

Society

By MELLIFLOIA. Saturday, January 1, 1916.

OMAHA society met the New Year joyously with laughter, song and cheer and good fellowship. The cafes and restaurants were crowded to their utmost and reservations had to be made weeks ahead.

There were churches, too, which were lighted and pews crowded at the turning of the mysterious hour, and kneeling men and women met the New Year in prayer.

The shift at midnight knew both profane and sacred chorus, the roysterer's laugh the clink of his glass as well as the pipe organ's pealed hymn and the choir's chant.

Just the people who make the world, even to the prosaic soul who slumbered in bed, leaving the greeting to the New Year to his coming morning—all sorts of temperaments, each to his bent. Even the creature who met it all abed feels, too, that he had the best of it—he was sensible and lost nothing that could be better than his sleep.

New Year's morning comes and brings to each, to merry-maker, worshipper or sleep-through-it-all, a new calendar, a clean book of the days, and the tablet of resolutions.

The tablet is often close written to the last page with good resolutions, but the book of the days lies under the stylos of the Fates.

A New Year and the same queer old, uncertain world—and the whittling wonder of what it may bring!

University Club.

Among those who will entertain at the dinner-dance at the University club are Mr. W. H. Smith, who will have twelve guests; Mr. D. C. Beisel, two; Mr. Forster Richardson, twenty; Mr. D. E. McCulley, six, and Dr. Ira W. Porter, six.

A watch night supper party will begin at 11 o'clock and there will be music and favors for the merry-makers. Among those who have reserved supper tables are Messrs. John R. McDonald for twenty-five guests; B. Kvenild, six; A. B. Curtis, four; Harry Lawrie, six, and Dr. Rubendahl, sixteen.

Fontenelle Watch Parties.

Following a box party at the Brandeis theater and supper at his home, Mr. Charles Allison will be host to a party of thirty-two guests this evening at the Hotel Fontenelle to see the old year out.

The Charles Test-Stewarts of Council Bluffs, give one of the big parties of the evening in honor of the Donald McPerrons.

Many of the parties will be "Dutch treat" groups, making a total of over 800 watchers and New Year merry makers.

At the Omaha Club.

Over 100 guests will see the old year out at the Omaha club, and many of the parties will be "Dutch treat" affairs.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Westbrook will be one of the truly and truly hosts and hostesses of the evening, going first to the Orpheum and later to the club. The guests of the Westbrooks will be:

Messrs. and Mesdames—R. J. Hunter, Charles A. Hull, E. B. Carbyle, Gould Thiel, Edwin T. Swobe, Arthur Gulou, Mrs. Lucy Cotton.

At Home.

Rev. Gustavus A. Hulbert and Mrs. Hulbert will be at home from 3 to 6 o'clock New Year's day to the members of the St. Mary's Avenue Congregational church and their friends.

For Mrs. Akerson.

Miss Mona Cowell entertained informally at tea for thirty guests at her home this afternoon in honor of Mrs. George Akerson of Minneapolis, formerly Miss Harriet Blake of Omaha. The rooms and table were decorated in Christmas greens and flowers. Assisting Miss Cowell were Mesdames Miles McFadden, Lloyd Osborne and Misses Ida Darlow, Helen Blake and Henrietta McCague.

School Affair.

Miss Margaret Williams and Miss Grace Stabough will give a little dance this evening to ten couples at the home of Miss Williams. The guests will be of the High school class of 1914.

Dr. Leavens' Lecture.

Dr. Robert E. Leavens of Litchfield, Mass., who is the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Russell, will give his lecture next Sunday morning at Turpin's hall at 10:30 o'clock, instead of in the afternoon, as previously stated.

To Honor Visiting Divine.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Russell give a dinner this evening in honor of the Rev. Dr. Robert E. Leavens of Litchfield, Mass. The table will have a floral centerpiece. Those present will be:

Rev. Dr. Robert E. Leavens, Messrs. and Mesdames—George W. Holdrege, John McDonald, W. F. Baxter, Charles W. Russell, William Newton, Misses—Josephine McDonald, Leola Holdrege, Messrs.—Allen McDonald, Arthur Palmer, Charles Bennett.

