

seems marked for the slaughter-house. Fryer is a man of right instincts, but he is too easily swayed by interests that he thinks will aid him in his ambition, and his course has been unsatisfactory to many of his constituents.

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The plum tree was given another shake, and there is very little left on the branches. Will A. Green will succeed Joe Johnson as register of the land office, and T. F. A. Williams is to assume the burdens of deputy postmaster. The register's job is a great deal of a sinecure, but the salary is small, \$500 a year and some fees. The deputy postmaster's place pays \$1,700 a year. J. E. Hays knocked the oil inspectorship, largely through a fluke. O'Neal was down on the cards, but his friends rejoiced too soon and the governor, assuming that it was a bluff to force him into taking up O'Neal, named the other man. Hays is a stranger to local politics, but down in Gage county he held several offices, and had the backing of many traveling men.

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There is very little change in the congressional situation. Congressman Burkett is as busy as a beaver endeavoring, through his friends here, to straighten out things so that opposition to him will be silenced. The old soldiers, or a part of them, are incensed over his postoffice appointments. The only old soldier there has been displaced by a young man, despite their request to have him retained or some other veteran put in his place. Mr. Burkett has endeavored to avoid responsibility for the appointment of the deputy by telling them that that rested with Mr. Sizer, but they say they have reason to believe that he had promised it to Mr. Williams weeks ago. And in the meanwhile Col. Bill Clark, who has long claimed the credit of discovering Mr. Burkett, mourns the wreck of his hopes.

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The practical politicians of Lincoln have never liked the Lincoln system of making nominations. They refused to adopt it until their representatives on the city committee were forced before a mass meeting of republicans and agreement squeezed out of them. The first experiment or two resulted rather discouragingly, but since then it has vindicated itself completely, and cannot now be overthrown. If the county committee could only be induced to follow the city's example there would not be a desperate fight each fall to save some weak sister or two who gets saddled onto the ticket through the absolute, unsatisfactory and unrepresentative convention system. The Lincoln system has its defects, but it is a glittering success besides the other. The practical fellows don't like it, however, because it gives the rank and file of the voters too much of a say in the making of candidates. In the convention plan the power rests with the small coterie of shrewd politicians who have the ability and the knowledge to build up winning combinations. There is no scope for the display of their powers under the direct vote system.

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It was therefore not very strange that a movement was started just prior to the recent meeting of the committee to abolish the Lincoln system. That it was so speedily abandoned demonstrates the strength of the feeling in its favor. It might have been, however, that the anti discovered that there is not so very much difference, so far as ward councilmanic fights are concerned, between the Lincoln and the old, save in the assurance it gives the voters that the man eventually nominated must have a majority of the total vote. Under the old plan, too, each fellow printed his own ticket and it was possible to so fix it that there was little secrecy about how a man voted. Of course, the corporations, if they could bring back the halcyon days, would be made glad, but they will never more return. The voters have tasted of the lust of power themselves, and they won't permit the politicians to wrest it from them.

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The event of the coming week will be the annual banquet of the young men's republican club on Lincoln's birthday. In order to convince folks generally that this is not a device for shaking down members of the party, the young men have restricted the privilege of buying tickets to certain few, and while this will probably cut down the attendance, it will insure complete control on the part of the club. They have taken advantage of this fact to see that no prosy speakers are inflicted on the banqueters and promise a feast of unusual oratorical excellence as well as of viands.

## SOCIETY NOTES

### LIFE'S MAZY WHIRL

This last pre-lenten week has been mildly gay, not dazzlingly so. The November and December whirl left the devotees in such a fagged out state that there has been little doing since. Why must all hostesses entertain at once? We should be temperate in all things, even in the giving of parties, and the wise ones who are entertaining now instead of during the mad rush of the autumn and early winter, are real benefactors. The series of parties given by Mrs. S. A. Foster gave genuine pleasure to her guests: Mr. and Mrs. Levering's military euche was a pretty affair, and the Omega Psi party, and the junior promenade were important in university circles. The Patriarchs' banquet and the reception and dance given by Mr. and Mrs. Lionel C. Burr and Miss Burr, this evening, will both be brilliant affairs. The Cotillion club will give its last pre-lenten party Monday evening and the evening of Shrove Tuesday will be spent by every one at the opera. Saint Valentine's day, next Friday, will be duly celebrated.

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"O, what shall be her Valentine?  
Was ever swain so stupid?  
It must be something superfluous;  
What shall it be, sweet Cupid?"

