SOCIETY FOR HOLIDAY WEEK

Omaha Folks Will Do Much During the Next Six Days.

TEACHERS AND COLLEGE FOLKS COME FIRST

Entertainments Planned for Visitors on Elaborate Scale, While the Home Bodies Will Also Have Some Doings.

Faint Heart.

'Twas Christmas eve; Drusilla sat
Before the open fire dozing.
The gathered shadows tokened that
The day was closing.

Reflected by the ruddy glow,
Above her where she slumbered gently,
There hung a sprig of mistletoe
Quite innocently.

He gazed at her a moment where
She slept, a picture most beguiling.
"It wouldn't be exactly fair,"
He murmured, smiling.

The green leaves hung so close above,
He wondered at his hesitation,
Yet feared to take advantage of
The situation.

But now, ah, cruel hand of Fate
Drusilla's eyes are fast unveiling.
Ah, what had made him hesitate
With courage failing?

He feared lest she his thoughts had read,
And held his breath. "How irritating!
I placed it there myself," she said.
"What keeps you waiting?"
—Reynale Smith Pickering in Smart Set.

The Social Calendar.

MONDAY—The Cotillion; Miss Margaret Guthrie entertains; reunion of high school class of '99 at the home of Miss Blanche Rosewater; Mrs. W. A. Paxton and Mrs. W. A. Paxton, jr., a tea from 4 to 6 o'clock; Miss Julia Higginson's supper party.
TUESDAY—Southwest Dancing club party.
WEDNESDAY—Mrs. Charles Keller's dinner for her sons; Winfield club dancing party at Metropolitan club; Miss Mary Schermerhorn and Miss Clarke, a Mother Goose party; Yale Glee and Banjo club and dance following.
THURSDAY—Reunion of High school class of 1897, Mr. and Mrs. George Morton entertaining; reception to the visiting teachers at the Auditorium; meeting of Entre Nous Card club, Mrs. David Dickinson, hostess; reunion of High school class of '03, Miss Bessie Fry, hostess; buffet luncheon for Yale Glee club at Omaha club.
FRIDAY—Capitol Hill Dancing club party; Women's Christian Temperance union reception to Mrs. Mary Hunt at First Congregational church.
SATURDAY—Miss Marion Hughes and Miss Natalie Merriam, a dancing party at Chambers'; Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Wright entertain the Walnut Hill Card club; Mr. and Mrs. David McCully, a card party.

Christmas week will see the realization of all the promises that have been so plentiful this last fortnight or so, for the calendar is full from Monday until Saturday. The public reception for the visiting teachers Thursday evening at the Auditorium leads in point of size, and after that comes the entertainment of the Yale Glee club, the Cotillion and a score of other things, large and small, in which the college men and the college girls are to figure conspicuously and the college colors will vie with the Christmas greens in making gay to celebrate their homecoming. The Yale blue will be prominently displayed during the week out of courtesy, but many a girl and many a man will wear knots of other colors out of loyalty. And besides all of this there are to be scores of home dinners and family affairs in celebration of a more general homecoming of absent ones than for many a season past.

Prominent on the Christmas week calendar is the coming of the Yale Glee club and the several affairs that will attend its stay in Omaha. Wednesday evening the club will give a concert at the Boyd theater, which will be followed by a dancing party at Chambers' academy, for which invitations have been issued by a score of Omaha's most exclusive matrons, who will act as patronesses. On Thursday the members of the club will be tendered a buffet luncheon at the Omaha club, 600 invitations having been issued to prominent men of the city by resident graduates of Yale. It is expected that the concert Wednesday evening will be among the most brilliant social functions of the winter. The theater will be decked in the Yale blue and, drawing its audience from the fashionable set, it will be a full dress occasion. Mr. Frank Wilhelm, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Wilhelm, is a member of the club. In addition to these two larger affairs there will be numerous lesser affairs for individual members. The following is the list of women who will act as patronesses on Wednesday evening:

Mesdames:	Mesdames:
J. N. H. Patrick.	C. J. Green.
V. B. Caldwell.	W. A. Gallagher.
G. W. Doane.	E. E. Thomas.
C. T. Kountze.	F. P. Kirkendall.
H. Kountze.	C. F. Manderson.
L. H. Kountze.	W. H. McCord.
C. W. Lyman.	George E. Pritchett.
E. E. Hart.	E. P. Peck.
J. F. Baum.	H. E. Palmer.
Frank Carpenter.	J. T. Stewart 2d.
Joseph Barker.	Joel Stewart.
S. D. Barkalow.	C. M. Wilhelm.
Samuel Burns.	G. W. Wattles.
Guy C. Barton.	J. L. Webster.
John S. Brady.	H. W. Yates.
J. C. Cowin.	C. E. Yost.
E. A. Cudahy.	Henry Rustin.
Edward Dickinson.	Frederick Rustin.
F. H. Davis.	George Patterson.
J. S. Foote.	Lyman O. Perley.

