

CHRONICLE OF SOCIAL DOINGS

Dame Fashion Spends the Week Mostly by Her Own Fireside.

TEA AND WHIST LUNCHEONS CHIEF EVENTS

Elaborate Dramatic Entertainment Will Be Stellar Attraction Coming Seven Days—Happenings of Lesser Note.

Social Calendar.

MONDAY, February 6—Nebraska University club at Young Men's Christian Association hall.

The lethargy which had settled upon Omaha society last week was by an elaborate "tea" given by Mrs. Wood and a dainty whist luncheon by Mrs. Will Redick.

There is no class of people more attractive than really clever society girls. Contrary to the general belief that their time is entirely given to the pretty nothing and the last charmed frock, originally marks their lives even to a greater extent than that of their working sisters.

A most unique party was given last week by a half-dozen full blown American beauties. I would give their names were it not for the "prying neighbors."

These young women were ancient gowns of stiff black silk, with full skirts, pointed bodices, tight sleeves and white kerchiefs around the neck.

"If it were not for that wrinkle about the eye," replied one.

"But this age question is a problem," went on the hostess. "It is the one thing that steekest closer than a brother. I think it were better if our parents made it a point to forget the date of our birth and that we should live in blissful ignorance of that horrible 25. Ugh! It makes me shudder."

"Our parents might be accommodating enough to forget it," said one, "but how about the prying neighbors? Now 24 is not so bad, because one is resigned to one's fate," punctuated by a deep sigh from all.

"Give me another cup of tea, my dear; no cream, no sugar."

"What, no cream, no sugar; you must be well along in the resigned state."

"Just Elizabeth, this cup has a man on it; take it away!"

"But it is to Anne, dear, she is an educator and is compelled to come in contact with the foreign element."

"Jane," began my hostess, "how did it happen that one with your charms should have lived in a single blissful ignorance of the world with a voice full of quavers, Jane told her many had wooed, but her heart belonged to one, and—and he died. Then all fell to and wept in silence."

"It was so romantic," whispered Elizabeth. "He came all the way from New York to hear me sing. Such beautiful times as we spent together, and then I sang, and then, and then he died."

"Poor man!" cried the sympathetic listeners.

"And what killed your man, Mary?" asked the ever curious hostess.

"He said I was getting rich for all me and he never came back; and all alone I sit by the sad sea waves and await his return."

with her own deft fingers the menu for her guests. The club is composed of Mrs. E. M. Morsman, Miss Kilpatrick, Miss Jennie Brown, Miss Elizabeth Allen, Miss Towle, Miss Hilderson, Miss Kilpatrick, Miss Crouse, Miss Swensberg, Miss Peck, Miss Woodard and Miss Edith Smith. Miss Brown made a charming hostess at the first meeting Wednesday.

Mrs. E. S. Wood Entertains. The premier event of the week was the afternoon tea given by Mrs. E. S. Wood, complimentary to her sister, Mrs. Charles James McConnell. Artists heavily marked the decorations which called forth much admiration for their profusion and elegance.

In the library Mrs. Orr, Mrs. Kelley and Mrs. Tallentire served champagne soda from a silver punch bowl surrounded by lilacs of the valley and candelabra with white tapers. The dining room was a delight to the eye in its colorings of pink. The table was covered with a cloth of renaissance lace laid over pink satin. The centerpiece was formed of a bed of pink roses and seven-branched candelabra with pink tapers and silken shades. About these were intertwined rose vines covered with pink roses.

Russian tea was served by Mrs. Towle and Mrs. Stiger. Coffee was poured by Mrs. Cornish and Mrs. Clarke. The other assisting ladies were: Mrs. Cowgill, Mrs. Gilson, Miss Martha Stone, Miss Towle, Miss Crouse, Miss Swensberg and Miss Edith Smith. In the drawing room were: Mrs. Burgess, Mrs. Joseph McConnell, Mrs. Heth, Miss Bateman of Boston and Miss Callie McConnell.

In the evening a merry party of young people enjoyed an informal dance to the strains of an orchestra placed in an oriental nook in the hall. Mrs. Wood received her guests in a handsome gown of black over white tulle with rose decorations of mousseline and edgings of white satin. The bodice had a yoke and collar of pink panne velvet embroidered in cut steel. Mrs. McConnell was in gray and mode taffeta; a yoke of white picked with gold tatters; Miss Gray's dress was a lavender taffeta with trimmings of white panne velvet and renaissance lace. Miss Newton was dainty in a ruffled white organdie.

Chance for Art Lovers. The many artists in Omaha and lovers of pictures generally will have an opportunity on next Thursday, February 13, from 2:30 to 4 p. m., to visit the gallery of Mr. G. W. Linsinger, southwest corner of Davenport and Eighteenth streets, and hear him explain some of the leading pictures in his studio.

