

IN SOCIAL CIRCLES

Usually with the waning of September and the approach of the bright October days, when the air is crisp and buoyant, and when away of the monotonous heat of the summer, we begin to look forward with eager interest to the winter with its enforced activity, society is wont to assume a life and gaiety in keeping with the season, and if social activity is not already apparent, society is at least busy making plans and getting itself in readiness for the demands of the season.

But this year the seasons change, and society remains stationary. Society is wrapped in dullness, utter dullness, and the garment seems to abide. No one appears to be ready to take the initiative, and plans which should be unfolded, are held in abeyance, while we wait for things commercial and financial to brighten.

But the stagnation cannot long continue. Lincoln will not, it is thought, be conspicuously lively this winter; but there must be amusement, and there are people who have the means and the inclination to entertain, and they will dispense hospitality as of yore, and there will be plenty of people who are perfectly willing to be entertained.

While the numerous social organizations that are the wheels around which society revolves, have not, with one or two exceptions, taken any definite steps in the way of preparation for the coming season, it is quite probable that each will maintain its organization as heretofore, and there is a prospect of one or two new organizations for social enjoyment. The Pleasant Hour club will re-organize sometime about the middle of October, and the Empire club and the Patriarchs will undoubtedly successfully continue their existence.

Two or three weddings are in prospect for the next six weeks, and there promises to be a sufficient number of weddings scattered through the winter to keep interest alive. From present indications they will all be comparatively quiet.

Perhaps the lively theatrical season which is now assured will to some extent make up for the scarcity of events in society. It is possible that ere the holidays are reached the comparative quiet of the autumn will have given place to a gaiety all the more pronounced because long deferred.

Keefe-Leland.
The residence of Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Leland on north Sixteenth street was the scene of a charming, though quiet wedding Tuesday evening, the contracting parties being Miss Hattie, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leland, and Mr. Edward Keefe. The home was profusely decorated with smilax and golden rod and presented a beautiful appearance. Promptly at 8 o'clock the bridal party entered the parlors to the strains of Lohengrin's wedding march, played by the bride's younger sister, Miss Jessie Leland. The marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. John Hewitt. Miss Leland who is a very estimable and popular young lady made a charming bride in a white silk costume, trimmed in white lace. She carried a large bouquet of bride's roses. The ceremony was followed by a wedding supper. Mr. Keefe is in the employment of the *State Journal* and both young people are well known in Lincoln where they have a large circle of friends who wish them much happiness and the greatest prosperity. They were the recipients of many beautiful and costly presents. Only a very few of the immediate relatives and friends were present, including Mr. and Mrs. Henry Keefe, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Keefe, Mr. Bennett, Miss Grace Bennett, Miss Hattie Keefe, Miss Grace Burr, Miss Bottum and Miss Bennett, of Oakbrook, Wis. Mr. and Mrs. Keefe will be at home to their friends after the 15th of November at 1203 G street.

Fanche-Manley.
Mr. William C. Fanche of Lincoln and Miss Belle Manley of Geneva, were quietly married at the home of the bride's parents in that city Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock. Rev. Baker of the Methodist church performed the ceremony in the presence of immediate friends and relatives of the contracting parties. After partaking of a wedding breakfast the happy couple took the train for this city and are now pleasantly installed at 1829 O street. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Manley and is well known in Lincoln, having visited here on several occasions. The groom has lived in Lincoln several years and is in the employ of the *Evening News*.

Organ Recital.
The First Congregational church was completely filled Friday evening last, the occasion being an organ recital given by Mr. William L. Gray, of the conservatory of music, assisted by his wife and Mr. Wilhelm Lamprecht, violinist. An exceedingly fine program was given, and Mr. Gray demonstrated his ability in a marked manner. The number which called for the most applause was the "Concert Fantasia on a Welch March," by Beet, which brought out many fine orchestral effects. At the close of this number Mr. Gray was the recipient of

a beautiful basket of flowers and a large bunch of roses. Mrs. Gray rendered two songs in a most pleasing manner. The first, Handel's "Largo," with violin obligato; the second an Ave Maria, from "Cavalleria Rusticana." Mrs. Gray was enthusiastically re-called. Mr. Lamprecht appeared in the obligato with Mrs. Gray. The program was closed with Batieste's grand offertorio.

