



The closing dance of the Patriarchs Wednesday evening was a fitting end to this club's markedly successful season. The Patriarchs end the season with a most gratifying enthusiasm on the part of a majority of the members, and with the brightest prospects for

next winter. The second appearance on the public stage of the bright young men who compose the Lincoln Light Infantry company attracted, as *THE COURIER* said it would, much more attention than any amateur performance given this season. Any company anywhere would have been complimented by the reception which greeted the infantry company's presentation of minstrelry at the Lansing theater Tuesday evening, and the bright performance merited the recognition which it received. Society was pleased to bestow upon the performance its approval and patronage; the audience was as fashionable as any that has assembled in the Lansing this season. One or two small parties and a few other events of more or less importance, added to the sum total of the week's activity, and altogether the past six days have not been so very dull for this time of year. For the next few weeks several things are promised. The Pleasant Hour club which manifested so much sprightliness in the early part of the summer and lately has been, to use a familiar expression, "observing Lent," is again showing signs of life, and is preparing for a final party to be given Friday, May 11. The Thompson party that has been looked forward to with much interest will be given next week, and like all the entertainments given at the beautiful residence of Mr. and Mrs. Thompson will, no doubt, be a very delightful affair. The Misses Clark will give a dancing party Friday evening, May 4.

It is doubtful if there was any member of the Patriarchs present at the dance given Wednesday night who did not experience a feeling of regret that the series of events that has from time to time brought the congenial and jolly people who comprise this club, together, was at an end. The Patriarchs dances have been invariably very successful and enjoyable affairs and members have generally endeavored to attend every one. Wednesday there was a large attendance, and the closing party was one of the pleasantest of the season. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Raymond, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Yates, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Burnham, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Dawes, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Ogden, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Buckstaff, Mr. N. S. Harwood, Mr. Frank S. Burr, Miss Bertie Burr, Mrs. Coates, Professor Ward, Mrs. A. B. Clark, Professor Owens, Miss Lulu Clark, Mr. Clark, Miss Janet Underwood, Miss Katharine Weston, Mr. B. G. Dawes, Miss Bertie Clark, Miss Sarah Harris, Mr. Frank M. Cook, Mr. C. A. Hanna, Mr. Will Johnson, Mr. C. H. Gere, Mr. W. Morton Smith, Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Phillips, Mr. D. G. Wing, Mr. Will Raymond, Mr. G. P. Faucon, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Wilson, Dr. White, Lieutenant and Mrs. R. H. Townley.

Omaha's season of grand opera, lasting one week, opens Monday night at the Boyd. The promoters of this enterprise have made a strong effort to secure the cordial patronage of society, and as society is generally complaisant in matters of this kind it is probable that the week of opera will be of considerable importance socially. A number of Lincoln people have planned to go up at various times during the week.

Mr. W. D. Robinson returned Saturday from Denver.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Thompson will give a dancing party next Friday evening.

The audience at the Lansing theater Tuesday night at the presentation of minstrelsy by the Lincoln Light Infantry company, was distinctively fashionable. Society was in evidence everywhere. Among those who occupied boxes were: Governor Lorenzo Crounse, Adjutant General J. D. Gage, Quartermaster General Geo. E. Jenkins of Fairbury, Inspector General Harry S. Hotchkiss; Col. C. J. Bills, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Dawes, Mr. Wing, Miss Katharine Weston,

Miss Sadie Burnham, Mr. and Mrs. John B. Wright, Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. White, of Chicago, Mr. W. Morton Smith, Mr. Geo. Lewis, Miss Sadie Burnham. Two of the upstairs boxes were occupied by members of Company D, N. N. G. The Worthington military academy was represented in three rows in the parquet.

Contrary to expectation there will be another Pleasant Hour party. Manager Stuart Shears of the Lincoln hotel kindly offered to give the club a complimentary party and it has been decided to take advantage of this opportunity and close the season with the usual spring party. Mr. W. F. Meyer has charge of the details of the dance which has been fixed for Friday, May 11.

Mr. Sam E. Low left Thursday for Colorado, intending to remain several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Howell entertained the officers of the Mendelssohn Musical society at tea Thursday at the conservatory.

Mr. W. F. Kelley expects to go to Cincinnati, his former home, next week.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Funke, Thursday, a daughter.

Miss Rachel Brock gave a small whist party last evening.

Misses Lulu and Bertie Clark will give a dancing party at the Lincoln hotel Friday evening, May 4.

The last and, perhaps the most enjoyable and largely attended party given by the students of the university, was held in Temple hall last evening. Professors and Mesdames Barbour, Richards and Allen chaperoned the party. Those present were: Messrs Bucher, Dowling, White, Hudley, Pace, Hayward, McFarland, Winger, Walsh, Hadley, Ward, Morrill, Johnston, Johnson, Sedgwick, Farwell, Duff, Dixon, Young, Mallalieu, Hebard, Andrews, Frank, Askin, Lee, Cornell, Weeks, Hollowbush, Wilson, Copeland, Evans, Betts, Professors Ward and White. Misses Ruby Jones, Emerald Jones, Marie Jones, Sewell, Hollowbush, Hammond, Harley, Leland, Garten, Griffith, Moore, Gaylord, Shaw, Ames, Ashton, Sherwood, Hunt-singer, McDowed, Cochran, Graham, Hoover, Rector, Winger, Burks, Burnham, Seacrest Maitland, Wilder, Heaton, Weston, Smith, Graves.

Messrs Montmorency, Bucher, Sawyer, Tucker and Dixon have been appointed by the senior class of the state university to make arrangements for the annual class promenade. It will be given in representative hall on the evening of June 8th.

Miss Mamie Hall returned to Omaha Wednesday, after a short visit with Miss Curtice.

Miss Agnes Sewell will sing at the recital to be given Tuesday April 24 by the Hagenow school of Music, at the hall, Thirteenth and P streets.

Sorosis met on Monday, April 16th, at the residence of Mrs. M. D. Welch. The topic, the "Hawaiian Islands," was exhaustingly treated by Mrs. J. E. Miller, who reviewed their history from pre-historic times to the present. Facts were brought out as follows: The group consists of twelve small islands comprising about 6,000 square miles. They are only about 21,000 miles from San Francisco and in direct line to Australia, India and the eastern countries. The islands of Hawaii, which are the largest of the group, have two of the largest volcanoes in the world. The city of Honolulu is on Oahu and is the largest city in the group. The climate is temperate and even varying from 50 to 92 per cent. There is no winter and the natives do not feel the necessity for European clothing as yet. Since the reciprocity treaty with the United States sugar has been the chief product of the islands. The McKinley bill placed sugar on the free list so now the attention is being turned to oranges, bananas and other tropical fruits which promise even a richer return. In many ways the people are wisely governed. The education of the natives is one of the chief cares and in 1834 a law was passed allowing no one to marry who could not read and write. It was governed by separate chiefs until the present century when Kamehameha I united them into one kingdom. The missionaries first landed in the islands in 1820 and found the country without a religion of any kind. In less than 40 years they taught the whole Hawaiian people to read write, cipher and sew. The second Kamehameha and his queen visited England in 1823 and both died there of the measles. Up to 1834 the government had been a simple despotism but in 1840 K-III granted a constitution consisting of king, assembly of nobles and representative council. In 1843 France and England guaranteed the independence of the Hawaiian kingdom. The king had concluded to cede the country to the United States and had papers