Christmas is almost here and society is preparing for this annual holiday and festival season with a vim that promises a pleasant and busy, if not spectacular and brilliant, week. No affairs of stellar proportions are on the tapis, but these are the days of the shopping-bag and family purse, the eager anticipation of what delights may be coming on the Christmastide, the arrangements for the little family parties that will be held in so many homes, the pleasant reunion of friends and relatives with the old folks at home, so that it may be safely said that society will be anything but dull.

It is even rumored that several weddings will mark the day for those who devote much time and attention to the doings of the local "400," and while no definite announcements are yet out, Dame Gossip takes an eager delight in discussing the probability of quiet weddings without show and pomp so ardently desired by those who cater to such affairs. If Cupid's charms have ensnared any victims for the Yuletide the interested principals and their friends are unusually quiet about it.

Every hall and every orchestra is engaged for balls either Christmas eve or Christmas night, so that there will be plenty of this kind of amusement for those who like, and their name is legion.

So in view of all this the approaching Christmas festivities are taking up the time and attentions of the society leaders. The affairs of this week were mostly confined to club parties and a few informal affairs.

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Mrs. A. Meier, assisted by Mrs. Sigmund Frank, gave a tea at her residence Wednesday afternoon in honor of Mrs. Leon Hirsch and Mrs. Elsing of New York. The rooms were beautifully and lavishly decorated with choice flowers. White roses and palms formed the decorations in the parlor, and bridesmaid roses in the dining-room. Yellow roses in profusion and green foliage were the decorations of the living-room. The hall was transformed into a regular bower of red carnations and holly.

Dainty refreshments were served during the afternoon, as follows: Mrs. M. Fleischner served the chocolate, Mrs. Hausman the chicken sandwiches, Mrs. Lipman the tea and Mrs. Ehrman the ice cream. The Misses Edna Rau, Ruby Jacobs, Verlina Lowenberg, May Oppenheimer and Gertrude Steinbach assisted with the serving.

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Mrs. O. F. Paxton gave a tea Friday afternoon in honor of her mother, Mrs. Wade, who is spending the winter with her. The rooms were beautifully decorated with holly and red satin ribbons. Numerous little red candles cast their glow around the rooms and helped to carry out the color scheme of red and green. Yellow chrysanthemums were used in the reception-room.

Mrs. Fred Page and Mrs. Charles Adams served at the table. Mesdames F. Warren, Allen Ellsworth, Extrom, Luders and Pratt, and the Misse Alice Sansbury, Frances Warren, Wolsey, the Misses Hickey and Miss Hudson of Tacoma, assisted with the serving.

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Miss Emily Holbrook entertained the "500" club at her residence Monday afternoon, December 14. The game "500" was played and during the afternoon dainty refreshments were served. Those present were: W. A. Gordon, Mrs. W. L. Northup, Mrs. W. M. Cake, Miss Henrietta Lauer, Mrs. Walter Holman, Mrs. William Harder, Miss Della Zimmerman, Mrs. Zimmerman, Mrs. R. Holman, Mrs. Frank Watkins, Miss Roberts, Mrs. Lutke, Mrs. Harlow, Mrs. Edward Brown and Miss Emily Holbrook.

The club will hold its next meeting Tuesday evening, December 29, at the residence of Mrs. W. A. Gordon.

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The Grand Chanuka entertainment and ball given last Sunday evening at the Arion hall for the benefit of the Jewish academy, Chinuch N'Orim, proved one of the most successful affairs of the kind ever given in Portland. More than 400 persons were present.