President and Mrs. Croan Entertain.
President and Mrs. Wm. M. Croan, of the Western Normal, entertained the club composed of the faculty of the college in a most delightful and novel manner Friday evening. The form of entertainment was very unique. First there was an old-fashioned spelling match, after which the gentlemen disappeared for a few moments and re-appeared masked and wrapped in sheets, all being the same height, nine feet, and the ladies had to choose a partner from among the ghostly crowd. Tempting refreshments were then served and a delightful time was enjoyed by all present. The next meeting of the club will be devoted to the study of Shakespeare. Different authors will be taken up during the winter, and every other meeting will be devoted to pleasure.

Miss Grace Oakley Entertains.
Miss Grace Oakley entertained a few friends very informally Friday evening at her pleasant home on M street. Those present were Miss May Moore, Miss Lucy Griffith, Miss Grace Burr, Mr. Guy Hurlbut, Mr. John Lotteridge, Mr. Harry Lansing, Mr. Ross Curtis.

Lincoln Turnverein.
The Lincoln Turnverein gave a very enjoyable dance at their hall at the corner of Tenth and N streets, Wednesday evening. The hall was beautifully decorated with evergreens and cut flowers. It was the first dance of the season, and a pleasant time was enjoyed by all present. It was participated in by nearly all the members and a number of their friends.

Chautauqua Circle.
A meeting of the South Lincoln Chautauqua circle for the purpose of making arrangements for the coming season, was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Benedict, 1420 Vine street Tuesday evening.

Mr. Everts as a Wit.
Mr. W. M. Everts, who has just been celebrating his golden wedding, is a man of wit not too often used for telling effect. He flashes his steel to good purpose now and then. The story is said that once at a dinner of the New York Potters, a sort of family reunion, he as their counsel had been asked to dine with them all. There was a bishop and there was a doctor of divinity, and there were other distinguished scions of the family tree present, and the after-dinner speeches had all been (very naturally for such an occasion) on the fame and the successes of one another. The history of the Potters since they first came to this country was told in all its glorious details. Then Mr. Everts was asked to make a speech, and they say he said that he felt he must really be excused. In this reverend presence, however, he might be pardoned for uttering a paraphrase of Scripture which had come into his mind during the speeches of the rest—"Lord, Lord, thou art the clay, and we are the Potters!"

Tribute to Miss Bell.
There is a portrait of Miss Lillian Bell of Chicago, in the current number of the *Ladies Home Journal*. The editor Mr. Edward W. Bok, pays a somewhat enthusiastic tribute to this young lady who has a number of friends and admirers in this city, and whose recent book, "The Love Affairs of an Old Maid" has occasioned such favorable comment. "Miss Bell may be said to be in every respect, in birth, family and instincts, a representative type of the American girl," remarks Mr. Bok. "Born in Chicago her nature is full of that brightness and vivacity which the atmosphere of the west gives as its birthright."

Minor Mention.
An oyster supper and social was given last evening at the First Presbyterian church.

The funeral of Walter Ackerman, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Ackerman, occurred Thursday afternoon from the residence, 1007 J street.

Mr. Nowlin, who has charge of the music department at Crancer's, has composed a waltz song entitled "Always Together." It will be issued next week.

Miss Olive May, of Beatrice, known to a number of young people in this city, has left Stuart Robson's company to accept an engagement with Nat Goodwin who is now playing "In Mizoura."

Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Sherwood and family have gone from Beatrice to Lincoln, where they will make their future home. Miss Sherwood will visit Mr. and Mrs. Offut before joining her family there.—Omaha Bee.

Grace Lutheran chapel, Fourteenth and F streets, was dedicated Sunday, Rev. Dr. Clutz, of Atchison, Kas., preaching the sermon. The chapel will be used temporarily by Rev. Ludden's congregation, pending the erection of a church building.

The members of the faculty of the state university were entertained Saturday evening by Chancellor and Mrs. Canfield, at their residence on S street. There were seventeen members and their wives present, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

Miss May North, of Columbus, Neb.,

who last season achieved much success on the stage as a member of the Ramsey Morris company, has decided not to accept an engagement this season. She will visit in this city in the near future and will be the guest of the Misses Cowdery.

The Sons of Veterans held an open meeting Wednesday evening. There was an instrumental solo by Miss Redding, an address by Judge Strode, a duet by Misses Hedges and Dobbs, an address by Mrs. Davis, a solo by Mr. Baird, and army reminiscences by Mr. Masterman and Dr. Matson.

