DRAPERIES

On Monday we shall place on sale the largest and finest assortment of Lace Curtains ever in Omaha. These are entirely new designs, direct from Nottingham, England. We import these goods direct and shall sell them at 20 per cent less than usual prices. We have a few odd pairs of chenille curtains to offer you at very low prices. We furnish fine window shades, made to order, at the lowest prices, and put up by a first class fitter.

Falconer

LINENS

We shall continue our Linen sale one week longer. A great many of our customers have been unable to attend our Linen sale on account of sloppy streets. The same low prices will be given as at the beginning of the sale. The muslin and sheeting sale will be continued on week longer. Hotels, restaurants and boarding houses, this is your chance to get linens at very low prices.

Falconer

UNDERWEAR

We have ladies' and gentlemen's underwear marked down to the lowest notch and we shall continue to sell fine goods at 50 per cent off. Muslin underwear sale continues one week more.

Falconer

CORSETS

Largest stock of corsets in this city, just received. The I. C, Yatisa and C. B. Corsets at $1.25, former price $2.50. Fine black corset, $1. A lot of children's waists, small sizes, 25c. Full line of G. B's, C. P's. and P. D's, Romans, French woven, Dr. Warner's Health, 4 4 4, Caraline Corsets, and all other popular brands at low prices.

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LADIES' JACKETS

Ladies' black silk Jerseys, Monday at $6. Our entire line of French Jersey waists, smocked or plaited, Monday at $4.50.

Falconer

GLOVES

Foster, Jouvin and other standard brands of Kid Gloves, only very slightly soiled at 50c per pair. We carry a complete line of fine Gloves for ladies and gentlemen.

Falconer

EMBROIDERIES

A Fine line of elegantembroideries, now on sale. Our spring stock of these goods having just arrived are for sale on second floor.

Falconer

THE ANTE-ROOM LOUNGER.

The Record He Makes of the Week's Lodge Room Doings.

ACTIVITY AMONG "GRIP" MEN.

Reports from Many Lodges with the Action of the Connecticut Grand Lodge on the Scottish Rite.

R. A.

A grand celebration was held in Chicago Thursday night in the immense Auditorium, by the Royal Arcanum. The Chicago Oratorio club and orchestra, consisting of over five hundred artists, rendered a choice musical programme.

The stage was occupied by the chorus and several of the principal officers of the order. Among these were Judge L. R. Watts of Portsmouth, Va., supreme regent; Hon. Charles F. Loring of Boston, supreme vice regent; Hon. H. H. C. Miller of Chicago, supreme orator; James W. Fernald, grand regent of Illinois and staff; George W. Ball, grand regent of Indiana and staff; Thomas P. Morse, grand regent of Missouri and staff; O. W. Carlson, grand regent of Wisconsin and staff; T. Nelson, grand regent of Ohio and staff; G. W. Tracey, grand regent of Michigan and staff. Nebraska was represented by the following officers: George Ker, deputy supreme regent, John W. Maynard, D. S. R. Union Pacific council, No. 1069, and J. F. Coykendall regent Union Pacific council. Addresses were made by Supreme Ruler Watts, Vice Regent Loring, Supreme Orator Miller, Grand Regent Fernald and Judge George Driggs of Chicago. The addresses were all of a fraternal and social nature, and were received with frequent outburts of applause. A similar demonstration will be held in Omaha in the near future, at which delegates will be present from all the counties in the state. Some of the best orators in the order will be present from eastern cities, which, with local talent, will insure a successful entertainment.

Union Pacific council No. 1069 gave a musical entertainment in the Elks' lodge room last Monday evening. Members of the order and invited guests were present to the number of 150. A most excellent programme was rendered by the Madrigal club, composed of Mrs. J. W. Cotton, Miss Elizabeth Pennell, and Messrs. W. H. Wilkins and Thomas H. Pennell, with Mme. H. B. Young as accompanist. The programme contained eight numbers, consisting of solos, duos and quartettes, and was rendered in the excellent style which characterizes all the work of this quintette of artists. This entertainment was the finest given by Union Pacific council and the result has proved satisfactory that another will be given in the near future. The entertainment committee consisted of Messrs E. C. Snyder, J. E. Preston, J. B. Sheldon, Sidney Smith and William Gyger.