The "Junior Prom," which has been announced for January 10, will be held this year, as usual, at the Lincoln hotel, Lincoln, and will be attended by the usual contingent of Omaha graduates of the University of Nebraska. The prom, which is the conspicuous social feature of the year at the state university, is the occasion of a general reunion of its graduates from all over the state and a function of more than local interest.

Social Chit Chat.

Miss Helen Ribble will spend the holidays in Boston, New York and New Jersey.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Dozier are spending the holidays at Dunlap, Ia., and Kansas City.

Miss Julia Higginson will entertain at supper Monday evening before the Cotillion.

Misses Claire and Luella Vierling are at home from Sacred Heart convent for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Rosewater expect to move into their new home at 3525 Farnam street this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan D. Peters and family of Denver are guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Peters over Christmas. They will be here only a few days.

Mrs. P. T. McGrath and Mrs. Ingwersen have issued cards for a euchre party to be given Wednesday afternoon, January 4, at the residence of Mrs. McGrath on South Thirty-second street.

Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George T. Morton, 810 South Thirty-first street, will be held the annual reunion of the class of '97 of the Omaha High school. Any members of the class who might have been overlooked in the inviting, will be welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Rosewater will go to Kansas City this week to attend the concert given there by the Glee Mandolin and Banjo club of the University of Michigan, of which their son, Mr. Stanley Rosewater, is a member. The club is making a tour of some of the larger cities during the holidays.

Three of the graduated classes of the High school will hold their annual reunion this week, the first, the class of 1899 to meet Monday evening at the home of Miss Blanche Rosewater, 1711 Douglas street. The others will meet Thursday evening, the class of 1897 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Morton, 810 South Thirty-first street and the class of 1903 at the home of Miss Bessie Fry, 2024 Binney street. The class of 1900 will meet Tuesday evening, January 3, at the home of Miss Maude Keys, 163 North Thirty-eighth.

Weddings and Engagements.

The wedding of Miss Mary Hoffman and Mr. Julius Rau was solemnized December 14 at the home of the parents of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. Andreas Hoffman, near Omaha. Mr. and Mrs. Rau will reside in Omaha.

The marriage of Miss Mabel Adele Calahan and Mr. V. W. Boyles took place Thursday, December 22, Rev. James O'May officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Boyles left immediately for a short wedding trip south, after which they will be at home at 2204 Douglas street after February 1.

Come and Go Gossip.

Major McMahon left for the south yesterday.

Miss Ethel Partridge has returned from Chicago for the holidays.

Mrs. Oscar Williams has returned from a visit of several weeks in the east.

Mrs. Sparling of Winnipeg, Can., is the guest of her son, Dr. G. F. Sparling.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph B. Clarke are spending the week with friends in Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hunter of St. Paul, Minn., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Urlau.

Miss Loraine Comstock will spend the holidays with relatives and friends in New York.

Mrs. Howell of Detroit is the guest of her son, Mr. R. B. Howell, at the Millard hotel.

Miss Ethyl Rogers has returned from Peru to spend the holidays with her parents.

Mr. John A. McShane and Mr. Lee McShane have returned from Mexico for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Crowley and son, Rodney, are spending the holidays at Julian, Neb.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Atwood of Omaha are spending Christmas at Plattsmouth with relatives.

Miss Esther Martin of Cincinnati will spend the Christmas vacation among Omaha friends.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Ashby of Bloomington, Ill., are guests during the holidays of Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Miner.

Miss Frances Garretty has returned from St. Louis, where she spent the last eight months at the World's fair.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Cohn are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Levy of Nebraska City for the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Byrd Bagmiller and mother of Memphis, Tenn., are visiting Mrs. Frank W. Bacon, 113 South Thirty-sixth street.

Messrs. Seiwin and Windsor Doherty will spend Christmas with their parents, Dr. and Mrs. Robert Doherty, at Yankton, S. D.

