

SOCIETY NOTES

LIFE'S MAZY WHIRL

With the exception of the luncheon given by Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Moore on Tuesday, and the series of parties by Mr. and Mrs. Van Brunt, there have been few social diversions this week, and next week promises little. A coming event of interest is the society ball to be given by the city improvement society on the twenty-first.

The society leaders of the various cities of the United States will emerge from their shell of localism during the coming winter, says the Washington correspondent of the Inter-Ocean, and will divide their time between the social gatherings in their home city and those in the national capital.

It has now been definitely agreed that the White House shall set the pace for the whole country, and that the coming season will see the birth of a new national society.

Social life this season will be unlike social life at any other period in the history of our nation. It will be national in character.

Washington will be the brilliant center from which fashionable life in its entirety will radiate.

The residence of the President will be the meeting place on common ground of the social leaders of the nation, and the executive circle will be not only the center of official society, but of society in general. The cabinet ladies will not compete for social leadership, because they will not dominate society. It will be national.

New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, Baltimore, Boston, and every other American city whose brilliant social programs have attracted attention as soon as announced because of their social prominence, will all send their leading representatives to take part in the gatherings at the capital. The millionaire families will find an official leader in Lady Herbert, wife of the British Ambassador.

Lady Herbert is the daughter of the Wilsons, a sister-in-law to the Vanderbilts, the Astors, and through marriage she is connected with the President's family, and with the Secretary of State.

The British embassy, newly remodeled, is one of the most finely appointed mansions in the capital. Next to the White House it will be the center of official and social life.

Mrs. Roosevelt has announced that the executive mansion will be ready for the formal opening of society about the first of January. In the meantime, with the assistance of her daughter, Miss Alice Roosevelt, she is making up a most wonderful society calendar.

Mrs. Knox, the wife of the Attorney General, no doubt will be the stoutest ally of the President's wife in her social reign. Mrs. Hay, never socially inclined, will merely lend her presence in the formal line at the White House, as she will still wear mourning for her son.

Mrs. Shaw, wife of the Secretary of the Treasury, is willing to do what she can. Mrs. Root will probably remain in Europe, leaving Miss Root to preside over the Root household, but not to take Mrs. Root's place in cabinet circles. The Secretary of the Navy is a bachelor.

Mrs. Payne, wife of the Postmaster General, is an accomplished woman, and with rugged health no doubt would take an active part in official society, but on account Mrs. Roosevelt last winter abandoned the old custom of hand-shaking. Mrs. Payne is afflicted with rheumatism, and a half hour in line with the vigorous American public glad to see her, would send her to the rear in anguish.

Mrs. Hitchcock, though accomplished and interesting, shrinks from the demands of official society. Miss Wilson, daughter of the Secretary of Agriculture, has taken upon herself the double task of taking rank as the hostess of the house and still claiming from younger society the attention paid the daughters of other cabinet officers.

Dancing will be the chief entertainment for the younger contingent, with Miss Roosevelt leading in enthusiasm. There will be not less than forty-five debutantes, headed by Miss Anna Wing Cockrell, daughter of Senator Cockrell of Missouri.

The millionaires who take their daughters to Washington usually leave their sons behind—simply because there is no sort of business doing at the capital and there have never been any available

beaux except a few young officers of the army and navy. This state of affairs will be changed, however, during the coming winter, when many prominent society men from the large cities will be drawn to Washington by the entertainments of the new national society.

Pi Beta Phi, the oldest and largest of sororities, was organized at Monmouth, Illinois, April 28, 1867. There were twelve charter members in that first chapter and they decided to call themselves "I. C.'s"—but later, as fraternities came to be more popular among women, the name of the sorority was changed to the Greek name Pi Beta Phi, and "I. C.," with its hidden meaning, became the motto. Since that time the sorority has made rapid growth, and now has thirty-one chapters, located only in the very largest and strongest universities and ladies' colleges, and a total membership of over three thousand.

A chapter of Pi Beta Phi was established in the University of Nebraska,

very popular with Pi Beta Phi two years ago, and the sorority thoroughly enjoyed the close harmony which the home offered. But, owing to the fact that so many of the active girls have since been residents of Lincoln, the fraternity house has been given up, and to make up for this loss, many of the beautiful homes of the girls are at all times thrown open for their entertainment.

The pin of Pi Beta Phi is a tiny golden arrow; the colors, wine and silver blue; and the flower, the carnation. The magazine is published quarterly and is called The Arrow.

The active chapter is as follows: Ethel Ames, Inez Everett, Charlotte Spalding, Rachel Nicholson, Blanche Meeker, Florence Fiske, Bess Burruss, Pearl and Alleyne Archibald, Lincoln; Winifred Howell, Centerville, Iowa; Jennie Whitmore, Valley; Edna Holland, Bess and Katherine Heacock, Carrie Slocum and Mabel Miles, Falls City. The Misses Helen Dolson and Helen Waugh are also pledged to the sorority.

