

Lovely tulips adorned the parlors and flags were draped in the hall. Music was furnished by a mandolin club.

The city improvement society held its first meeting for the year on Thursday morning in the Commercial club parlors. After reports of committees the following officers were elected by a unanimous vote: Mrs. W. G. L. Gaylor, president; Mrs. D. Welch, first vice president; Mrs. Nellie M. Richardson, secretary. The election of treasurer and auditor was postponed until the next meeting.

Plans of work for the year were discussed. An anti-spitting ordinance for street cars was recommended and the advisability of an ordinance restraining expectoration upon the steps of buildings and side walks was discussed.

The filth from tobacco juice upon our sidewalks and in entrances to buildings in certain portions of the city was characterized as repulsive and dangerous to the health of the passers-by. Mrs. Richardson was instructed to invite the mayor to meet with the ladies in two weeks, and also to confer with the other city officials and report at the next meeting. The special work of the society for the next two weeks will be an investigation of the condition of the alleys.

The ladies will endeavor to make an educational movement of their work. They will try to co-operate with the city council and to understand municipal government with special reference to local conditions.

Another important matter introduced was the spread in Lincoln of the dreaded disease, spinal meningitis, which is said to be another name for spotted fever. It is acknowledged to be a germ disease, but opinions differ as to its contagion. There have been seven cases already in Lincoln and all of them fatal. In several other cities it has assumed the proportions of an epidemic. In the east isolation and private funerals are required in such cases. A committee was appointed to confer with the physicians and to urge more care and thorough cleanliness lest it become an epidemic here.

A vote of thanks was extended to the Commercial club for its exceeding courtesy to the society. Each member was asked to bring another lady to the meeting to be held in two weeks. The meetings will now be held with regularity on alternate Thursday mornings. The interest manifested Thursday indicates an unusually energetic and efficient summer's campaign.

The annual festival given by the Matinee Musicals will occur on the first and second days of May. The first concert will be given by Bruno Steindel violincellist, Edmund Schuecker harpist, Mrs. Minnie Fish-Griffin soprano, and Mrs. Steindel pianist. Mr. Steindel was born in Zwickau, Saxony, his father being Director of Music in that city, and under his direction he began his studies on the violin. Later the cello was taken up, it always having been his favorite instrument. He enjoyed the instruction of the best teachers in Germany.

Although he is still quite a young man, Mr. Steindel was for three years soloist of the famous Philharmonic Orchestra of Berlin, under the direction of Hans von Bulow, for which position he was selected from fifty-six applicants.

The Chicago Tribune said of him: "He is a most valuable acquisition to the local musical world."

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Gillilan entertained the La Veta whist club on Tuesday evening. Those present were: Messrs. and Mesdames Field, Kirker, Weir, Davis, Hallett, Waugh, Lindlay, C. T. Boggs and W. C. Boggs; Mrs. Lansing and Misses Torbet, Boggs and Caffyn.

Miss Eva Forburger celebrated her

birthday on Tuesday evening by entertaining a company of her young friends. Games, music and refreshments were enjoyed. The guests were: Misses Estelle Wilson, Maud Richardson, Nora Bancroft, Daisy Skinner, Millie Bancroft, Ada Norton, and Rhoda Bancroft; Messrs. A. Wilson, Chelsea Jones, Earl Bowen, Eugene Kemble, Hal Witmer, John Burk and J. Skinner.

Mrs. W. C. Cunningham and Mrs. J. C. Harpham entertained the Central and Southeast circles of the First Presbyterian church at a very pleasant Kensington on Thursday afternoon. Mrs. E. Lewis Baker sang "Even Song"—Franz, and "Were I a Star"—Hawley. Light refreshments were served by Misses Harpham and Cunningham.

Miss Della Siddons of East South street was married at noon on Thursday to William C. Sidles of Palmyra. The ceremony was performed by Rev. L. T. Guild in the presence of quite a company that had gathered at the home of the father of the bride, Mr. T. B. Siddons, to celebrate the happy event. Mr. and Mrs. Sidles will make their home in Palmyra.

The T. A. M. crokinole club spent the evening of Friday pleasantly at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Hotelling, 1315 K street. Prizes were won by Mrs. E. F. Ransom, Mrs. Millar, Mr. P. A. Sommerlad and Mr. I. J. Ayers. The hostess was assisted by Miss Florence Schellenger. The players were: Messrs. and Mesdames J. H. Spencer, M. Millar, I. J. Ayers, A. C. Townsend, E. B. Ransom and J. H. Violet; Miss Nita Hyde and Mr. P. A. Sommerlad.

Miss Helen Welch gave a pre-nuptial luncheon yesterday at one o'clock for Miss Florence Farwell Holmes, her maid of honor, and bridesmaids. The luncheon was an elaborate one served in eight courses. Superb American beauties formed a center piece for the table and at each plate was a bouquet of lilies of the valley. Those at the table were: Misses Holmes, Emily Weeks, Laura Houtz, Mabel Richards, Florence Putnam and Welch.

Mr. Hastie, a university senior, and a member of Phi Delta Theta, gave a duck dinner on Monday evening to the members of his fraternity, who are seniors. The canvas backs devoured, were said to be the result of his skill as a marksman in a recent hunting expedition. Mr. Hastie's guests were: Messrs. Stebbins, Mansfeld, Sumner and McCreery.

Miss Ura Kelley will leave Omaha today for New York and will sail on the Twenty-first on the North German Lloyd line for Naples, Italy. She goes with a party of friends among whom are: Miss Cornish of Minneapolis, daughter of the vice president of the Union Pacific Rail Road, and Miss Fairchild of St. Paul.

On Friday afternoon Mr. Arthur C. Sjoburg gave the first of a series of art receptions. Those present were: Mesdames Ohlson, Stratton, Wersteht, Peterson, Eschelmann, Clodera, Licherherz, Bjorkman, Schmitler, Roman, Anderson, Sjoburg, Angelo, Palm and Gustafson.

Miss Marguerite Winger entertained at six-handed hearts on Friday evening. The guests were received at the door by Miss Elsie Ackerman. Prizes were won by Misses Outcalt and Jaynes, and Messrs. Crandall and Raymond.

Mr. E. L. Richeson is assisted by Miss Mattie Mundorf in teaching fancy steps, stage dancing, fencing, etc. Children's class, 2 to 4 o'clock, \$2 for eight lessons. Richeson's dancing academy, 141 South Twelfth street.

Mr. and Mrs. Herzog entertained charmingly on Thursday evening. Caboose was the game, and later refresh-

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