AP YEAR COMES AT LAST

Rolls Around in Good Time After So Long

CUPID NOW MAY REVERSE HIS METHODS

Noises Already Apparen If Changes in Love God's Pians Are in Pro-

Hist! Down the palatial, but now defaint and shivery sound. Some one must darker wall obtrudes upon the radiator

leap year-girls!.

ton Miss Sweet Sixteen and the desperate Harp solo Miss Some Thing More, while harrowing thank for their immunity from stern rebuke, and moreover do not care.

The advent of leap year has an undentable effect on some branches of industry. (a) Mazurka Pecords show that the larger part of the (b) Serenade African and polar exploration has been done in these years; the classes in declamation in the women's seminaries and Young Impromptu . Women's Christian associations have recelved many recruits early in the year who have remained until the seaside and close season for the eligible man has ended. Book dealers have large reserve many warm-worded quotations and manuels on "Life and Habits of the Bachelor," "Domesticating a Timid Rover." The modists are cataloging a full line of stylish skirting which is warranted not to historians would have you believe that exclamation-"My Kingdom for a -was heard of a moon-lit summer

Bryan's Advent in Leap Year.

But speaking of leap years, there may be For instance, it was during the last leap leaped full into the arena under a silvery and was then stationed just above Lincoln, refers the interviewer to the encyclopedia, which refers the reader to page 841 and from there again to volume xi.

Julius Caesar, who was the original adocate of woman's suffrege, was the first sation of 1,860 women. man to mix up with the calendar. He took a fall out of it-or at least shortened the autumn season by several days, which he oposition was all moonshine,

one pointed out that his month, August, was not as warm by a whole day as Caeacr's July, so Augustus lobbied a bill
through the senats and got twenty-four
hours appropriated from February. Feb.

During the late afternoon and evening. The calendar made by Mr. Julian failed to account for 11 minutes and 13.95 ids belonging to the solar year, so that first thing any one knew after five or centuries, the equinox became misplaced and was discovered away up toward the beginning of the year. When Julius Caesar was in the ninth grade, the equinox always played its Roman engagement March 25, but along in the sixteenth century it had sneaked up to the 11th. Pope regory XIII seems to have been an orderly man and was annoyed at having the equinex playing around and getting in the way of things. So he rebuilt the year, givthe equinox March 21 to be rough with, this being its date during the Council of Nice in 325. The pope also made every year divisable by four, leap year, except mal years, of which 1900 was one These he arranged to be divisable by 400.

The French nation got new with the calendar after one of its revolutions and seed it about, but did no particular harm, although it called leap year Fran-It has frequently in this country. much worse names.

The last centesimal losp year was 1900 and the next will be 2,000.

RECEPTION A GREAT SUCCESS Young Men's Christian Association Holds Function of Unusual Interest to All.

"The reception is one of the most sucmy eight years' experience," said Secretary Willis of the Young Men's Christian clation at the annual New Year's reeption given at the association building last night.

most enjoyable and entertaining one. The Fred Sackett of Minneapolis. hallways were prettily and tastefully dec orated with evergreen wreaths and pine and in all the rooms were attractive feathere and everywhere as a reception committee and all comers were greeted with

were presided over by the following men: Coffee tables, Mesdames J. M. Richards, H. N. Wood, J. F. Flack, P. H. Patton and E. J. Moeser, assisted by the assa Richards, Wilcox, Wallace, Cooper

Punch tables, by Mesdames I. W. Carpenter, J. P. Bailey and L. E. Chaffee, asted by the Misses Carpenter and Willis. Chinese ten tables, by Mrs. F. L. Willis, and the Misses Bessle and Edith Dumont, McConneil, Carpenter and Phillippi. These re assisted by a couple of Chinese children and the booth was prettily arranged in semblance of a Chinese tea room, with appropriate hangings, in special comresentative of the Omaha Young Men's Christian association at Shanghai, China. In the parlor was a handsome exhibit of calendars and in the game room were many curies, representing the Shanghai, China, branch of the Omaha association, of which Luckwood is one of the secretaries. In the lecture hall was an elaborate exhibit of posters. On the third floor and in

the gymnasium were given a series of ments, including tumbling and pyramids, class evolutions, long mat work, high ele- Fortunately no one was hurt and the dam phant, fun-making contests including sack race, man race, obstacle race, hurry-scurry race, pie race, relay race, stand ball, tug

notist, and Prof. Lou, magician. The crowd was systematically handled, and crowding and rushing were amply policemen and two or three firemen, with fire apparatus in convenient reach and every possible precaution taken against ac-

NEW YEAR'S SOCIAL EVENTS

Keeps Open House to Its Friends.

