

LOCAL SOCIETY AT LOW EBB

Omaha Smart Folks Doing Very Little Entertaining or Dancing.

DULLNESS UNUSUAL EVEN FOR LENT

Some Go to Chicago to Hear the Opera and Some Go Elsewhere to Escape the Tedium of Sack-cloth and Sermons.

In the way of social amenities during the last week there has occurred but little to be chronicled. The quietude of the Lenten season has not been broken by anything very gay, and there is nothing scheduled for the near future that will be regarded as brilliant. A wedding, a golden wedding anniversary and a few minor events do not make up a social week of great pretensions. So thoroughly has Omaha society hibernated itself in sackcloth and ashes that many of its most charming women and some of its leading men have fled from the city and forgotten the sadder robes in which local society is shrouded. Many have had recourse to grand opera, and there has been quite a general movement to Chicago on this account. Many of the men have gone on hunting trips, and several of the popular young society women who cannot enjoy the opera are taking this occasion to visit friends in other cities where Lent is not so strictly observed.

As the calm precedes the storm, it is not at all surprising to learn that many gay and festive occasions are being planned for the post-Lenten season. It is a commonly accepted fact that the late spring and early summer months of the exposition year will witness the marriage of more young society folks of Omaha than have applied to the license clerk for the necessary papers in a long time. The coming marriages are being kept very quiet, for it would not be right to divert the minds of the debutante and the matinee girl from their Lenten duties by such interesting bits of news. At least two of the weddings that will occur some time after Easter are of worthy young Omahans whose engagements have been known for some time. But there are others, and those who know say that there will be some weddings of young folks who have strenuously denied the existence of any engagements up to this time. The new home of one of the couples soon to be mated is being constructed, and an almost daily pleasure for the happy pair is to inspect the pretty little house.

The ways of the society girls for passing their spare time during Lent are diverse and past finding out. The fortunate ones are those who are able to go to the opera or to enjoy some other out of town trip, and such are envied by their jealous sisters. The stay-at-home, however, are having some fun of their own. A few clear, warm days during the last week have afforded an opportunity for many of the fair ones to get in some good practice at golf. Thursday a number of the young women took advantage of the favorable conditions to don their golfing suits for the first time and make a bluff at the game. Others are giving up their time to studious matters, music, literature and art all receiving considerably more attention from the Omaha young women than during any other season of the year. The study of art in one set has of late turned toward the masterpieces that are to be exhibited at the Transmississippi Exposition here this summer. But one of the dear girls fell down a few pegs the other day in a discussion that turned in this direction. They were talking about the copy of the famous statue, Winged Victory, which has just been secured for the exposition. One of the brightest of the young women, who has made something of a name for herself by her contributions to magazines, recently promptly spoke up and answered another who asked whose work the Winged Victory was, saying, "Oh, yes, that's a fine piece of art. It's Bessie Potter's, isn't it?" The date of the Winged Victory is uncertain, but it is generally supposed to be about the third century, B. C.

Golden Wedding. On Tuesday, March 15, Mr. and Mrs. Lacey of this city celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage. In honor of the occasion Canon Robert Doherty composed the following: For half a century two souls as one Together travel toward th' setting sun. Their hair is silver'd and their hearts are gold. Fidelity and love; life's story's told. God made them for each other and God matched them. Heaven sent prosperly and watched their happiness and gave them a happy end. Tried in the crucible by the removal of worldly goods that in the using perish, As silver's tried, God left them still 't' cherish. In each other fall 't' enduring, mutual love Which never fails in earth below or heaven above. O bond of unity! O breath of charity! Be with this pair to warm them as the sun. 'Till their remaining race on earth is run. Then in the bliss of God's eternity abide: Their future be a wedded life of love.

