

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

The Masked Ball.

Members of the Pleasant Hour club had looked forward to the masked ball arranged for Thanksgiving night with more genuine interest than has thus far been manifested in any social event this season, and not a few of them, together with the ladies, made specially elaborate preparations for this entertainment. Several years had elapsed since the last masquerade, and there was a determination to make this ball, if possible, the gayest and most attractive of fancy dress entertainments given by the club. Those who were fortunate enough to be present at the ball in the Lincoln hotel Thursday night will probably agree that the anticipations were realized.

It was a particularly brilliant and gay assembly. Much taste and considerable ingenuity were displayed in the costumes, some of which were very gorgeous. The disguises were, in most instances, very effective, and there were any number of amusing complications. There was a large number of spectators who derived almost as much enjoyment from the ball as the participants. The state band orchestra as usual furnished the music, and as befitted the occasion, the airs were particularly lively and inspiring. The dancers unmasked at ten o'clock, and sat down later to an elaborate repast in the small dining room, after which dancing was resumed. It was quite late when the orchestra played "Home Sweet Home."

Mr. Frank S. Burr was most effectively disguised as an attractive young woman. He wore a stunning dress of a subdued shade of red.

Mr. Dan G. Wing and Mr. B. G. Dawes were attired in tennis suits of white flannel.

Mr. George J. Woods was a dashing Othello, his costume being particularly handsome.

Miss Rose Carson represented Martha Washington.

Miss Bertie Burr was Chrysantheum, a Japanese maiden.

Mr. Frank Polk was a winner as Uncle Tom.

Miss Marquette and Miss Lillibridge created much amusement as twin Topsy, the disguise being most effective. Mr. Ned Keating completed the Uncle Tom combination by appearing as winsome Little Eva.

Mr. Lee was a gorgeous Sir Joseph.

Miss Mame Carson characterized Dolly Varden in a strikingly designed costume.

Miss Marie Jones was Lady Teazle, in a rich costume.

Miss Emerald Jones was Little Bo Peep with the traditional crook.

Mr. Askin was a stunning Little Boy Blue.

Dr. C. E. Spahr inspired terror as Mephistopheles.

Miss Cushing wore a very pretty dotted blue costume with appropriate mask.

Mr. W. B. Robinson inspired awe as an Indian.

Lieutenant J. J. Pershing wore his West Point cadet uniform.

Miss Fay Marshall wore a stunning riding habit.

Miss Mae Burr was a charming school girl in a short dress, carrying lunch basket, slate, etc.

Mr. Will Johnson was Sir Peter Zeale, a very elaborate and beautiful costume in silk and gold lace.

Miss Bertie Clark represented Harlequin in a pretty costume of pink and black, and powdered hair.

Mr. Matt Baldwin was vivid in an exaggerated evening dress suit of red and white flannel.

Miss Mary Miller, of Chicago, was a picturesque and dainty dairy maid.

Miss Latta was a bewitching Quakeress.

Miss Grace Burr personated Priscilla, in demure gray and white, with powdered hair.

Miss Jeanette Wilson and Miss Ward, of Wauqua, Minn., were merry little school girls with jumping ropes, etc. They were much admired.

Miss Alice Cowdery appeared in a regulation tennis costume.

Mr. Charles L. Burr's fancy dress excited general admiration. It was a brilliant Mexican costume, with sombrero, etc.

Mr. Pryor Merkel appeared as a cow puncher, with a murderous looking six shooter.

Mr. C. A. Hanna was a minstrel, carrying a banjo.

Miss Nellie White was particularly winsome and fetching as Dot Dimple, her costume being regarded as one of the prettiest present.

Mr. Fritts Westermann cut a wide swath as a colonial gentleman.

Mr. E. M. Joyce was a graceful and brilliant Sir Walter Raleigh.

Mr. W. G. Morrison appeared as "one of the finest" wearing a genuine police man's uniform.

Miss Rachel Brock was a pretty Highlander.

Miss Anne Funke as a peasant girl was charming, as usual. Her costume was very tastefully designed.

Mr. John T. Dorgan was a dashing military man, appearing as a lieutenant of cavalry. Earlier in the evening he was a diverting Mephistopheles.

Mr. Krug also appeared in several costumes, the last being a military uniform in which he was notably swell.

Miss Talbot wore a pretty pink gown and blonde wig.

Miss English's costume was of green and gold, with blonde wig.

Lieutenant Bamford of Omaha, wore his lieutenant's uniform.

Mr. George Risdon essayed the role of Uncle Sam.