Garlands of mistletoe, holly and smilax festoons of white bunting and evergreen serted corridors of the hostelry sneaks a ropes, scores of handsomely gowned women and a mandolin orchestra combined be saying, "Dog gone!" The hour is late with an abundance of good cheer and a on New Year's night for one to be about, cordial greeting to make the annual re-Who can it be that skulking soft along the ception of the Young Women's Christian association a conspicuous feature of the New Year's day celebration in Omaha. The "Too long! too long have I tarried!" he small number of private receptions gave mutters, kicking the radiator abstractedly, the presence of a large number of fashion-Why, who can this be but handsome young able patronesses and while the attendance Mr. Dollars, the most eligible man in was ont as large as on some previous octown? Surely he is not carrying out his casions, the reception has never attracted board bill to sink it under the Missouri a more representative class. Between 5 ice. No, no indeed, he is off for the Isle an 9 o'clock something over 1,000 people of Man, of the Cannibal isles. This is came and went. Betweeen 5 and 6 o'clock grading for additional tracks between the following program was presented in the Who was it that set apart the long audience room, which was entirely inadeyears for such frivolous advances, history quate to accommodate the crowd, the does not state. The encyclopedias equi- overflow waiting meantime in the dining vocate with Latin nonsense, and the wan- rooms and gymnasium on the other side: Selected Miss Marie Swanson.

oor Mr. Man, do not know whom to hank for their immunity from stern reside, and moreover do not care.

The advent of leap year has an undenible effect on some branches of industry.

(a) The Flatterer (b) Pierrette (c) Mrs. L. F. Crofoot. (c) Murmuring Zephyrs. (c) Life's Lullaby Mrs. W. W. Turner. (c) Mazurka Harp solo ... Selected Miss Marie Swanson,

Mrs. Crofoot, The reception followed the program, the reception committee consisting of Mes-Sunday school picnic season has opened and dames Draper Smith, J. W. Griffith, John Webster, C. E. Johannes, Frank L. Haller, J. H. Pratt, A. W. Jefferis and stocks of poetical literature, the sort with J. B. Berry, assisted by the secretaries, receiving in the large dining room. From two long tables attractively trimmed with mistletoe, red carnations and red shaded candelabra, refreshments were served, Mrs. John R. Webster and Mrs. C. E. Johannes bag at the knees from kneeling. Some presiding at one and Mrs. Frank Haller and Mrs. H. B. Sarson at the other, assisted by a number of young women. Out in the gymnasium were other tables, Mrs. G. H. Payne and Miss Nona Baldwin presiding at one and Mrs. J. H. Pratt and Mrs. Henry Stoddard at the other, they also being assisted by a bevy of girls. Across ore in the name than one might think. the hall, in the parlor punch was served, Misses Fannie Cole, Elizabeth McConnell, year, 1896, that William Jennings Bryan Ethel Tukey, Mary Sumner, Moorhead, Catherine Moorhead and Lou Palmer alteron and tried to convince people that the nating there and across the hall in the star of empire had also taken to leaping other rooms. The association mandelin orchestra of thirty pieces played through-Neb. But even Mr. Bryan cannot tell of out the evening and while the reception the origin of this legend of leap year. He was most enjoyable its possibilities were materially limited by the cramped apartments and emphasized the necessity of a building that will accommodate the neces sities, social and otherwise, of an organi-

While scores of Omaha homes were thrown open vesterday afternoon and eveadded to his own month of July. This was ning in informal reception of friends and done under the advice of Astronomer Sosi- scores of men and women, too, went the genes, who thought that the luner year round of their calling list for the exchange of the season's greetings, aside from the Octavius happened to Rome some time annual public receptions, the day was quiet later and because of the month of August | socially, especially by comparison with last changed his name to Augustus. But some New Year's day, when society was one

was doing a life sentence at the During the late afternoon and evening.

