



Easter, the annual festival observed throughout Christendom in commemoration of the resurrection of our Lord, is upon us. Easter was not set apart by the apostles as a festival day, but in order to promote a life of blamelessness and piety, it came to be celebrated on account of the excellency of the many good things that happened. So it was that the observance of Easter came to be a perpetual custom just as many other customs have been established. No rules as to the date of the Easter festival was laid down by authority, so Christians were left to follow their own instincts. What day to be celebrated was a point that led to a long and bitter controversy, but was finally settled by the church of Rome. Now the rule for the day of Easter is the first Sunday after the fourteenth day of the calendar moon, which happens on or next after March 21. Easter, as commemorating the central fact in our religion, has always been regarded as the chief festival of the Christian year, and is now observed with stately ceremony. Our city churches have made extensive preparations for special service. Many of the churches will be handsomely decorated with flowers and Easter lilies, and special Easter music will be rendered.

Eighteen ladies have for the past winter been entertaining themselves very pleasantly every Friday afternoon at high five and divers other social pastimes. The club has never been named, but that in no manner interfered with the good times that have been had. They made no pretensions at being a club, but meet each week at a member's home, until eighteen parties, no two in the same place, have been duly enjoyed. At each meeting a small weekly assessment was made which was left with the secretary and a score was kept of the season's work and those receiving the largest total of punches were to be awarded the prizes to be purchased with the income. Last Friday the final party was given at the home of Mrs. L. Barr on Q street, at the close of which the winners were named and presented prizes, which were all of fine china, as follows in the order mentioned: Mrs. M. A. Newmark, decorated plate; Mrs. Max Kohn, bisque figure; Mrs. M. Ackerman, celery dish; and Mrs. I. Bruchs, a bonbon dish. The membership of the club includes: Mesdames Newmark, Kohn, Ackerman, Bruchs, Lou Wessel, L. Barr, L. M. Cohn, A. Katzenstein Jr., Sam Wessel, S. Mayer, L. Mayer, Chas. Mayer, Ksenky, M. Oppenheimer, Louie Meyer, Willie Meyer, I. Oppenheimer, A. Bloch.

The popular Empire club gave a large and brilliant party Saturday at the Lansing academy. This was the last party of the season, and unusually elaborate preparations had been made, so that in all appointments it far exceeded the other efforts that have been made this season. Besides the club, a large number of invited guests were present. The spacious rooms were tastefully decorated with sunnias and carnations, and brilliantly illuminated with electric lights. The costumes of the ladies were handsome of every delicate hue imaginable. Tees were served throughout the evening. The list of dancers included Messrs and Mesdames W. B. Hargraves, C. C. Upham, M. H. Tilton, I. M. Raymond, W. H. Leonard, Sutto, J. B. Wright, Teeters, C. T. Brown, D. E. Thompson, W. C. Wilson, Carl Funke, N. C. Abbott, Seacrest, Frank Hall, Chas. Dawes, Will Greene, Henry Oliver, R. A. Perry, Dr. Appelget, Jansen, Misses Anna Funke, Rose Carson, Grace Randall, Robinson, Louise Sweet, Nellie White, Sarah Harris, Messrs Van Duyn, Lou Marshall, Chas. Hanna.

Mrs. G. M. Maybery, mother of Mrs. H. P. Foster, died at the home of her daughter, 1235 H street, Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock. The death was very sudden, she being considered seriously ill only an hour before her passing away. Mrs. Maybery has made her home with the Fosters for several years and has made many friends and admirers among Lincoln people. She celebrated her ninetieth birthday last December, and until about a year ago has been vigorous and hearty, enjoying good health, when the prevailing epidemic, la grippe, seized her, and she never recovered from the effects of it. Tuesday morning she was taken with a sudden attack of pneumonia, and at 10 o'clock quietly passed away. The funeral occurred at the Foster residence Thursday morning, and was largely attended by friends of the family.

Mrs. R. T. Van Brunt entertined a congenial company at high five Saturday evening at her home on G and Thirteenth streets in honor of her sister, Mrs. F. O. Weeks of Sioux City. Mrs. Weeks has been visiting in the city for a week or more, and has made many friends among Lincoln people. She will extend her visit several days longer. Five tables were surrounded by bouyant high five players. While there were no prizes offered the most successful player, yet the spirit of contention was as great as if there had been. The guests of the evening were Mr. and Mrs. Streeter, Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Munger, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Rewick, Mr. and Mrs. Wolcott, Mr. and Mrs.

