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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL. A council of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics has been organized in Lincoln with about fifty members. It will be known as Lincoln council No. 2, and was instituted by Frank E. Lewis of this city, assisted by B. P. Knowlton of Omaha.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Maurritius, 231 south Fifteenth street, entertained a party of friends last evening at progressive high five. The following were present: Mr. and Mrs. Roselman, Mr. and Mrs. Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Preston, Mr. and Mrs. F. Perkins, Mr. and Mrs. Kirkpatrick, Mr. and Mrs. Comstock and Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Jones.

Miss Helen Merrihew, late head saleslady with Ashby & Millsbaugh, and Miss Harris, who conducted the glove department of the same firm, have been engaged by J. H. Maurritius & Co., to commence Monday next. Both young ladies have numerous friends who will be pleased to meet them hereafter at this popular house.

Dr. Reeves returned Thursday from Elgin, Ill., leaving his mother much improved. The telegram calling the doctor home left Elgin on Monday, but did not reach him until Saturday. In the meantime his brother had gone from Seattle, Washington, to Elgin and sent him another message from the latter place.

Walt M. Seeley, who returned recently from California, is minus his picturesque mustache. He lost it and a considerable part of the hirsute covering of his head during a severe illness while away.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Davis have been busily engaged during the week with the delightful duty of moving. They will hereafter be at home in their handsome new residence, 1625 E street.

The Sunday school class of Rev. Bradt are preparing an opera for a public entertainment and met with Miss Deena Loomis Tuesday evening for practice.

L. K. Holmes, the pioneer brickmaker, has returned from a trip east during which he secured new and improved machinery for his business.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillips of Omaha arrived in the city Monday and were pleasantly entertained for several days by Mrs. K. K. Hayden.

Gov. and Mrs. Thayer have been entertaining Mrs. H. E. Palmer and Mrs. R. R. Livingston of Plattsmouth this week.

Chas. I. Jones has been over at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, this week, where Jones, Douglas & Co. have another cracker factory.

Miss Laura Harris, formerly in charge of Ashby & Millsbaugh's glove department, has engaged with Maurritius & Co.

Miss Cora Outcalt of the supreme court clerk's office has been on duty this week after an illness of five weeks.

Miss Helen Merrihew, for five years with Ashby & Millsbaugh, has taken a position with Maurritius & Co.

George Cook, who was dangerously sick of erysipelas following an attack of typhoid, is improving.

Mrs. C. W. Sanford of Wahoo, daughter of Judge and Mrs. M. B. Reese, returned home Saturday.



"A Bunch of Keys" will be given at Funk's this evening. Mrs. James G. Blaine, Jr. is said to be rapidly recovering.

The author who wrote McGinty has so far drawn royalties amounting to \$1,500. Joe Hart has written a parody on "Annie Rooney," called "Annie Rooney's Sister," and it is a great go in New York.

Richard Stahl, who wrote "Said Pasha," has sold his new opera, "The Sea King," to Manager Gilmore of Philadelphia.

Agnes Huntington, formerly of the Boston Ideal, is to make a tour of America in "Paul Jones," under the management of Marcus R. Mayer.

The Schubert quartette of Chicago gave a concert at St. Paul's M. E. church last evening for the benefit of the pipe organ fund. The COUPLER'S forms are closed too early for a report.

After its first performance in Lincoln "The Pearl of Pekin" worked its way out to the Pacific coast. During several weeks in San Francisco it rained almost every day. The company went thence to Portland and Tacoma. Emma Juch had the only hall in Seattle available since the fire. "The Pearl" is now on its way east for a tour of the Atlantic seaboard.

Lillian Russell is said to have made the greatest hit of her life in "The Grand Duchess," and New York is raving over her worse than ever. The COUPLER office, by the way, has for sale her photo by Falk in half dozen different costumes and poses. Miss Russell has just signed a new contract with Rudolph Aronson for two years. Six hundred dollars is said to be the amount of her weekly stipend in the future.

Miss Mary Augusta Davey, who is better known to theater-goers and the general public as Minnie Madden, was married last week to Harrison Grey Fiske, the editor of the New York Dramatic Mirror. The event took place at Larchmont Manor, New York, and only the relatives and immediate friends were present. Mrs. Fiske permanently retires from the stage. She made her last public appearance at Toronto, in February, in "In Spite of All."

