

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

ON the flying rumors of engagements and approaching marriages a considerable degree of interest centers in the looked for wedding of a Lincoln young lady and a young professor who recently left this city to accept a position on the Pacific coast, and who, according to current report, is to return in the early summer to celebrate his wedding. . . . Miss Ada Parker, the Omaha young lady who eloped last Saturday with George A. Lawrence, an employe of the Omaha Packing company, enjoyed considerable social prominence in Omaha, and is known to quite a number of Lincoln people. A particularly silly feature of this more or less sensational case is the spectacle presented by the father, Dr. A. A. Parker, who appeared on the street with crepe on his hat. He says his daughter is as good as dead. . . . The craze for amateur theatricals, which has several times touched Lincoln with more or less severity, threatens to make a more formidable visitation in the near future. There are plans for a number of entertainments of this sort after Easter. . . . The marriage of Olive May, the Beatrice girl who has made such a stir in "Butterflies," Mr. John Drew's play, and Henry Guy Carleton, the author of that and several other plays, has called some attention to the past accomplishments of Mr. Carleton in the matrimonial line, and it has been discovered that he has a facility in getting married and unmarried only second to that possessed by Lillian Russell. . . . "I do not affect the very literary set," says a writer in *Vogue*. "If I could prove as much of a bore to them as they would me. I have a well-bred horror of the poseur. I declined an invitation to a dinner recently given by a literary coterie, where questions were handed to you in envelopes at soup, to be answered at dessert. These questions were on literary subjects, and then you were requested to make an epigram or something, and a prize was offered. The very thought of the thing chilled digestion. Give me even the insipid questions 'Which do you like better, Melba, or Calve?' or 'Have you read the Heavily Twins?' These at least are an aid to digestion; the other can only be tolerated in Boston or Omaha or some place like that. . . . It has been remarked that Lincoln young ladies have of late manifested an inclination to visit in the west instead of the east, and the matrimonial rumors that attach to some of the visiting young ladies have formed the basis of a conjecture as to whether the west has superseded the east as a mart for the collection of the trousseau. . . . Clinton Briggs, of Omaha, having succeeded in introducing the Clinton Briggs style of hat in Lincoln, it is freely predicted that it will not be long ere the Briggs style of hair cut will obtain among the Lincoln youths who affect the swell. . . . The young people who are shortly to produce "Among the Breakers" are rehearsing with much zeal. Miss Ruby Jones' appearance is awaited with great interest. Miss Jones, who appears for the first time in this city as a dramatic reader, creates a weird character in her role of the witch with much effect and power. Miss Brock displays charm and originality in the rendition of her romantic role. Miss Oakley and Mr. Lowe, as leading juveniles show marked facility. They are doing some very interesting work. The brogue roles of Miss Burr and Mr. Curtice are full of wit, and a clever interpretation of these parts is assured. Mr. Frank S. Burr as the colored cook displays the comic burnt cork art and originality which Lincolinites have learned to expect from him; while Mr. Polk's versatile *Peter Paraglyph* does greatly to the comedy element of the entertainment. Mr. Hicks and Mr. Clapp are strong in their heavy roles. "Among the Breakers" will be produced under the patronage of Mrs. H. S. Jones, Mrs. S. E. Moore, Mrs. N. C. Brock, Mrs. C. C. Burr, Mrs. O. R. Oakley, Mrs. Johnston and Mrs. James Stevenson. Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Moore are the managers. . . . A correspondent whose sources of information are, so far as I can learn, accurate, informs us that a rising young business man on South Eleventh street will, sometime during the summer, take unto himself a wife in the person of one of Lincoln's pretty brunettes, well and favorably known in Lincoln society. The bride's trousseau will, it is said, be "framed in an artistic manner." From the same correspondent we learn that there is some prospect of a double wedding in September that will attract considerable attention. Only one of the couples lives in Lincoln. The following unique suggestion is also made by our lively correspondent: "I think that it would be so much nicer if all the girls would announce their engagement by giving a nice little tea party to their immediate girl friends. It wouldn't cost very much, if that is what they fear, and they could then show how proud they were of having secured the love of some good man." **CYNIC.**

