Council Bluffs Social Notes

On Monday Mrs. Robert Sprague entertained at a 1 o'clock luncheon at her home on Fifth avenue. The guests were seated at one long table, decorated in blue and gold. Covers were laid for twelve. Luncheon was followed by bridge. The prize for high score was won by Mrs. George Wickham and the cut-for-all by Mrs. Oscar Baumeister.

The regular meeting of the art department of the Council Bluffs Woman's club was held at the library on Monday evening. Mrs. Belle Sanford acted as leader. George Romney and Sir Thomas Lawrence, two of the great artists of the eighteenth century, were the subjects of the evening's study. A sketch of the life of Romney was given by Mrs. C. G. Saunders. She discussed the early influences which gave him his conception of the sublime, his home life, his own simple habits, his work in France and Italy. She told especially of his great friendship with Halley and of the adverse criticism and antipathy of Reynolds, which seems to be the cause of his never becoming a member of the Royal academy. She also mentioned a great number of his paintings. Miss Jennie Rice considered him as the connecting link between the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. She put special emphasis on the fact that he and Reynolds shared the popularity of the people of London. His fanciful imagination, his eye for details, the beauty of his coloring, particularly his browns, rose pink and green, and his flesh tints are the distinctive features of his work. The rapidity of his painting and the excellence of his portraiture are also considered unusual. Mrs. A. B. Walker discussed the life of Lawrence, touching upon his early life and his environment. She also reviewed his life and work in Bath, London and Rome. Mrs. E. J. Towslee considered his work as expressing the spirit of the age, and particularly as a reflection of political changes of the time. The special characteristics of his painting which she noted were the fidelity of his portraiture and the endurance of his coloring, in which reds, greens and purples predominated. She named a number of his pictures, including "Nature," which he himself considered his masterpiece. Mrs. Kate Cook will be the leader at the next meeting, January 8.

Mrs. T. M. Anderson was hostess at the meeting of the Thoughtful Kensington club on Tuesday afternoon. On December 26 the club will be entertained at the home of Mrs. L. Poulson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Stants have announced the engagement of their daughter, Tillie, to Mr. Robert Scott of Logan, Kan. The wedding is to take place during the holidays.

Tuesday afternoon the Ideal club met at the home of Mrs. B. S. Terwilliger. The discussion of current events was led by Mrs. Cutler and Mrs. Freeman Reed. The club then took up the study of Serbia. The characteristics of the Serbs were discussed by Mrs. Terwilliger. Miss Mary De Vol told of the government, giving a short sketch of King Peter. Mrs. Fred Johnston read an article on "The Kingdom of Serbia" from the Geographic magazine.

The Tuesday History club met at the home of Mrs. Painter Knox on Tuesday afternoon. The subject for the afternoon was Argentina, and Mrs. C. G. Saunders acted as leader. The agricultural and natural products of the country were discussed by Mrs. A. B. Sipherd. A most interesting description of the city of Buenos Aires was given by Mrs. W. H. Killpack. Bahia Blanca and Patagonia furnished material for a delightful talk by Mrs. A. W. Askwith. Mrs. A. W. Tyler described a trip across the continent. Mrs. S. B. Snyder described the Santa Fe province and the port of Posario. Mrs. Painter Knox told of the route across the Andes to Mendoza and Mrs. J. K. Cooper described El Gran Chaco and the northern towns. Mrs. L. A. Gray gave a description of the straits of Magellan. The next meeting, planned for December 19, will probably be postponed on account of the holidays.

Mrs. D. R. Witter entertained the University club Wednesday afternoon. A general discussion on the subject of a foreign invasion of Mexico brought out many interesting points. Mrs. J. V. Mallery gave an interesting map talk of Mexico in connection with this subject. No further meetings will be held until January 3, when Mrs. Mallery will entertain the club.

Mrs. G. L. McAlpine entertained the R. E. M. club on Tuesday afternoon. The time was spent on Christmas work and the club fork was warded to Mrs. Frank Schly. Mrs. Schly will be the hostess on December 20, when a Christmas grab bag will be the chief feature.

On Wednesday the Book Lovers met at the home of Mrs. I. N. Flickinger. The study of Victor Hugo's "Les Miserables" was continued. The battle of Waterloo and the political conditions of France at this period were discussed by Mrs. E. P. Schoentgen, while Mrs. F. H. Hill continued the analysis of the book. The poem, "After the Battle," was read by Miss Rice. Mrs. J. R. Reed, who had charge of the selected topic, read a political article from Collier's. On January 3 a miscellaneous meeting will be held. Announcement of the place will be made later.