Reception to Mrs. Henriotin. The luncheon which is to be given in honor of Mrs. Ellen M. Henriotin, president of the general Federation of Women's clubs, at the Millard on Wednesday will be perhaps the most important social function ever undertaken by the Omaha Woman's club. Beside the guest of honor, the club will entertain Mrs. Belle M. Stoutenburgh of Plattsmouth, president of the Nebraska Federation of Clubs; Mrs. A. J. Sawyer, president of the woman's department of the exposition and the presidents of the several clubs of the city which have responded in general federation. The luncheon is in charge of the house and home committee of the club, Mrs. C. E. Squires, chairman, who announces that no acceptances will receive notice later than Monday morning, as the number of seats required will be ordered at that time.

Movements of People. Mr. Luther Drake is in New York. Mr. Martin Meyer has gone to New York. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kuntze are in Chicago. Miss Helen Peck went to Chicago last Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. John A. Monroe are in San Francisco. Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Baum spent the week in Chicago. Mr. J. R. Buchanan has returned from a western trip. Mr. and Mrs. William Wallace are visiting in California. Bishop and Mrs. Worthington left for New York Thursday. Miss Josie Rutherford started east on Wednesday, and will visit friends in New York until June. Mr. and Mrs. Charles A.

Rutherford accompanied their daughter as far as Chicago. Mrs. A. Glavin has been called to the funeral of her mother. Mrs. T. C. Brunner has gone to LaCrosse, Wis., to visit with friends. Miss Della Meldermott is convalescent, after an illness of several weeks. Mrs. Pryor Markel has returned from a trip of ten months through China. Mrs. Sophie Gyger has returned to the city from an extended trip through the east. Mr. and Mrs. David Baum have taken the residence at 101 South Thirty-second avenue. Miss Elsie Roscoe has gone to Leavenworth, Kan., to spend Sunday with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cudahy left for a ten days' visit in New York on Wednesday evening. Mrs. H. E. Markel and Miss Josephine Brady have been spending the week in Chicago. Colonel J. H. Pratt of this city has returned from a month's trip to Florida and Cuba.

Mr. and Mrs. Peysche and Miss Peysche leave tomorrow for Chicago to be gone several weeks. George L. Loomis and Frank Parmelee have gone to New Jersey for a brief sojourn. Dr. William Seward Webb and party of New York will be the guests of General Howard at their home in Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Carter have returned from a seven weeks' tour through the south. They arrived home Friday. Messrs. and Mesdames H. L. Beard, J. J. Howard, J. H. Walker and Samman have returned to 4923 Seward street. Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Gamble have given up their rooms at the Dellone hotel and are living at 124 South Thirty-first avenue. Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Weaver and the Misses Weaver announce that they will be at home to their friends after this date at 1902 Cass street. Mrs. Arthur Rathbun and Miss Rathbun have returned to their home in San Francisco after a pleasant visit with Mrs. E. A. Mills of this city. The Misses Ruth and Alice Weller left for Chicago on Friday evening. They will visit friends at Morgan Park for ten days and will take in grand opera while there. Mr. Clifford Smith has purchased the southeast corner lot at Thirty-ninth and Howard, which will erect a handsome residence there in the near future. Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Taylor and Miss Mabel Taylor of this city, who have been spending the winter in the south, have gone from Galveston to Mineral Springs, Tex. Mrs. Sheldon Raymond and Miss Dorothy Raymond of Lincoln are the guests this week of Mrs. Raymond's sister, Mrs. Thomas Dorr Crane, at 229 South Thirty-eighth avenue. Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Smith returned to Omaha during the week. Mr. Smith coming from the south by way of Buffalo, where he has been visiting in the east.

Entertainments of the Week. Mrs. J. E. House and Mrs. J. W. Vail entertained the Ladies' Tuesday afternoon club at 1821 Chicago street on Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. N. S. Card club was delightfully entertained last Saturday evening by Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Porterfield. All the members were present and enjoyed eleven games, after which the favors were awarded to Mrs. J. C. Bolman and Mr. Harry Hoffelinger. Mrs. Wappich entertained the C. A. L. Kensington club Tuesday afternoon. The play-at-home, given by Miss Mesdames Lane. The guests of honor were Miss Coppenwatt of Chicago and Mrs. Gabard. The club will be entertained March 29 by Mrs. J. C. Bolman and Mr. Harry Hoffelinger. Mrs. Wappich entertained the C. A. L. Kensington club Tuesday afternoon. The play-at-home, given by Miss Mesdames Lane. The guests of honor were Miss Coppenwatt of Chicago and Mrs. Gabard. The club will be entertained March 29 by Mrs. J. C. Bolman and Mr. Harry Hoffelinger.

