

SOCIETY PREPARES TO ROMP

Holiday Season to Be One of Unwonted Gaiety in Omaha.

MANY PLANS LAID FOR SMART AFFAIRS

Coming Out Parties, Receptions, Balls, Cotillions and the Like Scheduled for Next Two Weeks

Present indications are all that the holidays will be the gayest in Omaha for many a year. Already the calendar is well filled with affairs of more than ordinary importance that include coming-out receptions, with their attendant entertainments, dancing parties, luncheons, dinners, weddings and, in fact, nearly every sort of gathering, including the wide variety that the college folks bring home or invent for their particular pleasure.

On Saturday evening, December 20, Mrs. Guy Howard will entertain a large party of young people at a dinner, given for her daughter, Miss Beattie, who returns the last of the week from her school in the east.

And then there are to be three delightful dancing parties for the younger, young set. Mr. and Mrs. Harry P. Whitmore will give the first on Saturday evening, December 27, at the Millard hotel, for their young daughter, Eugenie. On Monday evening, the 29th, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Cudaby will entertain a similar affair for their son and daughter at their home on South Thirty-seventh street.

And then there is New Year's day, but it is almost too early for anything more definite than gossip. For those who wish it, however, it is to the effect that ever so many will keep open house, after the good old fashion of our mothers' girlhood days and that the men intend to do their share toward reviving that charming old custom.

Speaking of the cotillions, everyone at all familiar with the inclination of the local fashionables knows that there is nothing that the women enjoy so well or in which the men positively outdo themselves as the cotillon. Of course, the men don't do anything to do with the success of these affairs—that's another open secret—but then they constitute the Cotillon club and, as the women are all dependent upon invitations, they are agreed to a woman that if there is any particular in which the local society man shines it is in the cotillon. And, by the by, this very invitational feature is responsible in a large degree for the interest in this particular series.

Evelyn Dear: Of course everybody

SOUR STOMACH (Acid Dyspepsia)

Now Recognized as the Cause of Serious Diseases. Acid Dyspepsia, commonly called heartburn or sour stomach, is a form of indigestion resulting from fermentation of the food. The stomach being too weak to promptly digest it, the food remains until fermentation begins, filling the stomach with gas, and a bitter, sour, burning taste in the mouth is often present.

It is now well known among able physicians that the whole constitution is gradually undermined and weakened, that the nerves and vital organs are seriously affected by any form of dyspepsia. This is plain, as every organ, every nerve in the body is nourished by the blood and the blood is replenished from the food digested. If the food is properly digested the blood is pure, the nerves steady, but if supplied from a sour, fermenting, decaying mass the blood is vitiated, poisoned and the result is shown in sleeplessness, lack of energy, poor appetite, nervousness. Every trifle is magnified and the dyspepsia is just nothing but the dark side of everything.

Within a recent period a remedy has been discovered prepared solely to cure dyspepsia and stomach troubles. It is known as Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets and it is now becoming rapidly used and prescribed as a radical cure for every form of dyspepsia. It is not claimed to cure anything except dyspepsia and stomach weakness in its various forms, but for this it has been shown to be unequalled. The eminent specialists, Reed and O'Leary, recently stated that they considered Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets an unfailing specific for disorders of the digestive organs, and the remarkable cures made in cases of long standing dyspepsia proves that this remedy has extraordinary merit.

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Woman's Work in Club and Charity

The Chancel guild of All Saints' church held a very successful Christmas tazzar on Monday at the home of Mrs. H. G. Straight.

The program for tomorrow's open meeting of the Woman's club will be in charge of the department of ethics and philosophy. Among the matters scheduled to come up during the business session is the decision of the club regarding the philanthropic work that it voted, over a year ago, to do. The philanthropic committee for this year recommended two weeks ago that the club support the cooking school at Tenth Street.

Arrangements for the Christmas distribution has already commenced at Tenth Street mission and Miss Magee has decided to have a Christmas postoffice for the children this year. Every thing will be arranged in packages and sorted, and as the children of the classes call on Christmas morning they will be given their packages. The distribution is being eagerly anticipated by the children as usual and Miss Magee believes that her plan for this year will prove most successful.

