized. On the contrary they have opened new fields and created a demand for labor that is unprecedented. In manufacturing industries the capital invested increased over 120 per cent from 1880 to 1890, or from \$2,780,766,895 to \$6,139,397,-785. The number of employes increased from 2,700,732 to 4,476,884. The average yearly wages of employes, which in 1859 was but \$247, increased to \$429 in 1890. I believe that the next census will show even a greater increase during the present decade. "The typewriter alone has furnished employment for hundreds of thousands of women, has increased the consumption of stationery to an extent that cannot be conceived and has contributed enormously to the revenues of the postal service. The use of the typewriter is universal among bustness houses and professional men. A statement was published a year ago that in thirty-four office buildings in New York City 3,426 were in use. Agencies for the sale of typewriters, dealers in supplies and schools for teaching their use are found in every own. There was no report of this industry in the census of 1880, but in the census of 1890 there were 1,081 schools, with over 57. 660 pupils, nearly all of them women. Since then the industry has enlarged enormously. The exports of typewriters for the last year

were valued at \$1,566,916. "The bicycle industry is even greater. In 1895 more than \$100,000,000 and over 50,000 workmen were employed in their manufac ture and the output in 1897 was over 1,000. 00 wheels. The first electric railway was put in oper

ition a little more than ten years ago. It

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