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election as president at the head of the Sage School of Philosophy of Cornell University. The lecture will be given under the auspices of the Cornell University Alumni Association of Nebraska, and a limited number of tickets have been issued for those who care to attend. The lecture will be given at the Commercial National bank, Arthur C. Wakely, 593 New York life building, or Charles C. Rosewater, circulation department of the Bee.

Weddings and Engagements. Miss Daisy Henrietta Dural and Mr. Ernest Platt-Buffett, both of this city, will be married tomorrow at Red Cloud, Neb., at the home of the bride's brother. Mr. Alfred M. Olson of the Omaha post-office and Miss Emma C. Anderson, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gustave Anderson, were married Thursday evening at the residence of the bride's parents, Rev. F. A. Sanderson, D. D., officiating.

OMAHA SOCIETIES. Florence. Miss Emma King and Eunice Tracy visited friends in Omaha Saturday. Mrs. J. G. Nagley visited friends at Coffman Saturday. Mr. Matthews of Blair was visiting with James C. Kindred a few days this week. E. J. Bodwell, county superintendent of public instruction, was in the city this week having the usual school.

Mr. Larkins Tucker, formerly of Blair, brought his family here Monday and will make this city his home. The Ladies' Aid society met at the home of Mrs. E. H. Walker Wednesday afternoon, talking through the regular routine of business.

The Ladies' Guild, composed of members of the Episcopal church of this city, met at the home of Mrs. G. J. Hunt Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. J. E. Edwards, who has been making her home with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Rose for several weeks, went to Omaha to live the first of the week.

E. H. Walker spent the last four days of this week in the western part of Douglas county in the interest of the Transmississippi Exposition. The friends of Mrs. M. B. Potter surprised her at home Saturday night. The evening was spent in refreshments were served.

The members of Lodge No. 225, Independent Order of Old Fellows of this city, attended a meeting at the home of Mrs. M. B. Potter where a number of No. 255 was given the third degree. Mrs. Dufkin, a sister of Mrs. W. H. Rose, who has been sojourning in southern California, during the winter, returned here a few days this week while on her way home at Jefferson, Ia.

Metz Brothers of Omaha have purchased a new building on the corner of 21st and Franklin streets, and will erect a building on the same in the near future. It will be a saloon. There will be three saloons in the city next year after the list of May, the same license are granted.

In the democratic caucus Wednesday evening Dr. J. F. Tracy was nominated for city clerk; J. C. Hass, treasurer; A. F. Close, clerk; J. V. Shipley, councilman in the Second ward. The republicans Thursday evening put the following candidates up: For mayor, Freeman S. Tucker; for city clerk, H. R. Robinson; for councilman, second ward, R. W. Cowan; councilman, second ward, A. C. Cubley.

Benson. Lorentz Jorgensen has been quite sick during the last week. O. D. Bellas is painting his house and making other improvements on his new property. Mrs. U. J. Joseph left for Iowa last Tuesday, where she was called to the bedside of her mother, who is seriously ill.

The Ladies' Aid society met at the home of Mrs. San Filayson last week. It will meet with Mrs. William Bickett next Wednesday at 2 p. m. Mr. and Mrs. D. Jewell of Buhetown, Ia., are rejoicing over the birth of a son. Mrs. Jewell is a native of this place and is better known as Belle Edge.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson G. Coleco and children returned to their home in Ashland last Monday morning. Mrs. Colson has been the guest of her mother, Mrs. Harvey J. Grove, for the last two weeks. News has been received of the wedding of Miss Bertha Tidd and David Sampson, both of Plattsmouth, at the home of the bride. Miss Tidd visited with friends in Benson for some time last summer.