Mrs. H. E. Palmer has returned from New York, where she has been the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Herman D. Kountze.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Kempton of St. Joseph, Mo., came in Thursday and will spend the holidays in Omaha, their former home.

Mr. Richard Baum and Mr. Denise Barkalow returned from Yale Friday evening to spend the Christmas holidays with their parents.

Mrs. Z. Stevens and Mrs. George A. Coulter leave this afternoon for Chicago, where they will spend the holiday season with relatives.

Mr. Gould Dietz and his mother, Mrs. C. P. Dietz, will leave early in January for Honolulu to spend the remainder of the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Keables and little son of Breckenridge, Colo., are spending the holidays with Keables' parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Ivins.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter McCarthy of Denver are spending the Christmas holidays with Mr. McCarthy's parents, at 706 South Eighteenth street.

Mr. Myron Learned left Wednesday for Hot Springs, Ark., where he will join Mrs. Learned, who has been visiting Dr. and Mrs. Shannon.

Miss Emma Whitmore, principal of Lake school, with her mother, will spend the Christmas holidays in Little Rock, Ark., with her sister, Mrs. H. P. Reaves.

Miss Emma Foley is entertaining Miss Edith and Ethel Cutler of Carthage, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. King and son, Kenelm King, will spend Christmas with relatives at West Point, Neb.

Mrs. John Withnel left last evening for St. Louis, where she will spend the holidays with her daughter, Mrs. Samuel Cadwell. From there she will go to Hot Springs, Ark., where she will spend the remainder of the winter.

Pleasures Past.

Miss Marie Smith was hostess of last week's meeting of the Lorelle Card club. Prizes were won by Miss Schonlau and Mr. Morris.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Beeson will have as their guest at dinner today Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Leonard and Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Green of Lincoln. Mrs. Green is a sister of Mrs. Beeson.

Mrs. Henry Ritter of 814 North Twentieth street entertained at luncheon Thursday the members of the Coffee club being her guests. She was assisted during the afternoon by her niece, Mrs. Henry Backman.

One of the pretty dinner parties of the week was that given Thursday evening by Mr. and Mrs. John Barker and Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Smith in compliment to Mr. Bradley. The table had for its center a cut glass bowl of holly and mistletoe tied with a smart red satin bow and the places were marked with water color cards of mistletoe. Covers were laid for Mr. Bradley, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Merriam of Council Bluffs, Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Kirkendall, Dr. and Mrs. Gilmore, Mrs. Joseph Metcalf, Mr. and Mrs. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. John Barker.

Mrs. C. E. Goodman and Mrs. W. F. Norman gave a Christmas party Thursday afternoon for the members of the Thursday Kensington club, the gathering being held at the home of Mrs. Goodman, 4312 Grant street. The table and dining room were handsomely trimmed with red and green, the refreshments following an exchange of Christmas gifts. The women present were Mesdames Shiesler, Himoe, Putnam, Bacon, Wilkinson, Wiese, Allison, Whitman, Richardson, Redfield, Best, Norman and Goodman.

A charming preliminary to the holiday gayety was the dancing party given last evening at Chambers' academy by the members of Omikron Alpha Pi fraternity, about forty couples participating. The ball room was hung with holiday greens, twelve large red Christmas bells being suspended from the ceiling, and from these little Cupids, supporting wreaths of ferns and mistletoe. The balcony was screened off with holly, placed against a backing of white, and down on the floor the fraternity colors, blue and gold, were employed in the trimming of cozy corners or to suspend bits of mistletoe to advantage.

Among the pretiest affairs of the week was the house warming given by Mr. and Mrs. John Campbell at their new home on Lowe avenue Wednesday evening. The rooms were beautiful with holly and Christmas green. On Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Charles Dooley entertained, with Mrs. Campbell, at a Kensington. Painted stars were distributed among the guests upon which was a guessing game from the word "star." The prize was earned by Mrs. Bates. After refreshments were served sleigh bells were heard and Master Elmer Campbell as Santa Claus appeared, distributing among the guests dainty stockings filled with home-made candy. Thursday evening Mr. and Mrs. Campbell were at home to a large party of friends. Hand-painted favors were given each guest, and partners were chosen by placing ribbons between the double doors, gentlemen on one side, ladies on the other. A charming program was carried out, which was heartily enjoyed by all. Miss Caroline Conklin gave a violin solo and Miss Nickum and Miss Clara Hervey each recited appropriate Christmas stories. After refreshments were served Master Elmer Campbell again appeared as Santa Claus, giving to each a stocking of candy.