W. A. Prosten, Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. F. O. Weeks, Miss Laura Haggard, Mr. Avery Haggard.

A letter from Mr. Jacob Mahler to the writer under date of March 25th states that he has concluded to visit Lincoln again this spring and reopen his school for dancing and deportment. In the communication he says "the letters from Lincoln friends have been splendid and I feel quite proud of the kind and complimentary terms in which they have addressed me." Mr. Mohler expects to open his classes Wednesday, May 3rd, leaving St. Louis, Sunday, April 30th, for this city. No teacher of dancing has ever made the impression upon Lincoln society and left a more friendly patronage than did Mr. Mahler. He has not been here for several years but each spring has been importuned by numerous of Lincoln's first families to return to instruct the young folks in the most popular of society's accomplishments.

A new organization has been effected among church going people, who have banded themselves together for the purpose of studying church history. The first meeting of the Church History club was held in the First Presbyterian church Monday evening. Over a hundred were present to hear the three interesting papers. Dr. Curtis discussed the events in the church after the birth of Christ to the beginning of the work of St. Paul. Mrs. M. D. Welch read a paper treating of the work and missionary journeys of St. Paul. Professor G. A. Colbert treated of the tendencies, growth, and work of the early church. The talks were finely illustrated by stereopticon views, and the evening proved very profitable and interesting. Light refreshments were served by the young ladies.

Miss Lottie Bonfoy gave a very pleasant dancing party last Friday evening in the parlor and chapel of the Con-



servatory of Music. Cards were played in the first part of the evening after which delightful refreshments were served. Then dancing was indulged in until a late hour. Miss Bonfoy's guests were Misses Paddock, King, Barnaby, Blanchard, Kelley, Ramsey, Kimes, Richards, Coffman, Hale, Watson, Ashton, Danford, Wallace, Yaeger, Gyllum, Moehler, Macken, Mesdames Parks, Howell, Keiser, Stambaugh, Messrs Urquhart, Jeckell, Fisherdeck, Lamb, Howie, Chas. Jeckell, Keim, Doemer, Lafferty, Movius, Hale, West, Barnes, Donegan, Howell, Parks, Keiser, Trester, Buchanan, Clark, Smith and Comstock.

A very charming afternoon was that spent with Mrs. Laurence Fossler and Mrs. Howard Caldwell Friday at the home of the latter in East Lincoln. A large number of guests were invited to luncheon, and the afternoon passed very speedily with chatting and the delightful tea which was served in the middle of the afternoon. The ladies invited were Mesdames L. A. Sherman, J. H. Canfield, N. H. Allen, O. V. Stout, C. N. Little, C. H. Barbour, H. H. Wilson, T. M. Hodgman, Fulmer, Bruner, W. Q. Bell, Adams, E. T. Hartley, A. B. Watkins, L. C. Richards, Calhoun, Aitken, C. E. Bessey, Paul Clark, Dr. R. E. Loyd, H. K. Wolfe, W. P. Bowen, E. H. Chapin, Waterman, S. Schwab, Sam Cox, Miss Ellen Smith.

The Century Literary club met Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. McCreery. The time allotted to the discussion of

current events was devoted to the presentation of the recent liberal movement in the Catholic church in regard to general education. Mrs. Dr. Garten gave a very interesting account of the Chautauqua which is to be held this summer at Lake Champlain. A by prepared papers were read on "The Rise and Progress of the Two Political Parties," "Struggle of National Banks," by Mrs. Winger and Mrs. Kirker. The usual number were present and the same general enthusiasm and interest prevailed. The ladies were happy to welcome Mrs. Teeters as a member of the club.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Maurilius charmingly entertained the Young Married People's Card club at their cozy home, 1215 G street, Wednesday evening. The ordinary diversion of the club, progressive high five, was the order of the evening. Delightful refreshments were served in the middle of the evening, which afforded a pleasing interruption that would break any monotony that might exist. The prize, which was a handsome cut glass salad dish, was won by Mr. Harpham. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Crancer, Mr. and Mrs. Harpham, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Folsom, Mrs. Helwig, Misses Hattie and Carrie Lehand, Mr. I. M. Aitken, Mr. Chas. Keefer, Mr. Clough.

A whist club met with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Funke last evening. The club has been meeting regularly throughout the winter. Mrs. Funke entertained the club a little out of the regular order, and the guests indulged in a 7 o'clock tea, supper was served at several small tables arranged throughout the rooms. The supper was splendid and heartily enjoyed by the guests. After supper the scientific game of whist was indulged in until a late hour. The guests were Messrs. and Mesdames N. C. Brock, W. C. Wilson, E. S. Hawley, R. A. Perry, A. S. Raymond, N. C. Abbott, S. H. Burnham, J. B. Wright, J. H. Harley, I. M. Raymond, E. E. Brown, Dr. and Mrs. Appelgat.

The C Street Card club met with Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Wirrick, 1339 C street Friday evening. There were seven tables around which a happy company of fourteen couples passed a most delightful evening. About 11 o'clock a sumptuous repast was served after which high five was resumed until midnight when the pastebard manipulators adjourned sine die.