The entertainment opened with a selection by Parsons' orchestra, after which M. Mosessohn, the master of ceremonies, delivered a short address in which he explained the aims and objects of the Jewish academy. The sanctification of the Chanuka lights by the children of the academy followed. In all, 60 children took part in the exercises and grand chorus. The remainder of the program was as follows: Piano selections, Leo Shapirer; vocal solo, Herbert Wilson, accompanied by Miss Elizabeth Hoben; "The Tale of a Sea-Shell," a mandolin selection by Miss Sadie Delovage, accompanied on the piano by Miss Sarah Bromberger; violin solo, Miss Esther Goldman, accompanied by Miss Emma Rutter; piano solo, Miss Celia Chernis; vocal selections, Miss Ethel Abrams, accompanied by Mrs. Rose Bloch-Bauer. The entertainment was an artistic and brilliant success. Dancing followed and continued until 1 a. m.

Dainty refreshments were served by the ladies during the evening.

The committees were as follows: General, M. Simon, David N. Mosessohn and J. Nudelman; arrangements, Dr. N. Mosessohn, I. Savransky, Mr. Barde, P. Nudleman, M. Chernis, Charles Davidson, I. Goldstein, M. Levin, A. Lipman and J. Rosencrantz; reception, Mrs. N. Mosessohn, Mrs. I. Savransky, Mrs. J. Cartman, Mrs. Charles Davidson, David N. Mosessohn, P. F. Rogoway, Mrs. I. Friedman, Mrs. M. Cohn, Mrs. Z. Ricen, Mrs. H. S. Goldman, M. Simon, and J. Nudleman; floor committee, Meyer, Simon, L. Rubenstein and J. Barde.

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Mrs. Wallace McCamant entertained the members of the Multnomah chapter, Daughters of the American revolution, at her home Wednesday afternoon.

W. S. Duniway read a paper on the life of Benedict Arnold. The paper was greatly enjoyed and about an hour was spent in discussing it.

Later on refreshments were served by the hostess. Altogether a very pleasant and enjoyable after was spent.

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Tuesday night was "ladies' night" at the Multnomah club, and there was an unusually large crowd. Some very interesting gymnasium work was seen. Professor Krohn was in charge of the floor. The program was as follows: Selection, orchestra; parallel bars, day juniors; horizontal bars, seniors; selection, Parsons and Weber Mandolin club; wand drill, day juniors; Indian clubs, junior girls; leaping, night juniors. Dancing followed on the gymnasium floor.

The entire club was thrown open to the visitors. The reception hall was tastefully decorated with ivy and evergreen. The event was successful and was highly commented upon by those present.

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The Ladies' Nomah circle, Women of Woodcraft, gave a whist party and dance in their hall at East Sixth and Alder streets, Wednesday evening. The affair was very successful and was enjoyed by all present.

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A very successful entertainment in the form of a medal contest was given at the White temple Tuesday evening by "Mother Goose's Temperance Children." The successful contestants were: Class 1, Alice Van Schoonoven; class 2, Kieth Kiggins; class 3, Faith Van Anker. H. W. Stone presented the medals.

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EVENTS OF THE WEEK.

The faculty and cadets of Bishop Scott academy gave a very successful and enjoyable dancing party Thursday evening at Parsons' hall.

The hall was beautifully decorated with Oregon grape, evergreen and willow. United States flags were artistically draped about the hall and gave it a military appearance.

Parsons' orchestra furnished the music. "The Prince of Plisen," "Sylvan Reveries," "Laughing Water," "The Sultan's Dream," "Anona" and "The Jolly General" were among the numbers on the dance program.

Those present were:

