

The Social News.

Mrs. Geo. B. Holt entertained at a Kensington Tuesday afternoon. It was a very pleasant social event.

Friends in Council met in regular session last Friday evening, Miss Gilman being the hostess. It was both a business and social session and as such was both pleasant and profitable.

The next number of the Sorosis lecture course will be the appearance of Ralph Parlette, the humorist. As a "funny man" Mr. Parlette ranks with the best and has the reputation of being a prince of entertainers. He will appear at the Jenne opera house, Thursday evening, March 3rd.

Mrs. William Harnack was very pleasantly surprised on Tuesday by the members of the German Ladies Art club who desired to assist her in the celebration of her birthday. When she had recovered from the effects of her surprise she proved an admirable hostess and the occasion was one of genuine pleasure.

Last Sunday was William Hoppe's seventieth birthday and the event was celebrated by an informal family reunion. Besides the immediate members of Mr. Hoppe's family the following relatives were present: Mrs. Julia Butrick of Napier, Mo., Chas. Hoppe and wife of Preston and Mrs. John Schuler and Mrs. Henry Rieger of this city. A very fine dinner was served and the day was a very pleasant one not only for Mr. Hoppe but for the guests who helped him celebrate his birthday.

The W. O. W. drill team gave a box social and entertainment at their hall in this city Saturday evening. After a very interesting program in which the team gave an exhibition drill the boxes were sold at auction. A handsome sum was realized for the same, the boxes selling for from fifty cents to five dollars. A fine cake was voted to the most popular young lady present. Miss Snidow won this prize. The sum of nine dollars and thirty-five cents was realized for the cake. The members of the team take this method to thank the ladies who furnished the well glided boxes and helped to make the affair such a grand success, financially and socially.

Church Notes.

The Presbyterian church services will be held on next Sunday and the pulpit will be occupied by Rev. Charles F. Koehler of Omaha. You are cordially invited to these services.

Second Sunday in lent February 28 Holy Eucharist at 7:30 a.

m.: Matins litany and sermon at 11 a. m.; Sunday school at noon: Evensong and sermon at 7:30 p. m. at St Thomas church. All strangers are invited to these services.

The usual services will be held at the M. E. Church Sunday. The pastor, W. B. Alexander will preach both morning and evening. At the Epworth league services there will be reception of members and installation of officers.

Rev. Herbert E. Ryder is preaching every night in the Baptist church and the revival meetings are increasing in interest. One very interesting feature is the Sunbeam choir composed of a chorus of about fifty voices trained by Rev. Ryder and wife. They sing splendid for the little training they have received. Mr. Ryder in his preaching is aiming terrific blows at the pet sins of some of the Christians and tells them they cannot expect much blessing while they are hugging these things to their hearts. On Sunday at 11 p. m. there will be Divine worship and preaching by Rev. Ryder. In the afternoon at 3 p. m. a mass meeting and Mr. Ryder will speak on "The Drink Devil and What to do With him." At 7:30 song service and preaching. All are invited.

Expression of Thanks.

It is our desire, in this simple manner, to express our heartfelt thanks to kind friends for their generous sympathy and timely assistance rendered in our recent affliction.

Furthermore we dearly prize the token of respect shown us by our fellow trades people—the suspension of business for the hour and permitting their tears to mingle with ours in consigning the cold form of a dear and loving wife and mother to her final resting place.

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WINTER IN NEW ZEALAND.

Hard to Tell What to Count On in Way of Weather.

The winters were short and delicious, except for an occasional week of wet weather, which, however, were always regarded by the sheep farmer as excellent for filling up the creeks, making the grass grow and being everything that was natural and desirable, writes Lady Broome in the Cornhill. When it did not rain, the winter weather was simply enchanting, although one had to be prepared for its sudden caprices, for weather is weather, even at the antipodes, and consequently unreliable.