Sorosis.
Sorosis met on Monday, and the charming subject of "Mythology" was led by Mrs. Maule. The subject is one that a brief review does scanty justice. Its origin is the beginning of history for Gods and men were not far removed

from each other. Man's nature being spiritual the necessity of some object for reverence and devotion was keenly felt. Having little or no knowledge of the mysteries of creation and reproduction, the earliest peoples at once ascribed these powers to mythical beings whom they believed populated the sky, air and sea. The mythology of the Egyptians is about 7,000 years old, in fact its age can scarcely be computed. They recognized that light was one of the first principles of existence, so life was represented a light and darkness a death. In man is the creative power and woman the giver of life. Whatever gives life is worthy of adoration. The Egyptian Gods were numerous and powerful. The sun in its different stages of progress through the heavens proved one of the most fruitful of fanciful ideas. The Greek and Roman mythology were similar, in fact originally the same. The Greek Leno, the all powerful father, was the Roman Jupiter. Juno, his wife, corresponds with the Greek Hera, and so throughout the entire catalogue of divinities there was no phase of life or death which was not under the care of some god or goddess. The Norse and German mythology were the same. Odin, the chief god, was the giver of life and spirit. His chief dwelling was the great Valhalla, where those slain in battle were feasted and preserved until that time when the whole earth should be wrapt in flames. There was nothing in nature which did not bring to the mind of the Tenth convincing proof that the gods had charge of it all and directed all things. There is a more stupendous, yet simple conception of the workings of those divinities they worship, and they lacked in grace much that was found in the southern gods. Yet they were chaste and virtuous. In Persia there are at present 82,000 fire worshippers who believe that as life is supported by the elements they are the proper subjects for adoration. Earth, fire and water must not be polluted. As fire is the only element that can be confined, that is the one taken into the temples of worship. Their dead they cannot burn, for that would pollute the fire, neither do they dare to bury a body, for the earth would be foul—so they are left to be devoured by wild beasts or fowls. According to Max Muller these myths all come from the ancient home of the Aryan race, India. In the Vedda—the oldest of all books—is given those most prominent feature which make up the ancient religions of the world. Caste had its origin in a clever scheme of the Brahman priests, who claimed to have sprung from the forehead of the god. Those less fortunate came from the sides, thighs or feet, and thus the four castes were formed. The idealities and myths of the American Indian will soon be among the things of memory. They lack many of the beautiful fancies of more civilized nations, still the voices of nature spoke loudly to him of the present and future. Sorosis adjourned to meet March 19th with Mrs. W. Q. Bell, 919 C street. Mrs. Somers will lead in a musical program. Mrs. E. S. Baldwin entertained a party of ladies to a luncheon on Friday afternoon. **La Nuevitat Club.** One of the most pleasant parties ever given by La Nuevitat club was the one given Saturday evening, when Miss Josephine Lotteridge acted as hostess and entertained the members at her home, 1218 T street. Whist formed the diversion of the evening and the favors were baskets of cut flowers for the ladies and three cigars tied together with a ribbon for the gentlemen. Tempting refreshments were served and Miss Lotteridge proved herself a delightful entertainer. The guests were Miss Helen Hoover, Miss Grace Oakley, Miss Grace Burr, Miss Jessie Leland, Miss May Moore, Miss Lucy Griffith, Miss Estelle Curtis, Mrs. Hermance, Mr. Frank Hickey, Mr. Harry Lansing, Mr. Ross Curtis, Mr. John Lotteridge, Mr. Harry Evans, Mr. Fred White, Mr. Park Garroutte, Mr. Harry Hermance and Mr. Miller. **Hard Times Whist Club.** Miss Olive Latta entertained the Hard Times Whist club last Friday evening. Those present were:—Misses Wells of Cincinnati, Wilkinson of Knightstown, Ind.; Smith of Crawfordsville, Ind.; Halie Hooper, Anne Funke, Rachael Brock, Fay Marshall, Bertie Clark, Mame Carson, Bertie Burr, Pauline Eells, of Dixon, Ill.; Messrs Frank S. Burr, John T. Dorgan, Charles L. Burr, W. F. Meyer, Wells of McCook; W. Morton Smith, Frew W. Houtz, W. F. Kelley, Beman G. Dawes, Frank Polk, Dr. and Mrs. C. F. Ladd, Mrs. Cora K. Pitcher. **Delta Gamma Fraternity.** The Delta Gamma society met at the home of Miss Agnes Sewell last Friday evening, when the third lecture of a series given under the auspices of the fraternity was given by Mrs. A. J. Sawyer. There were a number of guests of the club present. Those present were Misses Gregory, Tremain, Joy Webster, Helen Harwood, Mullen, Rice, Dennis, Elliott, Lena Dewese, Bridge, Sarah Schwab, Blanche Garten, Hutchinson, Sadie Burnham, Camp, Scothorn, Edna Ricketts, Bartruff, Shaw, Lohman, Sherwood, Huntsinger, Stella Curtice, Anna Broady, Lottie Whedon, Griggs, Burks, Jones; Messrs. White, Dowling, Adams, McLucas, Woods, Beecher, Nicholson, Andrews, Packard, Wheeler, Pulis, Hebard, Saxton, Duff, Donbravo, Bur-