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Archer, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Laidlaw, Mr. and Mrs. T. Barlow, Thomas Mesdag, Herman Thompson, Miss Prudence Hageny, Earl Grant, Miss Ruby Scott, Miss Inez Cummings, Miss Evaline Wilson, Miss Frances Wilson, Miss Caroline Wilson, Miss Leezer, Miss Bailey, Miss Dennis, Miss Boot, Miss Ramsdell, Miss Van Waters, Miss Morrison, Miss D. Morrison, the Misses Armstrong, Miss J. Smith, Miss Hurlburt, Miss Tebbetts, Miss B. Morrison, Miss E. Lewis, Miss A. Davis, Miss M. Walters, Miss Hazel Bean, Miss I. Higgins, Miss Helen Bates, the Misses M. and L. Palmer, Miss Ketchum, Miss Nan Robertson, Miss Alta Smith, the Misses R. and Ruth Hess, Miss Korrell, Miss Bettison, Messrs. Johnson, Miss Webb, Mr. Morris, Mr. Herrigan, Miss Hazel Reed, Miss Smith, Misses Crocker, Miss Watson, Miss Rita Bell, Miss Ruth Smith, Misses Amos, Dr. W. F. Amos, Miss Sansbury, Miss Laura Jordan, Mr. Jordan, Miss Lee Bingham, R. Bingham, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Bingham, Capt. and Mrs. W. C. Langfitt, Miss Dorothy Langfitt, Miss Prudhomme, Miss Marjorie Canby, Miss Bessie Strong, Miss Helene White, the Misses Higgins, Clifford Nichols, Miss Nichols, R. Drake, Ralph Knight, William Ladd, Jr., Harold Bates, K. Fenton, R. K. Page, A. Mears, Roy Durham, H. Prudhomme, Arthur Honeyman, Plodden Scott, George Warren, Kenneth Beebe, T. Robertson, Archie Hancock, Dr. Zan, Miss Holdsworth, Mr. Templeton, Oliver Cutler, Miss Cutler, Mrs. Drake, Miss M. Drake, Dr. and Mrs. Van Waters, Dr. and Mrs. Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Sealy, Maj. V. M. C. Silva, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Hoge, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Mather, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Kollock, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. S. Rutherford Johnson, Chester Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Mears, Capt. W. A. Bethel, George Berrian, Rev. W. R. Powell, Miss Margaret Powell, Marion Dolph, B. Canby, Jack Mackie, Alan Heitshu, Lester Hodson, Mrs. R. E. Bybee, Judge and Mrs. C. H. Carey, Miss Carey, Carl Williams, Miss Martha DeBevoise, Bob Williams, J. F. Fink, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Ramsdell, Mr. and Mrs. McMillan, Mrs. Carroll, Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Smith, Dr. and Mrs. A. E. Rockey, Miss Weidler, Miss Anita Burns, Dr. and Mrs. J. R. Wilson, Miss Wilson, Robert McCracken, Edgar Eubanks, Fred Strong, Elmer Connell, Lester Kollock, Will Hare, Mr. Bidwell, Bernard Turner, Paul Vial, Miss Isabelle Wyman, Miss Helen Goss, Walter Goss, Miss Wilma Fiske, Harry Humphrey, Miss Kathleen Burns, F. Cook, Mr. Boyd, J. Zan, M. Whitehouse, Miss Florence Hilton, Miss L. Morris, Miss R. Morris, Mr. Van Houten, Oliver Jeffery, Miss Chandler, Raymond O'Connor, Gordon Sterling, Fred Muithauf, Robert Smith, Robert Riley, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Buckley, Arthur Seeley, Mr. Koerner, H. Von Ettinger, Miss Margaret Boot, Raymond Holman, Paul Rockey, the Misses Grey, Alfred Woolsey, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Davis, Roy Pease, Miss Hilda Macleroy, Seaton Taylor, Messrs. Robbins, George Brown, Miss Kate Young, Miss Fannie Brown, Mrs. W. C. Morrow, Miss Sears, B. Wickersham, D. Honeyman, Hopkins Jenkins, Bishop and Mrs. B. Wistar Morris, Milton Kahn, Miss Hazel Brown, Miss C. Moore, B. L. Norden, Melville Eastman, Henry Shofner, Walter Gray, Miss Mary McArthur, Miss C. Holmes, S. Burnett, Edward Jeffery, Harold Chamberlain, Frank Jacobs, Miss E. Walter, Ronald Johnson, C. Hurlburt, Lawrence Holman, Miss May Koshland, Miss DeBevoise, Miss Ethel Scovell, Miss Leda Rice, Monte Meier, Mr. and Mrs. A. Tucker, Mrs. M. E. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. George Grey, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. H. Cleveland, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Kan, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Korrell, Mr. and Mrs. E. Hulbert, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Gorham, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Glendenning, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Fenton, Mr. and Mrs. J. Downs, Mr. and Mrs. B. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Andross, Mr. and Mrs. J. Q. Daniels, Mrs. H. Speckert, Miss H. Speckert, Mrs. A. Smith, Rev. and Mrs. J. E. H. Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. Leopold Schmidt, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Palmer, Miss C. Nissler, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Ketchum, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hewett, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Goode, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Deming, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Bowker, Mr. and rMs. T. W Angus, Everett Grant, Mrs. J. K. Clark, Miss Helen Brace, Miss Georgie Fitch, Hon. George H. Williams, Miss McCord, Miss Rachel Josephi, Miss Inez Barrett, Miss Amy Heitshu, Miss Hazel Crocker, Miss Etta Honeyman, Miss Maude Morey, Miss Ruth Smith, Miss Ruth Maxwell, Miss Marjorie Watter, Miss Josephine Smith, Miss Helen White, Miss Barbara Crocker, Miss Ethel Walter, Miss Maude Jones, the Misses Smith, Lou Woodward, Ned Barrett, George Warren, Melville Estham Marion Dolph, Roy Rurham, Gill Durham, Jordan Zan, Raymond Holman, Arthur Holman, Dave Honeyman, Leon Savage, Von Etlinger, Misses Weidler, Miss Myrtle Schafer, Miss Mabel Nissler, Miss Ethel Palmer, Miss Kuhn, Miss Leezer, Miss Hopkins, Miss Farrar, Miss Bailey, Miss Pinder, Miss Dennis, Miss Lord, Miss Gilliland, Miss Helen Bates, Miss Maida Hart, Miss Arlene Davis, Miss June Sterling, Miss Kate Woolsey, B. Wickersham, L. Wickersham, R. Fisher, Carl Williams, Robert Williams, Peter McCracken, Mr. Herriott, William Roerner, Arthur Seeley, John McClane, Dudley Clarke, Mr. Lathrop, Mr. Black, F. Lavell, Mr. Blanchard, Mr. Hulbert, Mr. Bush, Mr. Rountree, Jim Zan, Maj. W. A. Bethel, Raymond O'Connor, Gordon Sterling, A. Woolsey, Ralph Knight, Edward Jeffery, J. Mackie, Mr. Whittlesey, Phil Hart, Morey Dooley, Mr. Holbrooke, Mr. Whiting, Harry Corbett, Lieut. Fenner, Miss Helen Goode, Ernest Russell, Miss Genevieve Mays, L. Hensen, Wilson Mays, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin I. Cohen, Miss Levy, Mr. and Mrs. Paul S. Dick, Mrs. J. K. Clark, Oscar Kerrigan, Chester Hughes, Lou Williams, Mr. Jacobs, Miss Martha DeBevoise, Guy Wyman, John Crosby, Malcolm McKuhen, Miss Ada Anderson, Miss Hazel Richards, George Bingham, Henry Fisher, Miss Fay Beagle, Carroll McFarlan, Kenneth Poorman, Miss June Sterling.