Thursday afternoon at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cole, 2255 Vine street, Miss Edith Avanelle Cole, and Mr. A. Wadden Fisher, were united in marriage, Rev. S. D. Badger, of Creighton, Neb., an uncle of the bride, officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Fisher are now at home at 1405 north Twenty-first street.

The outing given Wednesday at Lincoln park for the benefit of the Tabitha home, was not as largely attended as was hoped and expected, and as it would have been had the weather been warmer, but those who did go were amply repaid by having a good time and receiving the beautiful flowers given away by the management of the park.

The marriage of Dr. Samuel L. Anspacher, of Paducah, Ky., and Miss Edith M. Risinger, of Lincoln, Neb., daughter of Mr. William Risinger, was solemnized at the Hotel Savery, Des Moines, Ia., September 20. The groom is the popular representative of the Haarman Vinegar company of this city. Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Miss Anspacher left for Chicago and other points and will make their home in Peru, Ia.—Omaha Bee.

Mrs. Katharine Fisk, contralto, of Chicago, who has been heard in this city in connection with the concerts given by the Lincoln oratorio society, represented Chicago at the Worcester music festival, appearing there September 28, with Nordica, Edward Lloyd, Henri Marteau, the celebrated young French violinist, and other well known artists. Mrs. Fisk's admirers in this city may be interested in the following expression from the *People's Journal*, London: "Mrs. Katharine Fisk, an American contralto endowed with a remarkably fine voice, made a brilliant success as a concert singer in London last year, and it was hoped that she would make England her home, but she was induced to accept a tempting offer to become chief singer of a fashionable church in Chicago with annual holidays, permitting her accepting of concert engagements for several weeks. She is expected to sing in London at her next holiday."

CHICAGO SOCIAL TOPICS.

Gossip Concerning the Windy City's 400

Hon. Carter H. Harrison has gone to West Baden, Ind., where Mrs. Carter H. Harrison, Jr., and the mayor's fiancée, Miss Howard, are sojourning. It is now definitely settled that the wedding of Mr. Harrison and Miss Howard will take place in November.

Iowa day at the fair brought Governor Boies and his richly uniformed staff, with a number of the leading society ladies of the Hawkeye state, including Miss Jessica Boies, the governor's daughter, Mrs. Secretary McFarland, Mrs. Colonel J. S. Wylie, of Davenport; Mrs. John F. Duncombe, of Fort Dodge; Mrs. General Greene and Mrs. Judge Rothrock, of Cedar Rapids, and others, in fetching carriage gowns and millinery. Iowa had nothing to mar its pride in gallantry, beauty and fashion.

Michigan avenue, the most imposing of Chicago's drives, especially on these bright September days, is once more glorified by the sight of Mr. R. Hall McCormick and his drag. Mr. McCormick is one of the crack whips of the town, and can tool a quartet of spanking nags through a jam in a space just the width of the coach about as skillfully as anyone I know. Among his guests on a recent excursion to the Washington Park club were Lady Boughey, the Hon. Miss Campbell, Colonel and Mrs. Hayes-Sadler, Hon. George R. Cockburn, M. P., and Mrs. Cockburn.

"I cannot refrain from expressing my deep surprise and regret that the people of Chicago should have thus far neglected to take any steps to reimburse Mr. George M. Pullman for the loss of \$300,000 by fire in his lumber yards at the town of Pullman last week," says "The Saunterer" in *Town Topics*. "Mr. Pullman, as is well known, is much too poor to stand such a loss unaided, and the readiness with which he announced his willingness to subscribe to the relief fund it was recently proposed to create for the Duke of Veragus, seems to call at least for something more than a display of indifference from his fellow citizens. Several leading Chicagoans have expressed to me the opinion that if it were advisable to raise a fund for the benefit of a crippled duke abroad, it was imperative that Mr. Pullman, who is himself a duke by the patent of King Humbert, should be recompensed by his sympathetic fellow citizens at home for the loss inflicted upon him by an always inscrutable providence. I sincerely hope that by the time these lines are read some of his fellow millionaires will have come handsomely forward to the afflicted Duke of Pullman's relief."

Sir Henry Truman Wood, one of the

commissioners from England to the world's fair, is one of a large number of well known Englishmen who have moneyed interests in eastern Kentucky and Tennessee. Not long since he stopped at a luxurious hotel, of which he is a stockholder, in the wilds of the Cumberland Mountains, known as the Hotel of the Four Seasons. Sir Henry was given a seat in the dining room at a table with two loyal Britons, well known London men, who were strangers to the man of title, and who had just returned from a visit to the world's fair. All ignorant of the relation of their vis a vis to the British interests at the great show, they began abusing the British exhibit.