An alumnae club composed of the Misses Woodward, Barber, Mary and Florence McGahey, Waugh, Morris, Marshall, Anne and Melinda Stuart, Emerson, Quaintance and Mrs. George Risser, was organized two years ago and keeps in close touch with the active chapter.

The attractive home of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Van Brunt was the scene of a series of lovely functions this week. On Thursday Mrs. Van Brunt gave a pink and white luncheon attended by twenty-

The hours were devoted to needlework and social chatter. A delicate luncheon was served. The hostess was assisted by Mrs. H. B. Ward and Mrs. A. G. Billmeyer.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Brunt will give a second card party this evening. Mrs. A. E. Kennard, Mrs. F. E. Campbell and Mrs. E. C. Rewick will assist.

An elegant mansion, exquisite music, a wealth of beautiful flowers and an assemblage of handsomely gowned women contributed to the pleasure of the guests of Mrs. E. E. Brown and Mrs. R. E. Moore on Tuesday, when a buffet luncheon was given by these two ladies at the home of the latter. Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Moore are adepts at entertaining and the affair of Tuesday was one of many delightful functions for which their friends are indebted to them. The flowers were magnificent. Bouquets of yellow chrysanthemums were in the reception room and pink roses in the sitting room. The tables in the dining room and library from which the luncheon was served were effectively decorated. The centerpiece on the dining room table was a tall cut-glass vase filled with American beauties. The linen was crossed with broad green ribbons terminating in large bows, and was strewn with brilliant-hued meteor roses. On the table in the library the centerpiece was of pink chrysanthemums in a tall vase and was surrounded by a garland of pink roses and smilax.

Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Brown were assisted in the drawing room by Mrs. E.

IN SORORITY CIRCLES AT NEBRASKA UNIVERSITY.



LOCAL CHAPTER OF THE PI BETA PHI.

January 21, 1895, with the following charter members: Mae Lansing, Bessie Turner, Gertrude Wright, Belle Reynolds, Kate Snow Walker, Jennie Barber, Edna Carscadden, Adaline Quaintance and Lulu Wirt.

It is customary with all chapters of this sorority to have at least three patronesses, accordingly Mrs. A. S. Raymond, Mrs. C. H. Morrill and Mrs. Willard Kimball were chosen. The young ladies are also proud to claim Mr. A. J. Sawyer as patron and godfather, and many delightful evenings have been spent in his home as well as in the homes of their patronesses.

Pi Beta Phi is represented in Phi Beta Kappa, the honorary fraternity of the university, by the Misses Gladys Henry and Bertha Quaintance, and three years ago Miss Anna Lytle won the scholarship in literature at Wellesley college. In musical circles of the city the sorority is very prominently represented, many of its members having remarkable talent. They also take an active part in athletics at the university, Miss Pearle Archibald having recently been chosen as captain of the big basket ball nine, and several of the young ladies playing on the class teams.

The so-called fraternity house was

four ladies. Bouquets of superb pink and white chrysanthemums adorned the various rooms. The guests were seated at small round tables, each of which had a flat centerpiece of pink roses and ferns. The place cards bore pink roses artistically done in water colors. A pretty feature of the luncheon, which was served in seven courses, were the little rose-shaped pink baskets in which the frozen pudding was served. After the repast, the ladies played six-hand euchre and a sheaf of long-stemmed American beauties was given to the lady having the highest score. Mrs. Van Brunt and her friends who assisted her, Mesdames A. L. Candy, George A. Craner and J. W. Winger, were all gowned in white.

Last evening Mr. and Mrs. Van Brunt gave a card party. Fifty friends were entertained at six-hand euchre. No prizes were given, but the lady having the highest score received a bouquet of chrysanthemums. The decorations were pink, white and yellow chrysanthemums. A dainty luncheon was served in two courses. Mesdames H. T. Folsom, R. M. Le Gore and Clinton R. Lee assisted the hostess.

Mrs. Van Brunt entertained fifty ladies at a kensington this afternoon.

P. Ewing, Mrs. R. T. Van Brunt and Mrs. R. D. Stearns. A delectable luncheon, with many new features, was served; the first two courses in the dining room, the sweets and coffee in the library. Miss Blanche Garten and Miss Jessie Moore supervised the waitresses in these two rooms; Mrs. J. L. Kellogg poured coffee. A quartette of stringed instruments played beautifully in the upper hall.

The society ball to be given November twenty-first by the city improvement society, will be a brilliant function. There has been no charity ball or similar entertainment given here for several years, and there is much interest felt in this one. The floor at the auditorium will be thoroughly cleansed and waxed. Punch will be served all evening, and ice cream and cake can be secured on the stage. The ticket committee consists of Miss Nella Cochrane, chairman, and the Misses Helen Welch, Florence Putnam, Anne Stuart, Winifred Bonnell, and Katherine Agnew. Mrs. C. F. Ladd will have charge of the decorations, and Mrs. M. H. Everett is chairman of the refreshment committee.

The patrons and patronesses will be Governor and Mrs. Savage, Mayor and