R. of P.

Colonel J. E. Jenkins, the inspector general of the Nebraska brigade, Uniform Rank, Knights of Pythias, will be in the city during the week of February 10, and will inspect all the divisions in the city.

The officers of the Second regiment, Uniform Rank, held a meeting Friday night for the purpose of considering regimental business and the approaching encampment at Milwaukee.

The members of Oriole lodge assembled Friday night for the purpose of conferring the ranks upon the members of North Star lodge, the lodge recently organized, but the initiates failed to appear. This is the second time the same thing has happened.

Rathbone lodge is being formed rapidly and will probably be instituted in a few weeks.

Past Supreme Representatives Richard O'Neill and H. M. Bushnell, grand keeper of records and seal, both of Lincoln, were in the city for a short time Thursday.

A competitive drill is being arranged to take place at the Coliseum some time this month. The Coliseum association has offered to put up prizes for the winning divisions. It is reported that Omaha, Lilly and Black Eagle divisions have signified their intention of entering the list.

The following officers were installed by Tecumseh lodge No. 17, K. of P., on Thursday evening: C. C., E. H. Grist; V. C., Lawrence Howorth; M. of F., Alf Howorth; M. of E., H. J. Rosakrans; M. at A., John Battreal; K. of R. and S., P. A. Brundage; Prelate, George Bradley; Janitor, Hugh Oldfield; Trustees, L. M. Wilson, W. A. Campbell, M. E. Cowan.

R. and L. of G. R.

At the last regular meeting of Castle Omaha, Knights and Ladies of the Golden Rule, the following officers were installed for the ensuing term: Commander, Edwin F. Tennery; vice commander, Louise Boyd; financial secretary, George Sheller; treasurer, Jacob Swartzlander; master-at-arms, Joseph Kraigskow; herald, Theodore Festner; prelate, John Whites; warden, J. Hart; sentinel, Louise Taylor; medical examiner, E. E. Womersley. After the ceremony of installation refreshments were served by the ladies of the order, and a very pleasant evening was spent. The ladies of the order are contemplating giving another of their delightful sociables at an early day.

Daughters of Rebekah.

The lodge room in Oddfellows' hall, corner of Fourteenth and Dodge streets, was well filled last Saturday evening, the occasion being an entertainment given by Ruth lodge No. 1. The exercises were opened with an overture by the P. M. orchestra, followed by a recitation by Miss Rosie Bernstein, a little girl ten years old. Misses Nettie and Katie Wood then played a piano duet in good style and Mrs. Sherson read a very witty and amusing essay on "The Men." George Sonzer played a cornet solo and then followed a comedy in one act, in which Miss Nettie Wood, Mrs. Silas Wright, Messrs. Burgess and Jackson and little Lillie Sonzer participated. The acting was good and the affair loudly applauded. A piano duet by Misses Nettie Wood and Nellie Wright concluded the programme. Refreshments were served and the entertainment closed with a dance.

Ivy lodge No. 39, will give another of their very enjoyable parties at Goodrich hall on February 7.

A. O. U. W.

Representatives of all the lodges in the city visited South Omaha lodge Tuesday night. A pleasant entertainment had been prepared and was given under the "good of the order." Speeches were made by several of the visiting brethren, those of Master Workman Burey of North Omaha lodge No. 150 and Master Workman Phillips of Omaha No. 18 being especially good. The speeches were interspersed with singing and the entertainment closed with a supper. There were about fifty visitors present.

