

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

The big Coliseum building in Omaha was ablaze with light three times this week, the event being the second season of the society circus which has been given in that city. The old Coliseum building in Omaha has held many strange gatherings, including the Ak-Sar-Ben annual balls, but never any more curious one than the circus. The performance this year was professional and Y. M. C. A. and lacked the local interest, except the young Christian athletes that last year's circus possessed. The society people figured as salesmen and freaks in the side shows.

Entering the amphitheatre from the east entrance the visitor was confronted by a large oval sawdust arena in the center of the building. There were the usual two small rings encircled by the larger track. Sawdust was strewn everywhere excepting in the small space between, which was left clear for special acts. Even the customary menagerie odor was in evidence. A glimpse behind the scene revealed the typical scene of a motley crew of hostlers, acrobats, horses, cages and bespangled damsels waiting to do their turn. Back of the amphitheatre seats across the draw bridge were the circus ice cream, popcorn, red lemonade and peanuts for "the elephant."

There were the usual alluring booths, vulgarly called side shows, under the management of the Nebraska Humane society, Old Ladies home and Child's hospital. Large glaring canvasses on the outside called attention to such freaks as the child wonder, rival to Paderewsky.

was a sign before a side show where the strains of the midway music told of a Turkish theatre in a street of Cairo, where the koochie-koochie dance was the principal feature. Living mermaids, natural and unnatural wonders, electric woman, a wild Zulu, Circassian beauty of dark complexion and auburn hair. The material for the living pictures and American beauties was taken from the belles of Omaha. In the "hot show" celebrities, such as the Yellow Kid, Man-eating Frog, Trilby, the Bearded Woman, Weary Waggles, and Dusty Roads, held sway. All these wonders were exhibited before the performance in the big ring.

E. H. Sprague as ring master held the position which the Hon. W. J. Bryan did last year, kept the circus moving rapidly in true circus style from the first crack of the whip to the end of the performance, not forgetting the familiar speech, "Remember, ladies and gentlemen, that the circus is but half over, a grand concert will be given in the big tent immediately after the performance, etc." The band ushered in the grand processional entree of the Omaha production. Then followed a series of horsemanship feats, chariots of excellent horsemanship, chariot races, trained animals and some excellent work by the Y. M. C. A. boys on the horizontal bars, club swinging and tumbling. In the rest of the program professionals figured conspicuously. Altogether the circus was very creditable for an entertainment under home management, and deserved a larger audience than greeted the several performances. Of course the novelty was worn off last year, but for dear charity's sake, they should have come.

Busy? Well! Well! Lincoln Coal Co.

Miss Minnie Gaylord, of Buffalo, N. Y., but formerly of Lincoln is here on a visit with her parents, Eleventh and Q streets. Miss Gaylord, who grew up in this city is a great favorite in musical circles. While here she and other musicians of the city will give a concert.

Miss Anna Dick, modiste, has moved her rooms to 1318 O street.

Mrs. D. A. Campbell and Miss Maude Oakley will give a reception to Mr. Leopold Godowski after the Godowski concert on Friday evening.

Mrs. Frank Smith went to Chicago on Tuesday.

Mrs. George Meissner left Monday for a visit in Webster City, Ia.

Miss Floss Thomas, of Chicago, is the guest of Mrs. Cal Thompson.

Miss Amy Whaley of Pomeroy, O., is visiting Mrs. George J. Woods.

Gregory sells the best crushed coke for \$7.40 per ton. 11th and O. Phone 343.

The department of elocution of the state university, under the direction of Mrs. Mary D. Manning, will give an entertainment in the chapel on Thursday evening, December 17. One of the features of the program will be a selection from John Kendrick Bangs, "A Chafing Dish Party."

The Pleasant Hour Club held a meeting Tuesday at the office of Fred White and completed arrangements for a reception to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Houtz, at the Lincoln hotel, December 18. This is the first party of the year, and promises to be the most brilliant of the season.

Sutton & Hollowbush have invented a cough drop. They call it the S. & H., Sutton & Hollowbush, and it is a good one. Stop and get one on your way to the theatre. It will save you a spasm of coughing.

