

Baldwin, Miss Mame Price, Miss Kate Norman, Mr. Will Johnson, Mr. C. P. Clough, Miss Mae Burr, Miss Lucy Griffith, Miss Grace Burr, Miss Fay Marshall, Mr. W. D. Robinson, Mr. Lew Marshall.

Mr. Earl Bridgman, of Pomeroy, O., who spent several weeks in this city last winter, has returned and will engage in the real estate business with H. C. Young.

Mr. J. B. Cunningham returned from Portland, Ore., Wednesday. He accompanied Mr. Sam E. Lowe on his trip west.

Miss Jeanette Wilson has returned from a several weeks visit in Denver.

Mrs. Wells and daughters, of Cincinnati, who have spent the winter in Lincoln the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Lippincott, expect to leave for Chicago Monday afternoon. Miss Genevieve Wells, who has been in ill health, is much improved.

Mr. A. Koch-Andriano, of Omaha, formerly of Lincoln, is in town for a few days. Through his connection with Snow, Church & Co., Mr. Andriano is making a reputation as a writer on business subjects.

Mrs. Isabella Seaton, of this city, who has been a member of the Casino opera company in Chicago this winter, will make her debut in Lincoln next Thursday in "Faust" as Sieble.

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No attempt is made in Omaha to disguise the fact that the season of musical pot-pourri, cyclept grand opera, last week, was a conspicuous failure. It has been a matter of complaint on the part of the management that society did not patronize the opera, and Omaha people generally are accused of a dreadful lack of appreciation. While we do not care to wantonly discourage the very courageous efforts of Miss Clary to force so-called grand opera upon a public that is most decidedly not clamoring for the kind of entertainment given us last week, we are forced to say that it is somewhat to the credit of Omaha society that it refused to become hysterically enthusiastic over the sometimes picturesque and generally rocky presentation of grand opera, the season of which came to a close Saturday night.

It is hard to say anything in honest praise of the week's performance. Some of the principals brought from abroad were fairly good; but none of the singing was particularly meritorious. The local chorus, which we were led to suppose would be exceptionally good, was inexcusably bad. It is a matter of more or less serious conjecture on the part of those who attended the various performances as to where the chorus was recruited. For the most part, male and female, they were dizzy specimens—people that nobody ever saw before, and that nobody ever wants to see again. And they couldn't sing. Sometimes when they tried it was terrible.

Perhaps the most favorable impression made by any one of the leading singers was that of Mrs. Wadsworth in "Ernani" Friday night. Mrs. Wadsworth, since she came to Council Bluffs from Lincoln, has had her voice thoroughly trained, and she is really a very pleasing artist.

In honor of Miss Thomas, who expects to leave to-morrow for Washington, Mr. and Mrs. Florence gave a very delightful bowling party Wednesday evening, and on Friday Major and Mrs. Humphrey chaperoned a party of twenty down to Bellevue for an all day picnic in the woods. The crowd was a jolly one and the lunch exceptionally good, so all had a most enjoyable time.

Miss Curtiss entertained very delightfully Wednesday afternoon, by a reception, for Miss Pumphrey. Mrs. Wyman and Miss Dundy assisted in receiving the guests, while Miss Thomas, Miss Doane, Miss Hughes and Miss McClelland presided in the dining room, where delicious refreshments were served.

The minstrel performance that was given last week by the young ladies of Council Bluffs in the St. Paul's guild, was in every way a bowing success. Among those noticed in the audience from Omaha

were: Mr. and Mrs. William Tupper Wyman and their guest, Miss Pumphrey, Miss Dundy, Mrs. Lewis S. Reed, Miss Balcombe, Judge Davis, Mr. Gannett, Miss Dewey, Mr. Clifford Smith, Mr. Saunders, Mr. Doane and Mr. Turner.

"After Big Game With Packs," by Captain James Cooper Ayres, of the ordnance department, will shortly appear in the *Century*.

Miss Webster returned last Friday from a very delightful visit of four weeks in St. Louis.

Colonel George M. Randall and Lieutenant David P. Cordray spent Saturday in Omaha, Colonel Randall en route to his new station, Ft. McKinney, Wyo., and Lieutenant Cordray returning to his regiment at Ft. Robinson from a two months' leave of absence.

Mr. Robert W. Patrick is expected home from the east to-morrow.

Miss Kountze entertained the literary and dramatic club at dinner Saturday evening.

Dame Rumor has been busy again in the matrimonial line. She whispers of two engagements, one is the sister of a prominent lawyer, a highly educated and accomplished young woman, to a foreigner; the other is that of a petiet blonde to a very tall and popular lieutenant.

Ethel—(five years old)—Agnes: What is a chump?

Agnes—(her older sister)—A chump, my dear, is a man who buys a girl a pair of garter buckles and hands them to her.

Even the upper balcony at Boyd's theatre was packed to its fullest capacity on Tuesday evening of this week, when the Omaha lodge, Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, appeared before the audience in burnt cork. It was the annual benefit for the charity fund, and as there were no expenses, the opera house and orchestra having been donated, the proceeds netted something over \$1,000. Each and every one of the performers entered into the thing with all the spirit and life possible. The jokes of the end men were fair, and the singing and dancing remarkably good. In fact the whole performance compared very favorably with professional minstrels, and from the applause each received the Brother Elks should feel well satisfied and much encouraged for a repetition next year.

In honor of Miss Pumphrey, Mrs. W. T. Wyman's guest, Miss Dundy gave a Kensington on Thursday afternoon, and on Friday Mrs. Dundy entertained in the same manner for Miss Webster.

Mrs. Dallas Bache gave a very pretty luncheon to Mrs. Spencer on Wednesday, at which women sat down.

Tuesday afternoon Miss McClelland entertained at tea.

The Cooking club gives a "Dutch supper" this evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Offutt. Cards are also out for a german which the club is to give at the home of Miss Nash on Tuesday evening of next week. Mr. John Patrick will lead the cotillion.

The man who called sarsaparilla a fraud, had good reason; for he got hold of a worthless mixture at "reduced rates." He changed his opinion, however, when he began to take Ayer's Sarsaparilla. It pays to be careful when buying medicines.

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