

Christmas in All Lands



HE REIGNS THE ROUND WORLD O'ER
THIS GOOD AND JOLLY KING.
'NEATH AUSTRAL SUN'S DOWNPOUR
THEY GIVE HIM WELCOMING.

AND IN THE FROZEN NORTH
THE SEEKER OF THE WHALE
BRIMS CUP AND SENDETH FORTH
TO SANTA CLAUS A HAIL.

THE DUSKY COTTER, TOO,
THE MAN WHO PLENTY HAS—
ALL SHARE THE COMMON VIEW,
"GOD BLESS ST. NICHOLAS."



Clinton Andrus. In 1888 the officers were: President, J. W. Maxwell; vice president, R. D. Muir; secretary, W. K. Stout; treasurer, Hal Young; master of ceremonies, W. E. Clark. These were succeeded in 1889 by Frank Burr, president; Will Hammond, vice president; C. Y. Smith, secretary; W. E. Clark, master of ceremonies; A. Scott, treasurer. The Pleasant Hour Junior club reorganized for the season of 1890-91 September 24 under the name of "The Assembly" and elected a new set of officers, but almost immediately afterward the Seniors and Juniors, or rather "The Assembly," consolidated, the first event after the union being the handsome reception given in the capitol to the newly married members October 24.

The dancing parties given by the Juniors were held generally in Temple hall and were always marked by their cordiality and good cheer. In addition to those already mentioned the membership embraced the following: C. H. Clark, George McArthur, H. R. Nissley, C. N. Weekbagh, J. C. Holmes, M. I. Winger, Hal Northam, S. L. Wilson, Joe Mallalieu, Fred Hallet, S. G. Langworthy, Harry McConiga, Lew Marshall, W. H. Wheeler, W. C. Phillips, Sam E. Low, George Pompelly, Joseph Mason, Dr. Kerman, K. D. Binford, J. S. West, H. Hefflinger, H. Hicks, W. S. Scott, S. Coleman, L. M. Taylor, Charles Burr, Bert Wheeler, C. Carper, C. Hall, George Holden, Fred C. Howe, J. McBride, F. H. Mockett, John T. Dorgan, H. R. Nissley, W. Phillips, E. O. Bradley, R. M. Joyce, Fred Smyser, H. E. Mitchell, James and Ed Fitzgerald, George L. Baum, C. D. Mullen, R. M. Simons, jr., J. U. Higginbotham.

The supremacy of the Pleasant Hour clubs has at different times been disputed by somewhat similar organizations. During the winter of 1883-4 and 1884-5 there flourished the "O. N. O." club. The significance of these mystic letters was not disclosed at the time, but as the association has ceased to exist no confidence is violated when the intelligence is imparted that "O. N. O." meant "our night out." O. A. Coons was president the first year and C. D. Pitcher the second; W. E. Hardy was secretary and treasurer. The membership embraced a large number of the younger society people of the city and the club enjoyed two successful and gay seasons. The dances were usually held at Temple hall. From the Thanksgiving menu card of 1883, recalling a gala occasion at the old Commercial hotel, then under the management of J. J. Imhoff, the following list of members is taken: C. A. Coons, H. B. Newman, Walter

C. Davis, W. E. Hardy, Bumstead, Newman, Mayron Wheeler, Meyer, Bell, Wheeler, C. H. Imhoff, A. B. Smith, Bert Smith, L. Wessel, Jr., Frank Smith, — Smith, Lau, C. D. Pitcher, Wickersham, Blystone, Chapman, G. F. Betts, Thomas, Mathewson, Pierce, W. L. Pickett, Stetson, Burbank, Hawkins, Joseph Imhoff. This club disbanded in 1885, when many of the members entered the Pleasant Hour club.

Other early clubs were the Sans Souci, Entre Nous, etc., and in the last ten years there have been many smaller dancing clubs which have met at private residences.

Last season there were a number of dancing societies all of which went through the winter very pleasantly. Among the clubs may be mentioned the "Calumet," composed of young married people; the "Yorke," organized the year previous, whose membership comprised a large number of prominent young people, and the "Comus," also supported by the younger element.

In the last five years there have been innumerable social, literary, and art clubs which have contributed materially to the social enjoyment of the city. It is impossible in an article of this kind to make individual mention of all these organizations. Suffice it to say that they have reflected credit on the city and have been the means of much pleasure and profit to their members and have done their part in elevating Lincoln's social life.

Mainly through the efforts of Mr. Ziemer the first annual Charity Ball was given last winter in the capitol. It was, as COURIER readers will remember, an elegant affair, being greatly excelled, however, by the second annual of recent date, which was pronounced one of the most elaborate assemblies ever given in the state. The Charity Ball has now become an established institution and in it will always centre widespread interest. It is unnecessary to dwell on other events of the present season.

Society has in the past felt the university influence and as the latter broadens and expands with the growth of the city it cannot help but elevate the social plane to a height uncommon in a western city. Ten years have witnessed a great change in our social condition. The next ten years will see a far greater advancement.

Christmas comes but once a year. Be charitable once a year at least and remember that while you are enjoying a merry Christmas thousands of poor unfortunates have not even bread to eat.

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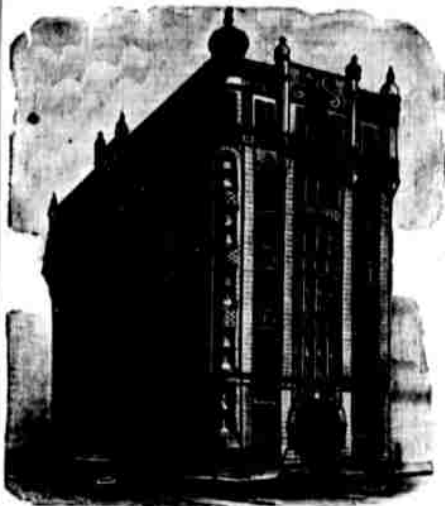
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