

SOCIETY AMID WAR'S ALARMS

Great Gaps Left in the Local Circles Since the "Boys" Marched

SOME ARE MISSED AND OTHERS MISSES

Could Doing All He Can to Change the Situation and the Merry Whirl Goes Onward

Wars and rumors of wars have had their effect on local society. One would not expect it to be otherwise with the departure of so many "eligible" young men for the Philippine islands and Chickamauga park.

Aside from the journeyings to the military camp and the packing of lunches for the boys' trip away from home there has been a fair amount of activity.

Dealing in futurities, it may be remarked that Cupid figures pretty extensively in the functions that are to be the tapis for the next few weeks.

Cupid has cut out plenty of spring work for himself heretofore, but one charming young woman of Omaha just thought she would help him along a bit the other evening.

After the young man had run through the list of stock subjects, including the war in the east and the west, the exposition Sunday evening, the four or five that were to be the growth of small priced theaters about town there was a marked lull in the talk.

Preparations are being made for the entertainment of all distinguished visitors who may visit the exposition during the summer. There will be receptions, dances and

diners for the prominent folk of other states and foreign countries who may come to the exposition, and none will be allowed to feel as though they are strangers within the city's gates.

This is assisted by the appointment of the following committee who will assist at such entertainments: Mesdames H. W. Yates, C. N. Dietz, J. S. Brady, J. C. Cowin, E. P. Peck, W. H. McCord, C. E. Squires, Charles O'Neil, William Poppleton, William Carter, D. H. Wheeler, Jr., W. F. Allen, Thomas Kilpatrick, E. Dickinson, G. B. Dwyer, C. M. Wilbur, J. E. Baum, E. W. Nash, A. C. Smith, W. B. Melkie, Charles Shiverick, Frank Colpeter, Arthur Brandeis, A. L. Reed, E. A. Cudahy, T. M. Orr, Paul Charlton, C. F. Manderson, E. F. Bierbower, George Mercer, Arthur Remington, W. J. Connell, W. N. Babcock, G. W. Lindner, G. F. Bidwell, Andrew Rassewater, J. N. H. Bruck and J. Metcalf of Omaha, and John N. Baldwin of Council Bluffs.

Mrs. Lucy Evans will leave for the east this week. Miss Jessie Dickinson left for New York on Wednesday. Miss Mattie Webster returned from Lincoln on Friday.

Miss Olive Frederick will leave for Chicago on Monday. Mrs. John Chapman is at Hannibal, Mo., visiting relatives.

Rev. Canon Burgess of Plattsmouth was in Omaha on Tuesday. Mr. Stockton Heth visited friends in Iowa during the last week.

Mrs. E. H. Farnley left Monday to spend a few days in Chicago. Mr. Arthur C. Smith left for an eastern trip on Friday evening.

Mrs. Joseph H. McConnell spent the last week with friends in Chicago. Mrs. E. J. Spaulding is visiting Mrs. J. F. Barton at 2615 Capitol avenue.

Mr. J. E. Smith of Beatrice was the guest of Mrs. W. F. Cody and Miss Cody of North Platte when in Omaha this week. Miss Sadie Burnham of Lincoln was the guest of Miss Lila Alexander on Friday.

Mr. William R. Harford has gone to New York to read a paper before a charitable meeting. Mrs. John S. Briggs returned on Thursday after a four weeks' visit in Washta and Chicago.

Major R. S. Wilcox spent Friday in Lincoln with his son, R. E. Wilcox, of the Omaha Guards. Mrs. A. Graves, who has been very ill, has entirely recovered and is the guest of Mrs. Edward W. Nash.

Mrs. Arthur B. Smith returned from the east yesterday. Mrs. Smith has been in Boston for two weeks. Mr. H. W. of Cincinnati, who is en route for the west, was the guest of Mr. Aaron Cahn last Thursday.

Mrs. Hillis, who has been the guest of his cousin, Miss E. Snell, called for his home in London, Eng., last week. Mrs. Samuel J. Rumel left last Tuesday for Cedar Rapids, Ia., where she will visit with her parents for a few weeks.