The music department of the Council Bluffs Woman's club will meet on Monday at the home of Mrs. R. S. Palmer, instead of with Mrs. G. E. Walker.

On Thursday afternoon the history and literature department of the Council Bluffs Woman's club met at the home of Mrs. F. W. Miller. Mrs. A. C. Bullock, leader of the department, had charge of the meeting. Mrs. Charles Hood read a chapter on "Insight Into Human Nature" from the book, which the club is studying. A biographical sketch of Cyrus Townsend Brady was given by Mrs. Kate Cook and Mrs. J. C. Deetkin reviewed his novel, "The Web of Steel." Mrs. F. W. Miller gave a review of Joseph Lincoln's "Mary Gusta." On January 4 Mrs. Bullock will be hostess and Mrs. Deetkin will be leader for the afternoon.

The Woman's club of the Railway Mail Service met Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. M. Reynolds. Luncheon was served at 2 o'clock and an informal program followed. Mrs. S. D. Wheeler read a Christmas story, Mrs. John Downing gave two piano solos and Mrs. D. O. Hutchinson gave a very delightful reading. A Christmas grab bag was one of the features of the entertainment. A watch party will be held New Year's eve at the home of Mrs. C. A. Smith, when a picnic supper will be served, each member contributing something.

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Gets Handkerchief Sent To Bazar by Mrs. Wilson

Mrs. I. Gluck, 3346 Harney street, secured the dainty hand-embroidered handkerchief donated to Temple Israel bazar by Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, wife of the president.

Ralston Social Gossip

Miss Lela Hayes, who has been at the orthopedic hospital in Lincoln for several months for treatmen,t returned home Sunday.

Archie Miller of Ralston and Miss Maria Mace of Omaha were married Wednesday.

The women of the Methodist Episcopal church gave a chicken pie social and bazar Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. George Meadows have been enjoying a visit with their daughter who resides at Beemer, Neb.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Stamp of Omaha and Mrs. D. L. Ham of Ralston were guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Propst Sunday.

Mrs. Joe Ham of the South Side spent Thursday afternoon visiting relatives and friends.

Woman Fined Twenty-Five Dollars for Theft

Found guilty of petit larceny, Mrs. May Woods, aged 25, of Lincoln, was fined $25 and costs in police court by Judge Charles E. Foster. Mrs. Woods was arrested on complaint of L. R. Finn, house detective at Brandeis stores, who charged that she stole merchandise valued at $15.

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Social Affairs of the South Side

Dr. C. M. Day spent a few days at Logan, Ia., last week.

Mrs. J. W. Ayer of Sioux Falls, S. D., has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. Viola Randal, 2315 F street, for the last week.

Mrs. Esme Green is reported quite ill at her home.

Walter J. Slate is at Excelsior Springs for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Thomas have returned from Canada, where Mr. Thomas was called by business.

Mrs. Margaret Volz is recovering after her recent accident.

Rev. Albert Porter of the United Presbyterian church has gone on a business trip to South Dakota.

Miss Lottie Schroeder is reported ill.

The United Presbyterian church will hold its Christmas entertainment at the church Friday evening.

The Wheeler Memorial church will hold a Christmas cantata program at the church on Sunday evening.

Mrs. H. K. Foote, Bible class leader, will have charge of both services today at the United Presbyterian in absence of the pastor, Rev. Albert Porter.

The South Side Aid society of Lefler church held a very successful bazar and home baking sale at Krauses' store Saturday.

The Home Missoinary society of Grace Methodist church met on Friday at the home of Mrs. Frank Clark, 2411 B street. Mrs. Clark was assisted by Mrs. George Chase and Mrs. Culboom. This society has sent its annual Christmas box to the Mothers' Jewel home at York, Neb.

Mrs. C. W. Sears entertained very informally for the South Omaha Women's club at her home, 4012 South Twenty-third street, on Tuesday afternoon. The women brought their Christmas fancy work and spent the afternoon with needlework.

Mrs. Frank Bird's C. W. class met at the home of Paul McCauley on Tuesday evening. This class decided to furnish a Christmas dinner for a needy family.

Mrs. Leon Strawhecher entertained the Kensington club at her home this week.

Mrs. Lydia Rhyno will entertain the past chiefs of lodge No. 193 next Tuesday at a 1 o'clock luncheon, which will be followed by election of officers.

