

meant men owned body and breeches by the corporations, but men who are ambitious and know that in practical politics the favor of the men who wield power through their connection with the railroads is almost absolutely necessary. With the exception of the three men referred to all of the anti-Thompson men had at one time or another expressed themselves as not averse to voting for him if he secured the caucus nomination. And there is no reason to believe, as they are honorable men, that they would not have done so had not some outside influence kept them from it.

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Among the supporters of Mr. Thompson it was freely charged that the four men who were responsible for the bolt from the caucus were R. B. Schneider, John N. Baldwin, Ben White and G. M. Lambertson, all classified as either Elkhorn or Union Pacific men. Certain it is that when Representative Swanson came to Thompson's headquarters after Mr. Richards thought he had fixed up the deal by which White and Baldwin and Schneider would bring the antis into a combination for Richards and Thompson—when Mr. Swanson came empowered to talk business, he said that the antis had agreed to vote for Thompson if Thompson's supporters would vote for Richards. It is equally true that the Thompson men satisfied themselves that at that hour the deal could go through. It has been stated by Mr. Richards with considerable positiveness to various persons that it was Mr. Schneider who, after consenting, went around to the antis and broke up the deal, afterwards claiming that they wouldn't vote for Thompson. Mr. Schneider, in his communication to the Tribune, carefully avoids denial of this story, which was told in the original article, but devotes his pen to detailing another effort for Mr. Richards earlier in the game. The Tribune, for him, says that no such deal could have been made at any time because the antis wouldn't vote for Thompson. Against this statement stands that of six of the nine who had agreed at one time or another to vote for Thompson under certain conditions, and the word of Mr. Richards, who has several times stated and probably does not now deny, that White, Schneider and Baldwin, who controlled a sufficient number of votes, agreed to go into the Thompson deal with him. There is also in evidence the statement made by Mr. Swanson, the envoy sent to Thompson headquarters, that enough votes were controlled by Richards that Thompson could not get, to make them both.

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The Courier agrees with Mr. Hammond when he says that Mr. Schneider cannot afford to rest under the imputation of breaking faith with anyone, and yet he is charged in political circles with three specific instances of this kind during the senatorial struggle. One is that he broke his promise to the Burlington management that he would take no part in the senatorial fight in exchange for its help in beating Rosewater for national committeeman; another is that he did not in good faith carry out the instructions and desires of the national committee for a speedy settlement of the fight, and the other is that brought by Mr. Richards. The Courier has no personal interest in the matter, but for the truth of history it might be well to have all these matters straightened out.

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Mr. Richards has been impelled, by the false premises of the Tribune, to write a letter in which he states the fact that the Courier article was not inspired by him, and also: "Furthermore I have never felt nor have I ever said, that Mr. Schneider could have made me or anybody else senator." This, doubtless, had reference to the headlines of the Courier article. While they may have sacrificed the exact truth a little in the interests of strength and euphony, yet in his sarcastic ref-

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## SOCIETY NOTES

### LIFE'S MAZY WHIRL

With songs of love and of thanksgiving, with stories of wanderers returned, of families reunited after separations of weary months are the closing pages of the book of 1901 inscribed. Soon the covers will be folded gently down, and with a half-regretful sigh the volume will be filed with the books of other years, henceforward to be opened only for reference.

In many cases the row of books is short; one, two or three volumes made up chiefly of pictures and words of one syllable completing the list. Eight, ten and twenty volumes compose other sets, in which appear many school-books with here and there a tale of adventure and a few innocent love-stories. As the list grows longer more serious looking volumes are added: history, psychology, books on political and domestic economy, with here and there a record of travels, perhaps written in a foreign tongue. After the fiftieth volume quiet domestic tales and books of a religious character appear more and more frequently in the list. Many of the early books are faded and

hidden between its covers may not be discovered from a cursory glance. Only by patiently turning the three hundred and sixty-five leaves, one at a time, will the secrets be revealed.

May the book remain as clean and white at the end as at the beginning of the perusal, with no crumpled pages, and no disfiguring tear-stains to be hidden from sight.

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On Sunday evening a delightful program of Christmas music was rendered at the First Congregational church under the direction of Mrs. P. V. M. Raymond. The quartet, composed of Mrs. Joseph Grainger, soprano, Miss Grace Cutter, contralto, Mr. Carder, tenor, and Mr. C. W. Kettering, baritone, was most satisfactory. Following is the program:

Holy Night—A short cantata for tenor solo, ladies' quartet and chorus.

Organ: a, The Shepherds in the Field; b, The Three Magi from the East; c, Bethlehem.

Soprano solo: The Star of Bethlehem, Adams.



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and dusty; others show signs of frequent handling, the volumes opening readily to the stories of happy days. In this collection of books there are no second editions. Each volume is different from the preceding one, and while new characters are added from time to time, the progression is clear and the continuity undisturbed.