A relief call has been issued for fifteen cents per capita. This is much smaller than the average amount of relief calls. The call is issued for the relief of the Tennessee and Ohio jurisdictions. The maximum number of assessments have been collected in each of these two states, but they have not been sufficient to pay the death losses. In Tennessee the highest number of assessments which may be levied in one year is thirty-five; in Ohio the maximum is thirty-one. The members of the order in Hamilton county have secured a temporary injunction restraining the grand lodge from enforcing the law passed at the last session of the supreme lodge, dividing Ohio into two districts and changing the maximum number of assessments. In consequence of this action the maximum for the state has been fixed at thirty-one pending the suit. The rate fixed for Hamilton county at the supreme lodge meeting was fifty-five.

A. L. of H.

Omaha council No. 320, American Legion of Honor, has started in with the new year in a prosperous condition. New members have been admitted and several applications are on file. The following officers were installed on the 15th inst. by D. S. C. C. A. Thieman: Commander, George J. Kleffner; vice commander, W. H. Walker; treasurer, Albert Nash; secretary and collector, G. B. Drake; orator, Alex McKinnie; chaplain, J. E. Wigman; guide, H. E. Jennison; warden, Charles J. Stilsey; sentry, Louis Metz. On the 22d inst. the council gave its first annual ball at Fremason's hall, which was enjoyed by about fifty couples. The following committee had the affair in charge: J. E. Stover, W. H. Walker, J. E. Wigman, Alex McKinzie, and G. B. Drake. Refreshments were served at midnight.

Modern Order of Tramps.

The tramps scouring about the country have a general understanding with one another, and have a ritual of questions and answers, says the Brooklyn Review. Their uniform appearance, periodical visits, regular calls at the same houses, where they have procured food, all point to this. The keeper of the jail has found curious emblems about them, has studied their character and listened to their conversation, until he can tell a regular initiated tramp from an honest man.

The following amusing and instructive dialogue took place between the keeper and one of a squad of tramps recently committed to jail.

"From whence came you?"

"From a town in New York, called Jerusalem.

"What's your business here?"

"To learn to subdue my appetite and to sponge my living from an indulgent public."

"Then you are a regular tramp, I presume?"

"I am so taken and accepted wherever I go."

"How am I to recognize you as a tramp?"

"By the largeness of my feet and general carnivorous appearance."

"How do you know yourself to be a tramp?"

"By seeking food; by being often denied, but willing to try again."

"How gained you admittance to this town?"

"By a good many long tramps."

"How were you received?"

"On the end of a policeman's club, presented at my head."

"How did the policeman dispose of you?"

"He took me several times around the town to the southeast and west where he found the police captain, judge and the Black Maria, where a great many questions were asked."

"What advice did the judge give?"

"He advised me to walk upright, regular steps and denounce tramping!"

"Will you be off or from?"

"With your permission I'll be off quick!"

"Which way are you traveling?"

"East."

"Of what are you in pursuit?"

"Work—which by my own endeavors and the assistance of others I hope I shall never be able to find."

"My friend, you are now in an institution where the wicked are always troublesome and the weary are as bad as the rest. You will be conducted to the middle chamber by a flight of winding stairs, consisting of five or more steps. Instead of corn, wine and oil—the wages of the ancients—yours will be bread and water for five days. When you escape from this place take a bee line for Portland or Bangor, where they run free soup houses and you will be pardoned of your never returning." Pointing to the turnkey: "Follow your conductor and fear no danger if you behave yourself."

O. S. C.

The trustees of Clan Gordon, No. 63, Order of Scottish Clans, have leased the A. O. U. W. hall in the Barker block, corner of Fifteenth and Farnam streets, and will hold regular meetings there on the first and third Tuesdays of each month, commencing with Tuesday next. When the chief shall cause

"The Fiery cross to circle o'er
Dale, glen and valley, down and moor,"

clansmen will take greater pleasure in answering that "dread" summons than heretofore, knowing that the master place is in such a comfortable and well adapted meet room and making each meeting a full and represen tative "gathering of the clans."