Mrs. W. J. Slate entertained at a whist party at her home Tuesday. High scores were made by Mesdames Cress, Barrett and Brown. Those present:

Mesdames—	Mesdames—
Roberts,	H. Putman,
Brown,	Smith,
Routte,	Shainlan,
Barrett,	Calanan,
Cress,	Slate,
Putman,	Miller.

The Jitney Bunch were entertained this week by Mrs. Harry Bennett on South Twentieth avenue at a luncheon. Grandma Harris was guest of the club. Those present were Mesdames Chizek, Sharnholz, Hancock, Routte, Bedel and Bennett.

The Jolly Dozen gave a surprise party in honor of Mrs. Jennie Hathaway at her home on the north side on Thursday afternoon. The afternoon was spent at cards. Prizes were won by Mesdames Hathaway and Bowker.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hoffman were given a very enjoyable surprise party on Tuesday evening at their home, 3029 W street. The evening was spent with cards and dancing, followed by a lunch. Those present:

Messrs. and Mesdames—	
Hancock,	Donovan,
Prince,	Ball,
Macek,	Schaefer,
Avery,	Hoffman.
Mesdames—	Mesdames—
Royer,	Christoferson,
Routte,	Ball,
Brown,	Hardesty.
Messrs.—	Messrs.—
Joe Hoffman,	Charles Ball,
John Hoffman,	John Ball,
Arthur Hoffman,	Charles Loos.

Mrs. J. Roach entertained at the blue room at the Brandeis on Friday afternoon in honor of Mrs. Harry Shainlan, who leaves soon to make her home in Chicago. The afternoon was spent at whist, followed by a dainty two-course luncheon. High scores were made by Mesdames Northrup and Saufelt.

On Monday evening Mr. and Mrs. Otto Radzuweit, 2009 I street, were given a surprise party in honor of their crystal or fifteenth wedding anniversary. The evening was spent with cards and music and a dainty lunch enjoyed.

Miss Mary McDonough entertained for the members of the Yaake Hula club Thursday. Christmas colors were used in the decorations. The members present were:

Misses—	Misses—
Theresa Mullaly,	Ann Wardlan,
Catherine Lang,	Theresa Thrump,
Mayme O'Conner,	Clara Skanda,
Ann Donovan,	Clara Wrede,
Irene McGovern,	Mary McDonough.

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Dundee Society Notes

Mrs. C. C. George entertained at luncheon last Saturday in honor of Mrs. Anthony French Merrill.

Miss Lucile Dodder entertained at a kitchen shower at her home last Saturday afternoon for Miss Marguerite Scott, one of the winter brides.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Dundee church met Friday with Mrs. F. I. Ellick.

The Dundee circle of the C. C. L. spent Monday darning at the Child Saving institute.

Mr. Lewis S. Read, who spent several weeks with Mr. and Mrs. James Chadwick, has returned to his son, Lewis B. Read, in Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. T. Bell will entertain a party at the Yale concert December 30 for their daughter, Miss Dorothy Bell.

Mrs. George N. Peck of Moline, Ill., was the guest last week of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. George.

The Happy Hollow Bachelors' club gave a dance Tuesday evening at the Dundee hall.

Miss Calista Kerr is visiting for a week or two in Chicago.

Mrs. Mary J. Crosby is the guest of her son, Mr. Thomas Crosby, and Mrs. Crosby.

Mr. Frank Mayer of Elgin, Ill., was a Dundee guest last week.

Mrs. E. L. Wilson of Atkinson, Neb., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. A. C. Crossman, and Mr. Crossman.

The Dundee Presbyterian church will give its annual Christmas entertainment Friday evening, December 23.

Mr. and Mrs. George Redick entertained twelve guests at dinner at their home Monday evening and the same number Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Abercrombie and two sons left Friday to spend the Christmas holidays in Houston, Tex.

Mrs. D. L. Johnston's Bible class met Thursday with Mrs. R. C. Peters. It will meet this week with Mrs. L. H. Tate.

Word has been received of the birth of a daughter Wednesday to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stoetzel of Portland, Ore. Mrs. Stoetzel was Miss Ethel Marshell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Marshell.

Mrs. Coy, nurse at the Sweezey home for the last month or two, left Tuesday for Dubuque.

Messrs. William Reminger and Hugo Hoppe of Chambers, Neb., were the guests Wednesday night of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Johnston.

Mrs. Paul Johnston was a guest Wednesday of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Johnston, on her return home from a visit to her mother in Nebraska City.