OMAHA HIGH SCHOOL NOTES.

The junior class during the last week elected the officers of its class for the ensuing year. The meeting was characterized by intense excitement and enthusiasm between the different factions in the class. At times the effervescent spirit of the constituents became so strong as to impede the progress of orderly business. The officers are as follows: President, Harry Koch; vice president, Marie Kreider; secretary Hazel Cahn; treasurer, John McCague; sergeants-at-arms, Ruth Harding and Herbert French. The colors chosen were cream and gold. Mr. Herbert French was chairman pro tempore.

The Athletic association held the semi-annual election of officers. They are as follows: President Raymond Anderson; vice president, Margaret Kennedy; secretary, Caroline Conklin; treasurer, Robert Burnett. Mr. Congdon, the faculty manager of the Athletic association, reported that from all indications the present basket ball team would be in position to be recognized as a high school team by the latter part of January. The schedule is approximately as follows: February 3, Crete. South Omaha, Council Bluffs, Lincoln and Sioux City have their dates not yet determined.

The Demosthenian Debating society held its usual business meeting. Mr. Bracelen took up a large part of the time in explaining the present relation of the faculty to the society and reported also upon the coming debate with Lincoln. He said the question would be upon the "Army Canteen" and the preliminary about the middle of January.

The Hawthorne society entertained its members with the following program: Guitar solo, Salome Schwerthy; original Christmas story, Marian Cochran; recitation, "Little Joe," Minnie Robinson; dialogue, "The Birds' Christmas Carol," Helen Monroe, Olive Huntley, Alfreda Powell, Irene Larmen, Eva Murphy, Vlasta Vickery, Florence Graham, Dora Olsen, Zora Fitzgerald; reading, "Two Ways of Keeping Christmas," Allie Adams.

The Browning society held its Christmas program Friday in room 101 at 2:30 p. m. The room was effectively decorated in holly upon a white background and appropriate Christmas pictures. The meeting presided over by its president, Frances Martin, was very well attended. The numbers on the program were all appropriate for Christmas. The program was: The President's Address, Frances Martin; recitation from "Ben-Hur," Nell Carpenter; song, Gretchen Emory and Annie Lewis; "A Christmas Story," Margaret Phillippi; violin solo, Caroline Conklin; reading of oracle, Sarah Martin; "The Influence of Christ in Art," Ruby Johnson; recitation, "the Christmas of Old Maid Orne," Florence Riddell. At the close of the program a loving cup was presented to Mrs. Fleming, whose great interest in the society has commended itself very highly to every member of the society.

An interesting program was given by the Margaret Fuller society to its members and friends yesterday. The program consisted of the following numbers: Banjo solo, selected, Gertrude Libert; recitation, "What Little Sam Got for Christmas," Louise McBride; essay, "Christmas of Ye Olden Time," Anna McCagus; poem, "The Margaret Fuller Girl," Marie Mackin; violin solo, selected, Miss Louise Shadduck; "Christmas Story," Clara Barnes; recitation, "Rocket's Christmas," Florence Paine; vocal solo, selected, Margaret Riggs. The unique parts of the entertainment were the programs with beautiful designs and the tiny bouquets of mistletoe pinned on each member and visitor.

Hereafter it is intended to give one-fourth point credit per year to all such members of literary societies, who by acive participation in attaining the aim of the society, have amply demonstrated that they are entitled to such credit. In order to most successfully carry out this matter it has been advisable to let the faculty bear the responsibility of giving such credit to those who by reason of their work are entitled to it. It has therefore been deemed necessary to apportion the members of the faculty among the various literary societies of the school, the first named being the chairman of such a committee. The assignments are as follows:

To the Elaine society, Misses Sullivan, Crane, Borglum, Brandeis and Stebbins.

Pleiades society, Misses Lemon, Mansfelde, Rooney, Shields and Smith.

Browning society, Mrs. Fleming, Misses F. McHugh, Adams, Copeland and Shippey.

Hawthorne society, Misses Nickell, Towne, Hanting, Peterson and Phelps.

Margaret Fuller society, Misses Valentine, Mackin, Randall, Kellogg and Mrs. Atkinson.