I. O. O. F.

The degree team of Omaha lodge No. 2 went to South Omaha Monday night to confer the initiatory degree on four candidates. A number of the members of No. 2 accompanied the team and the party was very hospitably entertained by the South Omaha lodge.

The Council Bluffs encampment will visit Hesperian encampment next Thursday night.

SCOTTISH RITE.

What the Grand Lodge Has to Say About It.

M. W. Grand Master J. H. Swartwout of the grand lodge of Connecticut, at its 103d annual session, held at Hartford, Conn., January 15, in his address, said:

During the past year, edicts have been received from the grand masters of Pennsylvania, Nebraska, Florida and South Dakota, declaring the so-called "Cerneau rites" clandestine. In consequence of the Masonic interests involved, the opinion of the committee on jurisprudence, Luke A. Lockwood of Norwalk, chairman, was solicited by the grand master. Mr. Lockwood, who is a New York lawyer, residing in this state, and a gentleman of prominence in Masonry, decides that "so far as the grand lodge is concerned, there is nothing except what pertains to the first three degrees of Masonry; that it can no more have Masonic knowledge of the Scottish Rite than it can have Masonic knowledge of the numerous secret societies which exist on every hand." Mr. Lockwood says in addition: "We cannot afford, nor have we the right to do anything whereby a brother, guilty of no moral turpitude and performing all his duties as a good Mason and citizen, shall be excluded from this guaranteed brotherhood simply because some other society declares that he belongs to a schism of that body and is clandestine." Mr. Lockwood can see no reason why the Connecticut grand lodge should, or indeed how it can, meddle with either party to the dissensions arising in the independent Scottish Rite. The concurrence of Grand Master Swartwout in this view is full and emphatic. It settles the question that the Connecticut grand lodge of Masons will not become an ally with the grand lodges of Pennsylvania Nebraska, Florida and South Dakota in the crusade against the Cerneau Rite.—New York Times.

S. of St. G.

Shakespeare lodge, Sons of St. George, will give an entertainment and dance at their lodge room, 1314 Douglas street, next Saturday evening. The programme of the entertainment will contain literary and music al numbers and will be a good one. Refreshments will be served.

February.

Ladies' Home Journal.

Oh churlish month! whose wild vagaries,
F'ret and perplex each passing day,
Till bleak December's harshness varies
With the soft wooing of the May;

Thy morns may come with radiant promise—
Thy skies be bright with golden glow;
But ere the day be gone half from us,
The world is drowned in drifts of snow.

We love thee not, although so human,
In thy coquettish, wayward moods,—
Capricious as the veriest woman,
In thy perverse vicissitudes.

And yet we hail thy ride oncoming,
Because thou closest Winter's state—
Glad that thy days (in honest summing)
Can only number twenty-eight!

At the Restaurant.

Texas Siftings: Guest—Say, waiter, there are two gray hairs in my soup.

Waiter—I begs your pardon, boss, but I'se afraid de cook am moultin, sah.

The national Humanian university at Bucharest recently celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary. It was established by Prince Cusa in 1864, the year so memorable in Rumanian history. It began with fewer than sixty students and now has more than six hundred. The flourishing period of the school dates from the accession of the present King Charles, who wisely made ample provisions also for the middle and preparatory schools which serve as feeders for the university.

THOUGHTS IN LIGHTER VEIN.

Waifs from the World of Wit and Humor.

BERTIE BRILLIANT'S BON MOT.

Couldn't Play on the Angelus—Tilly and Mr. De Todd—The Modern Despotism—Not Angels that He Heard.

Neatly Turned.

Time: Miss Tilly—"Mr. DeTodd, I really never know what to do with my hands."

Mr. DeTodd (after a pause)—"You might give one of them to me."

Miss Tilly—"It is rather sudden, Mr. DeTodd, but here it is."

