"There are beautiful flowers that are scentless, and beautiful women that are unlovable."—Houelle.

The bal poudre at the Minikahda club last evening had a distinction all its own that marked it as one of the most delightful and beautiful gatherings of the year. The powder and patches gave a touch of old world dignity to both men and women and the masks and dominos held a charming air of mystery.

The club was never more beautiful for holly, southern smilax and myriads of twinkling lights transformed it into an enchanted place in which every guest was an enigma. Handsome rugs covered the stairway and office, which were festooned with greens, and great clusters of pink roses and carnations were in the large reception room, where the chandeliers were shaded to represent great pink blossoms. The roses were also caught in the green tangle above the great fireplace where the Yule log burned. The glass dining room was encircled with fir and pine trees glittering with tinsel and Christmas bells and poinsettia blossoms and red-shaded tapers were everywhere. The ball room was also in red and the poinsettia shades of the lights were vividly effective against the tracery of southern smilax that outlined the rafters.

Of course there was no formal reception group, but as the guests arrived they were regaled with hot Yule-tide punch and later frappe was served from a green-wreathed table. An orchestra played a program of dances that lasted until the supper hour and which was enjoyed by about 125 of the representative society people.

Mrs. Charles J. Martin entertained about 200 of the school and college set at an exceedingly pretty dancing party last evening at her home on Mount Curve avenue for her niece, Miss Ella Sage, who is home from St. Timothy's school in Maryland, for the holidays. Southern smilax was used in profusion thru all of the rooms and furnished a most effective background for the clusters of poinsettia blossoms which flamed here and there. Ferns and palms in quaint urns and jars added their beauty and great Christmas bells hung from the doorways and arches. Mr. and Mrs. Martin and Miss Sage received their guests in the drawing room. Mrs. Martin wore a Marie Antoinette gown of gray silk and Miss Sage was in a frock of white silk mull. An orchestra played a program of popular dances and later a buffet supper was served in the billiard room, where poinsettias in a large Japanese basket and red tapers in silver holders decked the table.

The luncheon which Mrs. J. B. Gilfillan was to have given for Mrs. W. D. Washburn today was postponed on account of the illness of Mrs. Gilfillan.

A holiday gathering of college women was held today at the Town and Country club, when the Smith College club had a luncheon. The girls who are home for the vacation were the honor guests and altogether there were about forty present. The decorations were in the Christmas red and green except the place cards, which reproduced the college pin in white and gold. Miss Austin of St. Paul presided over the informal toasts after luncheon and those who responded were Misses Janet Gilfillan, Fanny Passmore, Fuller and Mrs. Woodhull of Minneapolis.

Miss Simmons entertained at luncheon this afternoon at her home on Park avenue for Miss Wells of Morris, Minn., who is her guest. Covers were placed for twelve and poinsettia blossoms furnished a brilliant table decoration.

Miss Elizabeth Wyman entertained a group of school girls at luncheon this afternoon at her home on Colfax avenue S for Miss Ruth Harding, who is home from Donwer college, Milwaukee, and Miss Gladys Potter, a student of St. Clara college. Covers were placed for eight and a basket of holly was in the center of the table, while red satin ribbons were stretched to each cover and held the place cards. After luncheon Miss Wyman and her guests formed a theater party at the Orpheum.

Mrs. Thomas Roberts entertained at a luncheon yesterday afternoon at her home on Fourth avenue S for Mrs. Howard Mansfield of New York. Covers were laid for twelve.

Miss Katherine Shull attended the cotillion given by the St. Paul German club last evening in Ramaley's hall. Reece M. Newport and Edward Saunders led and one clever figure showed an old-fashioned brick chimney hung with stockings filled with favors, which were distributed to the dancers by two pickaninnies.

A pretty dancing party was given last evening in Johnson hall by a group of high-school girls chaperoned by their fathers and mothers. The hall was attractively decorated with rugs, palms and shaded lights. Among those who received the 100 guests were the Misses Ethel Hamblin, Elinor Buckman, Marguerite Guthrie, Marion and Emily Tupper, Ruth Ridges, Clara McCune, Dorothy and Mabelle Hudson, Irene Parkell, Katherine Stevens and Marion Slater.

The Optinimity gave a dinner Thursday evening at the Nicollet hotel for the honorary members. Covers were placed for twenty. The club is composed of a group of school and college boys who live in Kenwood.

