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THINGS DULY OBSERVED.

COMMENTS AND OPINIONS IN TYPE.

What is Heard, Seen, Learned and Pertinently Suggested to the Multitude.



My Dear Girls, the Observer wants to say a few things to you this evening, the evening just before the Sabbath. Come, gather round me and all be real quiet, for I have something of much importance to discuss with you. It is about your happiness, your future welfare, etc. Well, to begin, you know about a year ago you were all wishing for the new year, and in that coming annual your life was to undergo many changes, for better or for worse, and that you were to take advantage of "the golden opportunity offered." In fact, the dear old *Journal* went so far to help you out as to publish a list of susceptible bachelors. Well, dear girls, the new year came, and what good have you derived from it, and along with it came the conventional Leap Year, and of its tempting inducements you have not accepted. And so it is another new year is at hand, yet still you are among the many to continue "life in loneliness and single cussedness." My bachelors tell me they had hoped their lady friends would be of more courageous nature than themselves and to be as good as their word would come forth and say, "Have me," and they would without mental reservation say "y-e-s" too quick to allow the words from your lips to get cold. Time is flying, my fair friends; life is short and the world is full of many love, and just such as are dying for some one to love them. Girls, stop; think and decide before it is everlasting too late. You have yet over a month to redeem yourselves; do so.

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The Observer made a flying trip to Chicago this week, leaving here Sunday evening and returning Wednesday morning on the early train. While there I accepted an invitation from Mr. Edward E. Rice, of the Rice & Dixie Co., who opened the new Baker theater Monday evening. The theater is a most elegant one, and the occasion of the opening was made a notable society event. Nearly every one was in full dress and every seat, besides standing room, was occupied. The company presented "The Pearl of Pekin," with the clever Louis Harrison in the leading role. Mr. Rice speaks well of the company's business and looks forward to their tour of the west with anticipations of great success. He informed me that the "Pearl of Pekin," which, by the way, is written by a Mr. Byrnes, editor of the New York *Dramatic Times*, was to be put on here at Funkle's soon. It is a Chinese piece, richly staged and magnificently costumed.

Monday evening I had the pleasure of accepting the hospitalities of Mr. Hambarger, at his very pleasant home in Chicago, and dined at a toothsome dinner at his festive board. Mr. Hambarger is the gentleman who, in company with Mr. Tansig, of Chicago, recently instituted the new L. O. B. B. Lodge in this city, which now flourishes. He made many friends while here by his genial manner and thorough knowledge of the work of the order in which he seems to take great interest and is a central figure. For the kindness shown, I desire to return sincere thanks and trust I may again meet him and his very pleasant family circle.

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These are lovely moonlight nights. Of course, they are not the sort that induce the lovers to hold the gate and post up until the wee, sunless hours of the morn, nor are they conducive to making congenial an evening's stroll or ride. They are all right to look upon, but not healthy to indulge in to a very great extent. Two chairs by the grate and the light turned down are far more congenial — so we are told.

Remember the opening day at Elliott's China Hall, Tuesday, November 27, 2 to 10 p.m. Elliott's grand opening takes place Tuesday, November 27, from 2 to 10 p.m.

LINCOLN LODGE NO. 80, B. P. O. ELKS,

Entertain Omaha Brothers in a Royal Manner, Assisted by the Murray and Murphy Combination.

The appearance of the Murray and Murphy troupe at the Funkle Thursday evening was made the occasion of a rousing social session of a high order, tendered by the Lincoln lodge of the "Best People on Earth," the Elks, to brothers of Omaha lodge No. 39.

Many of the members of the Murray and Murphy company are old Elks, and the majority of the audience at the Funkle Thursday evening was composed of Elks and their families and lady friends, who were enthusiastic and appreciative of the great performance given by Murray and Murphy and their strong company. Shortly after 10 o'clock the performance was delayed a few moments by a surprise which was in store for many and one highly complimentary to the recipients. Omaha Elks arrived in Lincoln from Omaha on a special train at 10:15, some thirty in number. They were escorted to the Funkle by a committee of Lincoln lodge and were greeted by a perfect ovation, as they were seated in seats specially reserved for them at the open house. Murray and Murphy's celebrated orchestra playing in the interval "Auld Lang Syne." Many of the best features of the performance were given after their arrival and were intensely enjoyed.

