

# IN SOCIAL CIRCLES

There will be just enough going on next week to give society a slightly animated aspect.

For the first time people are beginning to manifest a little interest in social matters, and the interest evinced may be taken as a favorable indication as to the prospects for the season.

Within the past two weeks several of the established social organizations have re-organized and in some instances they have commenced active operations.

Unusual attention was given the re-organization of the Pleasant Hour club, whose first reception will be given at the Hotel Lincoln Friday evening, October 20. At the meeting held Wednesday afternoon a large number of new members were elected, and it is probable that the club's membership will be much larger than last year.

As previously announced the club's first event is to be a reception to recently married members and their wives, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar F. Funke, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Meissner and Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Howe.

Another event of interest to occur next week is the wedding of Miss Gertrude Hill, daughter of ex-State Treasurer and Mrs. J. E. Hill, and Mr. Resin Welch, which will take place Wednesday evening October 18 at 8 o'clock at the residence of the bride's parents, 1700 L street. The ceremony will be performed by Rev. E. H. Curtis, of the First Presbyterian church, in the presence of relatives and immediate friends.

### Trester-Wallace.

Mr. Louis H. Trester and Miss Alice A. Wallace were quietly married at the home of the bride, 2338 Clinton street, Wednesday evening at 6:30 p. m., Rev. C. E. Bradt officiating. Only a very few friends of the contracting parties were present. Mr. and Mrs. Trester will be at home to their friends after October 25, at 3017 Apple street.

### Wessel-Schwab.

Mr. Edward Wessel, of Omaha, and Miss Rachel Schwab, of St. Joseph, Mo., were married at the home of the bride in that city Tuesday evening. Mr. Wessel is a brother of Mr. Lou Wessel, of this city, and quite a number of relatives and friends left Lincoln Tuesday to be present at the wedding and ceremonies which followed.

### Knights of the Maccabees.

Monday evening next, October 16, Admas Tent No. 6, the local organization of the Knights of the Maccabees, will give a reception and entertainment at the Lansing in honor of the visit of the founder of the order, Mayor N. S. Boynton, of Port Huron, Mich., also Miss Bena M. West, the head of the ladies branch of the organization. It will be seen by the following program that a very interesting musical treat has been arranged in connection with the addresses of the distinguished visitors and others:

### PROGRAM.

- Overture—"Marta".....Flotow
- Lansing Theatre Orchestra
- Invocation.....Rev. E. H. Curtis
- Air Variations.....P. Rhode, Or. 16
- The Amphion String Quartette
- Waltz Song—"Always Together" by Nowlin of this city—just out.....H. J. W. Seaman
- Address of Welcome.....Mayor A. H. Weir
- Instrumental—"Romance".....Miss G. B. 38
- The Amphion String Quartette
- Response.....A. R. Talbot
- Song—"Answer".....Robyn
- H. J. W. Seaman
- Address—"K. O. T. M.".....Major N. S. Boynton, Sup. R. K. Descriptive—"The American Derby".....J. B. Lamp
- Lansing Theatre Orchestra
- Address—"L. O. T. M.".....Miss Bena M. West, Sup. R. K. Characteristic—"The Uhlans Call".....Ellenberg
- Lansing Theatre Orchestra

### First Quarterly Session of the Y. W. C. A.

The first quarterly session of the Young Woman's Christian association of Lincoln was held Tuesday evening in their rooms in the Brownell block. The reports were favorable and showed that during the last quarter ten meetings of the association have occurred. These parlor socials have been held for the purpose of explaining the work and getting acquainted, and two public meetings for the purpose of laying their plans before the public. These meetings were all well attended and were addressed by Chancellor Canfield and Miss Emma Rogers, general secretary of the Young Woman's Christian association of Topeka, Kan., Rev. E. Lee Teek, of Sidney, Neb., and Miss Helen F. Barnes, state secretary of the association of Missouri and Nebraska. Three gospel services have been held which were attended by at least 300 young women. The association has rented rooms in the Brownell block and their newly appointed secretary, Miss Shirley H. Smith, of Wisconsin, will arrive immediately and take charge of the rooms. A committee was appointed to confer with the young woman's branch of the W. C. A., concerning a union of the two associations. Monday prayer meetings will be held in their rooms. All members and friends of the association are invited to meet with them next Sunday at 3 o'clock.

### "Sigma Chi."

Alpha Epsilon chapter of Sigma Chi fraternity gave their initial party in the rooms formerly occupied by the Elk's club Friday evening. The rooms were beautifully decorated in gold and blue, the colors of the fraternity. The evening was spent with cards and dancing. The party was chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. Myron E. Wheeler and Professor and Mrs. Richards. Those present were

Misses Burks, Whiting, Winger, Roberts, Loomis, Nellie Lau, Helen Lau, Geatly, Wilder, Broady, Sencerst, Kirker, Messrs. Dixon, Bert Wheeler, Hebard, Mallalieu, Pulls, Packard, Andrews, Hicks, Young, Weston, Canfield, Crawford, Weeks, Saxton, Joe Shannon, Henry Shannon, Frank Bridgeman, Westermann and Will Hardy.