Mrs. S. Maddans entertained at luncheon Thursday at her home on Dupont avenue N for Mrs. Martin Abraham, the bride of Rev. Martin Abraham of Mitchell, S. D. Mrs. Abraham was formerly Miss Adela Sherer of this city. Covers were placed for twelve and the guests included the members of Mrs. Abraham's bridal party. American Beauty roses formed the centerpiece and Christmas greens and holly were in the reception rooms and parlors. After luncheon a musical program was given by Miss Sadie Maddans. Mrs. Maddans was assisted by Mrs. M. Priebe. A number of affairs will be given for Mrs. Abrahams during her stay in the city and on Friday afternoon Mrs. Priebe will entertain for her at her home, 2727 Girard avenue N.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pettit of 3438 Pleasant avenue entertained Thursday in honor of the 73d birthday anniversary of their father, John M. Julians of Dixon, Ill., who is spending the winter here. There were fifty guests and after a Dutch supper cards were played. Prizes were won by Mmes. E. Ehlers, H. Minders, Mr. and Mrs. D. Flatt, F. Davis and George A. Ramsey. Several musical numbers were given. Mr. Julians was the recipient of a number of handsome gifts.

The Misses Estelle and Nellie Purdy of Central Terrace, St. Paul, entertained Thursday evening in honor of Willis C. Dunn of New York, who is a holiday guest of Miss Katherine Monahan of Nicollet Island. The sixteen guests formed a box party at the Metropolitan theater, to witness the performance of Andrew Mack in "Tom Moore."

Mrs. Andrew Grove entertained at a linen shower Thursday evening in honor of Miss Susanne Grove of Northfield, Minn. The rooms were decorated with hearts and bells, red being the prevailing color and carnations were used in profusion. An interesting program was given after which the bride was showered with numerous gifts. Miss Elida Boe and Miss Victoria Colby assisted the hostess in receiving the thirty guests.

A quiet wedding was solemnized in St. Paul Wednesday evening, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel P. Hallowell, 729 West Central avenue, when their daughter, Clare Estelle and Charles Erwin Roe of Winona, were married in the presence of the immediate families and about twenty-five other guests. Miss Lucy Hallowell, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Edward C. Parker, was best man. The bride's gown was French lawn and her bouquet was white roses. The maid of honor was also in white and carried pink roses. The bridegroom's father, Rev. A. D. Roe of Minneapolis, read the service, and Miss Dora Schaettgen played the "Lohengrin" bridal chorus as the bridal party entered the parlor. The rooms were decorated with smilax and Christmas holly. After Feb. 1, Mr. and Mrs. Roe will be at home in Winona.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL.

Anchor Camp, 879, M. W. A., degree team, will give a dance at its hall, 320 Nicollet avenue, this evening.

Mrs. L. B. Gisners of Ashland, Wis., is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Fraser of 2027 Emerson avenue N.

Minneapolis people at New York hotels are as follows: Bartholdi, A. C. Edwards; Holland, G. F. Eme, L. P. Hubbard; Hotel Astor, J. T. Davis; Herald Square, W. G. Gooding; Marlborough; M. Muckler. Duluth—Victoria, G. Lerch.

The Confectioners' association had a holiday gathering last evening in Richmond hall and about 300 guests were present. Short addresses by the president, W. O. Williams, H. Hurley, Rev. G. L. Morrill, William Russell and others were interspersed with music and after supper there was dancing.

CLUBS AND CHARITIES

Christmas at Riverside.

"All Nations' Christmas," a cantata, was admirably presented last evening by sixty members of Riverside Sunday school to an audience of about twelve hundred.

The principal characters were: Santa Claus, Fred G. Warner; Uncle Sam, R. O. Perry; Don Dooit, Paul F. Bunce; Dennis, Albert Velander; Philly-Pene, George Newton; Alice, Lily Hanson; Maude, Mabel Moberg; Jack, Henry Field; Harry, Elmer McMillan; Page, Master Frank Whitbeck. There were choruses and drills by the different nationalities, by the "Little Mothers", and by sailors and soldiers. The costumes were beautiful, the dialog bright and the music excellent thruout.

Miss Edna Wakeman was the accompanist, Paul F. Bunce, musical director, and Miss Ellen Mather and Mrs. C. V. Smith had general charge.

In the afternoon the primary and intermediate departments had a Christmas program of recitations and songs, under the direction of Misses Helen Weld, Ethel Mitchell, Maude Willard and Alice Braden.

Rev. B. R. Weld acted as Santa Claus and after telling a Christmas story distributed candy, assisted by a brownie chorus. Boxes of candy were also given in the evening by the superintendent, L. K. Thompson, and many assistants.

A Woman's Auxiliary.

A meeting of representatives from the different churches was held yesterday afternoon at the Northwestern Bible Training school for the purpose of forming an auxiliary to the work of the school. Mrs. C. S. Cairns presided and a talk was given by the superintendent of the school on the growth and possibilities of the work. A committee was appointed to continue the work of organization and a meeting will be held Thursday, when a constitution will be drafted and officers elected.

CLUB NOTES.

The executive meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary society of the Minneapolis presbytery will be held in Westminster church parlors Tuesday at 3 p.m.

The meeting of the ladies' auxiliary of the Hebrew Reformed church has been postponed until Jan. 9.