Mr. Clough was a colonial gentleman.

Among the uncostumed dancers and spectators were: Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Baum, Mr. W. Farnam Smith, of Omaha, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Burnham, Mr. and Mrs. John W. McDonald, Mr. Charles Todd, of Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Brown, Miss Bennett, of Omaha; Miss Hallie Hooper, Dr. and Mrs. C. F. Ladd, Mr. Fred W. Houtz, Mr. Oscar Funke, Miss Jennie Underwood, Mrs. J. E. White, Mr. W. F. Meyer, Mr. C. Y. Smith, Mrs. Latta, Judge and Mrs. T. L. Norval, of Seward, Mr. W. F. Kelley, Hon. G. M. Lambertson, Mrs. Hayes Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Burr, Mr. and Mrs. R. Rehlender, Mrs. N. C. Brock, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Thompson, Mr. Frank C. Zehring, Miss Price, of Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Leonard, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Beeson, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Green, Mrs. A. B. Clark, Miss Margaret Clark, Miss Margaret Baird, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Oakley, Mr. C. E. Waite, Mr. Frank M. Cooke, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Oakley, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Lippincott, Miss Wells and Miss Genevieve Wells, of Cincinnati; Mr. C. E. Magoon, Mr. A. K. Andriano, Miss Ruby Jones, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Upham, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Burr, Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Sheldon, Mr. and Mrs. John B. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Nisley, Mrs. Stephen Brock, Mrs. Carson, Mr. J. C. Mason, Misses Hoover, Mrs. Van Dusen and sister, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Underwood, Miss Mary Underwood, Mr. Charles Lane, of Omaha.

Hard Times Whist Club.

Miss Bertie Burr entertained the "Hard Times" Whist club last Saturday evening. Those present were Misses Hallie Hooper, Mae Burr, Anne Funke, Bertie Clark, Olive Latta, Nellie White, Fay Marshall, Jeannette Wilson, Rachel Brock, Mame Carson; Messrs. Charles L. Burr, B. G. Dawes, W. F. Meyers, D. G. Wing, W. F. Kelley, H. R. Krug, Frank S. Burr, R. M. Joyce, W. B. Robinson, John T. Dorgan and S. L. Geisthardt, Charley Hawley.

The English Way of Doing It.

General Adam Badeau, who was facetotum to General Grant, and who knew only too well how to take advantage of the social and other opportunities that came to him by reason of his relations with Grant, has an article in a recent number of the *Cosmopolitan* on "Some English Forms of Invitations" that enables the writer once more to impress his importance upon the public. Badeau accompanied General Grant abroad in 1877, and he illustrates his article, which is readable enough, with fac-similes of invitations that were received by him at that time, when at the elbow of the great American he jostled dukes and earls and sat down to dine with milords and ladies.

At the outset he re-produces a form of "command" from the queen, as follows:

THE LORD STEWARD
Has received Her Majesty's commands
To invite.....

General Badeau.....
TO DINNER AT Windsor Castle on
Tuesday, 23 June, and remain until
the following day.

Windsor Castle, 23 June, 1877.
"No subject," says General Badeau,
"nor even foreigner, may retain the invitation of Her Majesty, which has been declined." So the following is placed on the reverse of the invitation:

BUCKINGHAM PALACE, 1877.
Should the Ladies or Gentlemen to whom invitations are sent be out of town and are not expected to return in time to obey the Queen's commands on the day the invitations are for, the cards are to be brought back.

General Badeau evidently accepted the queen's bid, as he retained the card. Here is the queen's invitation to a ball:

THE LORD CHAMBERLAIN
Is commanded by the Queen to invite
.....

General Badeau.....
TO A BALL,
On Friday, the 22d of June, 1877,
At 10 o'clock.

Buckingham Palace.
Full Dress, Court Mourning.
The following is self explanatory.

17 CAVERSHAM SQUARE.
The Minister of the United States and Mrs. Pierrepont present their compliments to General Badeau and have to announce that in obedience to the Queen's commands they will dine at Windsor Castle on the 21st of June, and their own invitations for that day are consequently recalled.

June 12.
Says General Badeau: "The high English, men and women, are more gracious when they sit down to write their notes than in any other act of their lives. They write so many of them that the pleasant words slip off their pens almost unawares. * * * In fact, to judge by their notes, the English are a far more polite people than you find them in reality."

It would, perhaps, be unjust to infer that the countesses who wrote such

charming notes to the literary general, did not, when brought face to face with that consequential personage, glow upon him with a corresponding ardor.