ham, Randolph, Teale, Belden, Ricketts, Canfield, Sherwood, Lewis, Westernman, Wheeler, Hayward, Tilson, Montgomery, Pillsbury, Oung, Elliott, Haggard, Raymond, Barnes, Houghton, Martin, Hadley, Johnson, Tremain, Sawyer and Cooley. **The Prince and Miss Pullman.** If Prince Isenberg von Birstein really succeeds in marrying Miss Pullman, he will certainly deserve congratulations for his persistence and determination not to be overcome by obstacles. The Prince whose last name is so suggestive of a German beer garden, is well remembered by New Yorkers who summer at Newport, for he spent there almost the whole season of 1892, a guest for the larger part of the time of Mr. Theodore Havemeyer's, who is the Austrian Consul General at this port, and on whom, of course, the Prince straightway called on his arrival. The Prince certainly enjoyed himself to the utmost at Newport, and was assiduous in his attentions to two or more of the leading belles that summer. He spent last winter in Washington, and since then, as everyone knows, has been devoting his time to trying to marry Miss Pullman. Whether there is any truth or not in the story that Sir George Pullman, having ascertained that his daughter, if she married the Prince, might not have a seat at the royal table of the Prince's cousin, the emperor of Austria, and that the emperor has finally arranged that she should, so that Sir George has given his consent to the engagement, it is known that Chicago's titled citizen, for whom Eugene Field suggested as a coat of arms "a pillow flanked by two negro porters, with crest of flea rampant and motto 'Quid Rides,'" has not smiled upon the proposed union, and for no other reason but that he will be expected to give his daughter a large dot. **Minor Mention.** Mrs. G. C. Menzendorf died at 5 o'clock Wednesday morning after an illness of ten days. Mrs. Menzendorf was director of the department of music at the state university, and was one of the most gifted and popular musicians in the city. Her life was consecrated to her profession. Professor Menzendorf has the sincere sympathy of the public as well as that of personal friends in his affliction. The funeral services were held Thursday in the chapel of the university. The casket was borne by Messrs. Paul Pizey, O. R. Bowman, Fred Hall, L. C. Oberlies, Benton Dales and Clarence Culver. Rev. Lewis Gregory conducted the services. The remains were taken to Mansfield, O. The commencement of the medical department of Cotner university will be held at the Church of Christ, Fourteenth and K streets, Tuesday evening, March 13. The following program has been arranged: Invocation. . . . Pres. Dungan Grand Septuor. . . . Levan Boethovon Tyrolean Sextette Club. Dean's Address. . . . Prof. W. S. Latta Vocal Quartette. . . . Medical Students Class History. . . . Dr. E. L. Latta Select Reading. . . . Miss Edna G. Eaton Address. . . . Hon. G. M. Lambertson Instrumental Selection. . . . Valdictory. . . . Dr. Claud H. Temple Conferring of Degrees. . . . Chancellor Jennings Awarding of Prizes by Musical Selection. Benediction. Mr. and Mrs. John L. Carson and daughters, Misses Mame and Rose left Wednesday for California where they expect to remain some months. Miss Eells, of Dixon, Ill., who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. C. C. Upham, at the Lincoln Hotel, returned home this week. Professor Fling addressed the Palladian society of the state university last evening on "Mirabeau as an Opponent of Absolutism." The Pleasant Hour club will meet at 12 o'clock today in the office of the Whitebread Coal company. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Zehring entertained friends at tea Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Brown departed Monday for California and the mid-winter fair. Mrs. O. P. Black, of Omaha, is visiting her mother, Mrs. P. A. Cody of this city. Mr. Albert Hovey, national bank examiner, spent Sunday in Lincoln. Miss Gertrude Chambers, of Omaha, is the guest of Miss Lulu Shears. Miss Gertrude Clark, of Omaha, is the guest of Miss Mae Burr. Mr. A. Koch-Andriano, of Omaha, spent Sunday in this city. Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Hoover, a daughter. Miss Anne Funke visited in Omaha this week. Mr. D. E. Thompson left Saturday for Illinois. Dr. F. D. Crim left Thursday for Hot Springs. **CORRECT STYLES**
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