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The Carnation Social club gave a very pleasant dance Monday evening.

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The New Century Dancing club gave a party Wednesday evening, at Parsons' hall.

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The St. Lawrence Social club gave the last of their popular series of whist parties for this year Wednesday evening. The first prizes were awarded to Miss M. Bauer and Mr. Walsh.

Miss Catherine Schneider gave a comic recitation during the evening, and Mr. Edward Kieth's vocal selections, which followed elicited much applause. Each guest received a dainty souvenir calendar in water colors.

The club will give their parties for 1904 on the following dates: January 5, January 19, February 2 and February 16.

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One of the most important events of the week was the celebration of the twentieth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Edward R. Root. The affair took place Thursday evening at the home which was beautifully and elaborately decorated with palms and evergreens. The color scheme was pink and green.

The game hearts was played during the evening. The dainty little heart-shaped score cards were works of art. They were hand-painted and bore quaint little Chinese characters.

Later in the evening dainty refreshments were served.

There were a number of elegant presents received among which was a jardinier presented by the Neighborhood Whist club.

There were about 40 guests present.

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The Ladies of the Maccabees gave a very pleasant dance at Foss hall Tuesday evening.

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The Royal Rogues gave a Christmas party at Parsons' hall Friday evening, December 18.

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Mrs. Max Smith entertained the Hiawatha Whist club at her residence Thursday evening, December 17.

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WEDDINGS.

Carl Edward Schlickeiser and Alice Rose Baker were married Wednesday, December 16th at 8:30 p. m. at the home of the bride's parents, 366 South Grand avenue. Rev. William S. Gilbert officiated.

The home was beautifully decorated for the occasion.

Miss Grace Holden played the wedding march. Miss Hattie Hall was the bridesmaid and Herman Schlickeiser acted as best man.

After the ceremony was pronounced refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Schlickeiser will make their home at 512 Main street.

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George Schieve and Mrs. Rena Rhoades were united in marriage by Rev. E. H. Mowie Sunday, December 13, at 3 p. m. The wedding was a quiet affair, only a few friends being present at the ceremony, which was performed at Woodlawn.

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Lloyd E. Dunning and Maude Cole were united in marriage Wednesday, December 16, at 166 Eighteenth street, north, Rev. William E. Randall officiating. Mr. Dunning is a popular railroad man. Good wishes are extended by many friends.

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Benjamin L. Cain and Luella Coffey were married December 12, Rev. William E. Randall officiating, at the Central Baptist church parsonage. The new home will be at East Sixth and East Alder streets, where the young people will be at home to their friends.

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COMING EVENTS.

The Third Infantry band, O. N. G., will give its second dancing party Tuesday evening, December 22, at the armory.

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Mrs. W. A. Gordon will entertain the "500" club Tuesday evening, December 29, at her residence.

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The Multnomah county Woman's Christian Temperance union will celebrate Crusade Membership day and Peace Observance day at Centenary Methodist Episcopal church, East Pine and East Ninth streets, Sunday (tomorrow) at 3 p. m. Mrs. Lucia F. Additon will give an address and there will be a musical program.

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The County W. C. T. U. will celebrate Crusade membership day and peace observance at Centenary M. E. church, East Pine and East Ninth streets, tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. A fine musical program will be rendered. Mrs. Lucia Faxon Additon, national lecturer and organizer, will give the address.

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The Pastors' Aid of St. James' English Lutheran church will be entertained by Mrs. I. M. Bohnsen at her home, corner West Park and Jefferson streets, December 31, at 2 p. m.

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PERSONALS.

J. C. McLennan of the firm of Eugene D. White & Co., accompanied by his wife, left Friday morning for Vancouver, B. C., on important business for the firm. He will visit Victoria and New Westminister and return in about a fortnight.

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Miss Agnes Gilbert of Salem is visiting friends here in Portland.

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Mrs. E. D. Connell is visiting friends in Tacoma and will return in a few days.

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Mrs. Ellen Rawson Miller of Seattle is visiting in Portland with friends. She will remain through the holidays.

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Mrs. A. L. Tibbetts has left for Los Angeles, Cal., where she will pass the winter with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Russell.

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Mr. and Mrs. E. H. McCracken will spend the holidays in New York with their daughter, Mrs. George C. Mason.

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Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Fleischner and daughter left for Southern California a few days ago for the benefit of Mr. Fleischner's health.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Baum of Chicago are visiting Portland friends.

