



Society paid its devotions to the theatre this week. It bestowed its favor upon Marie Tempest and W. H. Crane and De Wolf Hopper to the exclusion of social functions. Apart from the attendance upon the theatres, there has been very little activity, and the prospects

are not particularly encouraging, though the wedding season promises to be a brilliant one. It seems to be definitely settled that the Pleasant Hour club will not give another party. The Empire club, which displays remarkable vitality, has not yet finished the regular season, and it is probable that it will give summer parties as usual. The Patriarchs will give one more dance.

The coming minstrel performance to be given by the Lincoln Light Infantry at the Lansing theatre April 17 is attracting fully as much, if not more interest in social circles than the recent entertainment "Among the Breakers," and it is said that if some of the performers in the latter entertainment are present at the minstrel show they will learn something to their advantage. Nearly every feature of the performance will be of local interest, and the fun will strike right and left. The end men will be Messrs Frank S. Burr, Ross Curtice, Y. A. Bostrom, Fred G. Plummer, Forry Moore and C. W. Outhwaite. The soloists will be Messrs. H. A. Mayer, C. M. Camp, Ed. Butler and W. B. Clark. Mr. O'Shea, who has a remarkable facility in legerdemain, mind reading, hypnotism, etc., will add interest to the program. Mr. H. M. Wilson will give an exhibition of club swinging. Messrs. Bing and Wittman will appear in a triple bar act and a musical turr. will be done by Messrs Curtice, Burr and Moore. The show promises to make a big hit. A number of Omaha people are expected to lend their presence to the affair. Two boxes have already been secured by the Omaha Guards. Another box has been sold to Colonel Bills, of Fairbury.

Mr. S. H. Burnham returned Monday from his trip east.

Mrs. Frank W. Smith, of Alliance, is in the city.

It is said that there will be two more cotillions before the end of the season.

At the performance of "The Fencing Master" at the Lansing theatre Tuesday evening, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Kier were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Oliver in their box. Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Hall and Miss Cora B. Hardy occupied the Lansing box. In another box were Lieutenant and Mrs. R. H. Townley, Mrs. Wightman, of Buffalo, N. Y., and Mr. J. R. Lemist.

Mrs. S. E. Moore's statement as to the financial result of the performance of "Among the Breakers" shows that the total receipts were \$311.35. There was a net profit of \$242.35, which was divided equally between Elder Howe and the charity organization, for the benefit of the poor of the city. Mrs. Moore makes special acknowledgment to Mr. D. E. Thompson, to Mr. Ed A. Church and to the Lansing theatre orchestra.

The funeral services of Mrs. H. P. Foster were held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, at the family residence, 1213 H street, and were conducted by Rev. E. H. Curtis. "Lead Kindly Light" and "Abide With Me" were sung by Mrs. C. S. Lippincott, Mrs. A. W. Jansen, Miss Nanon Lillibridge and Miss Hattie Becker. The pall bearers were Mr. H. B. Patrick, Mr. S. B. Nesbit, Mr. A. G. Beeson, Dr. C. F. Ladd, Mr. R. J. Green and Mr. C. S. Lippincott. There were many beautiful floral tributes.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dorgan left Monday for California.

Mr. George W. Mercer, of Omaha, was in Lincoln Monday.

Mrs. Helen Wightman, of Buffalo, N. Y., who has been the guest of Lieutenant and Mrs. Townley, left Thursday for Chicago.

Rev. C. C. Lasby left Monday for California.

The C. U. C. minstrels at Lyceum hall this week furnished much genuine entertainment. Several of the performers showed unusual talent. Among the features of the program was an overture pre-

pared especially by F. Lorenz; "Climb up Ye Children, Climb," chorus; "Give Him a Welcome Home," Professor Arlington; "Come Down from the Moon," Mr. Rice; Germau medley, Professor Emerson; "You Can't Lose Me, Cholly," Mr. Sweatman; "Knights of the Mystic Star," chorus. Messrs W. H. Cunningham, and B. F. C. Baker gave an amusing specialty. "The Upper Ten and the Lower Five," and Mr. O'Shea gave one of his clever exhibitions of legerdemain. Professor Arlington appeared in monologue comedy. Mr. E. Butler rendered most artistically "A Battered Tin Horn." The closing number of the enjoyable program was a sketch entitled, "The Trial of a Member of the Colored Gentlemen's '400' Club."