The Prince and Princess of Wales when they invite do not command; they only "desire," for example:

To have the honor of meeting their Imperial Majesties, the Emperor and Empress Of Brazil.

The Comptroller of the Household Is desired by Their Royal Highnesses, The Prince and Princess of Wales,

To invite.....
Brigadier General Badeau.....
TO DINNER,
On Tuesday, the 19th of June,
At eight o'clock.

Marlborough House.
An answer is requested.

If by any chance one is absolutely unable to attend one of these royal entertainments the exact reason must be given in full, and, in any event, you must write your name in the royal book at the palace immediately after the entertainment; you cannot leave a card on a royal personage. The Princess Louise has a book; but her husband is not royal, so you write your name in her book, and leave a card for Lord Lorne. He will return your card, but the princesses never.

"Mrs. Gladstone's parties are very simple except in the splendor of the company, which, of course, is unsurpassed."

"At Home" cards always have the name of the guest written in ink at the top and are often sent without envelopes, the address written on the back. In invitations to balls and evening parties are invariably in the name of the mistress of the house if the host is married.

Mrs. Gladstone's cards omit the name of the premier, even when she receives the Prince of Wales.

"The English are very apt to notify you of the size or character of a party, writing 'small,' or 'small and early,' on the printed card; or announcing in the same way if there is to be some peculiarity in the entertainment, as 'a ball,' 'Mlle. Bernhardt,' 'Corney Grain,' 'Hungarian Band,' and they often say 'weather permitting,' or even bluntly 'unless wet.' Only duchesses and such sort, however, take the last liberty."

Military Carnival.

The Lincoln Light Infantry company has arranged for a military carnival to be given in the representative hall at the capitol, December 13 to 16. The infantry company organized only a year ago, has over \$1300 worth of equipment. The coming carnival is for the purpose of realizing a sum sufficient to make needed additions to the equipment and the company is confident that the entertainment will be accorded a generous measure of patronage. Each night there will be an entirely different program presented, and many new and unique features will be introduced, among which will be a representation of the Midway Plaisance. A more definite announcement will be made next week.

English Opera in Lincoln.

Miss C. C. Tennant Clary has been in Sioux City this week in the interest of the Western Opera association. She is expected to arrive in Lincoln Monday or Tuesday. There is every prospect that Lincoln's grand opera season will be by far the most important musical event that has occurred in Lincoln for years. The company of 40 people, embracing the best English opera artists in the country, will be immeasurably superior to the company that appeared in Omaha last spring at the initial operatic festival given by Miss Clary in the west, and the indications are that the local chorus will be especially strong. There is much interest in the enterprise and there seems to be no question but that it will meet with the encouragement it deserves.

The Vanderbilts Are Not Retrenching.

The latest Vanderbilt exploit calls forth the following from a New York exchange:

"The world reads in the newspapers that Mr. W. K. Vanderbilt sets sail this week for a ten months' cruise on the largest and handsomest steam yacht afloat. He takes with him a party of guests, and it is easy for anyone of imagination to conjure up the perfect indulgence and ease in which the luxurious party will glide through the blue waters of the Mediterranean, cooling their casual thirsts with iced wines, appeasing their recurrent hungers with ornamental viands and listening to music from the romantic guitar. The sybarites of ancient days knew no greater rapture than the Messrs. Vanderbilt, Belmont, Rutherford, Webb, Beach and Keys will experience during their voyage. It would be extremely sour and anarchistic to envy them their happiness or to hint for a moment that they do not deserve it. They are all noble gentlemen that have labored throughout their lives for the good of mankind; they have stood before the world as examples of industry, philanthropy and unselfishness, and now, after untold deprivations and herculean labors they are sailing away to quiet seas, to a well earned rest, and the congratulations and good wishes of all mankind go with them. It was thoughtful and generous of the daily newspapers to describe to their readers the beautiful plans of this yachting party. It is comforting reading for the paupers in the downtown wards. The mechanic who gets a half hour at noontime in which to eat some

stale bread and cheese will be encouraged to renew his toil when he reads of how Mr. Beach or Mr. Belmont will take their siestas each afternoon amid pale silk cushions in a white and gold cabin after eating themselves into a condition of drowsiness. It is, in fact, most gratifying to all society to know that a little company of worthy men, men of great intellect, great character and great charity, are to experience such perfect bliss. The *canaille* will labor more blithely for learning of it, and even the anarchist will chortle in his joy at hearing of that ten months trip through seas of champagne. We are told that times are hard. They are, methinks, rather soft for the Messrs. Vanderbilt, Belmont, Rutherford, Webb, Beach and Keys."