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Miss Lottie Hammond of Port Townsend, Wash., is visiting Mrs. Dr. L. M. Davis of this city.

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Mrs. C. W. Chase of Los Angeles, Cal., is in Portland visiting and will remain here for a few weeks.

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Mrs. O. F. Paxton gave a luncheon Wednesday in honor of her mother, Mrs. Wade.

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ENGAGEMENTS.

The engagement of Miss Emma Ricen to Mr. Arnold Levy, both of this city, is announced. At home New Year's day at 169 Montgomery, from 2 to 5 p. m.

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AT THE MEN'S RESORT.

The pupils of Mrs. Edith F. Hanna will give a musicale at the Men's Resort, 68 North Sixth street, Saturday evening, December 26, at 8 o'clock. She will be assisted by Marie Keller of the Gillespie School of Expression, and Miss Zena York, recitationist. The program will be as follows:

Piano duet, "Storm King" (Paull), Mrs. Hanna and Mr. Whitmarsh; piano solo, "Garland of Roses" (Stresborg), Maser Aiden Hungerford; vocal solo, "Maybe" (Rosey), Miss Clara V. Putney; piano solo, "Fond Hearts Must Part" (Lange), Clara Hill; recitation (selected), Marie Keller; piano duet, medley (Bellak), Blanche Johnson; piano solo, "Mazurka" (Behr), Beatrice Leezer; vocal solo, "A Little Boy in Blue" (Welles), Mabel Boyle; piano duet, "Autumn Leaves" (Merz), Zilla Lewis; recitation, "Ruggles' Dinner Party," Miss Zena York; piano solo, "Alpine Glow" (Oesten), Maude Seyde; piano duet, "Valse" (Behr), Aiden Hungerford; piano solo, "Flower Song" (Lange), Miss Putney; vocal solo, "The Night You Promised" (Rosey), Mr. R. B. Hansen; piano duet, "Valse Bleue" (Margis), Mabel Boyle; recitation (selected), Marie Keller; vocal solo, "Just Remember I Love You, Too" (Rosey), Miss Clara Putney; piano duet, "Qui Vive" (Ganz), Mrs. Hanna and Mr. Whitmarsh.

No admission will be charged.

AT THE THEATRES

(Continued from Page Twelve.)

The temperamental qualities of Mr. Robson, coupled with a handsome personality, make him an ideal Carvel, and serve to invest the character with a fidelity and sincerity most convincing.

We have it from good authority that this is positively the last season in the character of the Churchill hero, and that next season we shall see him in another role of equal romantic value. As usual Mr. Robson is credited with carrying an excellent company and a scenic investature not alone adequate in representing the pictorial viewpoint of the play, but also of that sumptuous quality which obtains recognition.

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"FOXY GRANDPA."

"Foxy Grandpa," the first novelty of the season as a musical snapshot will be an early attraction at the Marquam Grand. Joseph Hart and Carrie De Mar head the company, brought together by William A. Brady.

"Foxy Grandpa" is the work of a hitherto untried and unknown dramatist, R. Melville Baker, and its inspiration was the series of cartoons which have been amusing the world for a year or two. The principal character, Goodelby Goodman, "Foxy Grandpa," is a dear old gentleman who has more heart than worldly wisdom, and whose love for his grandsons and determination to sacrifice himself for their amusement and benefit form the basis of the story.

The plot is built up around the complications resulting from a case of mistaken identity, Signor Bolero, a "facial artist," having undertaken to impersonate "Foxy" for the amusement of a summer hotel party. Bolero and "Foxy" both become entangled in the snares of the Signorina Colonus, a dashing Italian adventuress, from whose clutches "Foxy" escapes by a clever ruse. Mr. Brady has engaged a fine company, an attractive chorus and a number of pretty girls to appear in the dances. The scenery is said to be particularly pretty and the costumes are varied and gorgeous.