The next meeting of the Hanscom Park

knows that there are people who ought to be clapped into a growler, the day they are born and kept there forever at the awkward part of such an arrangement would be the determining those objectionable infants—determining Evelyn, that is always an awkward part, for there is such a variety of growlers, those who grow on general principles; those who have an excuse for growling and those who grow from force of habit—or some other reason. Of course I belong to the second named class—I think this was originally the case with the majority of the well meaning growlers in society, but they have degenerated, from overexercise, into the third named—and no wonder.

I believe that if someone were to institute a growl bag just at present it would be positively stuffed before the end of the week, and I am equally sure that the "resisting women" and the "college folks" would crowd each other as the burden of its contents—not to speak of all the little growls. Personally, I consider the society man the greatest trial at large just at present. He is a cheat, Evelyn, and one has but to go abroad on a wet day, one of the wet, windy days, Evelyn, to be convinced of it. How do I know so much? I spent a whole afternoon downtown not long ago. One of these stormy when the wind and snow and slippery walks made it hard to get about. I was out in the interest of charity, Evelyn; that took me the round of the office buildings and that sort of work for comfort's sake I had put on a brown tann and a short, tight, and mackintosh, but, alas, my disguise proved anything but a comfort, for no one recognized me at first glance, and that's how I learned of the quality of men—and especially of the men that you and I know best in society. Of course, I had to ask a man to give up a seat in a street car now-a-days—that is, nobody who uses the cars often—but there are a few things that one still expects, though I have learned better now, for between the men and the doors I was all but knocked off my feet a half dozen times and of all the men I saw, those that are petted and made most of in society were the rudest and least considerate. Imagine my feelings when a man, the paying rider of the bank I was just entering, and who has been considered "desirable" for—well, ever since I got through school—crowded past me through the heavy storm door and allowed it to swing back against me as he ran up the steps, when only a night or two before he had come as near scrambling as his elegant dignity would permit, to pick up a flower I had dropped. Everywhere I went I had similar experiences, and as I came out of the Bee building, I was bumped into by a man, who, with his wife, had entertained me at dinner the evening before. He did not even seem to realize that an apology might make some amends for his carelessness.

They talk about women being two-faced, Evelyn; we are not a bit worse than men only they had the chance to find us out first, that's all, and as they are such empty creatures when they know we are about and have forgiven us during all these ages, I suppose one can but forgive them, too, and make amends to the world by doing out-duty by our younger brothers. At any rate, Evelyn, there are a few men in society that will make me laugh in their very faces if they are ever excessively polite to me again. Your devoted, but enlightened KAROLINE.

Miss Mildred Maria Turner entertained a number of little folks on Monday from 3 to 5, in honor of her 4th birthday, at the home of her parents, 1950 South Tenth street.

On Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Hugo Brandels entertained at a luncheon, in honor of her guest, Mrs. Livingston of Chicago. The beautiful centerpiece of the table was entirely of American Beauties, and those present were: Mesdames Herman Cohn, Alexander Pollack, Kathryn Pollack of Chicago, J. Lohman, Leon Kilms of Pittsburg, E. Fisher and Mrs. Livingston and Brandels.

Mrs. Frank Pedley, wife of the deputy Indian Commissioner for Canada, is visiting with Mrs. George Hart.

Mr. William Lanktree of Boise City, Idaho, is the guest of his brother, Mr. J. J. Lanktree, 2221 South Twenty-ninth street.

Mrs. N. J. Shrader has returned from a two months' visit in St. Paul and Chicago. Misses Clara Francis, Nellie Clabaugh, Henrietta Bartlett and Mary Mercer will return from St. Mary's convent, Knoxville, Ill., for the holidays, on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Rothschild have returned from Pittsburg, where they were called by the death of Mrs. Rothschild's mother.

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Reading club will be in the parlors of the Hanscom Park Methodist Episcopal church Thursday evening, December 18. By special request Mrs. D. A. Foote will repeat her paper, "The Interest Children in Good Literature," and Miss Alice Egbert of the children's department of the Public Library will read a paper on "Christmas Stories."

Apartment house in Lincoln to be opened as headquarters for the Nebraska Woman's Suffrage association January 1 and maintained during the session of the legislature. Miss Laura A. Gregg, state organizer, will be in charge and will be assisted by the state officers, among them Mrs. Frank Young of Broken Bow, Mrs. Marble of Table Rock and Mrs. W. S. Ward of Tecumseh.