The Latest Social Organization.

Friday evening last Miss Jessie Lealand entertained La Neuvitad club, the newest social organization. Whist was the principal diversion of the evening. Those present were: Misses May Moore, Helen Hoover, Grace Oakley, Grace Burr, Stella Curtice, Blanche Garten Jo Lottridge, Lucy Griffith; Messrs. Harry Evans, Frank Cowdery, Harry Lansing, Bert Davis, Homer Honeywell Roy Chapman, John Lottridge and Fred White. Miss Grace Cakley will be the next to entertain the club.

Setting the Pace in Chicago.

Society says "thumbs up," "thumbs down," as between the Palmers and Pullmans and their probable annual expenditures in the social swim. Those in a position to know assert that the Palmers never reckon on less than \$250,000, and for this exceptional year of princesses, dukes and potentates they check book stubs will in good likelihood sum up in the realm of a cool half million. The Pullmans are never in the rear, unlike their cars, either socially or financially, hence it is fair and safe to presume that Chicago has two families in society who spend a million a year in "feeding the brute" as the Duchess of Berwick in "Lady Windermere's Fan" would say.—The Chicago 400.

Minor Mention.

Miss Nellie Cochrane entertained the W. E. C. cooking club Saturday afternoon. Those present were Misses Florence Marley, Lizzie Smith, Georgia Camp, Mabel Metcalfe, Stella Curtice Grace Huntsinger, Blanche Garten, Maud Lyon, Edith Parish, Daisy Cochran and Etta Parish.

Invitations have been received in this city to the wedding of Miss Iren James, of Hot Springs, Arkansas, and Mr. H. Archibald Ensign, of this city, which will occur Thursday evening December 7, at the bride's home. They will be at home in Lincoln at 1100 F street.

Lieutenant Bamford, of Omaha, is in the city. He attended the masked ball of the Pleasant Hour club Thursday evening.

Professor George B. Frankforter left last Friday for Minneapolis, where he will continue his work in chemistry, with a full professorship.

Mrs. L. C. Burr entertained a few friends Monday evening at cards in honor of her cousin, Mrs. N. P. Simonds, of Kansas City.

Mrs. D. E. Thompson will give a dancing party Monday evening for her sister, Miss Mary Miller, of Chicago.

The society of the Hall in the Grove met last evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Leavitt.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wessel, of Omaha, spent Sunday in this city the guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. Wessel.

Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Bradley, of Omaha, formerly of Lincoln, were in this city several days this week.

Mr. Charles Todd, of Oak Park, Ill., is in the city the guest of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Carson returned Monday from Chicago, where they spent several months.

Miss Sarah Harris left Wednesday for Denver, where she will remain a couple of weeks.

Miss Bennett, of Omaha, is in the city the guest of her sister, Mrs. F. W. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Freeman are expected to return from their bridal trip today.

Messrs. W. Farnam Smith and Baldrige, of Omaha, spent Sunday in Lincoln.

Mr. Ed A. Church, of the Lansing theatre, returned from New York Sunday.

The Ravola club gave an enjoyable dancing party last evening.

Governor Crouse was detained at his home this week by illness.

The Empire club will give a party at the Lansing tonight.

Miss Rose Carson returned Monday from Ogden.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Baum, of Omaha, are in the city.

Miss Grace Griffith has returned from Chicago.

For pity's sake, don't growl and grumble because you are troubled with indigestion. No good was ever effected by snarling and fretting. Be a man (unless you happen to be a woman,) and take Ayer's Sarsaparilla, which will relieve you, whether man or woman.

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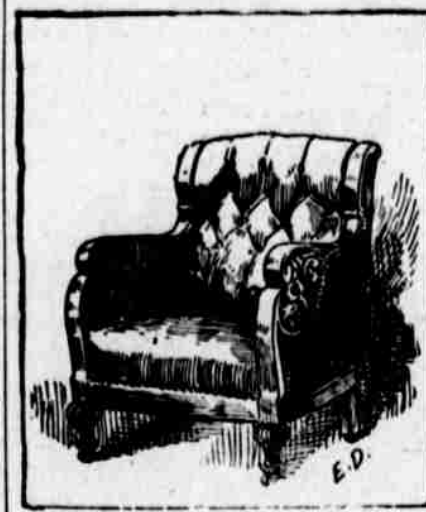
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