He Gave it Away.

Life: "Do you think your sister likes to have me come here, Jamey?"

"You bet. You take her to the theater and bring her candies."

"I am glad I can make her happy."

"Yes, and the young feller what she's engaged to don't mind it either, for it saves him that much money toward going to housekeeping."

Before the "Angelus."

Time: Connoisseur Jones—"You can almost hear the bells."

Genie (suddenly appearing)—"R-r-r-retch, you complete the round number of 11,000,000 idiots who have made that remark, and you must die."

Connoisseur Jones—"Mercy! Mercy! I only meant the—the chestnut bells."

After the Policy.

Life: "By hevins! I'll whang the knob off ye! Chargin' me $4 yesterday to insure the old woman against accidents, an the fust thing this mornin' she falls down the cellar stairs wid a bucket o' coal, an' now would yez look at her!"

Great Forestight.

Texas Siftings: Boss—"This makes the third day now that you haven't shined my shoes."

Cuffy—"Dar's no blackin' in de house, sah."

"Why didn't you tell me before?"

"Bekase I was afeerd you mout buy a box."

A Philosopher.

Life: Bertie Brilliant (driving home from the club after having taken rather more champagne than he ought)—"I say, how much pleasanter it is to ride in a cab and think how much pleasanter it is to ride in a cab than it is to walk, than it is to walk and think how much pleasanter it is to ride in a cab than it is to walk!"

Not a Musical Family.

St. Paul Pioneer Press: Chicago girl: "Oh pa, please buy 'The Angelus.'" Papa Porkrib: "Nonsense! No one in the family could play on it if we had it."

Too Poor for Gout.

Chicago Tribune: "May I inquire your occupation?" asked the doctor.

"I am a clerk on a salary of $47 per month."

"Your ailment, sir," said the doctor with decision, "is not gout. It is simply an aggrivated case of ingrowing toe nail."

Red Tape on the Railroads.

Indianapolis News: "Talk about red tape in railroading! I got tangled up in it while in New York," remarked State's Attorney Mitchell to a reporter. "We took a train on a little railroad to one of the summer resorts, and, Mrs. Mitchell feeling ill, I asked the brakeman to turn one of the seats for us. He said that he would like to accommodate me, but I would have to speak to the conductor. I spoke to the conductor, and he declared that he would be delighted to accommodate me, but I would have to get an order from the superintendent.

"So I telegraphed to the superintendent and got an order to turn down the seat. I gave the order to the conductor, the conductor passed it over to the brakeman and the brakeman turned the seat."

A Popular Prescription.

Chicago Herald.

Little grains of quinine,
Little drops of rye,
Make la grippe that got you
Drop its hold and fly.

This may quickly help you
If you'll only try;
But don't forget the quinine
When you take the rye.

All is Not Lost.

San Francisco Chronicle: The modern child is an analyst. The small kid was playing with the scissors and his kindly old grandmother chided him:

"You mustn't play with the scissors, dear. I knew a little child just like you who was playing with a pair of scissors just like that pair, and he put them in his eye and put his eye out, and he never could see anything ever after."

The child listened patiently and said, when she got through:

"What was the matter with his other eye?"

Plain Enough.

Youth's Companion: Nothing is made for nothing. Every part of even the smallest animal's structure is, or has been of use to him. Otherwise it never would have been developed.

"Can you tell me, my friend," said an elderly gentleman to the keeper of a menagerie, "what the hump on the camel's back is for?"

"What's it for?"

"Yes. Of what value is it?"

"Well, its lots of value. De camel wouldn't be no good widout it."

"Why not?"

"Why not? Yer don't suppose people would pay twenty-five cents to see a camel widout a hump on him, do yer?"

Slightly Mixed.

Boston Transcript: A story apropos of the people whose infirmity is to get other people's infirmities mixed up:

The other night at the supper table Mrs. Cheeryble was discoursing pleasantly upon the people and things she had seen that afternoon down town.