Priscilla Alden society, Misses Bowen, Higgins, Bonnell, Quackenbush and Mansfelde.

Lininger Travel club, Misses Browne, Snyder, Wilson, Wallace and Okey.

Webster society, Messrs. Lansing, Frisk, Senter and Misses Stringer and Ure.

Lincoln society, Messrs. Congdon, Potter and Robertson.

Demosthenian Debating society, Messrs. Bracelen, Bernstein and Mrs. Sudborough.

German society, Misses Landis, Rockfellow and Mme. Chatelain.

The permanent meeting rooms of the societies are as follows: Elaine, 31; Pleiades, 108; Browning, 101; Hawthorne, 107; Margaret Fuller, 305; Lininger Travel, 205 Priscilla Alden, 17; German on Wednesdays, 304; Webster, 303; Demosthenian, 203; Lincoln, 207. This arrangement leaves 204 and 304 free for special programs.

No society shall hold its meeting longer than 3:30 p. m. on Fridays. Mr. Woolcy, as assistant principal, will have general supervision of all literary societies.

Sues "Rubber Tire Combine."

CINCINNATI, Dec. 24.—Eleven rubber tire manufacturing concerns, comprising the so-called rubber tire combine, were made defendants in the United States court today by a suit filed by the Munford Rubber Tire company of Atlanta, Ga. The suit is for damages under the Sherman anti-trust law, the plaintiff claiming the defendants, through their combination, have injured the company's business to the extent of $19,700. The suit is for $59,100, three times the amount of damages, in accordance with the Sherman law.

Gold for South America.

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WOMAN IN CLUB AND CHARITY

Of the various departures and innovations that have resulted one after another in the evolution of the woman's club, there is no more significant development than the legislative committee. As a matter of fact, the General Federation has today no more active nor conspicuous department of work than this, one of its newest departures. To be sure the endeavor to influence legislation is nothing particularly new among the clubs, but never until this year has the executive committee of the General Federation urged the organization of special committees for the systematic and intelligent prosecution of reform work through legislation. Since the beginning of club federations, indeed, of the clubs themselves, one has heard a great deal about altruism; in fact, that has been the object of the federation, but its practice has necessarily been largely indirect and it has taken the experience of fourteen years of General Federation, seven biennial conventions and scores upon scores of state and district and city meetings to teach the club women the wisdom of that homely old bit of advice to do things "decently and in order." The intricacy of the law and the necessity of intelligent investigation has taught the women in the course of their several years of reformatory effort the necessity of conducting such work systematically; hence the recommendation of the appointment of special committees for this work and the willingness of the women to support them.

This recommendation has met with general support and the women of Nebraska and Iowa have already commenced profiting by it, particularly in the larger cities. At Lincoln last week the legislative committee of the Lincoln Woman's club met and formulated plans for looking after the various measures pertaining to the welfare of women and children that are to come before the state legislature. All such bills will be investigated and the women will lend their influence toward the passage of those deemed wise and necessary. The work of the committee is to be reported to the club, which now numbers about 800 members. The Colorado Federation has taken up the suggestion in its usual vigorous fashion and submitted a list of practical recommendations to its legislative committee. The Iowa women have gone to work through this committee to secure some sort of legislation in the interest of working children, and the efforts of the Nebraska women are too well known to need further telling. Of course there will be some disappointed women at the close of the legislative session, but they will be wise in proportion and experience has proven that wisdom so gained compensates for much.

A recent announcement from Denver quoting Mrs. Sarah Platt Decker to the effect that plans are about complete for the establishment of a bureau of information for the General Federation of Women's Clubs comes as welcome news to club women generally. The possibility of its being located at Portsmouth, N. H., suggests Mrs. Mary I. Wood, one of the eight directors of the General Federation, as its superintendent. Mrs. Wood was originally announced as chairman of the press committee and this later announcemet accounts for the succession of Mrs. May Alden Ward of Boston to that office.

The department of parliamentary practice has changed the date for its open meeting program from January 9 to January 23, exchanging with the midwinter business meeting. The substituted program will include the presentation of the new woman's property rights bill by Hon. D. L. Johnson. It is expected that the department will complete its program at the next regular department meeting January 16, "Committees" will be the subject of the lesson.