Today's Events.

Miss Mabel Allen entertained at an afternoon bridge of seven tables. The decorations were pink Killarney roses. The Delta Gamma sorority gave a luncheon this afternoon to twenty-four guests at the Commercial club. Miss Ruth McDonald give an afternoon tea in honor of Lincoln guests, Miss Helen Shepherd, Miss Helen Hall and Miss Marguerite Lonam.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Benson will entertain the Harmony club this evening at a watch party. Mr. and Mrs. Hardin Bean give a theater and supper party this evening for Miss Florent Hill of Lincoln. Mr. and Mrs. Max Burkhead entertain at box party at the Orpheum theater, followed by supper at the Hotel Fontenelle.

Tonight's Club Dances. The EGs give a dance this evening at their club rooms. The Le Mars club dance of this evening will be given at Turpin's hall. The La Salle club dance will be held at Chambers' academy this evening.

Personal Mention. Mr. George W. Hubler will spend the month of January touring the Pacific coast and will also take a trip to Honolulu.

Mrs. Ralph W. Moody and children of Chicago, who have been visiting Mrs. Moody's parents for the last two weeks, returned to her home Tuesday evening. Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Mahoney of Chicago, formerly of Omaha, and their daughter, Miss Beattie Mahoney, are the guests of Mrs. Mahoney's sister, Mrs. William Anderson.

ANOTHER INTERNATIONAL ROMANCE—Miss Ida May Swift, daughter of Louis F. Swift of the noted Chicago packing firm, and her fiance, Count James Minotto, photographed recently in California. Their wedding will take place on January 15.



MISS IDA MAY SWIFT AND COUNT JAMES MINOTTO.

Y. M. C. A. Prosperous During Year Ended

The year 1915 has been a very good one for the Omaha Young Men's Christian association.

Some depression was felt in the membership during the early part of the year, but this was more than overcome by the enthusiastic campaign for new members in November.

The religious work of the association has received a special impetus, largely through the Sunday campaign, and the attendance at the gymnasium both of men and boys has been very large. An average of some 2,500 people per day are visiting the association building, taking part in the numerous activities, such as cafeteria, educational department, Bible classes, Sunday meetings, gymnasium, barber shop, etc.

The following figures for December 1 indicate something of the progress the work is making:

MEMBERSHIP DECEMBER 1		
1915	1914	
Men	1,800	1,573
Boys	674	573
Totals	2,474	2,146
Men in Bible classes Dec. 1	225	119
Boys in Bible classes Dec. 1	220	211
Totals	445	330
Educational Dept. enrollment	338	343
Regular classes (despite public night school)	374	384
Totals	612	627
Attendance business men's class, November	415	339
Professional class, Nov.	204	297
Young men's class, Nov.	643	593
Basket ball practice	1,000	960
Hand ball	423	549
Individual work, special	625	369
Totals	3,913	4,097
Total boys' gymnasium attendance for November	2,433	2,433
Total gymnasium attendance for November	7,918	7,778

Y. W. C. A. Shows Good Gains in Year

A steady growth in all departments, rather than any abnormal development along certain lines, marked the progress of the Young Women's Christian association during the year just closed.

There was one big exception to this rule, however, Bible study under association auspices having enjoyed an almost meteoric rise in popularity and importance since the "Bible" Sunday campaign.

Where there were only 150 women and girls in the association's Bible class in 1914, there were 600 during the last few months. This is a result of the religious interest awakened by the evangelistic re-

vival, says Miss Lily M. Strong, general secretary.

Next in growth has been the girls' department, which deals with girls from 12 to 18 years of age. These clubs and classes now have an enrollment of 515, including camp fire groups.

