

## ELSEWHERE

A very pleasant entertainment was given in the dining room last Friday evening. Moving pictures gave again the ever interesting story of Cinderella, and that, together with the story of Joseph sold into captivity, and many other pictures, comic and otherwise combined to make a very enjoyable entertainment.—Native American.

The skating rink was flooded again last Saturday night and the water froze as smooth as glass; it has been the scene of a merry crowd of boys and girls all through the week. Wednesday evening there were about two hundred skaters out after study hour. The electric lights strung up by the engineers add much to the pleasure in the evening.—Weekly Review.

News from our friend, Mr. Johnson, of Tolchaco, Arizona, is encouraging. His letter of December 9, 1907, contains the important information that the Conference of Missionaries which met there on November 19 adopted an alphabet for the use of workers among all the tribes of the Southwest, thus making the work of each missionary of increased value to all the rest. Suitable names were adopted for the Deity, for spiritual beings, and for a future state, as well as others required by missionaries in dealing with religious subjects.—The Indian's Friend.

The Romans called the first month of the year January in honor of the god Janus. At dawn of the year the people robed in white, sacrificed elaborate offerings to their gods, especially to Janus. Fraternal greetings, benevolent gifts, and exchanges of costly presents marked the day. All evil speaking, quarrels or excesses were for one day laid aside, and the ideals of a nobler future were

brought to mind by parables enacted in public places. The soldiers renewed their vows of loyalty to Caesar and put on new uniforms.—Ex.

Miss Ada Westbrook, religious instructor at Sherman, is indulging in the childish diversion of the "mumps." While we wish her a speedy recovery, yet we hope she will get quite all that is due her now in order to avoid a similar experience in the future. In other words we hope she will have "two mumps."

Major Mercer's resignation will probably be a surprise to many who know his fondness for the Indian Service, and the statement that he did this in anticipation of the probable abolishment of the Carlisle School, will be accepted with considerable doubt.—The Tomahawk.

Recently H. A. Hutchins, who registered at Ak-Sar-Ben hotel from Rosebud, S. D., was in Bonesteel and called on Mayor Hendrickson and went over the situation in regard to the selling of liquor to Indians of the Rosebud reservation and at his request the Mayor called a meeting of the liquor dealers of the town and gave them to understand that the selling of liquor to Indians was as much a crime against the government as ever and that a recent ruling of the U. S. Court has been misconstrued. The permission to sell to Indians applies only to those who are placed upon the roll of honor and those who have charge of their own affairs and are not in reality wards of the government. Mr. Hutchins visited all the towns in the county on this mission and cautioned the dealers against the further action along this line.—Rosebud S. D. New Era.