A concert will be given by the Madrigal club at the Young Men's club, on Monday night Monday evening, March 21. This concert is given under the auspices of the women of the church, the proceeds going to the church. The funeral service over the remains of Mrs. Sarah Ayers was held in Orchard Hill at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. De Metz, where she had been making her home last Thursday. The body was laid to rest in Prospect Hill cemetery.

A party of young people, consisting of Messrs. G. W. Steiger and C. W. Safford and Misses Ada E. Steiger and M. Safford, joined by a number of young people of Omaha, went to Plattsmouth Saturday evening to attend a house party at the home of the Misses Steiger. The party returned the next day.

Fort Crook. Lieutenant Colonel Patterson has been detailed president of the Omaha Retiring board. Dr. Shaw, assistant surgeon, U. S. A., after two months' detached duty at Fort Crook, left for St. Paul, Minn. Acting Assistant Surgeon Howard, who recently arrived, has taken Lieutenant Godfrey's quarters. His family is expected to arrive shortly.

Tuesday the officers and the women of the post gave a reception to Lieutenant and Mrs. Lewis. The hall was beautifully draped with flags and colors. Rumor says that Major Reoper, medical director of this military department, will retain his residence at Fort Crook, instead of removing to Omaha.

Thursday Mrs. Forbes, assisted by the Misses Patterson, entertained the card club. It is very much regretted that Mrs. Forbes and the Misses Patterson are so soon to take their departure—April 1. Dundee. Mrs. Cooper of West Dodge street, who has been ill with the grip, is much improved in health.

Prosperity has returned to Dundee to a noticeable extent. There are but three vacant houses in the village. Thomas J. Kelley has given up the leadership of the Dundee chorus. Another leader will be secured, and the work of the chorus proceeded uninterrupted.

The lecture of Mrs. W. W. Keyser at the school house on Monday on the subject, "Grecian Art," was well attended and greatly appreciated by the members of the Dundee Woman's club, under whose auspices it was given.

DEPARTMENT OF THE MISSOURI. Official Notification of the Change Recently Made. Official notification of the changes in the army departments has been received at the headquarters of the Department of the Missouri, formerly Department of the Platte, and the work of reorganization is practically completed. As yet it cannot be told exactly how many men will be under the command of the department, but the number will not be far from 4,000.

St. Louis papers publish statements to the effect that General Miles recommended that headquarters of the department be set up at St. Louis. Assistant Secretary of War Meiklejohn turned down this recommendation. Some of the Kansas members of congress thought the headquarters should have been established at Fort Leavenworth or at Kansas City, on account of the central location of those points with relation to the rest of the district. A delegation of them called upon Secretary Alger and asked why this had not been done. The secretary replied that the information that neither of these points had been considered by the authorities. General Miles, he said, had recommended St. Louis, and the decision was decided to leave the headquarters where they now are.

SOUTH OMAHA NEWS.

Our new goods have arrived. Great bargains in furniture, shoes, etc., 25th and N streets. Services will be held at the Fourth ward and Neill Maxwell missions this afternoon. E. H. Howland Lumber & Coal Co. Office 438 N. 24th St., between M & N Sts. Tel. 7. A case of diphtheria is reported in the family of Dennis Murphy, Twentieth and O streets.

The offering at the Episcopal church this morning will be for the benefit of the Cuban sufferers from the effects of the late war. There is a case of scarlet fever at the home of Frank Persons, Twenty-sixth and D streets. Rev. Howard Crumblitt of the Christian Union will preach this morning on "Our Priesthood."

Mrs. VanCleave and son, Roy, of Lincoln are the guests of Mrs. W. D. Cox of Twenty-eighth street. Mrs. George Darling, son of E. E. Darling, leaves Monday for Montana to accept the position of government weigher of mails. Mrs. Susie Horan, Twenty-fifth and I streets, has been visiting for some time. A new heater and two tanks of 250 gallons capacity will be placed in the bath rooms at the Young Men's Christian association.