The number directed to rooming places during the first ten months of 1915 was 1,507, against 1,337 the entire twelve months of 1914. There has also been good growth in the educational class enrollment, the enrollment in evening classes of the gymnasium having reached the possible limit.

The largest membership at any one time during the year was 3,464, against 3,302 in 1914.

Marshal Makes More Arrests and Spends More Money

A big increase in every department of the office of United States marshal at Omaha is shown by the annual report prepared by United States Marshal T. J. Flynn and Chief Deputy James B. Nickerson.

The total number of prisoners handled during 1915, was 284, compared with only 234 the preceding year. Of this number 269 were committed to county jails and fifteen were sent to the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth.

The large increase is largely due to the extension of the federal laws to cover such crimes as robbing box cars, and having "dope" in one's possession.

For all purposes the sum of \$61,775.33 was disbursed by the marshal during 1915, compared with only \$57,039.55 during the preceding year. This amount was largely in federal trials and included fees and traveling expenses for many jurors and witnesses in federal trials.

The care and subsistence of federal prisoners for the year cost \$4,554.93. In 1914 this item was only \$4,554.93.

During the year T. J. Flynn was appointed to succeed William R. Warner, who had been United States marshal for nine years.

W. A. Fraser Wishes Omaha Prosperity

W. A. Fraser, sovereign commander of the Woodmen of the World, extends the following New Year's greeting to Omaha:

My friends, because you are my friends I wish for you happiness and prosperity during the new year, which has just dawned.

I trust that the spirit of the angels' song, "on earth peace, good will toward men," will soon be universally felt and that nations will beat their swords into plow shares, their spears into pruning hooks and war will cease forever.

May you live always for the best, and may you receive nothing but the best. May you be given the seeing eye, so you will see nothing but good; the hearing ear, so you will hear no evil; the understanding heart, so you will appreciate your fellowman and be charitable toward him, ever keeping before you the golden rule, remembering that it is "human to err, but divine to forgive," and at the end of your earthly journey may the blind alley of death be turned into a thoroughfare that leads not to the twilight, but to the Dawn and the Eternal Homeland.

Use The Bee's "Swapper" column.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Joseph Oberfelder of Sidney, Neb., is visiting friends.

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Big Increase in Patronage of the Public Library

Thirty thousand more books were loaned to almost 1,000 more borrowers by the public library in 1915 than in 1914, according to statistics prepared by Miss Edith Tobitt, librarian.

This record was made in spite of the fact that practically no new books were bought by the library during the last year, because of the small fund available. From now on, the library will have a budget allowance more nearly adequate to its needs, as the result of a new law.

Big gains were recorded in all branches of the circulation department, and also in all the other departments of the library.

During the year, the chief special activity of the library was the correlation of the systems of the Omaha and South Omaha libraries. The South Omaha library is known as the South Omaha Branch library. A branch library was established at the Central High school in September 1915, and additional deposit stations were placed at a number of desirable points. Miss Tobitt's figures follow:

Home Circulation of Books	1914	1915
Main library	274,312	296,240
Deposit stations	71,770	160,225
School stations	19,411	21,114
South Omaha branch	41,297	45,627
High School Bra. (2 mo.)	—	1,918
Total	406,790	425,124
Increase in 1915	—	18,334
Registered borrowers	25,400	27,288
Books in foreign languages listed	12,236	14,505
Reference and reading room visitors	81,554	87,337
Books added by purchase and gift	12,618	4,988
Total number of books in library	117,200	119,307
Books bound in library bindery	7,774	10,189

Advertiser and customer profit by the "Classified Ad" habit.

STAR HURDLER TO TAKE TO SKIES.



FRED KELLY

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 21.—Fred Kelly, world's champion high hurdler and hero of the 1912 Olympic games, will become an aviator on his graduation from the University of Southern California next February.

