

Mrs. W. C. Wittman entertained a few lady friends at a Columbian tea at her residence, 1042 C street, last Thursday afternoon. The house was tastefully decorated. The ladies found their positions at the table by a duplicate flower and then they began to form as many names as possible out of the word "Columbus." Mrs. McCandless was the most successful and received as a reward a Columbian souvenir spoon. Mrs. Samuel Whiting and Mrs. Will Meyer received the booby prizes.

Mrs. F. A. Bartholomew celebrated the fifth birthday of her little daughter Flora, Wednesday afternoon by entertaining a number of her little friends in a delightful manner. The afternoon passed very pleasantly with children's games and Flora was the recipient of many pretty gifts from her young friends. Those present were Leah Hopkins, Effa Barbor, Ruth Munger, Louise Lees, Eunice Regnier, Harry White, John White, Frank Bartholomew, Harold Usher, Thomas Usher and Harold Bowers.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Curtisse entertained a number of friends at their pretty home, 925 C street, Tuesday evening. A very elaborate tea was served at 6:30, after which high-five made the time pass very quickly. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Morse, Mr. and Mrs. H. Zehrung, Mr. and Mrs. Travis, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Shepard.

The Aeolian Mandolin club gave a concert at the St. Paul M. E. church Tuesday evening, under the direction of Franklin Eaton. Among the selections rendered were a guitar duet and a banjo duet by Mr. and Mrs. Eaton, "I Promise Thee" by Miss Elsie Young, accompanied by Professor Frank. Miss Kate Scothorn gave a number of recitations.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Burlingim spent the week in Omaha.

Mr. J. S. Bishop, Dr. Kerman and Dr. Graham left Thursday for Clarks, where they will enjoy a few days shooting.

Dr. G. H. Peebles died Thursday morning; the funeral services were held yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Clinton Briggs, of Omaha, who went home for a few days, has again returned to this city and the Lincoln hotel.

Mrs. R. A. Perry entertained the Whist club last evening.

Mrs. Charles Hammond and son left Wednesday for California, where they expect to spend several weeks.

Mr. Bert Wheeler, of Omaha, has been in Lincoln this week.

Miss Maym Smith, of Crawfordsville, Ind., who has been in this city for some weeks the guest of Mrs. R. D. Muir, left for her home Thursday.

Mr. J. A. Marshall has gone to Denver.

The largest and one of the most pleasant social events of the week was that of Wednesday evening, when about eighty-five of the friends of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dorgan assembled at Eleventh and O streets and accompanied by the Lansing theater orchestra, took cars for the penitentiary. The occasion was the anniversary of the birthday of Mrs. Dorgan and with the aid of Warden and Mrs. Bee-mer the guests were enabled to give Mr. and Mrs. Dorgan a complete surprise. After a merry dance the company sat down to a tempting luncheon in the guards dining-room. During the evening Mrs. Dorgan was presented with a beautiful set of gold lined silver souvenir spoons.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Camp entertained the southern division of the Lancaster County Farmer's club Wednesday of last week. After partaking of a sumptuous dinner the meeting was called to order by the president and after the reading of the minutes the following program was carried out: Vocal duet by Mrs. Stevenson and Mr. W. C. Blanchard; an interesting paper on "The Advantages of Farm Life" by Mr. J. S. Temple. A recitation by Master Clarence Camp, telling of the woes of the country boy when the city boy visits him; a song by Ada and Grace Sturdy and recitations by Earnest and Mabel Camp; also songs by Miss Nellie Lownes and Mr. Will Blanchard. An interesting paper on "Small Fruit" was also read Mr. C. B. Camp and Mr. Sterns of Crete gave a long talk on the fruit trees of Nebraska. Mrs. Temple read a paper on "Butter-Making." The report of the ex-treasurer was then read and the club was invited to meet with Mr. and Mrs. A. Greenmeyer April 5th.

"March to search" is the old adage. It searches out any weakness of the system, resulting from impure blood. Those who use Ayer's Sarsaparilla find March no more searching or even disagreeable than any other month. This medicine is a wonderful invigorator.



The Funke opera house will undergo another change of management. F. M. Moore will, it is said, be the new manager, and there are rumors of remodeling and interior improvements that will make the Funke a very cosy and attractive theatre. The house will not open until fall.

The sudden retirement of the singer, Rev. Mr. Pierson brought with him to this city to assist in the evangelistic meetings, has provoked considerable discussion, more especially among musical people. There was undeniably some ill feeling over the matter. The lady herself got even through the newspapers.

Rumor has lately busied itself with a very high state official, a widower of some years standing, connecting his name in a most interesting manner with that of a young lady from a state somewhat east of Nebraska, who has been visiting in Lincoln for the last few months. There are frequent suggestions of an engagement, and a large number of people are awaiting developments with decided interest.

Much comment is heard in the various departments at the capitol over the recent transfer of clerical assistants between the auditor's office and the office of the deputy commissioner of labor and industrial statistics. Mrs. Packard, who by the way is a sister of Mr. A. E. Cady, chairman of the republican state central committee, has for some time past been the deputy labor commissioner's assistant, and some of the stories that are of more or less common report concerning this man's treatment of the lady in his office are decidedly prejudicial to the commissioner's reputation as a gentleman. It is said that the extraordinary hirsute development that he exhibits, giving him the appearance of a grizzly bear, does but simple justice to his character. If half of what is reported on good authority is true, he is a tyrant and a boor. There have been complaints; but the officer appears to be firmly entrenched in power, and beyond the reach of proper discipline. A few weeks ago, however, Mrs. Packard was given a place in the auditor's office, and one of the auditor's male clerks was transferred to the commissioner's department, which is accepted as a recognition of the commissioner's boorishness. The latter has few friends in the state house, and some of the comments on the personality and conduct of the man who apparently does not know how to treat a lady are of a very definite and interesting character.

A few weeks ago THE COURIER cited the sudden disappearance of a young man of wealthy family. His friends did not for some time have the slightest idea where he had gone, and there has been much speculation as to his whereabouts. A gentleman lately returned from Texas states that the young man is, or was at the time, acting as the treasurer of a museum in one of Texas' principal cities.

There is a report that between a certain well known gambling room in this city and a certain equally well known local official there is a close and distinctly profitable connection.

Home talent is soon to have another chance at the public in the form of a minstrel show to be given by the Lincoln Light Infantry company at the Lansing theatre, April 17. This will be the third minstrel performance given by the company, and Frank Burr and F. M. Moore and other leading spirits in this organization are giving a great deal of time to the preparation of material for discharge April 17. Last year, it will be remembered, there were some very pat allusions to local personages of more or less prominence, and some of the original witticisms reflected considerable credit upon the ability of the performers. In the forthcoming entertainment a great many Lincoln people will be hit with telling effect. What are enigmatically known as the "gags" will be of such a character as to arouse genuine interest. Will O'Shea will introduce some new things in his special line, and Frank Burr, Moore and Ross Curtice will put on a musical act that will doubtless prove to be quite as successful as their performance a year ago.

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