NEW YORK LETTER.

New York, Dec. 14.—Probably because of the near approach of the holidays, there is a slight decrease in the list of new attractions at the theatres. Nevertheless the program is a most attractive one. Four novelties are promised—the first American production of "Mouna Vauna," at the Irving Place theatre; "The Girl From Dixie," at the Madison Square; "The Sacrament of Judas," a one-act play which Kyrle Bellew is to put on as a curtain-raiser to "Raffles," and "Dorothy Vernon of Haddon Hall," in which Bertha Galland appears as a star.

Three interesting revivals will also be given on Monday night. At the Criterion, William Faversham will be seen in "Lord and Lady Algy," and at the Academy of Music, "'Way Down East" will come for another long run, where it has already played two long seasons, and at the Fourteenth Street theatre, Robert Mantell will revive "The Corsican Brothers."

"The Girl From Dixie," at the Madison Square theatre, is the first production of the new musical stock company that will permanently occupy the theatre. The piece in which they appear is from the pen of Harry B. Smith. It is more of a comedy set to music than a musical comedy, though some of its songs, it is promised, are exceedingly catchy. As its title suggests, it is laid in the South and its heroine is a daughter of Maryland. Irene Bentley will be this southern girl—a rather appropriate choice, since she herself is a native of the state.

"Dorothy Vernon of Haddon Hall," which Bertha Galland brings to the New York theatre Monday night, is a dramatization of Charles Edwin Major's novel of the same name by Paul Keater. The plot centers itself about Haddon hall, one of the places in which Mary Queen of Scots sheltered herself during her captivity. The story itself is of the romantic attachment and elopement of Dorothy Vernon and young John Manners in spite of the opposition of parents and guardians. Miss Galland will be seen as Dorothy Vernon, and, notable because of it being her first attempt away from comedy. May Robson will be Queen Elizabeth.

Forbes Robertson in England caused a decided sensation when he produced "The Sacrament of Judas" there. Naturally, therefore, there is considerable interest in its production at the Princess theatre on Monday night by Kyrle Bellew. The story of the play is highly dramatic and intense. One of its scenes, indeed, is highly sensational. Its period is that of the French revolution. In order that both "Raffles" and the new play may be given in one bill the curtain will be raised at 8 punctually.

It was in "Lord and Lady Algy" that William Faversham scored his most emphatic hit, and it will be a pleasure to again see the clever character study of the gay Lord Algy. Hilda Spong will play the part in which Jessie Millward was first seen here.

Phoebe Davis and "'Way Down East" have been seen so often at the Academy of Music that there is almost a local pride in their return. People who like rural plays go to this one over and over again, and therefore it seems highly probable that it will remain at the Academy for many weeks to come.

At the Fourteenth Street theatre years ago Mr. Mantell won his spurs in "The Corsican Brothers," and the announcement that he is to revive it tomorrow night will be greeted with pleasure.

A number of plays which have met with favor are rapidly approaching the end of their engagements. Maude Adams leaves the Empire on January 2. Tomorrow night "The Three Little Maids" enters on its last two weeks, as does Maxine Elliott at the Savoy.

At the Victoria Frank Daniels also is approaching the end of his engagement, the most successful the popular comedian has ever played in New York. "The Japanese Nightingale" also enters its last two weeks tomorrow night at Daly's theatre.

Many of the plays here are booked to remain indefinitely. Henrietta Crosman, in "Sweet Kitty Bellairs," seems to have made a hit which will carry over until summer at Belasco's theatre. William Gillette remains at the New Lyceum in "The Admirable Crichton," as does Marie Tempest at The Hudson in "The Marriage of Kitty" and "Red Feather" at the Lyric.

Fritzi Scheff is still drawing very large houses at the Broadway theatre, where she remains over the holidays. "The County Chairman" continues to do a large business at Wallack's; at the Herald Square theatre "The Girl From Kay's" will remain, and at the Garrick Fay Davis in "Whitewashing Julia" will continue, as will "The New Minister" at the American.