SULLINS COLLEGE IS DESTROYED BY FIRE

BRISTOL, Va., Dec. 21.—Sullins college, a large Methodist female school here, was destroyed by fire which originated in the boiler room early today. The loss is placed at from \$100,000 to \$200,000.

Omaha Next Largest 'Phone Using Town in Whole Universe

In all the world, only one city has more telephones than Omaha, in proportion to the population. Within the last year, Omaha has stepped from third to second place among the cities of the world in the per capita use of telephones, so that now, only San Francisco ranks ahead of the Gate City in the proportionate use of this great necessity of modern life. No foreign city compares with the leading American cities in the use of 'phones.

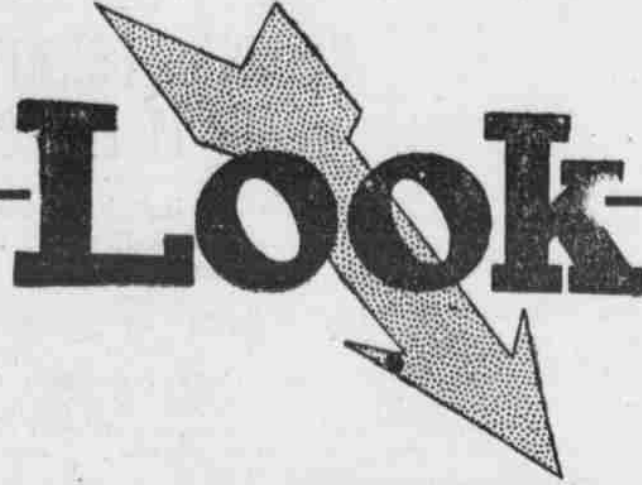
There are now 35,875 telephones in Greater Omaha, and over 200,000 calls are handled daily through the eleven exchanges. The phones are divided among the exchanges as follows: South Side, 4,619; Douglas, 14,928; Harney, 6,116; Tyler, 2,573; Webster, 4,708; Colfax, 2,761; Walnut, 2,338; Benson, 752; Florence, 458; Raleigh, 95; and Bellevue, 131.

The Nebraska Telephone company doubled its gain in new 'phones during 1915. During the year, 3,000 new ones were installed, as against 1,820 new phones in 1914. The increase now gives Omaha one telephone for every four and a half people living in the city, whereas a year ago the telephone ration was one phone to every five people.

During the last year, the 'phone company has improved and extended its local properties greatly. The new Colfax exchange was opened at Thirtieth and Fowler streets on October 19, at a cost of \$100,000 for building and equipment.

With about 1,200 employees, the Nebraska Telephone company's annual payroll in Greater Omaha in 1915 was practically \$1,000,000.

Condition of Yates Somewhat Improved. John T. Yates, sovereign clerk of the Woodmen of the World, who has been seriously ill at his home, is somewhat improved, attending physicians say. His temperature and pulse are both normal. Mrs. Yates is also somewhat better.



Orkin Brothers' First Great January Clearance Sale Starts Monday

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A Little Bit of Heaven	McKee Trio	17898	10	.75
Where the River Shannon Flows	Imperial	Quartet	17873	10 .75
The Cross Bow (Robin Hood)	Victor Concert	Orchestra	35509	12 1.25
Way Down Yonder in the Cornfield	Hawaiian	Guitars	17892	10 .75
Poet & Peasant Overture, Part I	George	MacFarlane	45074	10 1.00
Poet & Peasant Overture, Part II	MacFarlane	Quartet	17900	10 .75
My Bird of Paradise	Sousa's Band	17901	10	.75
Kawlihan Waltz	Sousa's Band	17901	10	.75
Ireland	Sousa's Band	17901	10	.75
My Own Home Town in Ireland	Sousa's Band	17901	10	.75
Molly Dear, It's You I'm After (Girl From Utah)	Sousa's Band	17901	10	.75
Along the Rocky Road to Dublin	Sousa's Band	17901	10	.75
New York Hippodrome March	Sousa's Band	17901	10	.75
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