"I met that Dobson boy," she said, "and I was greatly pleased to see that he doesn't squint anywhere near as much as he used to."

"He doesn't squint, mamma?" said Ethel, in a puzzled sort of way.

"No—at least scarcely at all."

"Why, mamma! the Dobson boy never squinted!"

Mrs. Cheeryble looked lost.

"He never squinted?"

"Why, no; not in the least!"

"Well, he did something. What was the matter with him?"

"He is very deaf, mamma."

"So he is, to be sure. I knew he had an infirmity of some kind."

The Modern Despotism.

Chicago Tribune: "Mr Hankinson, you will excuse me if I receive you in the dining-room this evening.

"Don't mention it, Miss Kajones. It is much more cosey and homelike."

"It is not on that account Mr. Hankinson, but Bridget has gone into the parlor to take a nap on the lounge and given orders that she must not be disturbed."

Fine Sage.

Youth's Companion: Metaphorical language is something misleading. When one begins to "call names," even in a complimentary fashion, there is a chance that some literal person will wonder what he means. A gentleman visiting a little town, "down east," says:

I called on business at the house of an old lady and entertained myself in looking over her library.

We fell to discussing books, and, thinking of Emerson, I asked her if she knew much about the "Sage of Concord."

"Concord, where?" she asked.

"Concord, Massachusetts," I answered.

"Is it any better'n any other sage?" she innocently replied.

On the Verge of a Panic.

Time: Jackson (whose financial credit is gone)—I tell you, Witherbee, we are on the verge of a financial panic.

Witherbee—Pshaw! What makes you think that?

(Confidentially)—Well, sir, Bagley and Roberts used to lend me small sums a year ago, but when I go to them nowadays for a five or a ten, they tell me frankly that they haven't got it. Bagley and Roberts are two of our best business men, too. I tell you, sir, we're going to have a panic."

HONEY FOR THE LADIES.

Hussar blue will be the leading shade for cloth walking suits.

At home natural flowers are worn on the toe of dark slippers.

Egg-plant purple is a shade that ladies of serious taste incline to.

The latest fad is a finger ring of blackened steel with a small brilliant stone buried in it.

Silver beads are popular for house dresses when a collar would seem stiff and a fresh ruche something of an exertion to provide.

Many of the handsome coats and jackets seen on the promenade have the line of the sleeve and shoulder outlined in glittering passementerie.

Candle shades for dinner tables have apparently reached the acme of beauty. The variety is endless and new designs seem to be introduced weekly.

Castor gloves, for shopping, have a purse in the palm of the right one. The matinee glace kid glove is provided with a little pocket to hold a car ticket.

The colors of half-mourning violet, gray and black are the favorites of the season for street and church by refined ladies of fashion who believe so firmly in the fitness of things.

Students of early spring fashions who are preparing to get out of the city or country may be interested to know that the tailor-made suits will be smaller and severer and more English than ever before.

A band of progressive young ladies belonging to a very aristocratic athletic club in New York City have found a new use for the lorgnette. The mode of action consists in getting as convenient a position as possible against the door or under a hand strap, and, selecting a victim, putting him under the fire of the lenses. If two girls are on board, two men, sitting side by side, are selected and scrutinized with all the thoroughness that so close a range will afford. Few men can withstand an ordeal of this sort for any length of time.

The Kendal coiffure is, for the moment, a popular one. When Jennie June recently entertained the actress three or four women advanced for presentation with hair separated smoothly on the forehead and gathered back in broad waves like her own, showing the temple instead of covering them up with bangs. For a moment there was formed a group that might have come out of Godey's Lady Book along in the thirties, with its round waists, straight flounced skirts, and smooth, quaintly banded hair, making the faces look serene and sweet, though little bunches of cherries or flowers put above the ears were needed to complete in detail the old-time similitude.