The friends of Mrs. A. Weber regret to learn of her dangerous illness at her home, Nineteenth and Leavenworth streets.

orate wedding reception from 8 until 10 o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. Rogers will be at home to their friends at 3715 1/2 Howard street after September 1.

Entertainments of the Week. Mrs. Davis of 2527 Davenport entertained her friends on Tuesday night. Miss McKenna gave a large reception on Thursday afternoon from 4 until 6 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Harder gave a dinner last Thursday night in honor of Mr. William G. Harter of New York. Miss McKenna entertained at luncheon on Friday afternoon in honor of Mrs. Winslow, mother of Mrs. Clifford Smith. It was a very recherche affair.

The musical to have been given Thursday night by Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Cameron was indefinitely postponed owing to the illness of Mrs. Cameron's brother.

A pleasant little party was given yesterday afternoon by Master Harry Good, in honor of his fourth birthday anniversary. Games and refreshments were thoroughly enjoyed by those present.

Mesdames W. D. and Bryce Crawford entertained at Kensingtons last Wednesday and Thursday. The affairs were at the home of Mrs. W. D. Crawford and each one was attended by a large number of guests.

Mrs. G. L. Hollow of 2215 Graves street, assisted by her neighbors, tendered Mr. Hollow a real old-fashioned surprise party. The house was decorated with carnations and roses. High five was indulged in until a late hour.

Mrs. W. D. Crawford, assisted by her daughter, Mrs. Bryce Crawford, entertained at luncheon on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. The tables were artistically decorated with ferns and lilacs. Sixty-five women were present.

A card party was given last night by Mrs. O. H. Pratt and Miss Pratt on Twenty-third street. Tokens were won by A. B. Smith and Miss Kittle Vincent. About thirty were present and the evening was pleasantly concluded with dancing.

This morning at 4 o'clock twenty guests of the Madison started for Missouri Valley in tallboy coaches, where they will be entertained by Mrs. W. F. Fenner. The party was chaperoned by Mesdames J. D. Lyon and H. F. Band. They will return on Monday.

The A. K. T. club gave a very enjoyable dancing party at Mr. Edson and Dickinson's last Saturday evening. Dancing in the barn was enjoyed by about two score of the High school folk, of which the four members of the mysterious club are an important part.

Miss Olga Nelson was agreeably surprised at her home, 1515 South Tenth street, on Friday by a number of her friends. After listening to a very interesting lecture, the young folks spent the remainder of the evening in various games. At 11 o'clock a beautiful lunch was served. The evening was enjoyed by a score of guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Lamoreaux of 1819 Binney street were at home to their friends on Friday evening. It was one of the largest entertainments of the week. The program included musical selections by Messrs. Robinson and Fisher, mandolins, interspersed with readings by Miss Jessie Bowie and vocal selections from the Knox Male quartet.

main to visit with relatives and friends for some time. The Ladies Aid society met with Mrs. W. H. Pratt on Tuesday evening. It will meet at the home of Mrs. James A. Howard next Wednesday at 2 p. m.

A patriotic birthday social will be given by the friends of Mr. J. H. Smith at the town hall on Monday evening, May 30. Supper from 6:30 to 8 o'clock. Services will be conducted at the Methodist church this evening at the usual hour, by Rev. Frank Brock, pastor. Rev. Maxfield preached last Sunday evening.

Mrs. Margaret Stafford went to Plattsmouth Wednesday afternoon, where she went to attend the Smith-Tidd wedding. She will be only one of the present corps of teachers retained.

John Tuttle of Herman, Neb., is visiting his friends in Omaha. J. B. Young of Crescent, Ia., was in town Monday on business. Mrs. Weasa Templeton visited friends in Omaha a couple of days this week.

Miss Della Cochran of Omaha was here last week. Freeman S. Tucker is having his boat painted and is making other needed repairs. Mrs. Frank Dixon and little daughter of Blair are visiting with the family of Dr. Blair.

Mrs. McHenry of Seattle, Wash., arrived Friday and will visit friends here for a week or two. Miss Katie Green, who has been at Fort of the week time, returned home the first of the week.

