

SOCIETY NOTES.

Mr. and Mrs. William T. Edge and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Edmiston chaperoned a car party given Friday evening by Sigma Alpha Epsilon at their chapter house, 643 South Eleventh street. The rooms were pleasingly decorated with palms and the fraternity colors, royal purple and gold. Hearts was the game, the prizes going to Miss Watkins and Mr. Fawell. Light refreshments were served. The guests were: Messrs. and Mesdames Edge and Edmiston; Misses Kenny, Watkins, Honeywell, Holbrook, Richards, Houtz, Wetzel, Jenkins, Hammond, Harley, Woodward, McPheely, Andrews, Sedgwick, Morrill, Griggs, Edmiston, Hammond, Wirt, Morgan; Messrs. Elliott, Fawell, Crooks, Buckley, Brock, Sip-Pursel, Killian, Cowgill, Edmiston, Wallace, Bartlett, Dew, De Putron and

The members of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity gave informal dances Friday and Saturday evenings at the chapter house, 1620 G street. The floors were canvased and good music provided. About twenty young ladies were invited for each occasion. Friday night Dr. and Mrs. Ladd and Mrs. I. S. P. Weeks were the chaperones. The other guests were the Misses Haecker, Polk, Frances Gere, Ellen Gere, Wiggenghorn, Hammond, Loomis, Lasch, Jackson, Woods, Welch, Salee, Bradt and Webster. On Saturday evening Mr. and Mrs. Morrison chaperoned the following: Misses M. Macomber, E. Macomber, Gregory, Holbrook, Cunningham, Jaynes, Outcalt, Tukey, Steiner, Hayes, Douglas, Post, Cole, Wirt, B. Emmons, Macfarland, Garten and E. Emmons.

Phi Gamma Delta gave a delightful afternoon dancing party Saturday at Walsh's hall. These daylight parties have been very popular with the eastern fraternities and it would seem that they will take well in Nebraska, judging from the Delta party. The parlors and hall were decorated with fraternity banners and the royal purple of the fraternity. Mr. and Mrs. Crancer, Professor and Mrs. Maggi and Mrs. Gates chaperoned the party.

The members of the Palladian, Union and Delian literary societies assembled in Walsh hall Friday evening for their annual union party. The care and worry of examinations were over and the members made this an occasion to relieve their minds from the strain they had undergone during the last month. Throughout the rooms stands were arranged, upon which games of different sorts were found. In the dancing hall an orchestra dispensed music, which mingled pleasantly with the joyful voices, and those so inclined indulged in the pleasures of the waltz and two-step. Various other amusements were planned by the committee on entertainment, to whom much credit is due for their admirable work. Acting Chancellor Bessey and wife, Professor Caldwell and wife, Mr. H. H. Wilson and Mrs. Wilson, dean of women, were guests of the societies.

FAMED PIANIST.

Ignace Jan Paderewski, indeed, is by nature of a strongly emotional temperament tending to melancholy. He is a Pole, and Poland is the Niobe of the nations. The heritage of her children is the mocking tradition of a brilliant but irrevocable past, and the iron of vassalage has entered into their very souls. "Always in the minor key," he is of the people, the singing of a sad of their music, "It is characteristic broken heart." Nor has the enrichment of personal experience been denied him, for his early manhood was clouded by sore bereavement, by a long struggle for bare existence. Had his intellectual equipment been less, his emotionalism might have taken a morbid trend; by this saving grace it has developed a spiritual aloofness from the spurious realities of life, a vivid insight into its inner mysteries. It is this quality, not elsewhere discernible, which I conceive is the secret

of the extraordinary fascination that Paderewski exercises over an audience. To suggest, as some do, that this fascination is factitious, the cult of curiosity, is quite absurd. As a matter of fact, Paderewski... is singularly free from pose or other affectation. He does not throw "nods and becks and wreathed smiles" at his audience like the "great Chopinzee," nor cast himself into a fine frenzy on the platform like Sauer or Rosenthal. Even his much ridiculed "aureole," like Mr. Gladstone's collars, is mainly the creation of the caricaturist. That sometimes the hero-worship of his admirers has taken an hysterical and very ludicrous form when, as Punch has it, "all the ladies in dabbling dresses weep and gasp and shriek out 'divvine,'" is, I am quite sure, as distasteful to him as to his critics. Nor can it be argued that it is simply the perfection of his technique that draws the crowd. Virtuosity is common enough today; and, although his technique is undoubtedly superb, it is not of the character which impresses the multitude. At no time did he arrest attention by digital agility or merely dynamic effects. Digital facility he has cultivated, but only as a means to obtaining a pure singing tone and absolute control of tone-color under all conditions.

TO GET ORATORS.

Committees have been appointed by the literary societies to secure a registration of contestants for the preliminary oratorical contests. The contests are open to all university students, and the Palladian and Delian societies each offer a first prize of \$10 and a second prize of \$5 to the winners. The Union society has no standing prize, but expects to make a similar offer or an equivalent. Those wishing to enter should see the chairmen of the several committees at once. They are: W. J. Hunting of the Palladians, O. A. Davis of the Delians and E. W. Meier of the Unions.

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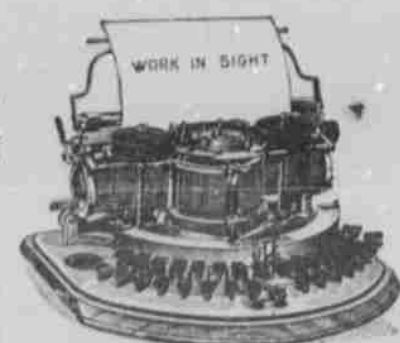
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