The republican city central committee will meet Monday evening for the purpose of organizing and mapping out the campaign. Ben Dodson, who has been with Swift and Company for the last three years, has gone to Atlantic Ia., to assist Lou Huff in buying horses for King's Co. Rev. E. W. Brown of Omaha will officiate at St. Martin's Episcopal church this morning, as Rev. Johnson, the pastor, goes to Fort Crook and Waboo.

At the afternoon M. A. Wolf of Council Bluffs will address the men's meeting at the Young Men's Christian association on the topic, "The Great Search Light." On Monday evening there will be a meeting of Gettysburg committee at the Young Men's Christian association, at Woodman hall. All members are urged to be present.

The police have been notified that the residence of Mrs. Anderson, on Twenty-fifth street, just north of N street, was burglarized Friday and several articles of jewelry, besides \$70 in money, carried away. Nebraska lodge, No. 227, Ancient Order of Workmen, is preparing to uniform at the degree team, which is considered one of the best in the west. The team will give a ball on Monday evening following Easter.

Mrs. George Guttard, who was quite severely burned a few days ago by the explosion of a gasoline stove, died yesterday. Funeral services will be held at the family residence, Twenty-fifth and O streets, Monday at 10 o'clock, at a service at Pappillon hall. At the First Presbyterian church this morning Rev. Wheeler will preach on "Some Lenten Observations." In the evening Rev. Wheeler will address the congregation concerning the temperance memorial day, touching the lives of Neal Dow and Frances Willard.

COURT WILL NOT INTERFERE. Status of Divorced and Remarried Persons Is Not Determined. Speaking of his decision in the case of Rohling against Rohling, Judge Fawcett says a misapprehension has arisen from the publication of a sensational article in the World-Herald, in which the language of the court is distorted and the order is misstated. He says he did not declare the marriage at Council Bluffs of the parties illegal and void. On the contrary, he declined to pass on the point.

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The offering at the Episcopal church this morning will be for the benefit of the Cuban sufferers from the effects of the late war. There is a case of scarlet fever at the home of Frank Persons, Twenty-sixth and D streets. Rev. Howard Crumblitt of the Christian Union will preach this morning on "Our Priesthood."

Mrs. VanCleave and son, Roy, of Lincoln are the guests of Mrs. W. D. Cox of Twenty-eighth street. Mrs. George Darling, son of E. E. Darling, leaves Monday for Montana to accept the position of government weigher of mails. Mrs. Susie Horan, Twenty-fifth and I streets, has been visiting for some time. A new heater and two tanks of 250 gallons capacity will be placed in the bath rooms at the Young Men's Christian association.

The republican city central committee will meet Monday evening for the purpose of organizing and mapping out the campaign. Ben Dodson, who has been with Swift and Company for the last three years, has gone to Atlantic Ia., to assist Lou Huff in buying horses for King's Co. Rev. E. W. Brown of Omaha will officiate at St. Martin's Episcopal church this morning, as Rev. Johnson, the pastor, goes to Fort Crook and Waboo.

At the afternoon M. A. Wolf of Council Bluffs will address the men's meeting at the Young Men's Christian association on the topic, "The Great Search Light." On Monday evening there will be a meeting of Gettysburg committee at the Young Men's Christian association, at Woodman hall. All members are urged to be present.

The police have been notified that the residence of Mrs. Anderson, on Twenty-fifth street, just north of N street, was burglarized Friday and several articles of jewelry, besides \$70 in money, carried away. Nebraska lodge, No. 227, Ancient Order of Workmen, is preparing to uniform at the degree team, which is considered one of the best in the west. The team will give a ball on Monday evening following Easter.

Mrs. George Guttard, who was quite severely burned a few days ago by the explosion of a gasoline stove, died yesterday. Funeral services will be held at the family residence, Twenty-fifth and O streets, Monday at 10 o'clock, at a service at Pappillon hall. At the First Presbyterian church this morning Rev. Wheeler will preach on "Some Lenten Observations." In the evening Rev. Wheeler will address the congregation concerning the temperance memorial day, touching the lives of Neal Dow and Frances Willard.

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