

Our Weekly Review of Social Happenings

Rev. Elmer Ward Cole lectured to the members of Friends in Council and their invited guests, at the home of B. F. Morgan on last Friday evening. The lecture was listened to with the greatest pleasure by about seventy five people.

Rev. Cole chose for his subject the character and life work of Alfred Tennyson. He analyzed with critical discernment the poetic principle which is embodied in the work of the laureate. To him, Tennyson was pre-eminently a religious poet; his genius was based primarily, upon an intense reverence for Him from whom all inspiration comes. In proof of this assertion, he quoted freely from "In Memoriam" and the "Idylls of the King," showing the religious strain that pervades them and wherein they delineate the character of the poet. In closing, he referred to what is considered by many to be the most beautiful of all the beautiful children of this poet's brain. He quoted:

"Sunset and evening star,
And one clear call for me!
And may there be no moaning of the bar,
When I put out to sea.
But such a tide as moving seems to sleep,
Too full for sound and foam,
When that which drew it from the boundless deep
Turns again home.
Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark;
And may there be no sadness of farewell
When I embark.
For though from out our bourne of Time and Place
The tide may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have crossed the bar."

None but a profound student of the life and work of Tennyson, could have prepared the lecture and so clothe the language of the conscientious and competent critic in the dress of forcible and expressive rhetoric. The lecture was delivered in Rev. Cole's best and was a very scholarly address.

During the evening Mr. Simon Davies sang very nicely, "The Boudouin Love Song" and Miss Zola Jones very pleasingly rendered as a piano solo, Bendel's "By Moonlight."

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Stetler celebrated their thirtieth wedding anniversary at their home, Fourth and Morton streets last Friday evening. The occasion was made one of much festivity and genuine enjoyment, the host and hostess proving the very best of entertainers. The guests, in order

that mere words alone should not be left to express their congratulations, presented Mr. and Mrs. Stetler with a number of handsome gifts. The celebration of a thirtieth wedding anniversary being a pearl wedding the gifts were especially selected with a view to their appropriateness. Those who assisted Mr. and Mrs. Stetler in the celebration of this happy occasion were: Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. V. G. Lyford, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Mauger, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Mohler, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Holland, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Schock, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Korner, Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Hoffnell, Mr. and Mrs. John Carico, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Maddox, Mrs. Snidow and Miss Fannie Maddox.

Mrs. John Weber entertained the German Ladies Art club in a very pleasant manner yesterday afternoon. This session of the club was a very profitable one and the social features very enjoyable. Mrs. Weber served dainty refreshments.

The members of the Christian church will tender a public farewell reception this evening in the K. of P. hall to Rev. Elmer Ward Cole, who will leave February 1st for his new field of labor in Hutchinson, Kan. All friends of Rev. and Mrs. Cole are invited to be present.

The younger men of Falls City have organized a club which promises to be one of the strong social organizations of the city. The new club will be known as the Storks and elegant club rooms have been fitted up over Cleveland Bros. store. The first meeting was held on Friday evening and the following officers elected: Fred McKiever, president; Fred Paxton, secretary and Clarence Heck, treasurer.

The members of the W. O. W. and the Woodmen Circle of this city joined in a social at their hall Saturday evening. After an address by Rev. Cole on fraternalism which gladdened the hearts of all present, the following program was rendered:

- Solo.....Miss Elva Sears
- Recitation.....Minnie Macomber
- Solo.....Miss Pet Prater
- Recitation.....Naomi Stumbo
- Dialogue.....
-Miles Crook, Minnie Macomber
- Instrumental Solo.....Wherry Lowe
- Song.....Sherman Godfrey
- Dialogue.....Tonic of a New Sensation

This was an instructing play of fine scenes and was well rendered, each one taking a part did it with great credit.

After the program those pres-

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MUIR GLACIER NOT ON VIEW.

Four Years Since Steamers Have Able to Reach It.

Tourists in Alaska have been greatly disappointed in the past four seasons at the inability of excursion steamers to approach the front of the Muir glacier, says the New York Sun.

Up to the summer of 1900, excursion boats from Sitka had regularly steamed along the very front of this best-known and most interesting of American glaciers, and it was a treat to view at short range the mighty ice wall four miles across.

In the summer of 1900, however, the ice-choked channel of Muir inlet prevented steamers from approaching nearer than ten miles, and in the three summers since then they have been stopped by ice at distances of from five to ten miles.

A short time after the last excursion party of 1899 visited Muir glacier, a series of severe earthquakes occurred in that region. It is supposed that the impassable condition of Muir inlet, since those September earthquakes, is due to the shaking the glacier received.

In May last, Messrs. Andrews and Case, of Skagway, forced their way with great difficulty to the face of the glacier, where they made an interesting discovery, no indication of which could be observed at the distance from which the glacier has been viewed for several years.

It has long been known that Muir glacier is a receding ice river. Its front is breaking off or melting faster than the ice is formed, and the rate of recession since John Muir rediscovered the glacier in 1879, was about a mile in seven years.

But the glacial front in the last four years has retired two miles and a half, a far higher rate of retrogression than has been observed before. The present indications are that before long Muir glacier will cease to reach tide water.