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- Christmas Trees and Decorations all greatly reduced.
- Special sled Skates for children, value \$1.25, at 79c, a pair
- Special Exercisers, combination Chest Expander and Wrist Machines, value 98c., at 49c.

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GOSSIP OF THE BOROUGH

Desert Hughes for Taft—Brooklyn Christmas Tree Outlook.

The recent announcement made by "Mike" Dady, the anti-Woodruff leader, that he has left the Hughes Presidential boom for Taft's or Cereley's handwagon, introduced a new feature into the political situation of Kings County. Colonel Dady was the chief spongeholder in the fight put up by certain of the district leaders against Woodruff men in last fall's primaries. Their fights were based upon their professed allegiance to Governor Hughes and his principles. They won out. Mr. Dady left the Hughes cohorts just as his former political side partners were getting a Hughes campaign club organized. As the backers of the Hughes League are nearly all anti-Woodruff men, the regular leaders of the county are bound to give the movement a wide berth. If Darwin R. James, Jr., president of the Young Republican Club, an anti-Woodruff organization, and State Senator Eugene M. Travis, who beat Postmaster Roberts in the primary contest for the leadership of the 11th Assembly District, James' friend and co-worker, remain the leading members in the league it is a question whether they and Dady can continue to affiliate politically. This would mean a split in the anti-Woodruff forces in Kings, perhaps.

At the same time there is little reason to expect that Woodruff will be able to win over either section of the opposition. Even if he came out for Hughes he and his followers could not afford to join a movement headed by people who refuse to be regular, and at the same time Woodruff cannot make a political friend of Dady, as the colonel is a strong Odell man. However, the split in the opposition to Woodruff will be advantageous to him in future contests, as it will weaken his enemies.

The Sittig Brooklyn Christmas Tree Society is busy collecting funds for the annual entertainment of poor children. Mrs. Frank Sittig, the president and manager of the organization, has an office in the Clarendon Hotel, where she is receiving funds. She says that they are not coming in as rapidly as they might. She has collected \$300 so far, but needs at least \$500 more. She can receive funds up to Christmas morning.

Mrs. Sittig has received some substantial aid besides the money donations, for Mrs. George Beyea has sent in candy enough for three thousand children and Mrs. S. B. Huyler has turned over to her five hundred dressed dolls, while William Grover has promised oranges in unlimited quantities. The exercises this year will be held at the Columbia Theatre and Percy Williams has promised to furnish the talent. Park Commissioner Michael J. Kennedy has selected five big evergreen trees and will have them set up in the building for the occasion. Mrs. Sittig hopes to have enough money and gifts to supply between three thousand and five thousand little ones with candy, cake, dolls and toys. This is the sixteenth year that poor children have been looked out for by Mrs. Sittig and her helpers.

Santa Claus found himself in the Adams street police court on Friday, much to the dismay of the youngsters who saw him march through the streets in tow of a bluecoat; but let it be said here that he got out through the interposition of Magistrate Higginbotham. He was arraigned on the charge of being drunk and he pleaded guilty to the charge.

"I couldn't think of sending you away at this season," remarked the magistrate. "What would my son think of me, and what would the other little children say? Santa, you are discharged from custody."

The policeman who made the arrest said that the old man was not Santa Claus at all, but just a plain member of the American Volunteers who had been trying to keep warm inside while tending a donation box in Fulton street.

Next week will be rather uneventful for the

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BROOKLYN SOCIAL CHAT

Weddings, Engagements and Announcements of the Borough.

Wednesday, January 8, is the date set for the wedding of Miss Marie Murray and Sherman B. Joost, son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Joost, of No. 98 Remsen street. The bride-elect is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Murray, of No. 155 Henry street, and a sister of Russell Murray, who married Mrs. Emily Groveson Woodward. It is to be a quiet home ceremony. Miss Jean Murray will be the maid of honor and Miss Ruth Jenks, the little daughter of Judge and Mrs. Albert F. Jenks, and a cousin of Miss Murray, will attend as flower girl. Frank Howell Bailey is to be the best man. The ceremony, to which only relatives have been asked, will take place at 4 o'clock.

Miss Marie Edith Keller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand W. Keller, of No. 389 Sterling Place, and Herbert Horton Lewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar H. Lewis, of No. 378 Sterling Place, were married Wednesday evening. It was a home ceremony, with only relatives and a few intimate friends in attendance. The Rev. Dr. Lindsay S. Parker officiated. The bride was gowned in white satin messaline and duchesse lace. She wore a tulle veil fastened by sprays of orange blossoms, and carried lilies-of-the-valley and bride roses. Her maid of honor and only attendant was Miss Elsie Post Hoxie, who wore a gown of pink satin messaline and carried pink roses. The best man was Arthur Schultz Lewis. The rooms were decorated with pink roses and greens. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis, on returning from their wedding trip, will live at the Seminole, No. 327 Sterling Place.

