



About all the life there is in society these days is confined to a discussion of engagements and approaching marriages. One can talk of these things without any particular exertion. It has been observed that Lincoln society has largely outgrown the summer picnic. Up to last year it was a common thing to have a picnic and dance about once every two weeks. Last year, after the picnic at Cushman Park at which Charley Clarke contracted a fatal illness, there was a practical cessation of this form of entertainment, and this summer there has been little or nothing in the way of picnics. Most people have been away for a few weeks and those who have remained at home have been content to remain quiet during the oppressively warm weather.

L. L. H. Austin was in Beatrice Thursday night in attendance upon the manufacturers and consumers banquet. He responded to the toast, "The Press."

John, the fourteen months old child of Professor Strong, died at Manitou, Colo., Tuesday morning. The funeral was held in this city Thursday from the parents' residence.

Captain J. E. Hill, accompanied by his two daughters, Mrs. J. H. Bigger and Miss Winifred Hill, left this week for Philadelphia and Cape May.

D. D. Muir, of Denver, was in the city this week.

The militia encampment at Burlington Beach furnished some diversion this week, the soldiers drawing large numbers of visitors.

A feature of the social life in Lincoln the coming winter will be an activity in the way of clubs that will be more pronounced than was the case last season. Nearly every one of the old organizations will resume life in the autumn, and there are a number of new clubs of various sorts projected. To be in it next winter you have got to belong to one or more clubs.

Miss Mary Miller, of Oak Park, Chicago, departed for home Monday. Miss Miller, who has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. D. E. Thompson for several weeks, has been so much with Lincoln young people that the latter have come to regard her as one of themselves, and her leave-taking is like that of a Lincoln girl going away. It is understood that Miss Miller will not return to Lincoln again until the holiday season.

Miss Anna Barr is having a delightful time at Chautauqua, New York, where she has been several weeks. Miss Barr was recently joined, for a brief season, by Miss Clara Walsh of this city, who has made her home in Philadelphia for the past year, and Miss Kate Graham, of Pittsburg, who attended the state university a few years ago, and who was in Lincoln last winter the guest of Miss Barr.

Miss Kate Norman, of St. Joe, who has been the guest of Miss Mae Burr this summer, and who recently returned from Lake Okoboji with Miss Burr, left Lincoln for her home the first of the week. Miss Norman in her visits to this city has made many friends. She is one of the most popular young ladies that have visited Lincoln for a long time.

W. Farnam Smith, of Omaha, was in town last Saturday.

The engagement of Miss Nellie White and Mr. Lew Marshall, to

which reference has been made in THE COURIER, is now definitely announced and these young people are being generally congratulated. Miss White, who is a very charming girl, and who is looked upon as one of the prettiest girls in Lincoln, has enjoyed much popularity and been greatly admired. Mr. Marshall is indeed fortunate, and Miss White can be sincerely congratulated, too, by all who know Mr. Marshall and are acquainted with his many good qualities.

The matrimonial prospectus in last weeks' COURIER, while professedly incomplete, embraced the majority of the principal current engagements and judging from the remarks that have reached this office the prospectus was received with some interest. There is little doubt that, so far as it went, the summary was substantially correct.

The Royal Entertainers spent several days at Hot Springs the first of this week.

Fred W. Loomis, of Omaha, was in the city Monday.

Curtis Turner, of Omaha, visited Lincoln Saturday.

"Sojourner" in the Omaha Bee writes from Pikes Point, Spirit Lake, in a more or less interesting fashion about the Omaha and Lincoln people who have been summering on Okoboji. His letter concludes as follows: "Next door Mr. and Mrs. Dan Wheeler have been keeping house, and here, as at home, have been leading spirits in every scheme for enjoyment. There was a loud protest when he announced that he must leave. Mrs. W. remains, and has with her a bright, merry sister, who seems to enjoy everything. A party of young men from different places have found lodgings in the next tent and by day and well into the night have given themselves to providing fun for the girls and themselves. They are on the water or in it during the day and at night either steam away to a dance at a neighboring point or invite those living around to a dance here. Messrs. Bert Wheeler and Farnam Smith of Omaha, with Mr. George Patterson of North Platte (and at home from West Point on a furlough) left, I hear, some sore hearts when they said 'Goodbye' last night; but they also left Messrs. Smith, Dawes, Johnson, Marshall and Clarke of Lincoln and Clark of Des Moines, a jolly crew, to heal them. Their nearest neighbor is one of Lincoln's society matrons, Mrs. Burr, who has made warm friends of these knights by the bevy of very attractive girls who compose her household. These are her daughter and friends, Misses Norman and Carson, and a niece, Miss Bertie Burr, who received a medal some time ago for saving the lives of two or more girls under circumstances requiring not only expert swimming, but daring and courage as well. And now we come to the last tent in point of location, where Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy have established their Lares and Penates and added to their well won popularity by having with them Misses Josie Stanton and Marion Day, school girls still, but by the number of young men in their wake give an earnest of what may be expected when they are 'out.' For a few days past they have had an ally in Miss Mae Bartlett. Mr. Dawes, Miss Burr and Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton, a very popular couple from York, left a large vacancy, and one not to be filled, I fear."

Miss Florence Hawley has returned from Nebraska City.

W. B. Turner is visiting in Friend.

Miss Henrietta Hawley has returned from Council Bluffs.

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