St. Valentine suggests the thing  
Beneath the mystic cover  
Should be a picture, verse or ring  
To please my absent lover.

O, Cupid, what, what shall it be—  
This token rare and tender?  
My heart, you say? ah ha! I see;  
My heart enclosed I'll send her.

Alas, sweet Cupid, you're so blind;  
You surely should have known  
That when she left me far behind  
My heart was in her own."



MRS. GEORGE H. RISSEK.

One of Lincoln's Charming Young Matrons.

Omega Psi gave a pretty dancing party Tuesday evening at Walsh hall in honor of new members. The hall and parlors were adorned with red, the Omega Psi color. Red shades over all globes cast a dim religious light upon the scene. A punch table was in one corner of the parlor and over it was suspended a very large Japanese umbrella from which depended Omega Psi pennants and Japanese lanterns. Lanterns and pennants were also strung across the ceiling in this room. The dining room was decorated with American beauties. Ice cream, cakes and coffee were served by the chaperones. Professor and Mrs. E. H. Barbour and Professor and Mrs. C. R. Richards chaperoned the party. The new members of Omega Psi are Misses Louise Hargreaves, Jeanette Thorp, Rosanna Bradt, Claire Mackin, Mabel Bennett, Katherine Thomas; other members present were Misses Mabel Hays, Darleen Woodward, Bertha White, Ethel

Tukey, Mabel Johnson, Frances Cunningham, Blanche Losch, Mabel Richards, Blanche Edmiston, Blanche Hargreaves, Winifred Bonnell, Laura Houtz, Adnette Cady, Maude Macomber, Grace Montgomery, Thorpe, Katherine Thomas. Guests were Messieurs Holmes, Fawell, R. Adams, Sherman, Stein, L. Korsmeyer, Hughes, Ricketts, Cowgill, Watkins, L. Brown, C. Hays, Barnes, Cuscaden, Marlay, E. Clark, Edmiston, Crandall, Bartlett, Neally, Gaines, Kimball, McCreery, Hollenbeck, Drain, Rainey, Thomas, Farnsworth.

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Mr. Harry Melick gave a dancing party Saturday evening at his home, 528 South Tenth street. A profusion of palms and flowers adorned the house. Punch, ice cream and cake were served.

Late in the evening all were given a glorious sleighride and were then taken to their homes. Invitations were extended to Misses Georgia Field, Mabel Sears, Hazel Lauer, Ruth Raymond, Jeanette Palmer, Hazel Butler, Nellie Ludden, Elsie Fawell, Helen Wilson, Joyce Broady, Olive Seemark, Cora Conklin, Marie Bowers, Jessie Mosher, Camille Hall, Pauline Whitcomb, Edith Roberts, Flossie Anthony, Ruth Holmes, Wilma Casebeer, Irene Friend, Carrie Bayard, Mame Irvine, Ethel Field, Winnie Swezey, Helen Allen, Louise Alexander, Penelope King, Cleon Moore, Alice Auld, Susie Wallace, Nellie Steynson, Anna May Hunter, of Omaha; Bertha Melick, Maude Melick; Messieurs Edwin Guthrie, Julian Currie, Frank Johnson, Dan Pauli, Ira Lee, Frank Dayton, Harold Steiner, Allen Field, Clifford Calkins, Carl Gifford, Jay Keppler, Archie Osborne, George Ferguson, Ellery Davis, Glenn Mason, Harold Usher, Clark Hagenbuch, Archie Sears, Frank Phillips, Scott Hallett, Homer Hunt, Will Dowley, Ohio Munn, Albert Lahr.

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The South Side circle of St. Paul's church gave its annual banquet Saturday evening at the Lincoln. The guests were directed to the parlor by Master Walter Davis, and were there received by Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Risser and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Kellogg. Fifty people were present. The banquet was served in the ordinary. Mrs. W. A. Lindley as toastmistress called for the following:

"When Banqueted by Our Wives," C. O. Whedon.

"The Tie That Binds," A. L. Bixby.

"Our New Church Home," Dr. F. L. Wharton.

"The Present Home," Dr. Green.

"A Review of Our Banquets," Mrs. J. A. Piper.

When the company returned to the parlors Miss Horan sang and Miss Risser gave piano numbers.

The South Side circle of St. Paul's church met with Mrs. R. S. Grimes, 729 South Tenth street at 2:30 Thursday afternoon.

