

supply of available material of both sexes. Perhaps the girls have tired of the home product, and pine for something new. Or maybe the young men are waiting for more visiting girls.

If you think there is a scarcity of marriageable men, just run down the list with me.

I will begin at the top, with the brace of touch-me-nots, Col. Wilson and Tom Ewing. Surely these are foemen worthy of feminine steel. The fact that they have been impregnable up to date is no sign that they may not be won yet. Look at the deacon's one hoss shay. It held together a long time, but it had to succumb at last.

Then there are the belligerent bachelors Frank Zehring and Charley Magoon. They both have an educated taste. One has a white and gold opera house, ample leisure, and a striking wardrobe and Jack says the other has a constantly increasing law practice. Frank Zehring has been indulging in a sort of guerilla warfare a long time. It is reported that he has made a big impression many times, but somehow he has failed to come out of the woods, and the poor girl has had to patch up her bleeding heart and trudge along sustained only by the staff of memory. Frank has disappointed his friends so many times. He is still susceptible and if the right sort of a girl could only catch him and tie him hand and foot she might win him. She could probably sit in a box at the theatre every night. As for Charley Magoon, he is even more elusive than Frank. And he would be such a comfortable man at the other end of a dining room table!

But Lincoln society is just now strongest in broilers, sweet and tender young things. These are for the buds, and I should think the younger girls would have no difficulty in making a selection, tho' it is said there is quite an art in picking out broilers. The list includes Harry Harley, Homer Honeywell, Fred White, Harry Evans, Ernest Houghton, John Farwell, Elmer Merrill, Harry Lansing, Guy Huribut, and a dozen more. I am not sure that Guy Huribut doesn't belong in a class all by himself. Guy is going to be a broker when he grows up.

There are all kinds. "You pays your money and you takes your choice." Eligibles of intellectual attainments and social fitness are Professors White, Owens, Lyon and Mr. McCloud. Jack calls them the pedagogic paragons. Any girl with grey matter under her bonnet who cannot find what she wants in this quartet is mighty hard to suit.

I am not sure but that Dr. Spahr should not be classed with Messrs. Magoon and F. Zehring. His bachelorhood is quite as aggressive as theirs. If any girl thinks he is easy let her try him.

Mr. Faccon, Mr. Stull, Mr. Cook and Mr. Hanna comprise a self-satisfied quartet the ranks of which are well fortified. These men have long since accustomed themselves to doing their own darning, and strange as it may seem they rather like it. But they are strictly eligible. They all dance a little and have established positions in society. They have domestic tastes that are only waiting to be brought out by wifely ministrations. But you can't catch trout by whistling to them. They won't rise to any old bait.

There is a class of young men who are neither hay nor grass. They may have got safely through the broiler period but they are not qualified to take their places with the self-satisfied quartet or the belligerent bachelors. Jack says they might be called passengers in purgatory, but that is a slam at matrimony. Anyway, they are a distinctly marketable product. The class is numerous, including such men as Sam Low, D. G. Wing, Dr. Madden, Will Johnson, Tom Wing, Matt Baldwin, Joe Mallalieu and Joe Mason. There are many more. They

still have a healthy interest in things, and each is probably not beyond reclamation. They are somewhat experienced, too.

There's Aaron Bucketaff who is a class all by himself, sedate and settled. I don't know, but I am almost inclined to think he is incorrigible.

Bobby Joyce and Mr. Morrison have a kind of now-you-see-me-and-now-you-don't faculty that is confusing. Still they can be come up by, as the saying is. They are quite up to date and the probability is they will not allow themselves to get out of date for a long time yet.

Now is there any good reason why leap year should be so unproductive of results in Lincoln? And I have not named half of the available. It may be that I have listed two or three men on whom there is an unrecorded mortgage. If so I beg the mortgagor's pardon.

Yours lovingly,

ELEANOR.

Lincoln, Thursday, April 16.

The First Territorial Legislature, 1855.

It will be a matter of general interest to the people of the state that the next annual meeting of the state historical society, occurring next January, will be devoted to reminiscences of the first territorial legislature of Nebraska. It is very desirable not only to have all surviving members present at that meeting, but to collect in the meantime all possible data with reference to all the members and the acts of that body. It will be a great help, if those who can, will send to the society photos and pictures of the members, and any papers, letters, manuscripts or books relating to them. Some members are living in other states, and it may possibly take some time to find them. Information relating to such will be thankfully received.

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