On the Saturday preceding the wedding Miss Hoxie gave a hearty party. The guests, who each brought a coffee spoon, were Mrs. Martin Maltby, Mrs. Frederick Fricke, Miss Polka Schenck, Miss Etta Bohn, Miss Emelle Morrison, Miss Anna Taber, Miss Blanche May, Miss Ethel Giler, Miss Edith Payne, Miss Helen Johnston and Miss Grace Creagan.

The First Reformed Church was the scene Tuesday evening of the wedding of Miss Eleanor Beatrice Jones and Malcolm John Major Page. The ceremony was performed at 8 o'clock by the Rev. Dr. James Farrar and a reception followed at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John William Jones, No. 689 10th street. The decorations at both the church and home were in pink and white. The bride's gown was of white chiffon cloth over messaline, trimmed with silk tulle and point lace. She wore a tulle veil and wreath of orange blossoms and carried white roses and lilies-of-the-valley. The maid of honor was her sister, Miss Grace Jones. She was gowned in white accordion pleated crepe de chine trimmed with white satin and princess lace. The bridesmaids, Miss Elizabeth Burgess, Miss Marjorie Speer, Miss Marjorie Reeves and Miss Elizabeth Gee, wore frocks of pale blue radium and princess laces

members of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences, but some programmes have been mapped out for the afternoons and evenings to come after the holidays. Burton Holmes will return to Brooklyn on January 14. He is to give a series of five lectures on the afternoons and evenings of successive Wednesdays, starting with the date of his return at Association Hall. The topics in order will be "Imperial Berlin," "Vienna," "Paris, the Magnificent," "London" and "Fez." In the last summer Mr. Holmes has been travelling about the capitals of Europe, and the series is largely the result of his summer's work. The chief event of Christmas week will be a concert at Association Hall to-morrow evening. The singers will be Francis Rogers, baritone, and Cecelia Winter, contralto. Albert Rosenthal will play the cello and Bruno Huhn and Norman Winter the piano. The programme follows:

- Down among the dead men.....Dyer (1709)
- More Love or More Disdain.....Purcell (1709)
- I'll Sail Upon the Dog-Star.....Purcell (1709)
- The Flage of Love.....Dr. Arge (1775)
- The Sailor's Life.....Lewitzke
- O Joy of Youth.....Van der Stucken
- The Sea.....MacDowell
- What Said the Lily Part?.....Max Bendix
- Auf Wiederseh'n.....German
- All the World Wakes To-day.....German
- Miss Winter.....Bach
- Efficient.....Popper
- When Stars are in the Quiet Skies.....Stanley Lucas
- On a January Morning.....Edward German
- Spinning Song.....German Ditty
- City of Cologne.....Irish Ditty
- Cat's Advice.....Bruno Huhn
- Nur wer die Sehnsucht kennt.....Tschakowsky
- Elgie.....Massenet
- Oh, that we two were maying.....Nevin
- The Music Song.....Meyer-Heilmann
- (With cells obligatory)
- Miss Winter and Mr. Rosenthal.....Mendelssohn
- I Would That My Love.....Mendelssohn
- It Was a Lover and His Love.....Walther
- Miss Winter and Mr. Rogers.....

and carried pink and white roses. Mr. Page, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Page, of No. 557 7th street, had as his best man his cousin, Harvey Page, while serving as ushers were Archibald Dingwall, Alexander Dinwall, George Vorhees, Frank Daniels, Walter Berry and Henry Nelmitz. Mr. and Mrs. Page will return from their wedding trip to spend the holidays with their parents and will leave here on January 2 for San Antonio, Tex., where they will make their permanent home.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Blossom, of Pasadena, Cal., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Ellen Rowena Meyer Blossom, to John Visscher Elliot, of Pasadena. Mr. Blossom is a brother of Frederick W. Blossom, of Henry street, and until recently lived in Manhattan. The wedding will take place on Tuesday, March 3, at The Blossoms, Ocean Grove Boulevard, Pasadena, Cal.