The event of the year in local clubdom will be the musicale and reception given Tuesday evening, January 3, at the First Congregational church. Mrs. Samuel Katz, leader of the musical department, will be in charge of the program, which will begin promptly at 8 o'clock. The music will be followed by a reception in the club parlors, to which club members with their husbands and guests are invited. Mrs. H. M. Bushnell of Lincoln, president of the Nebraska Federation of Women's Clubs; Mrs. C. W. Damon, a former prominent member, and Mrs. Ellen Darling McKillip of Seward will be among the guests of the evening.

Members of the Woman's club are urged by the directory to keep in mind the meeting of the Nebraska State Teachers' association and all desiring to attend the afternoon and evening programs will be privileged to do so by paying $1 and so becoming members of the association. The reception to be given the teachers Thursday evening, December 29, at the Auditorium will be free to all. Free admission tickets will be issued from places to be announced later. Members of the directory and their husbands will also be members of the reception committee that evening.

Dr. Akin Returns from Abroad.

After being abroad for more than a year Dr. Henry L. Akin returned Friday in time to spend the holidays with his parents, Colonel and Mrs. H. C. Akin. Dr. Akin has been studying in Vienna and Berlin, specializing in diseases of the stomach. Before returning to Omaha he spent several months in Baltimore in order to have the advantage of working with Dr. J. C. Hemmeter, the most eminent stomach specialist in this country, so as to have the advantage of the best American ideas as well as the best in Europe. Dr. Akin has decided to practice in Omaha, devoting himself to this class of diseases exclusively.

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OMAHA SUBURBS

Benson Items.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Grove will entertain today at a Christmas dinner.

Rev. Mr. Leidy returned home last Monday from his trip to Gretna.

The Benson public schools closed last Friday for a two weeks' vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Frederick entertain today at a Christmas dinner at their home.

Mr. and Mrs. William Johnson will spend Sunday in Omaha at a Christmas dinner.

Elismere Morgan arrived home last Saturday from Homer, Neb., to spend the holidays.

Margaret Fedde of the grammar room of this place will go to Irvington to spend vacation.

Mr. John Peterson of this place was married last Tuesday to Miss Dora Peterson of Omaha.

The Ladies' Aid society held its regular business meeting at the parsonage last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Morgan will entertain Alice, Clara and Wilber McGill at Christmas dinner.

Mrs. D. W. Spicer of Minneapolis arrived today and is the guest of her sister, Mrs. James Walsh.

Bee Coffman returned home last Sunday evening from Lincoln, where she went to make a short visit.

Alta Thomas returned from St. Francis in Council Bluffs and will spend Christmas with her parents.

Alice Culbertson left last Saturday for her home in Shelbyville, Ind., where she will spend the holidays.

Mrs. Herman Wulff left last week for Kennard, where Mr. Wulff will join her today to spend Christmas.

Mrs. Corliss Totman and baby, accompanied Mrs. Meyers, her mother, to her home in Lisbon, Ia., last week.

Mr. and Mrs. James Howard and family will be guests at the home of V. A. Hampton of Omaha on Christmas day.

Dave Washburn left last Saturday for Schuyler, where he will spend the holidays with friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Leochner went to South Omaha Christmas to spend the day at the home of Dr. Leochner's parents.

O. D. Bellis and family moved to Omaha during the past week on account of the changes in the street car service.

Minnie Kellog, who is teaching in Broken Bow, Mont., came to Benson last week to spend Christmas at home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Horton are entertaining a number of their friends and relatives from their old home in Missouri.

Anna Fedde of Irvington was married last Thursday to Mr. John Ohrt. Miss Fedde of the public schools here is her sister.

Mrs. Young of Woodbine, Ia., arrived in Benson last Thursday and is at the home of her sister, Mrs. Rodabaugh, who is quite sick.

Rev. Mr. Leidy will give a special sermon at the Methodist Episcopal church this morning. The topic will be "The Incarnation."

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Stiger and baby Merle, Mr. E. A. Stiger and the Misses Stiger went to Plattsmouth to spend Christmas at a house Christmas party.

Anna Christiansen entertained about twenty of her friends at her home last Saturday afternoon, a week ago, in honor of her birthday anniversary. A good time was had and refreshments were served.

The members of the Benson Methodist Episcopal Sunday school held their Christmas operetta, "Changes of a Night," at the Benson town hall Saturday night. After the program all kinds of good things were given to the children.

Arthur Merman died Thursday afternoon after a short sickness of typhoid-pneumonia. The funeral took place from the Methodist Episcopal church Saturday morning, interment at West Dodge Street cemetery. Mr. Merman leaves a wife and four small children.