### "Dime Museum."

The club composed of the members of the faculty of the Western Normal college met with Professor Colbert Friday evening. The club has been named the "Dime Museum," from the fact that the weekly dues are a dime. Miss Raines and Miss Fay did the honors of the evening, Mrs. Colbert being in Chicago. After a dainty supper had been disposed of two hours were most delightfully spent with a symposium of the world's fair, five minutes being allotted to each member to tell of the things that impressed him or her most at the fair. This club will meet every week, devoting one evening to readings and current literature and the next to social intercourse.

### C. L. S. C.

The first regular meeting of the North Lincoln C. L. S. C. was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Benedict Tuesday evening. The meeting was opened with the roll call, which was responded to by quotations from Browning. Mrs. Kingman then led in the study of the history of Rome and the making of modern Europe, and was followed by Miss Hedges, who took up the study of Economics. Mr. Wilkinson gave a select reading and the meeting closed with a talk on the required reading in the Chautauquan. The next meeting will also be held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Benedict.

### Rev. and Mrs. Hewitt Receive.

Rev. and Mrs. John Hewitt held a large reception last evening, at which all the Episcopalians of Lincoln were welcomed. The reception was held in the chapel of Holy Trinity church, corner of J and Twelfth streets, and was given in honor of Bishop and Mrs. Worthington, of Omaha, who are their guests.

### Comus Club.

A party of young people met at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Tyle, 440 South Thirteenth street Tuesday evening and laid plans for a dancing club, to be known as the Comus club, which will meet every two weeks during the winter in the Halter block. Miss Ruby Prindall was elected president of the club, Mr. Albert Pound, master of ceremonies, and Mr. Will Prindall secretary. The club will have another meeting next Monday evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Tyle.

### Pleasant Reception.

A very pleasant reception was tendered to President Baldwin and the new board of directors at the Y. M. C. A. parlors by the members of the association Wednesday evening. Excellent music was furnished by the Tuxedo Mandolin club and the Telyn quartette. The time was spent with social conversation and games, and there were about 350 people present.

### Chancellor Canfield Honored.

Chancellor James H. Canfield, of this city, delivered an oration at the annual alumnigathering of Williams college, at Williamstown, Mass., last Tuesday, at which time the degree of L.L. D. was conferred upon him. Among the other distinguished men who received the same degree at the same time were Henry Cabot Lodge, President M. E. Gates of Amherst; President W. J. Tucker, of Dartmouth; President Smith, of Trinity; Justin Winsor, of Harvard; Professor Brooks, of John Hopkins; William Everett, of Quincy; Justice Patterson, of the New York supreme court and Justice Childs, of New York.

### Social.

One of the most enjoyable socials ever held in the parlors of the Second Presbyterian church in East Lincoln, was given last Friday evening for the purpose of introducing the new members and getting better acquainted. A delightful musical program was rendered and tempting refreshments were served in the basement. There was a large number in attendance.

### Pleasantly Surprised.

The friends of Mrs. S. S. McKenney gathered at her home in East Lincoln one day last week to celebrate her fifty-third birthday. It was a thorough surprise to Mrs. McKenney. Several beautiful gifts were left as tokens of remembrance of the occasion.

### Mrs. E. S. Hawley Entertains.

Mrs. E. S. Hawley entertained a few friends in an informal manner Tuesday evening in honor of the sixty-first birthday of her husband. Whist formed the diversion of the evening. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Abbott, Mrs. John B. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. W. Wilson and Mr. R. A. Perry.

### Mrs. Grant at West Point.

Mrs. Grant has passed a good part of this season at West Point, for which place, owing to many associations of her life, she seems to have a special fondness. If our government ever did for its heroes what other nations do frequently, an act would be passed providing a home for Mrs. Grant on the old Kinsley property. One of the most beautiful sites of the many beautiful ones about West Point is a bluff promontory on which stands the original Kinsley house, now in ruins. It is the boldest point next to that occupied by

Cranston's Hotel on the west side of the river, overlooking a neighborhood of magnificent country palaces about Garrison's, and giving a grand view both up and down the river. The Kinsley farm is only utilized for gardens for the post, and would have abundant acreage for that purpose if a handsome little park of a dozen acres were set apart, and a commodious cottage erected for the residence of the widow of the greatest general of his age, and twice president of the United States. Fifty thousand dollars would erect a suitable house and outbuildings and put the place in perfect order for a delightful residence. Mrs. Grant is by no means in affluent circumstances; in fact, but for the heroism that enabled her great husband to work, until life had all ebbed away, in the production of his book, her only source of revenue, she would be practically penniless. For a nation so rich as ours the trifling sum required to give her a home that she would more than enjoy, for the few declining years of her life, is a bagatelle, and would be begrudged by no citizen; and the compliment would be a graceful one as well as an attestation that republics are not always ungrateful. I feel confident if some member of congress would introduce a bill to carry out this idea, it would pass both houses without objection, and receive the cordial approval of the president.—Town Topics.