At the Majestic "Babes in Toyland" is still as popular as ever with children, and at the New Amsterdam "Mother Goose" is doing a large business. Charles Richman and Captain Barrington will be at the Manhattan theatre over the holidays.

Anna Held, in the splendid production of Richepin's play, "Mam'selle Napoleon," begins its second week at the Knickerbocker theatre Monday night, when the original Richepin version will be given. Mr. Ziegfeld has never made a more elaborate production than this. "Winsome Winnie" and Paula Edwardes continues merrily at the Casino.

Dr. N. J. FULTON, Naturopath.

Relief at Last

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 7, 1903.—To Whom it May Concern: I suffered two and one-half years from nervous disease, and my stomach was so badly afflicted that I was sick almost all the time. My digestion was so badly impaired that there appeared a half-dead condition of all internal action. I was so weak that all work was a burden to me, and I could scarcely sleep at all. I tried several physicians without beneficial results. I then heard of Dr. Fulton, and after taking a few treatments was able to sleep nights, and after five weeks' treatment I find myself cured and my strength gradually returning.

MRS. J. N. HAGENSON,
740 Michigan Ave., Portland, Or.

A Wonderful Testimonial

A Portland School Teacher Saved From Surgeon's Knife—Rescued in Nick of Time, the Lady Lives to Bless the Day She Was Induced to Trust Her Case to a Noted Drugless Doctor.

It won't do for any person to speak disparagingly of drugless doctors to Miss Della Withey, one of Portland's most highly esteemed and well-known school teachers. This bright young woman was about to be lugged off to a hospital to undergo the latter-day popular carving outrage, when two friends who had been treated and cured of afflictions similar to those from which she suffered, prevailed upon her to give Dr. N. J. Fulton, the lady who cures her patients without drugs, a trial. These earnestly interested ones said to Miss Withey:

"It won't hurt you to try her, anyway. She gives no medicines whatever, does not resort to surgery, and, therefore, can work no injury upon you. We implore you not to submit to the contemplated butchery until you have given this celebrated doctor an opportunity to show you what she can do for you. Try her for just two days."

Without a thought that she would be in the least benefited, any more than she had been before, by those whose "skill" is renowned throughout the city, Miss Withey suffered herself to be persuaded, and this is what the happy young lady has to say concerning the one who snatched her from the jaws of the carver, if not from death:

A LIVE TESTIMONIAL

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 7, 1903.—To Fellow Sufferers: I am only too anxious to add my testimonial to the list of those who have been cured by Dr. N. J. FULTON, but can never find words that would express my gratitude. For two years I have been ill and gradually been growing worse. After consulting and treating with several of the leading physicians of this city, I was told that without an operation I could get no relief. I finally yielded and made all arrangements to go to the hospital. But the day before I was to have gone I was advised by two friends—both of whom had been cured by Dr. Fulton—to consult her. I did, and am very thankful to be able to sincerely say that after taking SIX treatments I am well. DELLA WITHEY, 270 Porter Street, City.

The foregoing is a grateful woman's story. The BEST of Portland's physicians had treated and consulted over, and, as if hoping for an avenue of escape from their dilemma, a Seattle specialist was called in consultation. He, too, said that Miss Withey must submit to an operation. But she did not, and is now as stout and healthy as she ever was.

Such a testimonial as this ought, it would seem, convince any one of the WONDERFUL power of drugless treatment. It is a marvelous thing, indeed, that, without medicine or other mode of treatment save that provided by nature, the afflicted should be cured of every ill of life. Is it not worth while for YOU, if you are sick, to at least investigate this method of healing? Will it not be worth your while? If you will, you will not longer submit to that species of healing that does not heal, but worse, leaves its scar upon the health forever after.

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