In the book of 1901 is recorded the pride and the grief of the nation. So sincere and so universal was this mourning that few volumes do not contain at least one tear-stained page near the middle of the ninth chapter. The last pages of the book, however, breathe a spirit of resignation, of restored tranquility, and the illustrations are of crowded railway stations, of happy family circles and other scenes of Christmas cheer. In this closing chapter the number of characters is small. On other occasions foreign characters are brought in for instruction or entertainment, but at this one time each family is sufficient unto itself.

With confidence and with joyful anticipation will we open the volume of 1902. The tales of weal and of woe

Baritone solo and chorus: The Birthday of a King, Niedlinger.

Alto and tenor duet: There Were Shepherds, Whitney Coombs.

Quartet and chorus: The Nativity, Shelley.

Organ postlude, Guilmant.

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The most elaborate entertainment of the week was a luncheon given on Monday by Mrs. F. M. Hall for her niece, Miss Watkins. The fifty guests were seated in the dining room and library which were beautifully decorated with southern clematis and mistletoe. In the parlor smilax and pink and white cut flowers were used for decoration, with smilax, ferns and white carnations in the sitting room. No stated entertainment was provided, but the informality and air of Christmas festivity rendered the occasion very enjoyable.

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Said the Sunday Record-Herald: Mrs. George B. Harris, 543 North State street, held a large reception Thursday afternoon from 3 to 6 o'clock. She was assisted by Mrs. William H. Bush, Mrs. Samuel Parker, Mrs. M. D. Hard-

in, Mrs. James B. Forgan and Mrs. Henry D. Estabrook. The hostess received in a costume of white lace over silk. The floral decorations were white and pink carnations and roses. Those who assisted in the dining room were Misses Cora Engle, Ethel Whidden, Katherine Head, Edith Hunt, Marie Inderrieden and Gertrude Pence."

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Married, on Thursday evening, at the home of the bride's parents, 2941 Q street, Miss Maude Estelle Hullhorst and Reverend Clinton Woods Lowrie, of Holdrege. The ceremony was performed by the bride's father, Dr. C. G. A. Hullhorst, assisted by the groom's father, Rev. W. S. Lowrie and by Dr. W. M. Hindman. Elaborate decorations of green were in the different rooms, relieved by red in the library where punch was served, and by roses in the parlors. The color scheme in the dining room was green and white. Mrs. W. C. Phillips and Miss Cora Smith presided at the table, assisted by Misses Winnie Jackson, Mary Jackson and Carrie Reed, whose gowns were of green and white. Punch was served by Miss Annie Lowrie, assisted by Miss Ruth Hullhorst and Miss Mabel Kempton. The guests were shown to the dressing room by little Mary Spaulding and Ella Morrison.

The bridesmaids were Misses Harriet Spaulding, Florence Lowrie and Charlotte Hullhorst. As the bridal party descended the stairs the bridal chorus from Lohengrin was played by Miss Mabel Kempton and the words were sung by the bridesmaids. The groomsmen were Messrs. George Smith, Ray O'Hummel and Frank L. Emerick. The ring bearer was Miss Phoebe Folsom, who carried the golden token in the heart of a calla lily.

The bride's gown was of fine white batiste, tucked and trimmed with white silk insertion bound with white satin ribbon. She carried bride's roses and wore a rose in her hair.

After a week's visit in Kansas City, Rev. and Mrs. Lowrie will spend a few days in this city before going to their future home in Holdrege.

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The revival of the always charming New Year's visits is greeted with smiles of welcome by men and women alike. It is doubtful if it would have revived of itself, but with the formal announcement of Mrs. Bushnell's reception that day the impetus is more than sufficient. Mr. Bushnell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Bushnell of Ashland, who are spending the week in Lincoln, will be guests of honor on this occasion, which also celebrates their golden wedding anniversary.

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Miss Nellie Mason of University Place, entertained a party of friends on Friday evening, December twentieth, in honor of her sister, Miss Fannie, and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Emrick. The parlor was tastefully decorated in holly, while guessing games and music pleasantly entertained the guests. Miss Bertha Lee won first prize. The dining table was festooned with smilax. Refreshments consisting of ice cream and cake, fruit, wafers and cocoa were served.

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The latest development in the pre-nuptial shower craze is a bisque animal shower which was given for a Des Moines bride-elect last week. Only one bisque animal could be found in the city, however, and the rest were imported with considerable difficulty from Chicago. Hosiery showers have been popular in Detroit, while linen and handkerchief showers were favorites in Lincoln's smart set.

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The state officers of the Christian Endeavor society met in this city yesterday afternoon. The city union served supper to the visitors in the First Congregational church, following which was a rally of the city Endeavorers, at which the state officials were the speakers.

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About sixty university students who are in Lincoln and their friends will give a dancing party in Walsh hall this evening.