

IN THE WORLD OF SWELLS

Dr. and Mrs. Miller's Charming Reception at their Suburban Home—Seymour Park.

PROMISES FOR THE WEEK SOCIALLY

The Yacht Party Friday Evening—Mrs. E. B. Branch's Card Matinee—Personal Mention of Well Known Omaha People.

Society had occasion to don its best clothes last week on a number of occasions, the reception by Dr. and Mrs. G. L. Miller at Seymour Park, Joseph Jefferson at Boyd's, the Seidl concert at the Exposition hall, Mr. and Mrs. Yost's card party, being the leading events of the week, with a number of charming afternoons for the women alone.

But the local world of fashion is by no means as lively as the leaders had anticipated it would be after Easter. Nor can a reason be assigned for the quietness which reigns at this time, except that the people who entertain have largely retired to their homes, and from this on will prepare for the world's fair, the mountains or the sea shore, as fancy dictates.

For this week but few functions have been announced, the leading event socially, of course, being the marriage of Miss Mary Poppleton, daughter of Hon. and Mrs. A. J. Poppleton, to Mr. Leonard, Tuesday evening at 7:30. Wednesday the swells will attend the Faderewski concert at Boyd's, the Omaha being the first of the Polish pianist will play to the flower of the city and state. Thursday evening the game of living will be played at the Exposition hall, the benefit of the Crucible, one of our worst-kept charities, while on the same evening at 8 and Mrs. J. E. Baum will entertain a card party from 2 to 5 and also at 8 for ladies and gentlemen. On the following Thursday, April 27, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Baum will give a tea at 7.

The ante-Easter social campaign in London has been so lively that a very gay time is prophesied after the royalties and nobilities are gathered in from the south of Europe and the season fairly begins. The queen's first drawing room, says a private letter, "was distinguished by a marked absence of beauty, but by more than the usual display of the Queen's jewels, a youthful duchess, in whose coronet the pearls were quite an inch long, and the diamonds as big as shillings, the writer adds: "No one could compete with her, not even the queen's daughters, but Mrs. Astor, whose emeralds and diamonds were truly royal, ran her very close. The star emeralds are said to have once belonged to Marie Antoinette." The same writer speaks of an unusually large menu and a very gay party at which Mr. Keene and Count Zborowski were among the straight riders, Mrs. Keene and a number of other ladies following in carriages. Lady Brooke and Mrs. Cornwallis West were among the huntswomen, Lady Brooke looking like a female Centaur, so absolutely did she seem to be a part of the beautiful Arabian that rode.

The lighting of houses both for reception and for quieter hours has undergone a great change, for gas and electricity have been from being as much used as they were last year in drawing rooms and boudoirs. Lamps continue to be used, but the beauty of form and combination of metals and materials. A beautiful lamp is one of tall, cylindrical shape in wrought iron open work of early or middle century, with the top of the cylinder downward at equal intervals, and dividing the open work into upright panels, are six twisted bars of dull, polished steel, studded at base and top with screw-head bosses of steel; the lamp proper and its reservoir are of ruddy copper, shining like a lion's paw. The varieties of the black open work and throwing its intricate pattern in the relief. Another lamp of ruddy copper and dull, polished steel, has a base of the same form of a bombshell showing beaten work at top and bottom. This lamp is set on a stand composed of four heavy, polished legs curving each in a different direction. An attractive lamp is of the student lamp shape with reservoir and body of egg shape covered with arabesque repoussé work in high relief. The shade is a conical, candle sticks have again appeared in pink, creamy yellow and Jacqueminot red porcelain, with handles and feet of the same color. They look very pretty when placed in groups of five or seven on side tables, amid some shallow bowls of richly decorated china filled with flowers.

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FRANK WILCOX Co., 1515-1517 DOUGLAS ST. A. D. Morse Sells Out. And Frank Wilcox company will continue the business at the same old stand. All misses' fine lines will be carried at 1515 and 1517 Douglas street. The balance sold regardless of cost at Fourteenth and Farnam streets.

Some of This Week's Shoe Bargains. The fine lines of shoes which have for so many years given the A. D. Morse store such a famous reputation will in future be carried at 1515 and 1517 Douglas street. Tuesday evening's Bee will tell you about the closing sale at Morse's old stand. We are working hard to prepare for the rush, as this stock must be reduced quick. After the present stock is sold the A. D. Morse store will continue with popular and new lines of ladies', misses' and children's shoes, and a splendid stock of men's, boys' and youths' shoes.

We also put a Philadelphia last patent tip button, which we have never sold before for less than \$4.50, at \$3. This is the new narrow square toe for \$3. A narrow square toe welt button with patent leather tip that costs us more than we sell it for. But the \$3 sale must be interesting.

NEW SPRING STYLES OF OXFORDS. Our new oxfords are now arriving daily. We can show the most complete line of fine oxfords that has ever been shown in the west. Three dollars is within the reach of all, and those who have been paying more will not object to paying \$3 for the class of shoes we offer you now for \$3.

P. S.—The lines of shoes carried by A. D. Morse that have pleased many people will hereafter be found at Frank Wilcox Company, where we will be glad to receive his old customers who failed to be fitted out of his present stock.

FRANK WILCOX Co., 1515-1517 DOUGLAS ST. BLISS. New retail millinery store is full and overflowing with pretty patterns, trimmed hats and bonnets and imported novelties just received. Call and see our elegant \$4 and \$7.50 hats, one-third less than any house in Omaha.

1514 Douglas Street. BLISS. If YOU don't like rye, try bourbon whiskey—one or the other should be in the house for emergency cases. Either one same price.

BOURBON WHISKEY. 75c quart. The following marriage licenses were issued by County Judge Elder yesterday:

WEDDING PRESENTS—Bric-a-brac is very good—so is cut glass—but there is nothing nicer and more lasting than the sterling silverware—925 fine—from the Gorham Manufacturing Co.—sold only by us.

Notice to Contractors. Sealed bids will be received by the undersigned until April 25th, 1893, for constructing a four foot brick sewer, fourteen hundred feet long, in the city of Omaha, Nebraska. All information relative to the work can be obtained by calling on the undersigned, Room 30, 32 Exchange Building, South Omaha.

Notice to Contractors. Sealed bids will be received by the Union Brick & Tile Co. until noon, April 25th, 1893, for moving 50,000 cubic yards of earth from the site of the Union Stock Yards Company, where the work can be obtained from the company's engineer, Room 30, 32 Exchange Building, South Omaha.