West Ambler.

F. C. Hensman and family were entertained at John Gantz's on Tuesday evening.

Mrs. S. Shandy was a guest at the home of Mr. Charles Syas on Wednesday for dinner.

Nelson Pratt, his wife and daughter, Minnie, were guests of home folks here over Sunday.

Miss Ada Gantz and her friend, Miss Bell, will spend part of their holiday vacation at Kansas City with friends.

Rev. Gorst, presiding elder, will conduct quarterly meeting services at Southwest church on Christmas day at 10:30 a. m.

At the new Beals school the carpenters are busy putting in the window frames and putting up the rafters for the roof.

The Woodmen and Royal Neighbors gave a Christmas entertainment at their hall on Fiftieth and Walnut streets Saturday night.

George Blakely closed his work as Sunday school superintendent for the year last Sunday at Southwest church and gave excellent satisfaction.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael will entertain the children of East Ambler and their friends with an Xmas tree at their home on Tuesday evening, December 27.

The mothers of the children of the Sunday school met at the home of Mrs. John Blake on Thursday to make costumes for the "Brownies" in the Christmas cantata.

Grandma Hickman has returned from her visit with her daughter, Mrs. Musselman, at Norfolk, Neb., and will probably remain the balance of the winter at her cozy home near Griffin's Grove.

Rev. R. M. Huderson most ably filled the Methodist Episcopal pulpit at Hanscom Park church Sunday during the absence of the pastor, Dr. C. C. Cissell, who was called to Fremont to preach that day.

J. E. Augho and wife are of a party of nine relatives who are being entertained at a Christmas dinner at the home of their son, Frank and wife, on Sixteenth and Cuming streets today.

Owing to the quarterly conference which is to be held at Southwest church on Monday evening, the Christmas cantata to be given by the Sunday school will be postponed until Tuesday evening, December 27.

Mrs. Campbell has received word from her parents, who recently went from here to California, that they like the climate and will make it their permanent home. They were engaged in picking oranges and strawberries when they wrote.

The secretary of the Ladies' Aid society urgently requests all the women of the community to attend the next meeting, which is to be held at the home of Mrs. Shandy, and to come prepared to sew all day. Dinner will be served at noon by the hostess.

Florence.

Miss Nellie Smith of Omaha spent Sunday afternoon here the guest of Mrs. W. R. Wall.

Miss Amanda Tebbins of Omaha spent Wednesday here, the guest of Mrs. F. S. Tucker.

Mr. and Mrs. William Buller returned from a week's visit with relatives at Bancroft Monday.

Miss Myra and Maude Goodlett of Omaha were the guests of their sister, Mrs. Hugh Suttle Sunday.

D. V. Shipley was a business visitor in Calhoun Thursday morning, returning home on the noon train.

Mrs. O. K. Turner of Emerson, Neb., is visiting Mr. Turner's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Turner.

Mrs. E. D. Bergstresser attended a meeting of the Woman's Relief corps in Omaha one day this week.

Edna Price and Mrs. Thompson attended the entertainment at Sacred Heart church, Omaha, Tuesday night.

James Brewer of Tekamah spent a couple of days here this week, the guest of his uncle, Charles Brewer.

A. Renninger of Hooper spent a couple of days here this week, the guest of his brother, John Renninger.

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Tucker entertained a number of their young friends, including several from the country.

Mrs. Walkiin of Omaha spent a couple of days here the last week visiting her sister, Mrs. William Pulte.

Jasper Smith has opened up for business in his new brick block, moving his drug stock Thursday and Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Weber, jr., visited Mrs. Weber's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Bondessen, of Omaha Thursday night.

Anna Rendfelt of Glenville, Neb., spent several days of the past week here, the guest of the family of Otto Stuben.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Presbyterian church will meet at the home of Mrs. J. P. Brown next Thursday afternoon.

Captain Reynolds has improved in health and is able to drive about in his carriage, and spends part of his time at the pumping station.

The street car due here at 4:45 p. m. Wednesday got off the track south of town and was delayed one round trip. No damage was done.

Miss Anna Thompson of Creighton is spending Christmas here, the guest of her brother, M. B. Thompson, and the family of Mrs. F. S. Tucker.