Sometimes we started on an ideally exquisite morning for a long ride on some station business. The air would be still and delicious, fresh and exhilarating to a degree hardly to be understood; the sun brilliant and just sufficiently warming. All would go well for four or five hours, until, perhaps, we had crossed a low saddle in the mountains and were coming home by the gorge of a river. In ten minutes everything might have changed. A sou'-wester would have sprung up as though let out of a bag, heavy drops of rain would be succeeded by a snow flurry, in which it was not always easy to find one's way home across swamps and over creeks, and the riders who set forth so gayly at 10 of the clock that same morning would return in the fast gathering darkness wet to the skin, or, rather, frozen to the bone. I have often found it difficult to get out of my habit, so stiff with frozen snow was its bodice.

No one ever dreamed of catching cold, however, from the meteorological changes and chances, an immunity which no doubt he owed to the fact that we led, whether we liked it or not, an open air life. The little weather boarded house, with its canvas papered lining, did not offer much protection from a hard frost, and I have often found a heap of feathery snow on a chair near my closed bedroom window which had drifted in through the ill fitting frame. Still these snow showers and even hard frosts (which usually melted by mid-day) did no harm to man or beast.

A SLIDING RAILWAY.

Novelty in Way of High-Speed Traction—Train Without Wheels.

The novelty of high-speed railway construction described in the Revue Technique by M. G. Stauter-eau consists in doing away with the running wheels of the cars and replacing them with slippers or skates. The cars are raised on a thin film of water, which is forced under the skates through a jet. In the earlier plans the propelling force contemplated was a horizontal jet of water, which was directed against suitable vanes on the bottom of the cars. The valves of these jets were opened by the leading car and closed by the rear one. In the plan as at present proposed, a third rail is laid between

the two gliding rails, and a friction wheel, driven by electric motors, runs on this and furnishes the propelling force. The advantages claimed for this system of traction are a great reduction in the track resistance and in the power required by a car, a much smoother running of the cars, and hence a smaller depreciation both of track and car. There is no danger of derailment, and high speeds can be attained. By cutting off the water supplied under the skates, a great braking effect is secured. Figures are given to show the economy of the system over electric traction on wheels.

BUFFALO IN CATTLE HERD.

Bison Left Wild Companions for Civilized Animals.

An itinerant photographer made a picture about 1876 in what is now Oklahoma that should be preserved by the Oklahoma Historical society. A rarer picture cannot be found in Oklahoma, says the Kansas City Star. It shows a buffalo that followed a herd of cattle from its native range in the western part of the territory to the neighborhood of Darlington. The picture is owned by John H. Seger, of Colony, O. T.

In 1878 Seger had a ranch where the Cheyenne Indian school now stands at Caddo Springs, several miles north of El Reno. "Billy" Frass, a cattleman still remembered by old timers, and now living in the panhandle, brought the cow, a big one, with his herd from the west, and gave her to Seger if the latter could drive her away from the herd, which Frass was positive Seger could not do. Frass' cattle were in the valley on the south side of the North Canadian river, near where the Fort Reno pump house is located. Seger adopted a plan that proved successful. He would drive the cow at full speed till she began turning, when his cowboy would move up and Seger would fall back till she turned again in his direction. She was kept running in this zig zag course till the river was reached. An almost perpendicular bank was no barrier to her turning back after she had been driven into the water. Seger and his cowboy started her again and all went crashing at breakneck speed through a dense growth of underbrush, and over a high bank into the river where the water was churned to a foam, and horses, men and buffalo momentarily disappeared from sight. The ducking had a surprising effect on the buffalo, which permitted herself to be driven to the ranch corral without any further trouble. She became the leader of Seger's herd. When a "norther" began blowing in the winter, she would take the herd to some canyon for shelter, and when the storm abated they would follow her to the open country. Seger gave the cow to Ada Bent, an Indian girl, now Mrs. Robert Burns, of Darlington. The cow strayed up the North Canadian and was killed by Indians.