"Did you ever see such rubbish?" said one.

"An absolute disgrace to the English nation," said the other.

Sir Henry, who had put them down from the start as two anglo-manics just out from New York, called one of the head waiters, and in a tone he took no trouble to disguise, said: "Waitah, I'll be moved at once to another table," and in an aside, which was plainly heard, "I can't abide these American brawlers!"

The story caused much amusement about the hotel. And Sir Henry never knew he had administered the reproof to two of his own countrymen.

Chicago is becoming noted for its literary luncheons. The last of these functions was given by Mr. J. W. Scott in honor of the distinguished author, J. T. Trowbridge, at the Union League club. Mr. Trowbridge is probably best known through his famous book, "Cudjo's Cave," which during the war of the rebellion so thrilled the hearts of northern readers. He is an uncle of Mrs. Scott, and, in company with Mrs. Trowbridge, has been in Chicago for several weeks seeing the fair. Quite a galaxy of men distinguished in letters and art were the guests of Mr. Scott, and had the pleasure of welcoming Mr. Trowbridge to Chicago. The table contained a centerpiece of Duchess of Albany roses, relieved by borders of maiden-hair ferns. After the repast Eugene Field recited some of his verse and Mr. Willard and others told stories. Sol Smith Russell electrified his audience, with an imitation of John B. Gough, the eloquent temperance orator. Mr. Scott's guests were: Messrs. J. W. Scott, Sol Smith Russell, H. H. Kohlman, Dr. W. R. Harper, J. T. Trowbridge, Franklin H. Head, Major Kirkland, Paul du Chailu, Melville E. Stone, Eugene Field, William Ordway and Edward S. Willard.

Entirely Different.

Charles Frederick Dillingham had a check which he wished to exchange for its face value in legal tender. He tripped gaily with the precious paper to the Unlimited Trust and Deposit company's bank. Mr. Dillingham had never dealt with this bank, but he was sure he knew the cashier well enough to get the money without the slightest trouble, as he had enjoyed a very agreeable interview with him less than 48 hours before. So he walked up to the window, said "Good morning," pleasantly to the owner of the head which appeared at the opening and handed in his check with the utmost confidence. "I'd like cash for that, Mr. Munn," he said. "Let me have it in fives, please."

Mr. Munn took the paper, read it carefully, saw that the endorsement on the back corresponded to the name of the payee on the front, examined it upside down and right side up, scrutinized the edges and held it up to the light to see the water mark. Then he handed it back with the observation, "You'll have to be identified, sir."

"What?" gasped the checkholder. "You know me, Mr. Munn! Why, I'm the man your daughter is engaged to, and it was only the night before last that I had a little talk with you, and—secured your consent to our marriage."

"Yes, I know," assented the cashier. "That's all right, my dear sir, but when it comes to letting go of large round dollars that's another thing entirely."—Harper's Bazar.

Standing Up For His Rights.

"Are you the editor that takes in the society items?" inquired the caller, an undersized man, with a timid, appealing look on his face. "Yes, sir," replied the young man at the desk. "I can take in any kind of items. What have you?"

"Why, it's this way," said the caller, lowering his voice. "My wife gave a swell party last night, and I'm willing to pay to have this writup of the affair put in your paper."

"We don't charge anything for publishing society items," observed the young man at the desk, taking the proffered manuscript and looking it over. "That's all right," was the reply. "You don't understand. I wrote this up myself, and I put in a line or two that says, 'Mr. Halfstick assisted his distinguished wife in receiving the guests.' That's the way I want it to go in, and I don't care if it costs \$1 a line. I want my friends to know, by George, that I still belong to the family!"—Chicago Tribune.

His Reasons.

"No," said a henpecked husband at he scratched his bald head, "I am not a believer in Mormonism—not by a long chalk."

"Why not?" asked the Mormon sympathizer with whom he was conversing.

"Because," replied the henpecked man, "I don't believe in a man having two wives. No man can serve two masters."—Texas Sittings.

That Explains It.

A.—Kranse will have it that he made a speech of two hours' duration at the meeting the other night, but I see it only takes up the space of half a column in the papers.

B.—Ah, but, you know, Kranse stammers.—Humoristische Blätter.

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