The members of the Homaway Sewing Circle, an auxiliary to the Visiting Nurses' association, will give a card party at the Elks' lodge rooms at 2 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon, December 17. An admission of 25 cents will be charged, the proceeds to go to the guild. Invitations are extended to all women interested in the work of the association.

The annual convention of the National American Woman's Suffrage association will be held in New Orleans March 19-23 and a fare and a third will be granted by all roads. The St. Charles hotel will be

Morse of Grafton, Neb., Rev. Robert Yost officiating.

Mrs. J. Lohman and Mrs. L. Fischel entertained informally on Tuesday afternoon in compliment to Mrs. Livingston of Chicago, who is the guest of Mrs. Hugo Brandels.

The W. W. Field club, composed of members of the old Winter club and the Omaha Field club, will give its Christmas party Saturday evening, December 27, at the Metropolitan club.

In honor of Miss Pritchett, Colonel and Mrs. McQuinn gave a beautiful dinner last evening, their other guests being Misses Hoagland, Peck, Allen, Dr. Straub, Lieutenant Stone and Hanney of Fort Crook and Lieutenant Willis.

Mrs. Sam Frank will entertain on Wednesday, in compliment to Mrs. Hugo Brandels' guest, Mrs. Livingston of Chicago.

The dramatic club which is being coached by Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Kountze will give its first production, "My Lord in Livery," on the evening of January 3 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Hitchcock. The cast includes Miss Hitchcock, Miss Holdrege, Miss Potter, Mr. N. P. Dodge, Mr. Doerley and Mr. Chat Redick.

On Wednesday evening Mr. and Mrs. Beecher B. Baldwin of Elkhorn entertained a merry party of young people from Elkhorn, Valley, Waterloo and vicinity, for their daughter, Miss Molly. A delightful evening was spent in music and games, concluding with a supper. The house was effectively trimmed and the affair one of the most pleasant of the winter in that vicinity.

Miss Catherine Gordon entertained informally at cards Friday afternoon at her home, 3022 Pacific street, for Miss Cleary of Grand Island. The game was followed by refreshments.

The South Side Whist club met at the home of the Misses Bondesson Wednesday evening. After the whist Friday afternoon the royal prize was awarded to Miss Nellie Lease and the consolation prize to Miss Lillian Clark. Refreshments were served and it was prevalent that a pleasant evening had been spent.

A very pretty luncheon was given on Friday by Mrs. Alfred J. Beaton. The decorations were in red, with a profusion of holly, the Christmas idea being carried out in a very pleasing way.

Mrs. Carrie Rhyu entertained the B. C. B. High Five club Friday evening. Refreshments were served and all enjoyed a good time. The prizes were won by Miss Mollie Brennan and Miss Mollie Brennan.

Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Trafford Huteson, who have spent the last two years in Europe, arrived in New York on the Oceanic on Thursday last and will be in Omaha for the holidays with their brother, Mr. J. C. Huteson.

Miss Nellie Horn will spend the holidays with her parents on South Thirtieth avenue.

Mrs. C. W. Partridge delightfully entertained at cards Friday afternoon at her new home on Thirty-second avenue.

Miss Blanche Sorenson, voice, 659 Range Building.

CONSIDER FRANCHISE PROJECT

Members of Realty Exchange Have Secret Session, but Take No Action.

After a session of more than an hour, during which all but members were excluded from the room, the Real Estate exchange adjourned this afternoon without finally passing upon the merits of the proposed Rosewater electric franchise, which had been made the order for a special session this afternoon.

There was a report by a committee which the members said they did not desire to have made report was signed by the special committee consisting of W. T. Graham, John L. McCague and W. L. Selby. The report came up for consideration and, according to the statement of persons who were present, there was a lively discussion, remarkable for the diversity of opinion expressed. It was decided to hold another meeting next Tuesday, when the members hope to reach some conclusion.