Mrs. A. Bruce Coffroth has been in Omaha, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Barnard, formerly of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hill and family have returned from La Porte, Tex.

Lavita Whist club was entertained Monday evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. E. Hallett. This organization, by the way, is the oldest whist club in the city. Its membership comprises Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Weir, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Boggs, Mr. and Mrs. Allen W. Field, Judge and Mrs. I. W. Lansing, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Lindley, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Kirker, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Gillilan, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Waugh, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Boggs and Mr. and Mrs. E. Hallett. The invited guests present Monday evening were: Judge and Mrs. C. L. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Fairbrother, Mr. J. E. Houtz and Dr. Stanhope.

Mr. Bert Wheeler is on a trip to the Pacific coast with members of the Omaha city council.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Hathaway returned Saturday from California.

Professor F. W. Taylor gave an illustrated lecture on Mexico at the First Congregational church Tuesday evening.

The funeral of Mrs. Frances Outcalt was held last Saturday afternoon at the residence of her son, Mr. R. C. Outcalt. Rev. E. H. Curtis conducted the services, and Miss Lillibridge and Miss Gaylord sang. The remains were taken to Brunswick, Mo.

The First Presbyterian church celebrated its silver anniversary Wednesday evening. The exercises were opened with an anthem by Miss Gaylord, Miss Lillibridge, Dr. Eddy and Mr. Kettering, the church choir. Rev. Lewis Gregory offered prayer, Dr. Curtis, the pastor, made a brief address, and Mrs. J. N. T. Jones, whose membership dates farthest back, gave a historical sketch, detailing the progress of the church under the various pastors, Rev. Peck, Rev. Ellis, Rev. Weller, Rev. Kenlo, Rev. Gordon and Rev. Curtis. The present active membership is 537. Following Mrs. Jones' address Miss Gaylord, Miss Lillibridge and Dr. Eddy sang "Memory," and Rev. H. T. Davis spoke briefly. Miss Gaylord sang "Home Sweet Home," and after "Auld Lang Syne" by the congregation, Rev. Byron Beal pronounced the benediction.

The annual meeting of the society of the Home for the Friendless was held Wednesday at the home. The children gave a number of musical selections, and reports were heard from Mrs. F. H. Crowell, Beatrice; Mrs. C. W. Hoxie, Lincoln; Mrs. C. K. Chubbock, Tecumseh; Mrs. O. Merwine, Palmyra; Mrs. Libbie Scott, Brewster; Mrs. Babcock, Melroy; Mrs. Hoel, Tecumseh. An excellent lunch was partaken of, and in the afternoon the session opened with a concert and exercises by the children. Miss Josephine Lotteridge recited "The Newsboy's Debt." Additional reports were made by Mrs. Caroline Jones, corresponding secretary; Mrs. E. S. Helmer, treasurer; Mrs. William Knapp, financial secretary; Mrs. Luther P. Ludden, clerk of the board; Dr. J. O. Everett, physician and Mrs. L. B. Hoel, superintendent. It was shown in Mrs. Hoel's report that there are 160 people in the home, divided as follows: Adults, 14; children, 124; officers and employes, 22.

Sorosis met on Monday at the home of Mrs. H. H. Wheeler, and the ladies present were greatly interested in the discussion of the income tax which was ably led by Mrs. T. C. Munger—The income tax is one of the great economical questions of the day. Adam Smith says that all subjects should contribute toward the support of the government in proportion to their revenue and the protection afforded them. And the revenue ought to exceed the amount necessary to be raised by the smallest sum necessary for collection. Our taxes are raised in two ways, one by direct and by indirect taxation—We have very few direct taxes—the majority of the revenue is raised by indirect methods such as taxes on commodities and stamps,