J. Pries, the proprietor of the Pries Lake picnic grounds, was a business visitor in Omaha Wednesday. Mrs. Williams kindred had a severe attack of neuralgia of the heart Monday, but is better at present.

Mrs. D. C. Hass attended a meeting of the Coffee club in Omaha Thursday, she being the only woman present. Mrs. Ed Green of Blair visited friends in town a couple of days last week, returning home Friday.

Dan Corcoran of Omaha visited with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Corcoran, Saturday and Sunday. Gus Saums of Coffman, Neb., visited relatives in town Sunday, going from here to Omaha, where he is employed for the present.

J. M. Tracy and wife of St. Paul, Minn., arrived Monday. They will visit with Mr. Tracy's parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Tracy, for a few days. Dan A. returned home Tuesday from Valparaiso, Neb., where he has been the last three weeks shearing sheep, having taken a contract.

Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Tucker will give a birthday party Saturday night to the little friends of their daughter Jesse, it being her eleventh birthday. The teachers and pupils of the public schools here will give an entertainment at the schoolhouse Friday night, it being the close of the school year.

Miss Ziegler, employed by the Western Union Telegraph company in Omaha, has returned with her parents, who live a couple of miles north of town. The city council decided on a marshal at its regular meeting Monday night, selecting Mike Dally, who is confirmed and took up his duties at once.

The Ladies Guild, composed of the lady members of the Episcopal church, met at the home of Mrs. E. S. Tucker, Friday to attend the funeral of her grandmother, who died at Aspen, Colo., Tuesday, the remains being brought to Blair for interment.

FACTS ABOUT CUBA'S CLIMATE

Advice from a Physician of Long Experience on the Island.

REPORTS EXAGGERATE THE DANGER

Little Yellow Fever in the Country and Only Mild Malaria-Prudent Hints as to Food, Clothing and Habits.

The New York Sun publishes the following instructive letter from Dr. D. T. Laine of Philadelphia, to Dr. M. O. Terry, surgeon general of the New York state militia:

Up to five years ago I spent my summers, from May to September, on our plantation in the province of Matanzas, and I can positively state this, that the country districts in the provinces of Matanzas and Havana are as a rule healthy, even in the summer.

But the climate is exceedingly damp, and the rainfall in these months is enormous, although the sun shines the greater part of the time through an atmosphere saturated with moisture, and the thermometer in the shade registers between 80 degrees and 95 degrees—but never higher.

The nights are cool, due to the trade winds which blow continuously across the island, but the temperature never gets below 70 degrees or thereabouts. I should say, in a few words, that sultry, warm weather, daily thunder showers and passable nights is the prevailing state of the weather throughout the western half of the island.

I have practiced medicine during the last eleven years in and about Philadelphia, and would unhesitatingly assert that the country in the western part of the island is not more unhealthy than Delaware or Chester counties in Pennsylvania.

But not so in the cities, or throughout the extreme southern part of the island, which is decidedly unhealthy, and the former we have (and certainly in all the larger cities on the coast) yellow fever and typhoid as epidemic diseases. Another fact which is not generally commented upon is that tuberculosis is very prevalent in the cities of Cuba, and I have been informed that many of the Spanish soldiers die from this disease, and as much from yellow fever and dysentery as has been reported.

If Americans but knew what bad treatment the Spanish soldiers (raw recruits) receive from their government, and how dirty and filthy these people are in their habits, they would agree with some of us who know the facts and have lived on the island that Cuba, far from being an unhealthy place, is quite the contrary. That they can live as they do and not all die has been the wonder to me.

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From my personal knowledge I should say that the hill country around Matanzas and Havana is decidedly free from malaria and healthier in every respect than throughout the middle and northern portions of Florida. Smallpox has been epidemic in a more or less severe form throughout the whole island of Cuba during the last three years, so that it would be necessary to observe strict precautions about previous vaccination, etc.

Another disease which is not uncommon throughout certain parts of the island is tetanus, so that all punctured wounds of the foot and hand should be more safely treated if it could be necessary to observe applications, no matter how small and trivial they might appear. Jiggers (chigoes) would be apt to affect some of the men and cause lameness unless promptly recognized and treated. A little coal oil is the most effective remedy.