After the performance, over 300 Elks and invited friends, with the entire Murray and Murphy troupe and orchestra, assembled at the club room of Lincoln Lodge of Elks, where one of the most enjoyable social sessions ever given by the order was enjoyed by all present to the fullest extent. Brothers W. S. Huffman and Geo. M. Forman, reception committee, received and welcomed the guests of the evening, among those present from Omaha being the following prominent Elks: C. E. Hulett, I. W. Miner, F. Dana, I. F. Bernard, H. P. Stoddard, H. C. Moody, J. E. Preston, F. A. Balch, E. G. McMillon, E. M. Bartlett, Dr. Barnshall, Ed. Larkin, H. K. Murkett, W. B. Alexander, W. D. Dennett, W. B. Taylor, E. B. Southard and Jules Lombard.

The social session was opened in the usual form by Exalted Ruler Frank Zehring, who invited Brothers Murray and Murphy and C. H. Hulitt to seats on the platform, and introduced as presiding officer of the evening, Brother I. W. Miner, of Omaha lodge. Brother Miner, in his usual happy form, started the ball rolling and kept up the roll until the hour of closing, which was so early that many present congratulated themselves upon keeping such early hours. The program of the evening included music, songs, recitations and short addresses made by brothers and guests present, although the members of the Murray and Murphy company furnished the majority of the musical selections, which were highly entertaining and repeatedly encored. Hon. John M. Thurston, who was present, was called upon and in his usual happy way added to the pleasure of the evening. He who was in his happiest vein, however, of those present was Jules Lombard, of Omaha, whose singing was pronounced by Murray and Murphy as far ahead of anything they had ever listened to from one of his age. Mr. Lombard will be remembered by many as brother of Frank Lombard, now deceased, the two brothers being of national reputation from their celebrated campaign singing in years gone by. Mirth, music, recitals and refreshments made the session pass only too soon, and it was one of the greatest socials ever given in Lincoln, the local lodge scoring a great success as entertainers, and strengthening thereby the bonds of brotherhood in a way which more closely binds Lincoln and Omaha Elks together in brotherly love. The session will long be remembered by all those present, and Lincoln Elk social sessions will always be looked forward to with pleasure.

The order is steady and surely coming to the front as one of the best secret orders in the country. Combining as it does all the essential features of allied secret orders, brotherly love, justice, charity and fidelity, its social features are rapidly placing it in the front rank as the lodge of the "Best People on Earth." Popularity wins, and the lodge of Elks is destined and already is one of the strongest secret orders in existence and one to which it is an honor to belong.

One Fact

Is worth a column of rhetoric, said an American statesman. It is a fact, established by the testimony of thousands of people, that Herr Sarsaparilla doesn't scratch, scratch and other diseases or afflictions arising from impure state or low condition of the blood. It also overcomes that tired feeling, creates a good appetite, and gives strength to every part of the system. Try it.

Hannibal Office to Rent.

Desk room with use of telephone, steam heat, light and office boy, to rent at the new Cushing office, 122-124 north Twelfth street, Ground floor and best location in the city. Rent reasonable.

Plush Sale Continued.

During the past week, Messrs. J. & D. Newman have had a big run, and their plush sale, announced at the head of our advertising column last week and again today, has been a great success, so much so, in fact, that the firm will continue it until next Saturday night. They received a new invoice, yesterday, of plush goods, containing all the latest styles and finest qualities. These will also be included in the bargains for next week.

The sales in the dress goods and silk department of Heroldshimer & Co. have been continued for another week.

Universal base burners for hard or soft coal. Nothing in the market like them, or equal to them in heating. Lewis Hardware company have them.

Heroldshimer & Co. are going to have a grand opening of their holiday department if in need of a real French broadcloth, we have the best quality for \$1.25 a yard.

Elliott's grand opening takes place Tuesday, November 27, from 2 to 10 p.m.

