

MINNEAPOLIS SOCIETY.

An Unusually Quiet Week Preceding Christmas in the City by the Falls.

The Ball for the Benefit of the Fireman's Relief Fund a Success.

Brilliant Time at the Ball of Company B--Various Weddings--Gossip.

QUIET IN SOCIETY.

Events are Many but the Holidays Repress Brilliances.

The week before Christmas has not been very prolific of social brilliances, though it showed no diminution of the number of events. The large parties, with one exception, were all public affairs and organization dances, which are duly chronicled below. Holiday week will be rather more attractive in the points in which the past week was deficient.

SOCIAL ROUND-UP.

A ladies' social feature of the week was the Dickens party at Plymouth church, which occupied Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. The lecture room was crowded with people and the impersonations were received with delighted surprise.

The fifth annual ball of Company B at the armory on Tuesday evening, was quite a social success, but in point of attendance fell far short of expectation. The committees in charge were as follows: Reception--Capt. J. J. Welch, J. G. Williams, Lieut. G. E. Austin, Sergt. G. Fisher, Sergt. G. H. Hutchins, Sergt. L. D. Brown, Floor--Sergt. B. W. Ball, Sergt. G. A. Rose, Corp. E. M. Bruce, Private C. S. Watts, Private W. A. Edwards.

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at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Jones, 1501 Park avenue. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Joy, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Quints, Mrs. S. T. Wing, Dr. Putnam, Mr. and Mrs. Cove, Miss Emma Cove, Miss Carrie Crowley, Mr. and Mrs. Jacoby, Mr. and Mrs. George Lee, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Cooley, Mr. and Mrs. G. S. DeWolf, Mr. and Mrs. Cates, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Hubbard, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Taylor, Misses Fisher, Farnham, Anderson, Gallagher and Emma Cook, Mrs. Dr. Rogers, Mrs. Butts, Mrs. Cypher, Mrs. Farr, Dr. J. E. Moore, Messrs. Charles Jacoby, E. W. Clark, H. J. Altmoe, Ed Kilvington, James Patten and others. Prizes were taken as follows: Best of head and lone hand, J. S. DeWolf; lady's head, Mrs. M. H. Hubbard; gentleman's progressive, E. W. Clark; lady's progressive and lone hand, Mrs. J. S. DeWolf; lady's foot prize, Miss Farnham and gentlemen, Mr. Cove.

The fifth annual ball in aid of the Fireman's Relief fund was held at the Leland rink last evening, and besides proving an eminent social success, netted about \$2,000. Danz furnished the music and Weston was the caterer. The committee were as follows: Honorary committee, Hon. G. A. Pillsbury and board of aldermen; honorary members, W. M. Brackett and Dr. S. S. Kilvington; committee on arrangements, F. L. Stetson, A. H. Runge, P. J. Kenney, J. C. Scallen, Chris Henry, Nick Steffers, S. J. Murphy, J. H. Counterbury, William Pollock, Charles Forster, A. A. Hoy, H. Y. Young, William Hart, M. Capely, Henry Williams, J. C. Hurland, N. Mangano and W. H. West; reception committee, F. L. Stetson, A. H. Runge and P. J. Kenney; floor marshal, Capt. William Pollock; aids, Mrs. E. Koiser, Mrs. Steffers, Mrs. A. Hoy, J. McBride, William Hart, James Murphy, John Thies, Peter Newman, William Blewett, Peter Miller, James Pierson, John Hale, Husen Tuttle, Henry Winslow, C. O. Pierce, M. J. Foley and F. M. Snyder.

The first full-dress ball of the season was given by the Apollo club on Wednesday evening and was a brilliant and enjoyable event. The following were some of the guests: Mr. and Mrs. Dornier, Mr. and Mrs. John Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Weiss of St. Paul, Mr. and Mrs. Max Adler, Mr. and Mrs. E. Koiser, Mr. and Mrs. Beninger, Mr. and Mrs. Max Abrahams, Mr. and Mrs. L. Spield, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Rees, Mr. and Mrs. Kantrovitz, Mrs. Adelsheim of Le Mars, Ia.; Misses Sternberg of Cincinnati, Abbie Michaels and Marion Jacobs, Misses Abraham, Ashner, Cohen, Myers, Rothbaum, Messrs. Cy Rothschild, J. Nicolas, Samuel Rothschild, George Levi, Max Segelbaum, Max Cone, Adolph Cone, Henry Abrahams, Ben Jacobs, S. Myers, Moss Davis, Rothschild and Segelbaum.