During the late afternoon and evening between 5 and 9 o'clock, Miss May Mount received at her home on Pacific street. Miss Newcomer of New York, who was to have visited Mrs. Harry Lyman and was to have been the guest of honor, was detained at home by illness, but a bevy of other women assisted the hostess. The house throughout was lighted with red candles and frimmed with red blossoms and greens. Assisting in the dining room were Mrs. Arthur Gulou and Mrs. Wilson Lowe, who presided at the table, with its red candles and deep red carnations. In the den Mrs. Herbert Wheeler served punch and Mrs. Harry Lyman and Miss May Hamilton assisted about the rooms. After o'clock the women of the assisting party and some of the men remained for a buffet

> At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Switzler on St. Mary's avenue, where a party of the younger girls received, something over 100 guests came and went between 3 and 6 o'clock. The hostesses were: Misses Ruth Moorehead, Mary Kreider, Litta Rohrbaugh, Grace Beard and Alice Switzler, who stood together in the parior. Holly, mistletoe, roses and carnations contributed to the trimming of the rooms.

Miss Ethel and Grace Conant were among the other hostesses of the afternoon, receiving together in their apartments at the Bachelors between 3 and 7 o'clock.

In honor of the Misses Manrid of Lin coln, the Misses Marriott received from 3 to 6 o'clock at their home on South Thirtysecond avenue, assisted by Miss Daisy Rogers and Miss Blanche Howland. It was cessful and popular that we have had in informal and largely attended by state university students.

Last evening Miss Henrietta Reese en tertained about twenty of the university students at cards in compliment to the Misses Manrid, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Approximately 2,000 people attended the Booth and Mr. and Mrs. Noel Abbott enon and the program throughout was | tertained at the home of the latter for Mrs.

A very pleasant and enjoyable affair was observed last evening at the home of Mr. tures. The board of directors was here, and Mrs. H. W. Yates, 3120 Davenport street. The occasion was in the form of cordiality that made them feel at home Mr. Yates' old-time Omaha friends, in a New Year's reception to a number of Refreshment tables were provided and sary, and a sort of informal reunion for nemoration of his birthday anniverthe sake of auld lang syne. Refreshments were served. No formal program was observed, but short addresses relative to the pioneer days of Omaha and its subsequent growth into one of the great cities of the west, were made, and all breathed a spirit of generous optimism for the future. Notwithstanding the chilly night and atractions elsewhere as a consequence of

development of the great west. emeration of W. W. Lockwood, the rep. FIREMEN ARE THROWN OUT

Fall from Hose Wagon Which Brenks on Way to Answer an Alarm.

The first accident to fire apparatus for the new year occurred early Friday morning. While responding to a call at Twentyfourth and Douglas streets the hose wagon very attractive and interesting entertain- of engine house No. 6 broke down and the firemen were thrown on the pavement age to the wagon was slight.

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MUCH BUILDING ALREADY PROJECTED

One of Extensive Undertakings Will Be the Completion of the Q Street Viaduct-Magic City Gossip.

South Omaha. Many improvements are under way, and it is expected that others soon will be started. There is the high school building, with foundations nearly laid. This building will cost about \$100,00). Then there is the public library building, which is to be completed by June 1. Most of all in importance comes the construction of the O street viaduct. Work already has been started on this structure, and as soon as the weather will permit building operations will be quickened. Several hundred men will be needed when it comes to the building of this bridge. Then there is the Omaha and South Omaha, along the rightof-way of the Union Pacific. With the vacating of the stub ends of streets in the northern portion of the city an extension made possible. This proposed grading will mean work for hundreds of men for a year. It is understood that the dirt taken from the bluffs near the city limits will be thrown at the west end of the Union Pacific bridge in Omaha.