CHINA HALL, 1212 O street.

So many Christmas gifts are made of satin. Ashby & Millsap are selling all the new gift shades at 25¢ a yard.

SEEN AT THE PLAY HOUSES.

MATTERS MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC

A Review of the Past, a Word for the Present and Prospects for Future Amusements.

ROSE COGHLAN'S "JOCELYN."

Such a large and refined audience as is ever ready to greet a meritorious play and a talented actor or actress, was one that filled the Funkle Wednesday evening to see Miss Rose Coghlans in her great play, entitled "Jocelyn." The piece is a most noble one, the scenes being laid in days of Angers in 1629, Miss Coghlans assuming the title role in a thoroughly artistic manner. The climax scenes were excellent, and never before have we heard so generous an applause from an audience in this city. It was not of the usual nature, i.e., more from the gallery than from the dress stairs, but the appreciation was mainly from the first floor. There was no loud whistling or stamping of feet, but everybody seemed to use the proper and refined manner of doing justice and it was certainly pleasant to note the difference. At the close of each act the star was called forth; the rising of the curtain to show the scene it just closed upon was insufficient and on two occasions Miss Coghlans appeared before the curtain to acknowledge the favors of the large audience.

The support was very good, William Luckey like unto the saying, "Christmas comes but once a year," this is also true of Thanksgiving, and for this festive holiday Manager McReynolds has provided one of the best attractions on the road to appear at the Funkle. It is none less than the peerless Carlton Opera Company, who open a two nights engagement on Thursday in the ever beautiful "Nanah" with its delightful waltz, songs, catchy music, funny liberto and its chorus of pretty girls. On Friday Strauss' masterpiece the "Queen's Hande Landebach" will be given. Mr. Carlton has paid more usual attention to the mounting

splendid style with which she first wood and won the public applause, she has acquired the added power which alone years of patient study of a difficult art can bestow. That Mrs. Scott Sidbons has entirely mastered the intricacies of a profession in which so much is second rate, and in which so few really excel, was manifest during each item of the varied and attractive program presented throughout the entertainment. Every phase of character was represented, and every scene depicted was conceived in the most perfect taste, and sustained with the most telling consistency. — *Londonderry Sentinel*.

LILY CLAY'S COMPANY.

A canary attraction appears at the Poco's, Wednesday evening, in which will be seen many specialties of various kinds. It will be a great night for the talkheads, and those who delight in seeing canary entertainments.

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IN THE SOCIAL SWIM.

A WEEK'S HAPPENINGS CHRONICLED.

Accounts of Balls, Parties, Weddings Etc., That Have Entertained Society.



Mrs. Sheldon's Reception.

One of the most elegant entertainments ever given in Lincoln was Mrs. Sheldon's reception Thursday afternoon from three to six. The house was darkened and softly lighted by electricity, which revealed its many beauties. The floral decorations were furnished by Mr. Frey and consisted principally of violets, chrysanthemums and roses, which were simply and effectively arranged. The balconies in the court were decorated with arts, hangings and Japanese lanterns, and the perfect harmony of the whole was greatly enhanced by the delightful music of the Philharmonic orchestra, stationed in the south balcony of the third floor. Refreshments were served in the handsome dining room, which was arranged with small tables, and the guests were perfectly served by efficient waiters, each lady being presented with a bon bon box. Refreshing ices were served throughout the afternoon in the hall.

The guests were received in the parlor by Mrs. Sheldon and her mother, Mrs. B. F. Burr, assisted by Mrs. A. D. Burr, Mrs. C. C. Burr, Mrs. D. D. Muir, Mrs. A. G. Beeson, Mrs. J. A. Buckstaff and the Misses Grundy, of Mineral Point, Wis. The guests were appropriately attired in handsome street costumes and nearly one hundred and fifty were received during the afternoon. The many exclamations of genuine admiration fully attested the appreciation of the exquisite taste displayed by Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon in the arrangement and decoration of their elegant home.

The charming ease of the hostess in receiving and entertaining her guests, added greatly to the enjoyment of all. Mrs. Sheldon wore a reception gown of black satin, relieved by facings of robin's blue moire, pearl earrings and necklace.