The Southwest Dancing club gave another informal hop Monday evening at Morand's assembly. It proved highly enjoyable to the large number of participants.

The Gemuthelshilf High Five club held its regular meeting Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Baumer. Prizes were won by Mrs. Dake and Mr. Shaeffer.

Miss Irene Sloan gave a delightful party Wednesday evening to a dozen friends. Progressive dominoes was the feature of the evening. Music also added to the evening's enjoyment.

A very enjoyable evening was spent at the clubrooms of the North Omaha Pleasure society Thursday evening. Music, dancing and cards furnished the evening's entertainment.

Light refreshments were served. Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Allen of 920 South Twenty-first street gave a high five party Friday evening in honor of Miss De Haute. After ten games prizes were awarded and refreshments were enjoyed by the guests.

The Bonton club was entertained Monday evening by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Johnson. A dainty feature of the evening was the playing of a race to each score card. Mrs. Robinson and Mr. Barrett were successful in winning the prizes.

Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Lewis have issued invitations for the marriage of their daughter, Miss Anna Christine, to Mr. Harry Hardwick. The ceremony will take place at Kountze Memorial church February 7 at high noon.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard H. Lipey and Miss Lou A. Thomsett were united in marriage January 16 at the residence of the bride's parents. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thomsett, Seventeenth and Lake streets, Mr. and Mrs. Lipey left immediately for Houston, Tex., their future home.

Mr. William B. Whitehorn, well known in this city, left for Des Moines, Ill., last Thursday, where he will be united in marriage to Miss Jennie Good, a charming and popular school teacher of that city. The wedding will take place Monday, February 5, at 11 o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. Whitehorn will return to Omaha shortly and reside at 2562 Douglas street.

Mrs. Herman Kuntze gave her last "at home" at Forest Hill Tuesday afternoon. The rooms were handsomely adorned with palms and white roses. Mrs. Kuntze was assisted in entertaining her guests by Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Peck, Mrs. Patrick and Mrs. Webster.

The K. K. Kard klub was royally entertained Wednesday afternoon by Mrs. Carson of Twenty-second and Izard streets. The first prize, a silver comb and brush tray, fell to Mrs. L. A. Welsh. The second prize, a silver curling iron, was captured by Mrs. Bandman.

Mrs. H. J. Cole gave a kensington Friday from 3 to 6 o'clock. The ladies enjoyed a most pleasant afternoon. The greater part was given to guessing familiar quotations. The prize, a china plate, was awarded to Mrs. Gibbs, after which dainty refreshments were served.

Mrs. A. Whitmarsh entertained at her home, 3911 North Twenty-third street, Thursday afternoon in honor of Mrs. Gilson of Knoxville, Ia. Miss Nellie Dillon of Irvington and Miss Cora Brown of Hartington, Neb., were guests. Mrs. Dillon rendered several piano duets.

John McGuire of Riverston is the guest of his brother, Thomas McGuire, enroute to New York.

Miss Nellie Dillon of Irvington and Miss Cora Brown of Hartington are visiting Mrs. A. Whitmarsh for a few weeks.

Mrs. Schneider entertained at cards Thursday afternoon. The Unity club was pleasantly entertained Wednesday by the Misses Stone.

The Omaha Guards gave a medal drill and informal dance Monday evening. The banquet was banked with roses and palms.

Mr. and Mrs. Euclid Martin entertained fifty guests at euchre Saturday evening. The N. O. R. club gave an entertaining dance at Creighton hall Thursday evening.

The Friday club was delightfully entertained Friday afternoon by Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Jaynes.

Mrs. McVeja gave a kensington Wednesday afternoon, which proved enjoyable to the guests present.

The Odeon club had an enjoyable meeting at the home of Mrs. Charles Wilhelm Tuesday evening.

Miss Cameron entertained at cards Friday evening. Music added to the success of the entertainment.

Mrs. H. H. Salisbury entertained at high five Wednesday. The winners were Mrs. Houston and Mrs. Gleaves.

Miss Rose Allen, 920 South Thirty-first street, entertained at high five on Friday evening in honor of Miss De Haute of Red Oak, Ia.

A surprise party was given Monday evening for Miss Nettie Brown at her home, 502 South Tenth street, in honor of her 16th birthday.

Mrs. Ben Rosenthal gave one of the most beautiful teas of the season Wednesday afternoon. The colorings were in shades of yellow.

The Unity club held its bi-monthly meeting at the home of Mr. Draper Smith. Mr. Edward Kennedy led the discussion, "The Medical Character of the Nation."

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Cahn entertained a number of guests in honor of their forty-sixth anniversary Wednesday evening in a delightful informal manner.

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Mrs. Samuel Burns is sojourning in Colorado. Mr. Frank Campoll returned from Texas last week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Coultant are Galenburgh guests. Mr. H. J. Newman leaves Wednesday for a New York trip.

