



Society livened up considerably this week, and it is possible that the pace for winter has been set. The various events have all been characterized by a spirit and dash that are encouraging signs for those who contemplate the giving of entertainments during the season. Mrs. Ogden's novel parties and the brilliant reception given at the Lincoln hotel last evening by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gates Dawes for Mr. and Mrs. Beman Gates Dawes and Miss Mary Dawes were notable events of the week.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Traphagen, Sunday, a son.

The Y. P. S. C. E. social to have been held Tuesday evening at the residence of L. C. Oberlies, has been postponed to next Tuesday evening.

Bert Wheeler spent Sunday in this city.

H. E. Mitchell, city editor of the *Call*, returned Tuesday from a week's visit in Chicago.

This week invitations were received in this city to the wedding of Mr. W. F. Kelley, of Lincoln, and Miss Mary McClure, of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. The wedding will take place at Mt. Pleasant, Wednesday, October 31, at six-thirty o'clock at the residence of the bride. Mr. Kelley will be accompanied to Mt. Pleasant by a number of his friends in this city. The cards read "at home," after December 1, in Lincoln.

The report of the engagement of a well known young dry goods merchant to a popular young lady, a resident of Quincy, Ill., previously referred to in *THE COURIER*, is confirmed. It is understood that the wedding will occur early in November.

Tuesday evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Yates, a Dickens party was given for the benefit of the First Presbyterian church. The management of this unique entertainment was in the hands of Mrs. W. M. Croan and Miss Olive Latta. Mrs. C. F. Ladd also rendered valuable assistance. The entertainment was a pronounced success in every particular. Four representations from Dickens were given. The first was from David Copperfield, a scene between David and Dora. Miss Lulu Clark and Mr. Earl Bridgeman presented these two characters. A particularly effective bit of dialogue was chosen for this scene. Following this came Miss Squeer's tea party, from Nicholas Nickleby. Mrs. McDonald was Miss Price, Miss Mame Carson was Miss Squeers, Mrs. Folsom was John Broady, and Mr. Bridgman was Nicholas Nickleby. The third was a character deliniation from Old Curiosity Shop. Mrs. C. F. Ladd appearing as Sally Brass, Mrs. Colbert as the Marchioness, and Mr. Colbert as Dick Swiveller. The last was the courtship scene between Mr. Pickwick and Mrs. Bardell from Pickwick Papers. Prof. Williams was Mr. Pickwick and Miss Bonfoy took the part of the deluded Mrs. Bardell. Following the pictures from Dickens Miss Turner sang. The attendance was so large that it was necessary to repeat the Dickens pictures.

The Round Table met Monday evening at the residence of Mr. C. G. Dawes. The subject under discussion was "The Modern Methods of Penology," led by Mr. G. P. Faucon.

Miss Alice Cutwright, of Peoria, Ill. is visiting her brother, J. W. Cutwright at 1500 Q street.

Mr. W. F. Kelley expects to leave Sunday for Mt. Pleasant, Iowa; where on Wednesday next he will be married to Miss McClure.

Miss Mae Burr has returned from a pleasant visit in Kansas City.

At a meeting of the charity organization held this week the subject of a charity ball was considered, final action being deferred till a later meeting. Since *THE COURIER*'s first reference to this subject considerable interest has been manifested in the charity ball project, and it is altogether probable that a ball will be given some time next month under the auspices of a charity organization, or by society people direct for the benefit of the charity organization society.

Frank M. Cook returned the first of the week from a hurried trip to Denver.

Rev. E. H. Chapin left Monday afternoon for Chicago to attend the western conference of the Universalist general convention.

The Pleasant Hour club will be organized for the season of 1891-5 tomorrow at noon, the meeting being called for Mr. Zehrunge's store at 12 o'clock.

Mrs. J. C. Seacrest and child have returned from Pennsylvania, where they spent a couple of months.

Mrs. W. S. Venty, of Chicago, spent Sunday with Dr. and Mrs. F. W. Tucker. Mrs. Venty is a cousin of Mrs. Tucker.

Society this week, for the first time this season, showed its accustomed spirit. Now that all of the clubs have been or are about to be reorganized, and people have generally got started on the autumn season, it is expected that the pace will continue to be lively from this time on.

Mrs. A. C. Platt and son have returned from San Diego, Cal.

Miss Katharine Kluetsch and Miss Lucy Griffith were in Omaha this week where they acted as attendants of the bride at the Miller-Bauman wedding which occurred Monday evening.

In the plans which Mr. Hickey has had drawn for the new auditorium ample provision has been made for a dancing hall and Mr. Hickey expects to be able to accomodate all of the dancing clubs in the city in the new building which he is confident will be a go. He is authority for the statement that the auditorium will be finished by February 1st. It is the intention to put a maple floor in the main hall, and the dancing hall will be either a division of this space, or the stage. In either case it will be so arranged as to have the dining hall enclosed and separate from the rest of the building. There will be ante-rooms, promenade, etc., and if the plans are carried out as contemplated the proposed building will supply what may appropriately be designated as a long felt want.

#### AT THE THEATRE.

There was an innovation at the Lansing theatre Monday evening two separate companies, according to the advertisements, presenting two separate plays. The innovation wasn't popular with the audience and the management will doubtless regard novelties of this sort with suspicion hereafter. "A Chip O' the Old Block" and "A Cold Day" are the kind of farce comedies that used to obtain about ten years ago. They are shabby affairs, flat and vapid, and the "talent" is in a state of much emphasized undevelopment.

In "Chip O' the Old Block" there is a girl with flaxen hair and highly colored nose who is down on the program as Pixey. "Madge's Fairy, light and airy." Her name is given as Miss Adilia Crawford. Miss Crawford talks through her nose. Why is it that some many of the lesser soubrettes talk through their nose? The nasal tones of these charmers are something dreadful. In the ordinary walks of life we do not meet girls with blue eyes and golden hair who talk through their caudal appendages, and it is not easy to understand how so many of these nasal feminines get onto the stage.

Last evening the Dewey Heywood company gave a concert at the Funke. *THE COURIER* went to press too early to admit of a detailed notice of this entertainment.