Mrs. B. F. Burr wore a Parisian gown of black moire and point lace.

Mrs. A. D. Burr, a costume of white cloth and golden brown velvet.

Mrs. C. C. Burr, copper-colored velvet, court train, point lace and diamond.

Mrs. Muir, evening dress of black velvet, powdered hair, diamond and pearl ornaments.

Mrs. Beeson, white cloth, sleeveless costume, embroidered in sweet pea colors.

Mrs. Buckstaff, lemon colored satin and black lace, with corsage bouquet of Jacqueline roses.

Miss Grundy, white faille with lace draperies.

Miss Margery Grundy, pink sash and moire.

Mrs. Sheldon presented the ladies receiving with souvenirs of exquisite Linen cups and saucers.

Marriage Anniversary Celebration.

Eighteen yearsago Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Brown launched their bark upon the placid sea of wedded life. They have found smooth sailing and a glorious sixty to this day. Thursday was the seventeenth anniversary of that joyous event, and on the evening of that day the happy couple gave a delightful party to their old friends at their lovely residence, 922 South Twenty-first street. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Davis, Col. and Mrs. J. J. Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Falkenberg, Mr. and Mrs. M. M. D. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Brown, entertained their friends right royal, shedding a gladness and sunshine around the beau etoile even while their table was freighted with the choicest viands, antecedents and delicacies, and graced with a rich variety of relishes and garnishes.

Wednesday's *Journal* announced three social affairs, among them a prospective wedding, which has since taken place, all of which appeared in these columns last Saturday. And yet the dear old *Journal* gives the day all the news earlier than any other paper.

Will McArthur left Tuesday for Mount Pleasant, Ia., where he met and was wed to Miss Saunders. Mr. and Mrs. McArthur will be at home Wednesday at 1830 C street and it is understood that, as is usual custom, the Pleasant Hour club will soon send the newly married couple a reception at Masonic temple.

The Omaha *Evolution* of last Saturday contains the following: "Miss Lippincott, of Lincoln, who has been the guest of Mrs. D. J. Calhoun, returned home Monday evening." Wong, again, friend Chase. Miss Lippincott did not visit in Omaha, neither did Miss Lippincott return to Lincoln Monday. The poor invalid young girl should have made Mrs. C. L. Lippincott.

Among those admitted to the bar by the district court, Thursday, we notice the names of Mrs. Mary B. Bryan, the wife of our friend Mr. W. J. Bryan of this city. On yesterday Mrs. Bryan was admitted to practice in the supreme court of the state. The *Courier* congratulates her upon having won so distinguished an honour. We understand that the lady has no thought of entering active practice, but took up the study that she might be able to share more fully in the purposes and tastes of her husband.

The following item regarding a Lincoln lady is taken from the *Le Roy (N. Y.) Times*: "Mrs. Martha Child, of Lincoln, Nebraska, a young lady of refined taste and scholarly attainments, has been the guest of Mrs. Charles Morris. She exhibits a cultured vocalist and writer, but we seldom enjoyed her presence in seeking the solitude of a country graveyard, in the night time, to employ her powers in quiet meditation. The spiritualistic exposures by Dr. Richland and the Fox sisters have inspired no courage than the casual thinker ever dreams of."

Did you hear about this great blizzard we are to have next Saturday? It's a hummer and comes from the wilds of Dakota. Louis Meyer & Co. speak of the to the *Courier* readers simply as a warning and at the same time would suggest that you prepare for the reception of the cold king by purchasing your supply of blankets and heavy blankets now. Meyer's line of blankets and comfortables are hard to equal. Prices, as is always the case there, are right and goods always guaranteed as represented.

Mr. Cyrus P. Flick, of Washington, D. C., who recently located here, has opened a law office in the Briscoe block, on Twelfth street. The gentleman is a graduate of the law department of Georgetown University, Washington, D. C., and one of a family of five brothers, four of whom are attorneys. The *Courier* welcomes Mr. Flick to our midst, knowing he will prove a valuable addition to the Lincoln bar.