Mrs. Guy C. Barton is home from an extended eastern trip. Mrs. Alfred Hunt is visiting friends in East Orange, N. J.

Miss Georgia Sharp has gone to St. Louis for an extended visit. Mrs. Richard C. Patterson is spending a week in Kansas City.

Miss Mae Mount is home from a two month visit in Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Salaffero left Friday for a short visit to Chicago.

Dr. H. N. Kelley leaves today for Mexico, where he will spend a year. Mrs. H. G. Straight has returned home after a week's visit in Chicago.

Mr. Robert S. Smith is home from a trip to Chicago, Minneapolis and Duluth. Miss Jessie Dickinson is home from a visit of two months in New York.

Mrs. S. D. Mercer and Miss Mercer are having an extended visit in Boston. Mr. W. D. Townsend has gone to Chicago and Indianapolis, Ind., to visit relatives.

Mr. R. W. Vining has gone to Kansas City, where he will visit his future home. Mr. and Mrs. Herman Kuntze have returned from a three weeks' visit in Denver.

Mr. John W. Battin is in Baraboo, Wis., the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Battin. Mrs. Charles Kuntze, Miss Kuntze and Miss Clara Palmer returned Saturday from New York.

Mr. and Mrs. George Moores have returned home from a six weeks' visit in California. Mrs. G. W. Hoobler will return early this week from Chicago, after visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. Burt left Friday evening in her special car for Seattle. She was accompanied by Miss Georgia Lindsey.

Mr. Fred W. Wanner has returned from his eastern trip in New York on account of the severe illness of his mother.

Mrs. Charles Rosewater returned Thursday from a visit in Jamestown, N. Y. Her sister, Mrs. Harry Byron Adams, accompanied her home and will be her guest for a few weeks.

Mrs. R. E. Pease, who has just returned from a year's travel in Europe, was accompanied by her niece, Miss Jewel Wood, a charming girl who has devoted several years to mastering the languages under the tutelage of the best masters in Germany and France. After a visit here with her aunt and friends she returns to her home in Kansas City.

Weddings and Engagements. Miss Ida Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Brown, 537 South Twenty-fifth avenue, and Mr. David Halper of Philadelphia, were married on January 28 at the home of Mr. Rubin in Philadelphia.

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February 6, the proceeds of which will go to the minister. Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Brown, who live three miles north of town, entertained a number of their Omaha and Florence friends at Blair Monday. Mr. and Mrs. John Anderson were former residents of this place.

The Reservoir Ice company and McCoy & Olmsted could not agree on some ice that was stacked out on the river and an injunction was obtained by McCoy & Olmsted restraining the Reservoir Ice company from cutting the ice.

W. S. Philpot, Albany, Ga., says: "De Witt's Little Blue Pills did me more good than any pills I ever took." The famous little pills for constipation, biliousness and liver and bowel troubles.

Central Labor Union Committee. President Taylor of the Central Labor union has announced the following standing committees for the ensuing six months: Law—C. C. Kellough, P. H. Dillon, N. Svendgaard, J. P. Sullivan, Fred Witting, Arbitration—T. F. Sturges, C. E. Watson, C. H. Foster.

Home Industry and Union Label—Howard Harvey, John Madden, C. F. Tubbs, L. V. Guye, I. J. Copenhagen, A. Backus. Constitution Revision—Sparks, Youngs, Quibby.

Paternal Delegates—To South Omaha: Curran, Backus, Lee, Shrum, To Council Bluffs: Kirby, Russell, Lockholm. A committee has been appointed to hire a hall and to secure speakers for the purpose of discussing municipal ownership of water works at an early date. The trustees represent the financial standing of the Central Labor union to be good.

The following delegates were seated at the meeting: John Madden, Emerson, Packard and Ivers & Pond. A few bargains of other makes.

Building Permits. The following permits have been issued from the office of building inspector: W. E. Riddell, South Twenty-third, alterations, \$100; A. L. Patrick, South Thirtieth, two frame dwellings, \$1,000 each.

LOCAL BREVITIES. Joe Steffen is under arrest, charged with threatening to kill Flora Brown of 9112 Central avenue.

Right Rev. A. L. Williams, bishop-conductor, will officiate in Trinity cathedral, Omaha, at 8 o'clock on Monday morning at the 11 o'clock service.

Work is progressing satisfactorily on the Sackett building at Tenth and Jones streets. The fourth story has been reached and the roof will be on inside of three weeks.

In police court yesterday Louis Knapp pleaded not guilty to forgetting on duty. His case was continued until such time as he will be able to employ an attorney.

Plans for the new Deere warehouse at Tenth and Leavenworth streets were sent to the head office at Moline, Ill., last week. They are expected back soon and building will commence at once. It is to cost \$60,000.