LATEST SONG HITS GIVEN.

Some of the latest New York song hits can be heard in Miner's American Burlesquers at the Dewey theater this week. Among those are "Write to the Editor Man," "Tickle Me," "A Yankee Doodle Boy Is Good Enough for Me," "The Old Cherry Tree" and a medley of popular airs composed by Charles K. Harris. One of the features of the show is the "River Pirates," a series of sensational motion pictures. The famous Breakaway Barlows in their sensational aerial performance display great skill as well as nerve.

NAMES SPECIAL JUDGES.

A. S. Maloney has been appointed by Governor Johnson to be special municipal judge at Waseca. The office was created by the adoption of a new charter, but has not been filled by election.

Railroads

FRAZEE WAS NERVOUS

Northern Pacific Main Line Came Near Missing the Station.

Special to The Journal.

Frazee, Minn., Dec. 30.—Northern Pacific surveyors have been busy in the vicinity of Frazee, presumably to straighten the main line from Frazee to McHugh. A double line will be laid from Moorhead to the twin cities, and the survey is to make a cutoff to avoid a very long curve and a high grade between here and McHugh. The survey begins southeast of McHugh, and keeps south of the present tract for some distance, then joins it again northwest of Frazee.

Much excitement was caused when it was learned that the survey might go southeast of Frazee. This would have brought the new line at the south of the present station nearly a quarter of a mile, and the north coast limited would have passed thru Frazee south of this station. The last survey will bring the new line to the old tract, a mile above Frazee, and all trains will run thru Frazee as usual. Should the line be south of Frazee, the thru trains would miss Frazee depot and the town proper.

NEW SOO BRANCH

Line South of Flaxton Into Crosby County Planned, It Is Said.

Special to The Journal.

Flaxton, N. D., Dec. 30.—Soo line officials were here Tuesday arranging for storage grounds for ties and rails to be used in their extension west of this place. H. L. Laughlin, right-of-way agent, took the initial steps in securing right-of-way. He was very guarded in his statements, but sufficient has been learned to warrant the announcement that the Soo will have a branch out of Flaxton and reaching into the Crosby country, as soon as the work can be done in the spring.

Work of securing right-of-way will begin at once and the material will be shipped in this winter so that everything will be in readiness to hustle the work thru. This haste is said to be due to a determination of the Soo to head off the Great Northern, which is coming this way from Mohall, and passing thru Flaxton, will reach out into the Williams county country.

NECHE DIVISION POINT

Great Northern May Extend Branch to Portage la Prairie.

Special to The Journal.

Neche, N. D., Dec. 30.—While no official announcement has been made, it is understood locally that the Great Northern will extend this branch to Portage la Prairie, Man., in the spring. Surveyors have been at work north of here, near Gretna, the terminus of the southern branch of the Canadian Pacific from Winnipeg, for several days, and from all indications a new station will be made at Rhineland, a Minnonite village a short distance west of Gretna. This extension of the Great Northern, should it materialize, will make Neche a division point and would prove of benefit to the city.

Resign from Erie.

New York, Dec. 30.—F. A. Wann, freight traffic manager, and C. L. Thomas, assistant freight traffic manager, of the Erie railroad, have resigned. Thomas Brewster, office manager of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton railway; S. P. Hane, freight traffic manager of the Erie railway, will, after Jan. 1, be at the railway exchange, Chicago, instead of New York.

RAILROAD NOTES.

"California—The Golden State" is a book which is being distributed by W. L. Hathaway of the Rock Island road. All sorts of information for the California tourist is contaned and it is full of interest for the general public on account of the bright and newsy way in which it is edited, and its pictures.

General passenger agents of the twn city roads gave a dinner Thursday at the Minnesota club in St. Paul complimentary to F. B. Rice, district superintendent of the Pullman company who goes to Chicago to be superintendent of the northwestern division.

The Minneapolis & St. Louis road yesterday announced that the rate of 75 per cent of the one way fare to homeseekers' points in the southeast, southwest and south will be in effect the first and third Tuesdays in January and February.

The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul road has announced that it will extend its thru tariff for the transportation of corn from the Missouri river to Liverpool, until Jan. 15. The road has discovered that it cannot haul all the grain it contracted for by this month: and fifteen days will be necessary to clear up all the orders.

Successful results attending the Great Western's week-end excursions have resulted in an extension for two months. It is expected that other roads, or at least one of them, will try the plan in competition.

As a New Year's greeting the passenger department of the Denver & Rio Grande is sending out an album containing excellent pictures of some of the beautiful scenes along its route. "Some Peaks and Cannons" is the title of the book. The pages are perforated so that the pictures may be framed and made into attractive wall decorations.

Interchangeable excess baggage books will be discussed at the Thursday meeting of the Western Passenger association in Chicago. Homeseekers' rates to western points will be taken up also.

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