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Miss Bessie Turner, one of Lincoln's most promising young singers, has been engaged as soprano soloist at the Florida Chautauqua, and left today for De Funiak Springs, Florida, where the assembly is held. This assembly is to the south what the one at Chautauqua, New York, is to the north, and it is a great compliment to a young singer to be given a prominent place on its program, which includes many eminent people. After filling this engagement Miss Turner will visit friends at Quincy, Illinois. She will be absent about a month.

Miss Turner was recently offered a responsible position at the head of the music department in an Episcopal school for young ladies in Topeka, but on account of other engagements was obliged to decline.

The flat floral centre pieces at present fashionable for dinner table decorations, are very beautiful and modestly unobtrusive, and have the advantage of giving all of the guests unobscured views of all others. Not all, however, are willing to abandon the stately American beauties or other long stemmed flowers. One such Lincoln hostess, whose round table has been the scene of many a brilliant gathering, who is always harmless as a dove, and is in this case wise as a serpent, in seating her guests places husbands and wives opposite each other, smilingly remarking that she hopes they will not mind being in eclipse to each other for this once. Usually they don't mind it a bit.

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The junior class of the state university gave its annual promenade last evening at the Lincoln. The scarlet and cream of the university prevailed in the decorations. Refreshments were served in the ordinary. The party was chaperoned by Chancellor and Mrs. E. B. Andrews, Professor and Mrs. E. H. Earbour, Mr. and Mrs. Shidler, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Lau, Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Junge. A company of young people that came from Omaha to attend the party was chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. Kountze, Jr. The committee which managed the affair and brought it to a brilliant culmination consisted of Mr. A. C. Lau, chairman; Mr. George Shidler, master of ceremonies; Messrs. Engle, Farney, Pollard, Kimball, Berry, Hill, King, Groff, Hansen; Misses Honeywell, Jenkins, Post, Marshall and Manrid. There were seventy-five couples of the dancers.

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The Saturday night club gave a party Saturday night at Walsh hall. The dancers were: Misses Tukey of Omaha, Hays, Macomber, Wakefield of Omaha, Truax of Chicago, Hammer of Philadelphia, Outcalt, Jessie Outcalt, Robinson, Conerd, Putnam, Rinehart of Cincinnati, McPhieley, Burnham, Burruss, Mandrid, Clark, Burr, Post, Marshall, Meyer; Mrs. Mallilieu; Doctor and Mrs. Everett, Mr. and Mrs. Lau, Doctor and Mrs. Hull of Omaha; Messieurs Sherman, Walsh, Baldwin, Matson, Schwartz, Orr, Holmes, Butler, Hays, Bartlett, Paine, Joyce, Everett of Omaha, Ames, Richards, Powers, Burr, Kennard, Marlay, C. Albertson, Tomson, Brown, Musser.

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Mrs. Jeannette Rehlaender gave a six-handed euche Saturday evening. After the games a luncheon was served in two courses by Mrs. Rehlaender, her mother, Mrs. J. H. Davis, and Miss Bell. The guests were the members of the New Book Review club, their husbands and a few other friends. They were Messieurs and Mesdames O. M. Stonebraker, Elias Baker, William Widener, J. H. Stevens, J. F. Stevens, E. W. Nelson, T. J. Usher, Williams, F. D. Cornell, C. H. Warner, S. C. Hoover, E. Bignell, Frank Harris, W. C. Mills, Mrs. H. W. Kelly; Miss Howland, Miss Erb, Miss Bell; Messieurs Caldwell, Heffley, Mucke and Painter.

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Miss Beulah Lyman and her cousin, Miss Clara Lyman, entertained last Friday evening in honor of Miss Emma Lyman of Grand Island. As a reward for skill in a musical guessing game Miss De Witt received a picture of Saint Cecilia. Miss Clara Lyman and Mr. Hanson's songs contributed to the pleasure of the guests. Refreshments were served. Those present were: Misses Lyman, of Grand Island; Shankland, De Witt, Patterson, Effa Beach, Emma Beach, Gaitley Hanson, Barnhart, Trester; Messieurs Montgomery, Smootz, Beach, Harrison, Brooks, Porter, Geer, Philpot, Hanson, Griffith, Davis and Bross.

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Mr. Bert Watkins, who is extremely popular in university circles, came down from Omaha for the Omega Psi party Tuesday night, and again for the junior promenade last night.

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Mrs. Henry Burgess will give a Kensington next Saturday afternoon at her home, 1568 South Twentieth street.