The Rock Island road promises to make some improvements to its roadbed in the southern part of the city, and rumor has it that a contractor who is willing to undertake the work is being looked for. In the line of city improvements the paving of Railroad avenue will give employment to a large number of men. The grading of N street also is contemplated this year. Other city improvements are under consideration. As for the packers, no great improvements have been suggested so far. All improvements at the stock yards rest with the general manager, as he has been given authority by the directors to expend what money he sees fit in improvements. A number of business men on N street propose improving their property by making additions. Taking all of these propositions into consideration, dealers in building material look for a busy season.

For the year ending midnight Thursday the police made 1,638 arrests. As there is no form, under the present arrangement, there is no telling how many vagrants, sumpicious characters, etc., were arrested. The books show that June of last year was the banner month, in that 181 arrests were made. Most of these were for trivial offenses. Three colored men were arrested on murder charges during the year, one, Tucker, being sent to the penitentlary for fourteen years, and the other two are awaiting trial.

Elsfelder Arrests Suspect.

Detective Elsfelder arrested M. S. Barry yesterday evening and had him locked up on the charge of being a suspicious character. Barry objected to being subjected to the indignity of arrest, but he had with him a quantity of writing paper, envelopes, lead penci's, etc., supposed to have been stolen from an Omaha wholesale house. Barry referred to a man in Omaha who had not been in business there for years. The police think that they have a thief who has been pilfering from book stores for some time and propose to make a thorough investigation.

Officers Installed. Magic City lodge, No. 840, Modern Brotherhood of America, gave a social and dance in the hall over the South Omaha National bank last night. The installation was public. A large number of friends of the order attended. Refreshments were served during the dancing program. This order now has a membership of 150 mem-

bers and is only one year old. Officials Attend Funeral. A number of the officials of the Packers National bank attended the funeral of Mrs. John Schaab at Papillion yesterday afternoon. Charles Schaab, son of the deceased, was a teller at the bank. A beautiful floral offering was sent by the employes of the bank. Many of the old timers in South Omaha who were acquainted with Mrs. Schaab in early days were present and followed the remains to

the cemetery. An Independent Ticket.

Some of the members of the South Omaha Live Stock exchange have decided that they do not like the ticket nominated M. R. Murphy is to be voted on for president as against D. S. Parkhurst, John F. and J. I. Stephen, Jay Laverty and Walter | court of Nebraska." Wood are on the roll for directors. On the independent ticket the board of arbitration and appeals will remain the same. The cause for the placing of an independent ticket in the field is reported to be the action of the exchange in the Sam Livingston affair.

Mrs. Slate Dies.

Mrs. Lucy Slate, mother of Walter J. Slate, died yesterday afternoon at the age and had been a resident of South speak. Omaha since 1887. Funeral services will be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment will be at Laurel Hill cemetery. Magie City Gossip.

A son was born yesterday to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bivins. Mrs. H. C. Richmond returned yesterday from a trip to Lincoln James Heath is again laid up with a evere attack of rheumatism. Montgomery Weeks left last night for Sloux City where he will spend a few The drill team of the Royal Achates will meet at the lodge hall at 2 o'clock Sunday

"Lessons from the Great Chicago Dis-aster" will be the topic of Rev. M. A. Head's sermon at the Methodist church Sunday.

A. A. Wright and wife, Nineteenth and M streets, entertained a number of friends on Thursday evening. Cards, music and refreshments occupied the attention of the

tractions elsewhere as a consequence of the day, there was a very liberal attendance of old citizens, including many who have been the means of the upbuilding of Omaha and prominently identified in the

Omaha and prominently identified in the BAD ACCIDENT MARS GAME One of Curlers Falls and Sustains

Serious Injuries to Head

The game of curling which was schedaled for New Year's morning at Courtland Beach, was marred by an accident and the contest was not finished. George Anderson and P. L. Forgan of 806 North Eighteenth street were chosen as skips. Soon after the game got under way Mr. Forgan fell and sustained serious in juries to his back and head. His left eye was injured and his forehead immediately above the left eye was cut open for three inches, necessitating several stitches. The injured man was taken to his home as soon as possible, where medical attention was given him and bandages were placed around the abdomen and back.

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LAWYERS HOLD OPEN HOUSE

State Bar Association Urges People to Attend Its Meeting.

ANXIOUS THAT WOMEN BE PRESENT

John L. Kennedy Corrects Impression that These Meetings Are Only for Disciples of Blackstone.

