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The epidemic of weddings which is working such havoc in the homes of Omaha, Des Moines and other neighboring cities, is taking a harmless form in Lincoln. A sort of matrimonial varioloid has prevailed since the severe attack last June, but the more dangerous phase of the disease has not appeared. How many incipient cases are existing in the homes of Lincoln's smart set, it is impossible to state. Germs of this peculiar disease are especially active during the vacation months, and the air of the seashore and mountain regions renders summer tourists particularly susceptible to infection. Weeks and sometimes months elapse between the exposure and the full development of the disease; hence by holiday season our city may be the scene of a matrimonial epidemic in its worst form.

Last Saturday afternoon the Lincoln high school football team won some kind of a victory over a more or less formidable opponent. To celebrate the momentous event the overworked high school bell was obliged to put in several extra hours of hard labor in the effort to convince our citizens that the students had done something which was a source of satisfaction to themselves, though a matter of profound indifference to the majority of Lincoln residents. Making a great noise about a small matter is an unfailing sign of youth. Another symptom of extreme youthfulness is the lack of common courtesy and consideration of other people's feelings which is the most prominent characteristic of a bell-ringing panic like that of Saturday night. It is a matter of regret rather than of gratification to citizens with normal ears and nerves when the high school students are winners in any contest. The deafening and nerve racking performance which follows every victory more than counter-balances the natural pride which would otherwise be felt in our high school's achievement. Courtesy is a quality which never fails to characterize true sportsmanship. Loyalty to party or class or football team is indispensable to success, but this partisanship often becomes aggressive and ignores the rights of disinterested citizens, too frequently also expressing itself in actual rudeness to the opponents. The University of Michigan made a fine reputation throughout the west last year by its courteous treatment of visiting teams. After the Iowa team had won its great victory in Detroit and the corn-huskers had gone home to celebrate, the yellow and the blue were cheered as lustily as their own colors, and for no other reason than that the Michigan players acted the part of gentlemen in their defeat. Throughout the year visiting teams in Ann Arbor were given rousing receptions, and all good plays were applauded. The least sign of rowdiness was promptly frowned down, and the university gained a reputation for courtesy which is worth more than the winning of all the championships that were out. This example of politeness might well be followed by our own high school students, and no less by students of the Nebraska University, many of whom try to prove by acts of discourtesy the superior mentality which they are unable to manifest in any other way. A fraternity house which must be avoided by young women passing along the

street in order to escape the embarrassment of audible criticism of their appearance from fraternity members sitting on the porch, is a credit neither to the university nor to the town. In older fraternity chapters of established reputation such rudeness would not be tolerated. In this as in other cases of impoliteness, youth and ignorance and lack of innate refinement are plainly manifested.

Miss Alice Roosevelt, the oldest daughter of the President, will arrive in Washington the latter part of this month. By the date of her arrival the thirty days of official mourning will have expired; however, there will be no official functions given by the President before the New Year's reception, after which they will be resumed with the usual regularity. Society in Washington is not always regulated by the customs of the White House, and afternoon teas and receptions will be indulged in by the young members of the official set after the first of November. It is expected that Miss Roosevelt will make her first appearance in Washington society at these informal functions. Her formal debut, however, will not occur until next year, as it will take place at a reception at the White House. In the interim she will receive callers with Mrs. Roosevelt, and will really participate in the social life of Washington before her formal presentation.

The marriage of Miss Helen Morton, daughter of Hon. Levi P. Morton, former vice president of the United States, to Count Boston de Perigord, son of the Duke of Talleyrand-Perigord, took place last Saturday at St. Mary's Roman Catholic church in London, England. The witnesses of the marriage were the bride's cousin, F. Grand d'Hauteville, and Mr. W. C. Eustis, third secretary of the United States embassy, for the bride, and Baron de Seilliers and Count Louis de Perigord, for the groom.

Over one hundred members of the Matinee Musicale attended the opening reception given Monday afternoon by the president, Mrs. D. M. Butler. A very enjoyable musical program was given by Mrs. Will Owen Jones and Mrs. Holyoke, with Mrs. P. V. M. Raymond as accompanist. Mrs. Jones' numbers were "Fruelingerauschen" and "March Grottesque," by Sinding, with MacDowell's "Song of the Sea," as an encore. Mrs. Holyoke sang "A Message to Phyllis," by Gilbert, and "Serenade to Juanita" by Jouberti, kindly repeating one verse of the "Serenade" in response to an enthusiastic recall. Following the program the retiring president, Mrs. E. Lewis Baker, presented the guests to Mrs. Butler, Mrs. Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Holyoke. The refreshment room decorations were elaborate and beautiful, the colors being those of the club, green and white. On the table a bowl of white carnations was surrounded with green candles in crystal sticks, and a most effective border was composed of broad green ribbon with ferns and carnations. Green and white ices and confections were served by Mrs. A. S. Raymond assisted by Mesdames Kimball, Phillips, Ward and Miss Mary Smith. Mrs. Butler was assisted in entertaining the guests by Mesdames A. R. Mitchell, E. P. Brown, Schwind, Doane, Winger, Jan-