At 10 o'clock, with a committee from the Commercial club consisting of Euclid Martin and others, there was a meeting of the real estate men's committee. The committee stated that it had heard the position occupied by the Fremont and the Riley interests, and at that time had before it E. H. Babcock of Columbus and Andrew Rosewater. Mr. Rosewater, in his statement, said that he desired nothing which would in any way injure the city. He proposed, instead of a fixed annuity to be paid, as provided by the pending ordinance, to accept an amendment providing for the payment of a percentage on the gross earnings of the company, the rate to increase from 1 per cent during the first five years to 2 per cent during the remainder of the life of the franchise. He said that he would accept an amendment providing that on or after the year 1935 the city of Omaha should have the right to acquire the plant of the company upon a basis to be fixed by a board of arbitration, the franchise to have no value in the estimate. Mr. Babcock said that he had succeeded in securing the money from the completion of the Columbus plant. He added that the General Electric company was back of his enterprise, and that an arrangement had been entered into by which the West-

inghouse people would not enter this territory. He said that his company expected to enter the Omaha field if it had power through the water of the Platte and Loup rivers at Columbus, the water not needed for the power plant to be deflected to the adjacent land for the purpose of irrigation and that after the power plant water the company expected to build a supplemental plant twenty miles below the first one.

After these statements had been received the committee formulated its report, which was so carefully preserved from the public view.

Almost a half million dollars' worth of new, clean, up-to-the-hour merchandise must be turned into cash before Santa Claus has quite departed. Attend the great receiver's sale.

Amusements.

At the Boyd. What is admittedly Charles H. Hoyt's funniest, as it was his last, farce-comedy, "A Stranger in New York," drew two good-sized audiences to the Boyd yesterday.

The Salvation Army of Omaha at its headquarters, 408 Bee building, is making big preparations to provide the annual free dinner to 200 poor families of this city. The plan is to appeal to those who have been fortunate in providing a good dinner to give contributions, so that sufficient to feed 1,000 persons, five persons in a family, would be an advantage in sending out these baskets over the old custom of feeding the crowd at the army headquarters that will the gathering of the family around their own table in their own home as much enjoyed by the poor as by the gathering of those in more fortunate circumstances.

Have your lunch at Bennett's while you attend the great receiver's sale.

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Set "Libbey's" newest cutting, the "Brilliant" formerly \$3.00, in this sale, per set 6.00. Oil or Vinegar. In the new cutting, the "Libbey's" formerly \$2.00, in this sale, per set 2.00. Beautiful "Louise" Jarlin, formerly \$3.00, in this sale 1.50. "Libbey's" new cutting, the "Brilliant" formerly \$3.00, in this sale, per set 6.00. Visitors and purchasers equally welcome.

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CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS will find it profitable to visit the O. K. SCOFIELD Cloak and Suit Co. We have a well assorted stock of choice garments for street and house wear, that will prove most acceptable gifts. LADIES' DRESSING SACQUES. Outing Flannel Sacques, \$5.00. Elderdown Sacques, \$6.00. French Flannel Sacques, \$2.75. Elderdown Sacques, neatly trimmed, at \$2.25, \$2.75 and up. SILK PETTICOATS. Black Taffeta Silk Petticoats, \$4.50, \$5.00 and up. Colored Silk Petticoats, \$7.75, \$10.00 and up. SALE OF SILK WAISTS \$4.50. In this lot will be found waists of silk, Louisa, Crepe de Chine and Taffeta silk, of which we have but one unsold, both street and evening shades, some of which sold up to \$15.00 each—choice this week, \$4.50. ATTRACTIVE FUR SCARFS. Gray Squirrel, Sable Fox, Isabella Fox, Marten, etc., prices range from \$5.00 to \$40.00; muffs, \$3.00 and up. MONTE CARLO CLOAKS, VELVET BLOUSES. Cloth Bonuses, Fur Jackets and Blouses. Your money will do more for you here than any other place you can take it. LADIES' LOUNGING ROBES. Flannel Robes, with cord tie, \$12.50 and up. Elderdown Robes at \$3.95, \$7.50 and \$10. Japanese quilted silk robes, plain, \$17.50. Embroidered Japanese silk robes, \$20.00. MERCERIZED PETTICOATS. Mercerized Saten, \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.25 and up. Moreen Petticoats, \$2.95. Silk Moreen Petticoats, \$4.50. O. K. Scofield Cloak and Suit Co. 1510 Douglas Street.

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