



The dancing craze has already outlasted the season, and it bids fair to continue with little interruption all summer. When it is no longer possible to dance in doors tripping feet will seek the pavilion at the park and lake, and "on with the dance" will be heard even in the dog days—at least such are present indications. Probably the last large formal dance will be that of the Pleasant Hour club next Friday evening.

In the last ten years it has been frequently predicted that the Pleasant Hour club, the oldest social organization in Lincoln, and, we believe, in the state, would succumb to the conditions that usually kill off an organization of this character after a few seasons. Disruption has many times been declared to be imminent, and certain persons to whom, doubtless, the wish was father to the thought, have not hesitated to pronounce the club dead on numerous occasions, and they have derived some anticipatory pleasure in the contemplation. But the club has prospered from its commencement, and it has seen many a prospective rival flourish for a season or two and then disappear. This winter there has been the usual gossip about the club—if anything, disintegration has been more enthusiastically looked forward to than ever before. The Pleasant Hour club is still very much alive, however, and there are no signs of decay as yet. It has gone through the season successfully, and there have never been more brilliant or more thoroughly enjoyable dancing parties in this city than those given by the veteran club at the Lincoln hotel the early part of the winter. And there is every prospect at this time that the club will for many years continue to prosper and hold supremacy by reason of its age and exclusiveness.

Next week—Friday evening—as THE COURIER has already announced, the Pleasant Hour club will close the season with a dance at the Lincoln hotel that bids fair to be a conspicuously gay and delightful event. It will be marked by the presence of a number of young ladies who are now visiting in Lincoln, or who will come here to attend the party, and as it has been some time since the last club dance, unusual interest attaches to the forthcoming party. It is a little late for dancing parties, and the only thing that can mar the pleasure next Friday night is warm weather.

Among the Lincoln people who spent Sunday in Omaha were Mr. D. G. Wing, Mr. Charles L. Burr and Mr. Oscar Funke.

Lieutenant Townley had the honor of leading two Germans last week—one at the Buckstaff's, and the other a week ago last night at the Thompson's. At the Thompson party, after seven or eight dances, there was an informal cotillion, and the lieutenant being present he was naturally the leader. It is needless to say that on both occasions he discharged his responsibility with the greatest ease and eclat.

There is a growing prejudice against male devotees of the Five O'Clock Tea, a class that, unfortunately, has grown to considerable proportions in the last year. Omaha may have a few specimens of this species and Lincoln, too, may have a touch of the contamination; but there are not many young men, it is pleasant to record, in these cities who come under the unfavorable criticism bestowed on what *Town Topics* calls the Five O'Clock Tea Brigade.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Davis were treated to a genuine surprise last Monday evening. There was once a C street club, but it had ceased to hold sessions of any kind long since. It was known to some of the members that Mr. and Mrs. Davis had been married nine years. Accordingly the word was passed around, and members of the club

gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Q. Bell. Miss Clara Cranyhorn had undertaken the task of securing the attendance of Mr. and Mrs. Davis. When they came in all offered congratulations. The surprise was genuine. The friends present found so much enjoyment that they did not offer the farewell congratulations until a late hour. There were present: Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Wirick, Mr. and Mrs. Burlingim, Mr. and Mrs. C. Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. Fiske, Mr. and Mrs. Munger, Mr. and Mrs. Blish, Mrs. Zehring, Mrs. Morrill, Mrs. Whiting, Miss Zehring, Miss Cranyhorn, Miss Reynolds, Professor Covey, Rev. C. B. Gregory, Mr. Harry Zehring and Arthur Morrill.

The large dancing party given by the Misses Clark at the Lincoln hotel last evening was a particularly pretty affair, gathering together amid pleasant surroundings and under the most favorable auspices, a very congenial company of people. It was one of the most brilliant and enjoyable parties of the season.

Professor E. T. Hartley led the discussion at the last meeting of the Round Table, held Monday night at the residence of Mr. S. H. Burnham, the subject being "The Daily Paper, Its Greatness and Littleness." There was a very free expression of opinion and the newspaper men who are members of the Round Table doubtless obtained much valuable information as to the proper manner in which to run a newspaper.

Mrs. G. L. Laws left Tuesday for Enid, Oklahoma, where for the past year Mr. Laws has been engaged in the practice of law and in the real estate business in partnership with Hon. John Jensen, formerly of Geneva, Neb. Ex-Congressman Laws has, we understand, met with much success in his new field, and the fact that his family now joins him, seems to make it clear that his permanent residence is to be in Oklahoma. Miss Laws left later in the week. She has been connected with the chancellor's office at the state university for the past year, having finished her work last Saturday. Miss Laws is a most talented young lady. She has, since her graduation from the University of Nebraska, done a great deal of special work, and she is regarded among university people as one having very unusual attainments. She will be much missed in the select circles in which she moved.

Mr. Laws is one of the few men who, after an extensive participation in politics, retains an untarnished reputation. He has held several important offices, always with the utmost credit, and there never was, at any time, even a suspicion of anything derogatory in his official life. He is an able man, and of somewhat marked integrity, and he has friends scattered all over Nebraska who will be pleased to learn of his success in Oklahoma.

The informal dancing class will meet this evening at the Lansing.

Mrs. Baum and Miss Brownie Baum, of Omaha, were guests of Mrs. A. B. Clark and daughters this week. Miss Baum, who is one of the prettiest girls in Omaha, was a belle at the Clark dancing party last night.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Imhoff returned from Sutherland, Fla., Saturday. The season just closed has been an unusually unfavorable one in Florida, and owing, in part, to the prevailing dulness many of the resorts were very poorly patronized. It is particularly gratifying to note, on this account, that Mr. Imhoff's Florida enterprise has this season enjoyed much greater success than ever before.

There was a coaching party Saturday afternoon, the first of the season. The party drove out to Ensign's farm where several pleasant hours were spent. There was a merry dance in the pavilion just erected by Mr. Ensign. The following were in the party: Mr. R. M. Joyce, Mr. Frank S. Burr, Miss Pearl Ross, Mr. Mattson

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