The Jolly club, which takes high rank among the small organizations of the city, had one of its occasional balls at the West hotel on Thursday evening. The attendance was small, but the sociability and jollity correspondingly great. Favorable mention is made of Miss Carrie, led the German. Mrs. T. S. King, Mrs. L. Fletcher and Mrs. R. S. Innes distributed the favors. Others present were: Misses Mackey, Bend, Shenhon, L. hitmore, Hardenburgh, Watson, King, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. Will Steele, Mr. and Mrs. George Eustis, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hefflinger, Messrs. Charles Carpenter, I. R. D. Hallowell, Charles Velle, Will E. Burwell, D. M. Chante, Hal Watson and Lou Watson.

A brilliant wedding was that of Miss Cora Porter and George H. Coffin, on Wednesday night, at the residence of Mrs. J. S. DeWolf, 1118 Fifth avenue south. About seventy-five invited guests were present, from whom the young people received congratulations and good wishes.

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Rev. D. D. McLauren, at the home of R. E. Crane, 2710 Fifteenth avenue south.

The Young People's Lyceum of the Thirtieth avenue M. E. church gave a pleasing literary affair on Tuesday evening, including a pronouncing and spelling match.

A pleasing social was given on Friday evening in the lecture-room of the West-wood club, Miss Mrs. May and Mr. Monroe furnished the entertainment.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Darling, at their residence on Hennepin avenue, corner of Eleventh street, entertained about eighteen friends Friday evening.

An interesting musical and literary program was rendered on Tuesday evening at the Mission tabernacle, which was enjoyed by about 400 people.

Mrs. J. W. Kendrick gave a card party last evening to a party of twenty-four invited guests at her home, 124 East-Thirtieth street.

Mrs. A. F. Scott entertained a small party of friends Wednesday afternoon at her home, No. 113 Twelfth street south.

Mrs. H. V. De Mott entertained a company of ten tables at progressive euchre last evening at her home, 26 Oak Grove.

Mrs. William G. Northrup had about thirty invited guests at her home, 802 Fourth avenue south, Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Kent, at their home, 800 University avenue southeast, had a few friends to tea Friday evening.

Mrs. F. R. Pettit entertained a number of invited guests on Tuesday evening at her home, 810 Sixth avenue south.

The banquet by the Massachusetts association in honor of Father's day, has been indefinitely postponed.

Mrs. Iverson entertained a score of guests on Friday evening at her residence, 611 Sixth avenue south.

Mrs. Grieves gave a pleasing painting reception on Wednesday at 502 South Eighteenth street.

The M. A. of S. club gave an enjoyable dance at 2110 Fourth avenue south on Thursday evening.

C. A. Doliver, 1416 Chicago avenue, entertained large children's party on Thursday evening.

The ladies of the J. O. C. club will banquet the gentlemen of the club on New Year's day.

The ladies of the Elite club will receive New Year's calls at the home of Miss Belle Carlisle.

Mrs. J. W. Kendrick, 124 Thirteenth street east, gave a card party Friday evening.

Mrs. G. Northrup entertained a few friends, serving refreshments, last evening.

Several from Minneapolis will attend the ball by the Baiter board of trade, Jan. 6.

The M. C. Curve progressive euchre party will be reorganized after the holidays.

The F. U. N. club will meet with Miss Mamie Hale on Christmas morning.

The Sons of Veterans are to give a ball at Curtis hall on New Year's evening.

PERSONAL POINTS.

Mrs. J. W. Day and daughter, and Mrs. Frank Mackey have gone to Arkansas Hot Springs, and Mrs. J. W. Day to California for the winter.

Mrs. N. M. Page and daughter, Miss Addie, are visiting in the city while en route to their new home at Tacoma, W. T.

Calvin W. Clark, president of the council, and Miss Adelaide Weatherbee were quietly married on Tuesday evening.

Mrs. J. H. Horton and daughter Nellie, left Tuesday on an extended trip through the Eastern states.

W. D. Washburn, Jr., has returned from Europe and Miss May Washburn is home from school in Connecticut.

Judge J. M. Shaw and family, and Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Bannon, left last evening for California.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Newton have returned from a visit to New York and Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Gowen left for New York on Tuesday morning to spend the winter.

A. L. Vrooman will leave in the early part of the year for a European tour.

Mrs. M. F. Barrall and family, and Mr. Fraser and daughter, departed for Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. McArthur of Moorhead are the guests of Mrs. James B. Wakefield.

Miss Mary Anson, the elocutionist, has gone to Chicago to take a course of study.

Miss Lizzie Dayton left last evening for Boston, where she will pass the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred K. Pulsifer of Chicago are the guests of Judge A. E. Ames.

Bishop C. D. Foss and family will go to Europe the first week in February.

Miss Nellie Selekke goes to St. Cloud to-day to remain over New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Clifford left last evening for a visit in the East.

Miss Mary Beech is home from school at Fairbairn for the holidays.

Mrs. F. D. Zimmerman has returned from Hot Springs, Ark.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Baldwin have gone to Las Vegas, N. M.

Miss Emma Allen has gone to spend the holidays in Chicago.

Mrs. George E. Higgins has returned from the South.

