

a handsome oak-panel table. I received a package, its contents were not revealed until I had unrolled some tissue wrap, when a fine pair of gold sleeve buttons handsomely engraved with my monogram appeared. - It is an article which I very much desired. - Now came the musical programme. The four boys (Waldemar included) were neatly attired, a burnt cork supplied each with a mustache & quater vene Max who as "professor" wore side whiskers. - Max, had the flute, Julius guitar - also the bones, Oskar bones, Waldemar accordion, Marie piano & I piano & guitar. - Nine selections were given two of which were vocal. - Amount of applause great each piece. By the time this part of the evening's entertainment was over the appetites were whetted for solid & liquid refreshments. Nuts, raisins, figs, dates, condiments, the inimitable German Lucas cakes, craps, beer & wine were then besieged amidst merry chatting and jocular remarks - for the three generations assembled were all young tonight. Mother was cheerful & Father was happy. - Shortly after 10 P.M. Rev. J. Snyder put in his appearance - not as a preacher but as a sociable educated gentleman. For his benefit the musical programme was repeated. The hours glided rapidly down the steep incline of time and it was after 1 a.m. ere we sang "God Save the Queen" & "Auld Lang Syne", and another bright jewel had been set into the Crown of Life.

Tuesday 25
misty
windy

Christmas Day. - Last night & today's rain have taken all the frost out of the ground and the weather is more like that at the end of April than of June.

The Christmas dinner is that meal where the small boy may feel inclined to cry that he can't eat more of the many good things offered. - When the plum pudding was served all were already satiated & ate only a little of it as a mere matter of form. For tea we were all at Mother's, & thereafter another krus was celebrated, all were again made the recipients of presents. - The boys gave another musical

These various games were played amidst shouts of
laughter. (Miss G. Duck was present too)
It was 1 1/2 a.m. as we returned home.

Wednesday 26 I am trying to resume my normal work &
will do some work. Matilda & Annie, Carl &
Mavis returned to their respective homes.
misty

Thursday 27 Busy in office. In evening attended to when
cloudy father performed the ceremony of consecrating & dedi-
cating the new Episcopium. Thereafter we had a
supper at Mrs. G's; quite a number from Aspelow
& Galt were present & a pleasant evening was
spent.

Friday 28 Busy in office. In the evening Mr. & Mrs. Pattison
clear family were here. For their children it was a
cold gold day - the trees, fountain & then the
company of our boys & Halden.

Saturday 29 Busy in office. In evening Aspelow, Grace Duck
cloudy George, Harry, Aggie & Ida Est, Dr & Mrs Gordon
pleasant were here

Sunday 30 Busy in office. Mr. Drispel & wife & Rev. Taylor
since were here to tea, the first two spending the evening, but
M.A. at G. joined us.

Monday 31 Busy in the office. I shall be very glad when the holidays
cloudy are over and everything assumes its normal condition.
Being the last night in the year we spent it at Father's.
The boys were full of life & fun. The clock struck 12
and there was a rush of mutual greeting for the new year.

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amidst tolling of bells & shooting. -

The proverbial winter supper was then enjoyed