Those present were Messrs and Mesdames C. H. Morrill, W. Q. Bell, F. C. Fiske, T. C. Munger, P. H. Holm, C. Richardson, A. W. Lane, O. P. Davis, F. M. Blish, W. R. Cambridge, Henry Zehring, C. M. Herrick, A. E. Barney and Misses Bridge, Blish and Nellie Zehring. The royal winners of the evening were Mrs. Bell and Mr. Holm.

If you noticed anything very strange about Mr. L. M. Thomas of Lasch Bros. on last Monday morning, you must not blame him. Sometime during the dark and dreary hour of midnight of the night before, his good wife made him a present of a real live, wide awake ten-pound girl. L. M. swears her lungs are the best developed of any in Lincoln. As a consequence Mr. Thomas came down town at an early hour clad in a fatherly smile with his freshly shined shoes and an immaculate shirt front, and steps high. He will be able to attend to business about Monday morning.

Miss Maud Hammond entertained a few friends Monday evening informally in honor of Miss Lila Weeks of Hastings. The evening was spent with cards, dancing and refreshments. The guests were Miss Mary Jones, Lila Weeks, Minnie DePue, Stella Kirker, Clara and Anna Hammond. Messrs Chas. Jones, George Meisner, George Woods, Eugene Brown, Will Hammond.

The Kappa Kappa Gamma fraternity was very congenially entertained Saturday at the home of Miss Anna

Broadly on Cherry Hill. Five new members were admitted into the mysterious bonds. At six o'clock the gentlemen of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity assembled at Miss Broadly's and a splendid supper was served to the merry company. The evening was pleasantly spent with dancing, music and other games, and the guests then escaped before midnight.

The M. L. S. C. gave its final party of the winter series at Temple hall Thursday evening, and like its former predecessors was a most enjoyable affair throughout. Irvine's superb orchestra furnished charming music and a specially prepared supper was enjoyed by about thirty couples at the Palace dining hall at eleven o'clock. To Mr. Sol Berkson is due much credit for the enjoyable series of five dancing parties given, and he certainly has the gratitude of each participant for his efforts.

Changeable silks are all the go now. Bloch & Kohn will make a run on both serges and brocades next week, 40 inches, perfect beauties, 27 cents. Also twelve pieces irresistible whipcord, plain Mohairs and Bedford cord, worth 50 cents for 37 cents. If you want a bargain in other lines of spring dress goods, look up Bloch & Kohn's adv. in this issue.

Mr. A. M. Mount, manager of the Interior Decorative Company, returned Wednesday from Jacksonville, Ill., whither he journeyed to visit with his family who still reside there but will be Lincoln residents within the month.

Mrs. Jenness Miller, the well known dress reformer will give one of her talks to a large audience at Funke's Friday evening. Saturday afternoon Mrs. Miller will have a plain talk with ladies at St. Paul's M. E. church.

Fancy stripes, two toned and plain, dress goods, actually worth 25 cents, will be sold next week at Bloch & Kohn's for 16 cents. English cashmere chevrons and herringbones for 19 cents.

A new fad in New York society is the house cleaning party. When the carpets are taken up the young people have a merry dance and luncheon. No doubt it will strike Lincoln in a week or two.

Mr. and Mrs. Phelps Paine returned home Saturday evening from St. Paul, Minn., after a visit of ten days with relatives. They reported good sleighing and very cold weather.

Mr. Morris Turner and family who some months ago went to California to reside are expected back the first of next week. They will again take up their residence in Lincoln.

Mrs. Anna R. King, who last year was numbered among the corps of high school teachers, came down to Lincoln Saturday. She returned to Omaha Monday.

Miss Carrie Wasmer who has been visiting in the city for some time, the guest of Miss Nellie White, has returned to her home in Grand Island, Neb.

Mrs. Dr. E. H. Eddy is visiting her parents and the old surroundings at Manistee, Mich., and will be away from Lincoln a month or more.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Winger will be at home to their friends on Tuesday evening. The feature of the evening is to be music.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians will give their annual Easter ball on Monday evening, April 3rd, at Masonic Temple.

Miss Lila Weeks of Hastings spent Monday in Lincoln, the guest of Miss Maud Hammond.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Lindly entertain friends at dinner next Monday evening.

Dr. and Mrs. Tacker left Monday for Chicago where they will spend some weeks.

Mrs. R. E. Van Brunt is entertaining her sister, Mrs. Weeks, of Sioux City.

Miss Mary Pitcher returned from a week's visit with friends in Fullerton.

The F street club meets with Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Brown this evening.

Several big bargains are offered this week by Bloch & Kohn. See adv.

Dr. and Mrs. M. H. Everett spent Wednesday in Hastings.

Miss Bertha Scott departed Tuesday for Canton, New York.

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