### A New York Debutant.

New York society is all agog over the prospective "coming out" of Gertrude Vanderbilt, daughter of Cornelius Vanderbilt. The young woman was, of course, born with a silver spoon in her mouth, and her entrance into society is to be signaled by an entertainment upon a so magnificent a scale that it will rival the birthday fetes of royal personages. Ward McAllister and J. Frederick de Peyster are sitting up nights, each endeavoring to secure the sublime honor of leading the german on the auspicious occasion.

### Minor Mention.

Miss Eugenia Bethune and Mr. Richard McLellan will be united in marriage Wednesday, October 18.

The Ladies' Aid society gave their first supper at the Universalist church, corner of Twelfth and H streets, Tuesday evening.

About forty-five teachers arrived in Lincoln Wednesday from Fremont. They comprised the entire force of the public school teachers of that city, and spent Wednesday and Thursday here for the purpose of inspecting the public school system of Lincoln and gathering material to assist them in their work.

The Y. M. C. A. directors met Monday evening and decided to call Mr. John B. Doune, of Denver, to the general secretaryship. Mr. Doune was present and decided to take the matter under consideration. Mr. M. D. Welch, chairman of the building committee, made his report for the year, and it was very encouraging to the association.

### CHICAGO GOSSIP.

#### Items of Interest Concerning People and Things in the Windy City.

CHICAGO, Oct. 12.—[Special Courier Correspondence.]—A reportersaw a man and three women studying the paintings in the United States collection at the world's fair the other day. They were evidently far from home, or felt as if they were. The three women, as the reporter soon noticed, were almost always of the same mind, and stopped to look at the same pictures.

The man, it was evident, had a different standard of taste. "Come on, come on; that's no good!" he kept saying. Then he would walk on. Finally one of the women said:

"Now, see here, Seth, you just leave us alone, and do your own lookin'. We know what we want to see better'n you do."

"Wal," he said, "I know how to look at picters, and you don't. I've found out that when I've been one of the judges at our county fair. There was one rule we always went by. When a picter tells its own story it's good. When you have to look in a book to find out what it is it ain't good. And you've been looking in that 'ere book to find out what all o' them picters are. Now you just come on and look at the picters that tell their own story, and you won't waste any time."

"I don't know but you're right, Seth," said the woman.

The quartette started down the room looking for stories in the pictures. My first impulse was to laugh, but the smile was drowned in a moisture somewhere near the eyes. The homely speech was full of the pathos of ignorance. And after all, what artist would not be glad to know that his brush had told the "story," with no need of help from a book?

It always does the ordinary man good to witness an exhibition of simple democratic tastes by a man of great wealth, but I am informed that the chief clerk in the Colonies hotel, in Chicago, has not yet recovered from the shock of ordering ten jorums of hot Scotch whisky for Mr. Willie K. Vanderbilt and a party of friends on one of the very cold nights of last week. The party arrived in a coach on the way home from the fair, and it is to be presumed that they all—the ladies included—enjoyed the hot Scotch; though the hotel-keeper, I understand, beat his brows in a frenzy of mortification at the sight of

a man worth \$200,000,000 treating his friends to so democratic a brand of refreshment. As the party drove off it was remarked in my hearing by young Mr. Biddle, of Philadelphia, who happened to be standing by, that it was worth a journey all the way from town to see so stunning a woman as Mrs. Willie K. drive by. That lady handled the ribbons on the return journey, and there were no accidents.

A select circle of busy Chicago people, who are seldom so happy as when digesting a toothsome morsel of gossip, is occupying its time just now, I hear, in speculating upon the exact relationship of one of the windy city's most conspicuous millionaires and a tall and exceedingly handsome damsel who accompanied his daughter and himself from the other side of the water when they last returned from abroad. The young lady came, so I am told, as the guest of the daughter, and for a long while visited at the millionaire's handsome South Side mansion. His wife, a lady of great sweetness of disposition, but whose mental condition is not of the strongest, received the visitor most cordially, and made, I understand, no demur when the latter commenced, in a most extraordinary way, to assume the direction of the affairs of the household, as though it were her legal right to do so. So marked did her inclinations become in this direction that the daughter and niece of the capitalist ceased to speak to her altogether, notwithstanding which she continued to reside in the house with the full sanction and approval of its master.

The millionaire all this time took no pains whatever to conceal his fondness for the damsel's society, the pair being frequently seen at the theatre and other public places in each other's company. There is also a pretty story illustrative of the rich man's great generosity in rewarding his fair friend for the performance of a service. "If," he is quoted as saying to her some months after her arrival at the family mansion, "you will get I——," mentioning the name of his niece, "married off this winter, I'll make you a present of \$25,000." As the young lady was married very shortly afterwards it is to be presumed the handsome reward has long since been paid.

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