Yesterday was the day that "Mickey" Muller was to have been demolished by the building inspector, but Friday Muller secured a temporary injunction restraining the demolition until the case can be heard.

The True Populist is the name of a weekly newspaper that has made its appearance in the city. The editor, D. Clem Deaver, a publisher, who declares that the paper will give the principles of the people's party as defined by the Omaha and St. Louis platforms.

The January report of the sales of stamps and envelopes at the Omaha postoffice shows a total value of \$3,315.61, an increase of over \$1,000 over the corresponding month of last year. The sales for last month has only been exceeded by one month in the history of the office, and that was the month of June, 1888.

S. Goetz has received intelligence that his son, Dr. Goetz, who is on the staff of one of the largest hospitals in Cincinnati, has been stricken with an attack of typhoid. The many friends of Dr. Goetz in Omaha will be glad to learn that no serious indications have as yet become manifest.

Ed McKinley was arrested while removing waste from the journal boxes of Union Pacific freight cars. The arresting officers say he has been using the substance for kindling and fuel, as it is heavily charged with oil and burns readily. He was arrested in police court Saturday, pleaded not guilty and was released under \$100 bonds to await trial.

The "Colony" insurance company, the organization of which was mentioned in The Bee a few weeks ago, has filed this city in the office of the county clerk. The incorporators are Dan E. Thompson, Charles D. Mullen, Caspar E. Reynolds, William D. Fitzgerald, James Reynolds. The capital stock is \$200,000. The headquarters of the company will be in Omaha.

MRS. J. BENSON Infants' Wear Our large line of infants' wear is in. Beautiful new and dainty styles—prettier than ever. Prices of Long Slips, 25c up. Short Dresses, from 6 months to 3 years, 50c up. Part Wool Vests, 25c up. Wool Vests, 35c up. Bands, 25c up. Flannel and Cotton Skirts, embroidered or plain; Shawls, Jackets, etc., from the lowest price up. Remember Our New Muslin Underwear is on Sale and We Are Selling Very Cheap.

Remarkable Piano Values.... In new and used Pianos. This week you can make a large saving on Pianos of the following makes: Steinway, A. B. Chase, Vose, Emerson, Packard and Ivers & Pond. A few bargains of other makes. One Billings Upright..... \$75.00 One Lyon & Healy Upright..... \$110.00 One Story & Camp Upright..... \$150.00 Kenball Upright..... \$185.00 Hallett & Davis..... \$225.00 Steinway Upright..... \$285.00 New eastern make Uprights only..... \$165.00 Square Pianos and Organs..... \$15, \$25, \$36, \$48 and up. We sell on easy monthly payments, rent, tune, exchange, move, and store Pianos. You are cordially invited to inspect the SELF-PLAYING PIANOLA, THE WORLD'S GREATEST MUSICAL INVENTION. It plays any piano; any one can play it. Write for catalogue, prices and bargain list. ..Schmoller & Mueller.. THE LARGEST PIANO HOUSE IN THE WEST. 1313 Farnam Street. 337 Broadway, Council Bluffs.

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OUTLOOK FOR THE COAL TRADE Consumption Equal to Production and Chances of a Strike Diminish. NEW YORK, Feb. 3.—The Engineering and Mining Journal speaking of the coal trade says: The cold weather has brought out a satisfactory buying in the anthracite trade, particularly in the east. Prices are firm and the consumption equals the production. The prospects of a general strike among the miners are much less, and it is altogether probable that there will be no serious trouble before spring. In the southeast bituminous trade the demand continues brisk, particularly from beyond Cape Cod, where there is a decided shortage of coal. Contracts are running out, however, and producers are better able to take care of orders. Regarding the coming season's prices it seems certain that rail freight rates from mines to tidewater will be quite higher than last year and that the regular price for coal at the mines will be about \$1.50 per ton. Owing to high westerly winds, following the foggy weather, vessels are detained at eastern points and ocean freight rates have risen.

Any One That has ever used WASH-A-LONGE soap will tell you: Just try it—never had as little trouble with my washing. REPUBLICANS MEET BRYAN Bay State Club Extends Social Courtesies to Nebraska Man. HOLYOKE, Mass., Feb. 3.—William J. Bryan arrived here from Montpelier in time for an early breakfast with Christopher T. Callahan, chairman of the democratic state committee. At 2 o'clock Mr. Bryan will board a train bound for Chicago, where he will speak in the city hall. Later he will go to Springfield, where, after addressing a public meeting in the mayor's office, Mr. Bryan will then return to Holyoke to make a speech before a mass meeting. While here Mr. Bryan will be given receptions by the firemen club, the mayor and the Bay State club, the latter a republican organization, whose members desire to meet Mr. Bryan socially.

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