Mrs. H. H. Shedd of Ashland was in the city last week visiting her sons, George and Henry Shedd, of the university.

Mrs. A. J. Sawyer gave a very interesting lecture before the Political Economy club December 8, on "Some of the Economic Causes of the Present Social Unrest." The meeting was well attended and the audience was very appreciative.

This year's Lehigh Valley and Scranton hard coal \$9.40 per ton at Charles Gregory's, 11th and O.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Ogden gave a surprise party last Saturday evening to a few of their friends. The company progressed from one mystery to another until they culminated in refreshments. The guests were handed conversation cards when they entered. The ladies chose a gentleman and conversed with him on the specified topic until time was up. Afterwards they translated the following romance. Mr. Lyon took the prize for the best translation.

A (Island south of Scotland)—Man once came to this country to hunt, having the idea that a (city in New York)—Buffalo could be seen as he landed. However, a (island southwest of Australia)—Kangaroo he would not despise for game, and he felt certain that an (ocean west of Australia)—Indian would beset him on every hand. He was a (city in Scotland)—Sterling fellow, and often called by his friends (island south of Africa)—Prince. To his surprise, (country in the western

hemisphere)—America was not so barbaric as he fancied, and after scouring the (mountains in the western part of the United States)—Rockies he met a lovely girl named (city in Italy)—Florence, whom he persuaded to return with him and become a subject of (province in Australia)—Victoria.

Then dainty waiters, Miss Clark, Miss Bertie Clark and Mr. Ogden passed the menus of white water-color paper, with sketches of vegetables dressed and in their right mind talking over the silver question if one might judge from their open mouths and excited gestures. The menus were folded, but inside, instead of the names of the delicate if mysterious compositions that Mrs. Ogden generally serves there were only dry numbers. The refreshments were served in courses, *a la carte*, and all the guests had to guide them were the impertinent numbers, which are given here, with what they stood for.

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| 1. Mince pie. | 6. Pickled onion. |
| 2. Oysters. | 7. Coffee, Coffee cake. |
| 3. Peanuts. | 8. Cheese. |
| 4. Popcorn. | 9. Glass of water. |
| 5. Salad. | 10. Toothpicks. |

The guests were: Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Campbell, Capt. and Mrs. Guilfoyle, Carl Funke, Cook; Mesdames Burnham, Coates, Clark; Misses Clark, Bertie Clark; Drs. Lyon and White; Mr. Hanna.

Canon Pea coal, \$5 per ton. The best for the money, at Gregory's, 11th and O.

Mrs. C. E. Yates had the ladies and gentlemen, who performed at her musical, to dinner on Tuesday evening.

Miss Maude Rathburn's many friends will be pleased to know that she has succeeded in her work at St. Luke's hospital, Chicago. She now occupies one of the highest positions at the hospital. Josephine Lottridge has applied for a position in St. Luke's.

Mrs. Alexander of Omaha was the guest of Mrs. Burnham Monday and Tuesday.

Business men and ladies shopping should take their luncheon at the Model Restaurant, 316 South Twelfth. No better place can be found in the city. Single meals 15 cents. Sunday dinner 25 cents. Tickets \$3. Soup served from 9 to 10 p. m.

Mr. Joseph Fleming of Port Huron, adjutant general of the governor's staff, left Lincoln, after a business visit of a week, Saturday.

Mr. Victor Rosewater of Omaha spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Lincoln.

Mrs. Kinnaman, Col. Jenkins' daughter, of Fairbury, spent Monday in Lincoln, on her way to Chicago.

Mr. Frank Meadows of St. Joseph spent several days in Lincoln this week.

Mrs. Walter Hargreaves had a small whist party on Tuesday evening.

Mr. Frank Burr entertained Friday evening.

The second floor of the Harris block, 1134 N street, has been fitted up for a dancing hall. The floor has received the attention of experts. It is of hard wood, and the boards are laid parallel with the length of the hall. Parties desiring to rent it can do so at the Courier office, in the same block.