The report that Billy Florence and Mrs. John Drew had disagreed with Joseph Jefferson about the salaries they received in the Florence-Jefferson tour, and that both were going to withdraw from Jefferson's combination is denied. The story was that as the combination was making about \$14,000 a week on a tour Mr. Florence and Mrs. Drew considered that they were entitled to a larger share of the profits than their respective salaries of \$1,000 and \$500 a week.

Gustave Frohman says: There are nearly 3,000 "theatrical towns" in the United States and Canada in which a company can be booked for a season of ten years, and play a different town each night. To systematize the business I have prepared special maps of each state, showing at a glance the good "show towns," the railroad distances, the "theatrical value" of each town or theater, the kind of attraction generally preferred, whether dramatic, operatic or minstrel. A column might be written on the new features which have been developed to colossal proportions in theatrical management during the last two years. Chicago may get the World's Fair, but New York will control the theatrical business of the country.

A. P. Dunlop writes from New York under date of Saturday: The novelty of the week is "Josephine, Empress of the French," presented at the Broadway by Rhea. It was exceedingly well produced and faithful as to historical accuracy in costumes and scenery.

At the Standard, Sidney Rosenfeld again changed the cast of his play "The Stepping Stone," that magnetic actor Frederick de Belleville playing the part of Thurman Noyes, but the attendance still is very small. At the Metropolitan the German opera season closed on Saturday with the opera "Stegfried," and next Monday a grand Italian Opera season begins with Tomasco as Otello, Patti appearing for the first time in three years in New York as Semiramide on Wednesday. On Friday and Saturday Mr. Daly revived "The Taming of the Shrew," and will shortly produce "Nancy & Co.," and a farce called "Haroun Al-Rashid." The business done by all the play houses on St. Patrick's Day was enormous. The new plays yet to be seen in New York this season are: "The Inspector," at the Fourteenth Street; at Niblo's a version of D'Ennery's "Les Chevaliers du Brouillard," a translated "Jack Sheppard" under the title of "The Knights of Tyburn," "Money Mad," at the Standard, "An Arrant Knave" (now to New York) at the Twenty-third street and Leander Richardson's "Lord Dummorey," probably at the Madison Square Theater by Richard Mansfield.

Novelties for Easter. Foreman & Crowe have just received an attractive line of fine neckwear and kid gloves in all the new shades. For Easter greetings they have an artistic array of pretty cards, hand painted. Call and see these elegant goods.

Ewing's Opening Postponed. Owing to the storm of Thursday evening the Ewing Clothing company's opening was postponed. It will take place Monday evening and callers will be well repaid that visit this, the finest clothing house in the city.

Yates & Marshall have purchased the Perkins Bros' stock of books and shoes and are their opening Tuesday have been doing an excellent business. All Lincoln knows Mr. Yates, he being well known in shoe circles. Mr. Marshall, however, is a new resident of this city, late of Cordora, Ill. He is a gentleman of excellent business ability and like his partner will undoubtedly make many friends.

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Last year the new ice firm so well known now as the Lincoln Ice Co. made a new departure and instead of cutting ice from Salt Creek, which they discovered was injurious and impure, they went to the clear pure waters of Oak Creek and the Blue river. This fact was duly appreciated and accordingly from the start this new firm leaped into popular favor, in fact such as has never before been shown any other ice dealer since the establishment of the Capital City. The first season showed a business of 2,000 family customers and a correspondingly favorable amount of favors in the commercial service. The coming season promises even a larger patronage, and where heretofore eight wagons performed the duty hereafter twelve will be assigned for work. The service has always been prompt and careful, and the quality of the ice the very best. The recent harvest shows the finest ice crop ever put into storage. It is clear as crystal and measures a thickness of fifteen to seventeen inches. The company's three storage houses in this city and west Lincoln together hold over 20,000 tons, and are filled to their capacity, so there is no apparent danger of a shortage this summer, unless our neighbors from abroad draw too heavily on us for the frozen liquid. Last season the Lincoln Ice Co's product was ordered by consumers in various cities of Kansas, Missouri and as far south as Kentucky. The ice gave such excellent satisfaction that already the firm have orders from several points where the crop has been light. Of the Lincoln Ice Co. there is much to say in commendation. Their excellent service last season, together with their pleasant manner of doing business, has won for them the patronage and esteem of our best classes and that in itself is the best of testimonials. The company are now booking orders for the season and would be pleased to place your name among their list of customers. Orders taken by telephone No. 118. Office 1140 O street.

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