S. C. Oswald is quite ill at his Hennepin avenue home.

Miss Ada Morrill will spend the winter at Excelsior.

PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS.

Practical Hints on Making the Tree a Success.

Various Methods of Decoration--Placing the Presents.

Written for the Globe by Mrs. Bernard Peters.

Since the night when I lay awake to find out for myself whether St. Nick came down the chimney on Christmas eve I have never ceased to take an interest in that annual source of joy and gladness, the Christmas tree. Macaulay always prefaced any statement of fact that he made by this phrase, "Every school boy knows this and so," and writers oftentimes think it useless to recall any historical statements for fear they may be repeating only what "every schoolboy knows." I find, however, that schoolboys often forget, so I may be pardoned for stating a few of the facts relating to my subject. The institution of Christ mass is attributed to Pope Telesphorus, who died A. D. 138. At first it was the most movable of the Christian holidays, and was celebrated by the Eastern churches in the months of April and May. In the fourth century St. Cyril of Jerusalem obtained an order from Pope Julius I. for an investigation to be made concerning the day of Christmas. The result was an agreement upon the 25th of December, and throughout the world, wherever Christianity is known, that date has been accepted. The day is considered in the double light of a holy commemoration and a cheerful festival. During the middle ages it was celebrated by a gay fantastic spectacle of dramatic MYSTERIES AND MORALITIES.

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NEVADA!

GRAND CONCERT

AT Minneapolis, Monday, Dec. 21, AND AT St. Paul, Tuesday, Dec. 22,

SUPPORTED BY THE FOLLOWING GRAND CONCERT COMPANY:

Mons. EDMUND VERGNET, tenor, from the Grand Opera, Paris.

Signor CARLO BUTI, baritone, from La Scala, Milan.

Signor LUIGI CASATI, violin virtuoso, professor at the Imperial Conservatory, St. Petersburg.

Mons. GUSTAVE LEWITA, court pianist to his R. H. the Grand Duke of Baden.

Signor PAOLO GIORZA, the celebrated composer, musical director and conductor.

Tickets now on sale at one-third less price than were ever before known at a Nevada concert anywhere.

The following are a few brief extracts from the prominent papers of the country relative to Nevada's present tour:

"The Philadelphia Press says she sung her 'Madame Nevada' so beautifully that the audience (notwithstanding it was the last piece) delayed to recall her thrice. 'Her voice,' says the Press, 'is as wonderfully flexible, melodious and sympathetic as ever.'"

"The San Francisco Call says: 'She gives a most brilliant exhibition of lyric pyrotechnics, until you are amazed with admiration of her art. Her vocal range is then followed by a simple composition in the close, rigid, legato style, when her pure, clear, expressive tones penetrate the heart.'"

"The New York World says: 'There is no occasion to modify the high opinion we expressed when she first appeared in 'La Sombambula.' She is among the finest of living vocalists.'"

"The Washington Republican says: 'Without attempting an analysis it can be safely said that in delicate shading and sympathetic tenderness no singer since Jenny Lind has approached Emma Nevada.'"

"The Washington Post says: 'There is a freshness in Nevada's singing which Patti can never hope to regain.'"

"The Philadelphia North American says: 'Nevada has developed from an accomplished vocalist to a great singer.'"

"The New York World says: 'Madame Nevada was in superb voice and looked and sung like a bird. Her costumes were as marvelous as her singing.'"

"The San Francisco Examiner says: 'She shakes out four trills with perfect freedom and accuracy, and manages her pianissimo with fine skill and unchanging purity of tone. Her execution is, in short, irreproachable, and there can be no shadow of disappointment in her singing. The quality of her voice is also delightful. The intricate variations of the 'Carnival of Venice,' its trillades, and trills, and chromatics, were all given with a crisp and even touch that made each note stand out as each pearl on a single string.'"

"The San Francisco Alta says: 'The chromatic scales that she sings with such nervous exactitude appeared several times in gay, graceful measures, and trills that came so easily that they were almost unacquired, are also used plentifully. The waltz was light and delicate, and effective, as well as exceedingly difficult, and it was brilliantly sung.'"

"The Boston Globe says: 'Madam Nevada made marvelous music in Music hall last evening. She was the center of attraction, and easily kept the audience spell-bound. Her magnificent voice, used with consummate grace, was as charming as ever. She was received three times after last song, and that the audience, after a concert over two hours in length, should demand a repetition before they would go, was indeed a remarkable feat for any singer.'"

"New York Telegram: 'Nevada last year astonished us by the wonderful bird-like facility with which she accomplished the most rapid of runs, and she returns now with her mastery of coloration unimpaired, but with added beauty of voice, earnestness of manner, and dramatic fervor of expression.'"

"The following instructive personal testimony is from the Minneapolis Journal of Thursday last: 'Mrs. Bertha Morrison of Minneapolis