Mrs. Gerard, wife of Capt. Gerard of the Ninth cavalry, stationed at Fort Robinson, Neb., spent Monday with her sister, Mrs. Guilfoyle.

The Flower Mission ladies met this afternoon with Mrs. L. W. Marshall to dress dolls for the charity Christmas tree.

Don Jack Adams of Superior, Neb., was initiated into the mysteries of Beta Theta fraternity last Saturday evening at their chapter house on South Eleventh street. The initiatory ceremonies were followed by an elaborate "feed."

Mr. Phillip Russell returned last week from Philadelphia, where he attended

the annual convention of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity as a delegate from the university of Nebraska chapter. While east he visited New York and saw a number of former Lincolnites—J. C. Jones, Tom Wing, Ed Righter and W. Morton Smith. He also witnessed the Pennsylvania-Harvard foot ball game Thanksgiving day in Philadelphia.

Mr. N. H. Darton of the United States geological survey and family, visited Prof. and Mrs. Barbour last week. Mr. Darton has been working on the geology of Nebraska for some months past with Mr. G. S. MacFarland, and is on his way to Washington to finish writing his report. His work is especially interesting and valuable to the people of the state, being on wells, water sources and water supply. Mr. Darton called on Chancellor MacLean, and was very much impressed with the great work being done by the university. He will return in the spring to resume his work along the same lines.

The Model Restaurant is an excellent place for family board. It is also excellently situated for persons spending a day in the city. Ladies while shopping can find no better place for luncheon. Meals 15 cents, Sunday dinner 25 cents. Tickets \$3. 316 South Twelfth. Soup served from 8 to 10 p. m.

Last Saturday evening Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Wright gave an elaborate tea in honor of their guest, Mrs. Charles Robinson of Chicago. Among those present were Messrs. and Mesdames W. S. Wilson, R. H. Oakley, L. W. Marshall, C. L. Burr, Wm. Leonard, A. G. Beeson, C. F. Ladd, A. B. Coffroth, J. A. Buckstaff, F. W. Brown, C. T. Brown, Oliver Rodgers, C. E. Yates and Mrs. Charles Robinson.

George S. Root, one of the genial post office clerks, is rejoicing over the arrival of an 8-pound baby girl, which came to gladden his home last Sunday.

Councilman Woodward, who has been confined to his bed for several days with the grip, has recovered sufficiently to again be out.

We have the hot stuff, Lincoln Coal Co.

Miss Maud Hammond delightfully entertained six couples with duplicate whist last Friday evening at her home. The young ladies will form a whist club, to meet every two weeks. The young ladies inviting the gentlemen for each meeting. Those present were Misses Bertie Clark, Alice Righter, Miner, Olive Latta and Margaret Clark; Messrs. C. Y. Smith, Prof. Thurber, John Farwell, Charlie Clark, Prof. Moore and Ray Welch.

Capt. and Mrs. E. A. Campbell have returned from their wedding trip in the south, and will be at home at Dr. H. M. Casebeer's, 1636 F street.

W. S. Valentine started for Chicago last Tuesday.

Ed. Fairfield spent a few days in Omaha this week.

Mrs. C. H. Gere postponed the card club party from last Saturday night to this evening.

The Model restaurant, 316 South Twelfth is open from 8 to 10 p. m., when soup and lunches are served. Drop in on your way home.

The Bucyrus Mandolin club had two very pleasant and successful meetings this week. The first one was last Monday evening, with Miss Grace Oakley. The other Wednesday evening, with Miss Mae Burr. There will be a rehearsal at Miss Hollowbush's home this evening. Those present at Miss Oakley's house were Misses Henrietta Hollowbush, Florence Farwell, Laura Houtz, Maud Oakley, Jessica Morgan and Olive Latta; Messrs. C. Y. Smith, Vaughn, Mattson Baldwin, Ed Fairfield, Fred White, Fred Cooley, W. C. Valentine, Messrs. and Mesdames R. H. Oakley and O. R. Oakley.

The Patriarchs have issued invitations