The members of the Presbyterian church gave a social and entertainment at the city hall Saturday night. There was a good attendance. Fancy articles and lunch baskets were sold. A handsome sum of money was realized, which goes to the current expenses of the church.

Mrs. Imm, mother of L. F. Imm, and Mrs. Imm's son Wendell returned Monday from a three weeks' visit with relatives at Milford and Gresham.

A. Nimrod and family, who have been here visiting with Mr. Nimrod's sister, Mrs. C. G. Carlson, returned to their home at Wakefield Thursday afternoon.

Harold Reynolds, who has been engineer at the Poppleton avenue pumping station of the Omaha Water company, is now at the Minne-Lusa station at Florence.

Benson Potter and family were here a couple of days this week visiting his uncle, M. B. Potter. He left for his home at Worthington, Minn., Friday morning.

The Florence Gun club will give a Christmas shoot, commencing at 9:15 a. m. Monday morning. Several of the Omaha shooters from the north end will be on hand.

There has been considerable loose ice running in the river, but not enough to block and freeze yet. Last year this time ice cutting was at its height in this vicinity.

Miss Ollie Page, who has been spending the last three weeks here the guest of Mrs. E. D. Bergstresser, returned to her home at Sioux City Monday on the noon train.

Mr. and Mrs. Barnes of Beaver Crossing visited with the family of Mr. and Mrs. Newel Burton a couple of days this week. They left Wednesday for South Dakota to visit friends until after the holidays.

Mrs. Thompson, who has been here the last few weeks visiting her sister, Mrs. Kelley, returned to her home at Horton, Kan., Tuesday. Her sister accompanied her and will remain until after the holidays.

Charles Purcell has finished his contract of demolishing the old ice houses belonging to Mr. Wyats. A business house will probably be built on the corner in the near future, as it is at the terminus of the street car line.

The city council met at the city hall Monday night, transacting the regular routine of business. Nothing of special importance was brought before them. The mayor was absent and President John Simpson of the council presided.

Thomas Foulk, who has been at Ireton for some time in charge of a butcher shop, was here a couple of days this week visiting Mrs. R. E. Elliott, and his family has been staying with Mrs. Elliott. He went to Ord Tuesday to take charge of a butcher shop.

Dundee.

Miss Ella Marshall is spending the holidays at home.

The Dundee Woman's club will not meet until after the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hoagland are rejoicing in the birth of a daughter.

The Round Dozen club will meet next on January 4 with Mrs. D. L. Johnson.

Miss Juanita Moore is home from the Peru normal school for the holidays.

Ward Palmer is back from a business trip in Wyoming and other western points.

The Dundee Card club will meet Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. William Pindell.

Mr. Beebe is finishing the upper story of his home at Forty-ninth and California streets.

The Dundee Woman's club will hold its annual reception New Year's eve at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Selby.

Willard Lampe, who is attending Knox college, Galesburg, Ill., is home for the holidays.

Mrs. Ann Tillson and Miss Ada Tillson are spending a few weeks with friends in St. Louis.

The Dundee Sunday school gave an entertainment of a musical and literary character at the church Christmas eve.

Jury Spends Christmas in Room.

RISING SUN, Ind., Dec. 24.—By a ruling of the court in the Gillespie trial today much evidence relied upon by the defense to establish the fact that a mysterious stranger had been hovering around on whose shoulders it was the intention to place responsibility for the crime, has been shut out. The prosecution has been preparing to show that this stranger was the defendant. The court this afternoon adjourned till Monday afternoon. The jury will spend Christmas in the jury room.

Doctor Guilty of Murder.

NEVADA, Mo., Dec. 24.—Dr. J. D. Todd, a practicing physician and a former member of the state legislature, who shot R. T. Wall at Richards, Mo., in May last, was found guilty of murder in the second degree by a jury here today, and his punishment fixed at twelve years in the state penitentiary. Todd pleaded self-defense. Ill feeling had existed between the two men for twenty years. Wall was a wealthy farmer.

Asks Requisition for Doctor.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 24.—Sheriff Barry today telegraphed Governor Odell of New York, asking that the extradition papers for Dr. Leroy S. Chadwick, jointly indicted with his wife, Cassie L. Chadwick, on a charge of forgery, be granted on the sheriff's arrival in Albany Monday.

Explanation from Brandeis'

We wish to offer an apology both to our Omaha patrons and our out-of-town customers for any inconvenience they may have encountered in our store by reason of the great crowds of last week. We feel that, in spite of our