The wedding of Miss Edith Marion Blake, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Blake, of No. 136 Underhill avenue, and Robert Lockhart Waring, 2 in the Church of St. Matthew, Tompkins avenue and McDonough street, a maid of honor, her sister, Miss Mabel E. Blake, and four bridesmaids, Miss Mildred Browning, Miss Ethel Potter, Miss Hilma Singleton and Miss Bessie Brooks, will attend the bride. Gustave Kehr is to be the best man and Dr. Edward L. Blake, Chester Waring, Birdsall Strymer and Edward Aird will act as ushers. A reception will follow the ceremony. Miss Blake will give a luncheon for her attendants at the Waldorf on next Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas G. Carman, of Bath Beach, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Ethel Zabelle Carman, to Frank Bowman, of St. Louis. The wedding will take place in January, and Mr. Bowman will take his bride to Havana to live.

Mr. and Mrs. George Reichmann, of No. 754 Putnam avenue, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Helen Reichmann, to Dr. Alfred J. Keenan, of No. 25 Albany avenue, and son of Mr. and Mrs. James Keenan, of No. 178 St. James' Place.

Mrs. James Henry Jourdan gave the second reception for her debutante daughter, Miss Helen Jourdan, Friday afternoon, between the hours of 3 and 6, at their home, No. 262 Henry street. A dinner and theatre party to see "The Merry Widow," followed for the receiving party and an equal number of men. Receiving with Mrs. Jourdan and her daughter were Miss Joan Courtin, Miss Amy Knox, Miss Alice Ide, Miss Louise Edgar, Miss Edith Burrell, Miss Ruth Thurston, Miss Cornelia Cousins, of this borough, and Miss Jean Rolston, of Manhattan.

Miss Carol Chauncey, the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Chauncey, of No. 129 Joralemon street, made her debut yesterday afternoon at the conventional afternoon reception. The receiving party included Miss Madeline Chauncey, Mrs. Woodward Babcock, nee Grace Chauncey, and Mrs. Daniel Chauncey, Jr., who before her marriage last April was Miss Grace L. Fargo, of Manhattan. Assisting them were Miss Mary Hazard, Miss Jessie Hazard, Miss Florence Burton, Miss Marion Stevenson, Miss Alice Anderson, Miss Elsie Sanford, of Manhattan, and Miss Ethel Carhart. A dinner dance followed the reception. The men invited for this were Halstead Vanderpoel, Duncan Holmes, George Bourne, Henry Harper, Courtlandt Morse, René La Montagne and Mr. Sommerhaus. The debutante was frocked in white crepe de chine and lace and the decorations were in pink and white.

Mrs. Charles W. Ide, of No. 43 Remsen street, will give a series of teas to introduce her daughter, Miss Alice Steele Ide. The dates are Fridays, January 3, 10 and 17.

Miss Florence Walton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Walton, of No. 106 Willow street, will make her debut Saturday afternoon, January 4, between the hours of 4 and 7 p. m.

Yale has always been the favorite in this borough, and its popularity was again attested by the attendance on Wednesday evening at the annual concert of the glee, banjo, mandolin and guitar clubs at Historical Hall, with the dance following at the Heights Casino. Christmas greens and the Blue were mingled in the decorations. On the committee which arranged the dance were Miss Marion Brooks Snow, Miss Edith Thurston, Miss Charlotte Leech, Miss Edith James Adams, Miss Helen Bruff, Frederick Wilder Bellamy, Howard Corlies, Reese D. Alsop, Robinson Leech, Philipps Rogers Malory and Francis Strickland Page.

Miss Snow, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sanger Snow, of No. 270 Henry street, entertained at dinner before the concert. Her guests were Miss Helen Bruff, Miss Helen La Vie, Miss Charlotte Leech, Miss Helen Murphy, Miss Josephine Ward, Miss White, of Manhattan; Miss Caroline Howard, of Yonkers; Frederick Wilder Bellamy, Howard Corlies, Francis Strickland Page, Sayre Dominick, Crockington Hannah, F. Bateson and J. T. Brooks. The decorations were in the college colors and the girls carried white chrysanthemums.

Mrs. William H. Thurston, of No. 88 Remsen street, gave a dinner for her daughters, Miss Edith Thurston and Miss Ruth Thurston, before the concert. Her guests were Miss Alice Ide,

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Miss Gladys Bigelow, H. L. Bigelow, Roger Shepard, James Townsend and Mark L. Mitchell. It was entirely informal.

Mrs. John Van Buren Thayer, of No. 26 Monroe Place, was the hostess of a Yala dinner of twelve covers on Wednesday evening. Christmas greens predominated in the decorations.

Miss Marjorie Speers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Renwick M. Speers, of No. 87 Pierrepont street, was the guest of honor at a dinner given last evening by her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Dwight S. Richardson, at their home, No. 27 East 27th street, Manhattan.