Helen Hoagland and Ruth Hamilton will arrive home this week from Tenacre and Dana Hall for the Christmas holidays.

Benson Social Circles

Mrs. Robert Beasley will be hostess for the Tri-City Birthday club at her home next Tuesday.

Mr. W. M. Radford of Chicago was a guest at the E. E. Paddock home last week.

Miss Helen Horton has returned from a week spent in Blair.

Mrs. Elizabeth Kilker is recovering from an operation she underwent on Wednesday.

Mr. Carl Nelson is home from Primrose, Neb., to spend the holidays at the home of his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Moulthrop have returned from their wedding trip to the east.

Miss Kate Van Horn will be hostess for the Guild at her home next Monday evening.

The Loyal Daughters' club will give a Christmas party and banquet next Thursday evening at the home of Miss Gertrude Calvert.

The women of the Presbyterian church held their annual Christmas bazar in The Bee building last Friday and Saturday.

The High School club concert was postponed from last Friday night to next Tuesday on account of the illness of Miss Shiphard, the director.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Tindell last Saturday a week.

Mrs. Harry Hornby of Winside, Neb., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. S. R. Jones.

Mrs. L. Atkinson's parents from Iowa arrived Friday to visit their daughter and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Born of Louisville, Neb., were here during the last week, being called by the death of their aunt, Mrs. C. Huff.

The Methodist church will have its Christmas program on Friday and the Presbyterian on Saturday night of next week.

Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Meisinger entertained at dinner last Sunday in honor of the Misses Helen and Anna Heil of Cedar Creek, Neb. Covers were laid for ten guests.

The Belle Rebekah lodge will give an entertainment at the Odd Fellows' hall next Friday evening.

Mrs. N. H. Tyson has gone to Chicago to spend Christmas time. Mr. Tyson will join her later.

Mrs. N. K. Anderson entertained the Augustine Luther league at her home last Tuesday evening.

Miss Effie Gravert returns home next week from Des Moines, Ia., to spend the holidays.

The P. E. O. children will entertain at a party next Wednesday at the home of Mrs. E. A. McGlasson.

Mrs. Peter Gravert has returned home from a long stay at an Omaha hospital.

Mrs. H. Jeffry has returned home from a week's visit in Lincoln.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Edwards entertained last week in honor of Mrs. Inez Krause and daughter of Allen, Neb.

The Eagles lodge will hold its annual Christmas festival in its hall next Friday evening.

Msr. C. W. Nelson will be hostess for the English Lutheran Missionary society next Thursday afternoon.

Bank Clearings for Week Gain Forty Per Cent

Nine million dollars was the gain made by Omaha bank clearings for the week over the corresponding week last year. Bank clearings for the week were $30,635,917.19. The clearings for the corresponding week last year were $21,400,669.88. The gain is about 42 per cent.

Eight Soldiers Are Injured When Cars Leave the Track

Grapeland, Tex., Dec. 16.—The derailment of three sleping cars on a mixed troop train carrying A battery, Iowa field artillery, from the border to the home station, near here, this morning resulted in severe injuries to two trainmen, while eight soldiers were bruised. A defective rail was said to have caused the accident. The injured were taken to Palestine.

A and C batteries were traveling in two sections, with Captain Brandt of A battery, the ranking officer. B battery, with headquarters and part of the hospital detachment, under Captains Compton and Oakes, adjutant of the battallion, was to leave Houston at 11 o'clock.

The thre batteries, numbering 513 men, are to be mustered out at Davenport, Muscatine and Clinton, Ia. They have been stationed at Brownsville since July.

Palestine, Tex., Dec. 16.The others injured were Private Vernon C. Dobson, slight cerebral concussion; Private B. J. Smith, laceration above eye; Private Charles Smithers, right eye injured; Private John Dorsey, head cut; Private Humphries, eye hurt. All belonged to Battery A.

Christmas Spirit Makes The Police Judge Lenient

Because of the fact that Christmas is but a few days off, Police Judge Charles E. Foster discharged Harry Layton, 1410 Elm street, arrested for a violation of a boulevard ordinance. Layton was charged with having driven a coal wagon on a boulevard, but when the judge was informed that he had a wife and kiddies dependent upon him for a happy Christmas he was released.

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Arrangements may also be made during the coming week for tables and places at the Blackstone's New Year's Eve supper dance, which will be staged on the 8th floor, in the party rooms and ball room on the evening of December 31st. Supper will commence at 10:30 p. m. Dancing will begin at midnight.