Members of the Omaha Bar association are trying to dispel the illusion that the sessions of the state meeting to be held here next week are for lawyers only. They would like to have it well understood that the public is wanted at the proceedings and that women are invited. President John L. Kennedy of the local association says:

"I wish The Bee would call special atten tion to the fourth annual meeting of the Nebraska State Bar association to be held in Omaha on January 7 and 8. The sessions will be held in the council chamber at the city hall. They will be extremely interesting. At 3 o'clock on January 7 Hon John L. Webster, president of the state association, will deliver the president's address. At 8 o'clock on the evening of that day the annual address will be given by Judge at the regular meeting and have posted on McClain of the supreme court of Iowa and the bulletin board an independent ticket. at the close of his address an informal reception will be tendered to him, the federal judges who may be present and the Roberts is a candidate for vice president judges and commissioners of the supreme

List of Speakers.

Commencing at 10 o'clock January 8, papers will be read by C. C. Flansburg of Lincoln, I. E. Congden of Omaha and during the evening by Judge Fawcett of Omaha, Prof. Cook of the University of Nebraska and Judge Letton of Fairbury. At 7 o'clock that night the annual banquet will be held at the Her Grand hotel, at which Judge Barnes of the supreme court, family residence in the southwestern part W. H. Thompson of Grand Island and C. J. of the city. Mrs. Slate was 71 years of Smyth and J. B. Sheehan of Omaha will

"An impression seems to prevail," said Mr. Kennedy, "that these meetings should be attended only by lawyers. It is the wish of the members of the association that the public generally should attend the meetings and this invitation includes the women. They are invited particularly to the reception to be held in the council chamber on the evening of the 7th. "All the members of the Omaha Bar association are expected to be present at the

New York Life building, so that the comnittee may know how many members will

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PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

John G. Maher of O'Nelll is registered at A. J. Sawyer of Lincoln is in the city, registered at the Paxton. E. Bignell of Lincoln is an Omaha vis-itor, a guest at the Paxton. United States Senator Charles H. Diet-rich is in the city, a guest at the Her-Grand. Judge-Elect W. H. Kellegar of the First Nebraska judicial district, of Auburn, is an

Frank Skrupal and Louis Winkler have cone to Columbus to pay a New Year's W. M. Erwin of Alma is in the city to attend United States court on matters pertaining to his recent indictment for alleged conspiracy with Postmaster J. C. Mitchell.

R. J. Elliott of Pilger, Thomas Lytle of Okabagi, S. D., George C. Smith, H. A. Smith of Nelson and W. H. Weiss of Hebron, were New Year's day visitors at the Murray. J. F. Hepperley of Norfolk, T. W. Lieper of Oakland, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bacon of Holdrege, John Jansen of Jansen and E. E. Peake of Lincoln were at the Millard New Year's day.

New Year's day.

Miss Lulu Ward, formerly stenographer at the Paxton hotel, has accepted a good position with a large manufacturing concern in Chicago. She is now engaged in her new position.

H. H. Peary of Hutchinson, Kan., J. A. Cline of Minden, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Peterson of Wisner, H. A. Alexander of Deadwood, F. Harris of Chadron and J. F. Lobdell of Ogden were New Year's guests at the lier Grand.

Among the westerners at the Paxton over

the lier Grand.

Among the westerners at the Paxton over New Year's day were: Samuel Thorstenberg, H. Brase of Lindsborg, Kan. Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Shotwell of San Francisco, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Kelley of Los Angeles, S. L. Mains of Crete, C. B. Randlett of Sheridan and Paul H. Kohl of Wayne. Sheridan and Faul H. Kohl of Wayne.

M. F. Martin of Fairfax, S. D., C. M.
Smith, T. Cane of Wahoo, A. S. Ackerman
of Denver, W. P. Hall of Holdrege, W.
P. Bennett of Cambridge, Mr. and Mrs.
Fred Brown of Funk, W. H. McDonald of
North Platte, O. S. Jensen of Hot Springs,
S. D., and John Wilson of Kearney were banquet, and are urged to send their New Year's day guests at the Merchants.



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