Mrs. Charles S. Burr, of No. 190 New York avenue, gave a luncheon Tuesday at the Montauk Club for her daughter, Miss Edna Burr. Assisting them to receive were Miss Maude Virginia Jones, Miss Eugene Alger, Miss Emily Whitehouse and Miss Mary Smith. Poinsettia and Christmas greens were used in the decorations. Mrs. Burr's guests were Mrs. William Robinson Simons, Mrs. Roland Whitney Betts, Miss Clara Belle Adams, Miss Louise Adams, Miss Beatrice Altroge, Miss Ethel James Adams, Miss Jean Day Adams, Miss Edith Burrell, Miss Isabelle Page Meacham, Miss Mildred Jellhofer, Miss Natalie Johnson, Miss Helen Newcomb, Mrs. Frederick Blackstaff, Miss Charlotte Robbins, Miss Mary Lattin, Miss Florence Mallory, Miss Grace Meurer, Miss Madeline Spear, Miss Enid Lima, Miss Ada Smith, Miss Edith Smith, Miss Lillian Strymer, Miss Ethel Barnum, Miss Edith White, Miss Madeline Cooney, Miss Larrie Bacon, Miss Hazel Carpenter, Miss Mellina Elredge, Miss Irene Cave, Miss Etta Harkness, Miss Josephine Toerge, Mrs. Edwin Randall, Miss Helen Brooks, Miss Marion Reicks, Miss Attenbrand, Miss Louise Clement, Miss Mary Forshay, Miss Emma Newton, Miss May Meurer, Miss Mortina Balch, Miss Gladys Balch, Miss Dorothy Ormsby, Miss Edith Smith, Miss Mary McCabe, Mrs. William L. Speer, Mrs. Royal Tuller, Mrs. Trideman, Miss Janet De Long, Miss Costello, Miss Lucretia Davis, Miss Mildred Stotts, Miss May Cooney, Miss Marsh, Miss Milnor and Miss Margaret Cassidy.

Miss Ruth Lattin, the younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Lattin, of No. 56 Pierrepont street, was the hostess at a card party Friday of the week before last. College echre was played, and the prizes as well as the refreshments and favors carried out the scheme. Mrs. Lattin was gowned in white chiffon satin and Miss Ruth Lattin wore white net trimmed with lace and blue ribbons. Their guests were for the most part young girls not yet out. The lucky players were Miss Dorothy Seaman, Miss Lillian Davenport, Miss Juliet Griffith, Miss Dorothy Everett, Miss Althea Gibb, Miss Katharine Pratt, Miss Gertrude Jennings, Miss Alice Morse, Miss Jean Murray, Miss Gladys Dowling, Miss Margery Eddy, Miss Elizabeth Haynes, Miss Eleanor Washburn, Miss Marion Blashford, Miss Louise Flske, Miss Geraldine Fitzgerald, Miss Jean Southwick, Miss Katharine Van Wyck, Miss Ruth Gibb, Miss Ruth Callender, Miss Dorothy Guyon, Miss Marguerite Simmons, Miss Lillian Parks, and Miss Lilabette Barnard.

Cards have been issued by Mrs. Harry Washington Fairfax for Saturday, December 28, from 4 until 7 o'clock, at the Hotel Mohawk.

The annual midwinter dance at the Mansion House on Friday evening will be given under the patronage of Mrs. A. A. Webster, Mrs. Alvah L. Halstead, Mrs. Edwin M. Millard, Mrs. Sidney O. Lowell and Mrs. George W. Johnson.

The principal event of the week for the debutante contingent will be the dance at the Heights Casino on Monday evening, which is being given jointly by Mrs. William Gilman Low and Mrs. Alfred Tredway White for Miss Esther Hope Low and Miss Annie Jean White. Miss Ethel Carhart, daughter of Mrs. Henry Bangs Carhart, of No. 45 Remsen street, will make her debut that afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Ludlam, of No. 32 South Portland avenue, are to give a dance at their home Thursday evening for their daughter, Miss Ruth Ludlam.

Mrs. Reginald Robbins, now of Boston, one of last spring's brides, is spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Henry B. Hall, of No. 107 East 65th street. There will be much entertaining in her honor by her friends on both sides of the river.

Miss Martha Phillips and Miss Bertha Phillips, daughters of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. Francis Phillips, are spending the winter at their old home, No. 70 Eighth avenue.

From present indications the Christmas dance of The Secretary, to be held at the Pouch Gallery on Friday evening, December 27, will be the most successful dance that has been given un-

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