

Social and Personal

Week's social events began yesterday evening with the Christmas party of the Richmond German Club...

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If you have not done your Xmas shopping yet, there is one store where you can find complete assortments; where you can get prompt service, and where you are certain of delivery on time for Xmas—that store is KAUFMANN'S.

To-day, your last before Xmas—there's no time for experimenting.

Shop where experience has taught you that satisfaction is assured—a Xmas gift bought at Kaufmann's up to closing time to-day will be delivered without fail on or before Xmas, anywhere within our wagon delivery limits.

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and Messrs. Tate Cheney and Drewry Kerr the men's prizes. Those playing were Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. Tate Cheney, Mr. and Mrs. schooler, Fox, Mr. and Mrs. John Addison, Mr. and Mrs. Drewry Kerr, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Newman, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Gilbert, Mr. and Mrs. James Howison, Messdames Rutherford Fleet, Anna Carr, Maudy, Frank Wright, Misses Ethel Howard, Anna Yaden and Tunie Wee Wright, and B. N. Shephard.

Rich German Women Now Playing Poker.

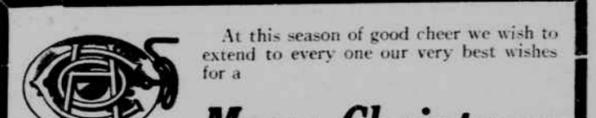
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Berlin, December 23.—Poker playing for high stakes, under the pretext that they are playing politics, is the latest doing among the women of the excessively rich in German cities, it became known to-day. The police of Brandenburg made a raid on a poker club and discovered that its habitués were young women of the wealthy families and high in society, who absented themselves from home, pretending that they were engaged in political work. "The Political Women's Union" was the imposing name of the meeting place, and the organizer was said to be an Austrian woman of high rank. The once national game of skat, it is said, has been entirely ousted in favor of poker by high society women.

Primary for Postmaster

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Meridian, Miss., December 23.—The Democratic executive committee met yesterday and after considerable argument, with a scant margin of one vote in the affirmative, adopted the petition asking for primaries on January 15 and 22 for the selection of a postmaster to serve Meridian under the Democratic administration. The measure developed some interesting opposition, which was only overcome by a telegram from Congressman Witherspoon stating that if the Democratic executive committee called for a primary and certified the results to him he would support the candidate for postmaster chosen in the primary. It was known Meridian has taken the initiative in the election of a postmaster. No election or primary to fill this office has ever been held before, so far as can be learned.

The Thalimer Store will be open until 10 o'clock To-Night.

Our friends and patrons who do not find time to do their buying during the daytime can avail themselves of this opportunity to do their Christmas shopping.



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