Summer Pests. Mosquitoes are abundant during the summer season, and every man should be provided with a small piece of netting. There are no venomous snakes throughout the whole island of Cuba, and the tarantulas are not poisonous, as are those found in New Mexico. The bite of the scorpion, also, is not more dangerous than that of the bee. To this I can testify from personal experience.

country, and only in a very few of the interior cities; but it is endemic in Matanzas, Sagua, Havana, Cardenas and Santiago. Malaria does exist throughout the low lands of Cuba, but one rarely finds the severer forms, such as the chagras fevers of Panama. Around the swamps of Zapata (the southern part) possibly such forms might be met with, but not along the northern coast or among the hills.

Sporadic forms of dysentery exist throughout the island, but more especially in the cities and villages. Lavage of the lower bowels with solutions of tannic or nitrate of silver and large doses of Ipecac seem to have been the most efficacious remedies used by the Cuban physicians.

Beri-beri is not an uncommon disease among the negroes. I have never seen it among the native white population. Leprosy exists in Havana; a few sporadic cases throughout the island, chiefly among the Chinese coolies.

Sunstroke in Cuba is very rare, but I have no doubt it would not be uncommon among recently arrived troops unless properly clothed, and if the men were too much exposed to the tropical sun without the opportunities for frequent bathing. This I consider very important. From personal experience in Cuba I found it necessary to bathe after prolonged exposure to the sun.

Proper Food. The native population live principally on animal food and consume large quantities of fat. Plantains, bananas, sweet potatoes, corn, beans and rice form the principal articles of vegetable diet. There is little beef used by the people of the country, but large quantities of pork are consumed, but the pork in Cuba (if there be any left) is quite different from that obtained in this country, and I consider it more wholesome and palatable.

I should unhesitatingly recommend that a mixed diet, with an excess of nitrogenous food, be used by recently arrived troops on the island rather than an excess of vegetables. Alcohol should be prohibited until the men begin to feel the enervating effects of the climate, which would hardly be for several weeks.

The custom throughout the island is to have breakfast about 10 or 11 o'clock, and dinner about 4, 5 or 6 in the afternoon; only two meals a day. But this I consider a bad habit. The intervals between the meals are too long and each meal too heavy. The American habit of three meals a day at regular intervals is decidedly to be preferred.

Plenty of meat, few vegetables and a generous quantity of coffee, and no alcohol for a few weeks at least, is the most sensible plan to be followed in regard to the feeding of recently arrived northern troops in Cuba during the summer months.

Clothing in the Tropics. A few words as to clothing. Cloth of any kind or description is not to be thought of in the island of Cuba. Light linen or cotton, both in color and weight, is the proper clothing to be worn; thin undershirts and drawers, and every man should have at least one extra change of underwear, stockings and shoes. The fall of dew and the dampness are so great that the men will be wet below the knees daily until 8 or 9 o'clock in the morning, if marching any distance during the early morning hours, the most reasonable time at which to work them. Wool, although recommended by the Eng-

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Every soldier should be provided, of course, as I believe he is, with a waterproof coat. A hammock is also necessary. As a rule, to damp to sleep on the ground, and it would be decidedly safer to sleep in one than even on a rubber blanket. Fish authorities as the proper clothing in the tropics, is certainly not so desirable in Cuba from the fact that it retains the dampness much longer than either cotton or linen.

There are no roads in Cuba, and vegetation is so rank that even the rocks are covered by grass, vines, and any living thing that can put out a leaf under a tropical sun and moisture. It does not necessarily rain every afternoon in the summer—there are periods, sometimes of several weeks or days without rain, but it is unusual. Some summers are much drier than others.

As to hats, I should certainly prefer to use a straw or linen one to any felt, no matter how light; but the Spanish rural guards all wear (or used to) a light felt hat, the soldiers strap on what are called Fanamas, with broad brims, white, and of very light weight. The Cuban insurgents, and, in fact, the people who live in the country, wear over their undershirt a shirt with pockets, called a chamarrata, dispensing thereby with coats and vests. It is decidedly the most comfortable dress for Cuba.

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