THE WEEK IN OMAHA SOCIETY

Wedding Invitations and the Display of Sham and Vanity.

MERRIMENT IN BALL ROOMS.

The Metropolitan and Hyperion Clubs —Tea Parties and Coffees— Art, Gossip and Personalities.

Wedding Etiquette.

Philadelphia Times: Exception is taken in high quarters to the statement in last Sunday's Times that wedding invitations do not require an answer. They certainly do not require an answer as a rule, and as a general thing are not answered. But there are exceptions. It is generally understood that an invitation to a church wedding does not require any acknowledgment, though many contend that it is only optional, and though the person invited is free to take no notice of the invitation it is as well to do so and more polite. As a matter of fact, the number of people who acknowledge invitations to church weddings is exceedingly small. It is stoutly contended, however, and with much force, that invitations to a wedding at home should be acknowledged and either accepted or declined, for the reason that on such occasions some sort of entertainment is always provided and it is necessary to know how many to provide for, especially when the number of invited guests is likely to be large. Yet there are many who think that invitations simply to a wedding ceremony in the daytime, when there is no regular reception, do not demand a formal acknowledgment. It is, of course, better etiquette on such occasions to send a card.

The whole difficulty about wedding etiquet and the difference of opinion that exists on so many points is the result of the false and loose methods and the hollow mockeries and shams into which people have been drifting for several years. Weddings, which were once the most charming, as well as the most beautiful of social events, incidental to the home life, have been allowed to become to a great extent mere spectacles for the exhibition of vanity. The bride commissions some one to look after her dresses, the bridegroom appoints some one to hire carriages, employ clergymen, etc., and the bride's family put the whole arrangement of the house, the church, the feast, etc, in the hands of some caterer or decorator. The getting up of the invitations is given to an expert in such matters in some shop, and very often the invitations are sent out wholesale by some one who is employed for the purpose. People invited go or not, as they feel inclined, and go to shops and order presents sent in the most perfunctory way, so that the bride is as likely as not to get twenty vases, or a dozen lamps, or fifty spoons of different patterns. Where presents are sent they should, if possible, be sent early, so as to give the bride-elect plenty of time to acknowledge them; and if worth sending at all they deserve that some time and care should be given to their selection. It is a common thing to hear brides say that of all their wedding presents they appreciate and value most the few appropriate and often inexpensive things that come from their intimate friends. It should not be forgotten that a wedding is the first, choicest, and most important of all social incidents, and that an invitation to one is one of the greatest compliments that can be conferred. Invitations to balls dinners and parties may be perfunctory and meaningless, but almost without exception it is only friends or acquaintances who are honored who are invited to a wedding, and a point should always be strained to make some sort of acknowledgment.

Brilliant Opening Ball.

The opening ball of the Metropolitan club was a most brilliant affair, the attendance including not only the entire membership but many outsiders. The grand march formed at 9:30 o'clock and dancing was kept up till dawn. The affair was exclusively full dress, and many bright toilets and handsome women added unusual attractiveness to the scene. The programmes were in keeping with the general elegance, being tinted linen with the name of the club in illuminated lettering. The Musical Union orchestra seemed especially inspiring, and old and young participated in the dance with the zest that generally attends the first party of the season. Mr. Kauffman, as master of ceremonies, discharged his duties in such a way as to contribute much to the general smoothness.

One of the handsomest toilets was worn by a bride, Mrs. Newton Hall, white surah finished with pearls and trimmed with cut passamenterie, with a panel of passamenterie square corsage filled in with cut beads and Marie Antionette collar; a bunch of Marechal Niel and tea roses completed the costume.

Miss Stadelman was charming in a dress of black escurial lace and cut jet, with corsage boquet of Marechal Niel and tea roses.

Mrs. Adolph Meyer wore a pink flowered silk combined with satin; diamonds.

Miss Cora Benedict, Nile green veiling combined with pink velvet; pearls.

Mrs. George Heyn, blue surah and garnet velvet trimmed with jetted lace; diamonds.

Mrs. Moritz Meyer, white surah, finished with pearls and point lace; diamonds.

Miss Tilly Sonnahill, pretty toilet of pink veiling, with Princess Louise front of escurial lace, beaded with pink pearls; pearl ornaments and roses.

Miss Anna Rothschild, handsome blue flowered silk, combined with blue velvet; diamonds and natural flowers.

Mrs. L. Baer looked distingue in a cream satin with front of lace, sleeveless corsage and long tan gloves; emeralds.

Mrs. Goldsmith, black lace dress, tea roses.

Mrs. Lowenthal, a brilliant blonde, wore a bridal robe of white tulle over silk en train; diamonds and bouquet of natural flowers.

Mrs. Aaron Cahn, black velvet; diamonds.

Mrs. Andrew Haas, gray silk and brocade; diamonds.

Miss Shipman, white embroidered dress with black velvet Spanish waist; ostrich feathers.

Mrs. Hellman, slate silk with lace drapery and purple velvet; diamonds.

Miss Rindskoph, blue nuns' veiling combined with garnet velvet, hand embroidered; natural flowers.

Mrs. Albert Cahn, white brocade satin with lace draperies, black jetted waist and elbow sleeves; diamonds and Marechal Niel bonquet.

Mrs. D. Kauffman, black brocade velvet, jetted waist; diamonds.

Mrs. Sloman, white china silk combined with blue crepe du chine and lace; natural flowers.

Miss Rosenburg, of Chicago, white ottoman silk finished with pearls and garnitured with lilly of the valley; natural flowers

Mrs. A. Heller, black silk and beaded lace; diamonds.

Mrs. S. Sloman, white satin, lily of the valley garniture; diamonds.

Mrs. B. Newman, black silk with lace and diamonds.

Miss Rosenfeld, of Boston, green sateen with lace draperies, pearl trimmings; natural roses.

Miss Clara Schlesinger, white nun's veiling with roman striped plush; natural flowers.

Miss Millie Cahn, of New York, yellow silk under lace draperies; exquisite hand bouquet of white roses.

Mrs. A. Mandelberg, black silk and lace; diamonds.

Mrs. J. I. Eichman, sea green silk with point lace; diamonds.

Miss McMenamy wore one of the prettiest toilets, a brown-gray satin covered with lace of the same color, sleeveless corsage and long tan gloves; diamonds.

Mrs. Fisher, black silk and cut jet; diamonds.

Mrs. Meyer, black silk and diamonds.

Mrs. Dr. Hoffman, white nun's veiling trimmed with small buttons; diamonds.

Mrs. Katz, black silk and velvet, diamonds.

Mrs. Franko, pink surah and lace; diamond locket at her pointed corsage.

Mrs. E. Seligsohn, black French gown.

Mrs. Schlesinger, black velvet gown trimmed with cut jet.

Miss Bettie Seligsohn, a debutante, wore a pink silk covered with an imported gauze of tinsel lace garnitures; flowers and diamonds.

Miss Minnie Rothschild wore a quaint and striking costume of pink flowered silk, combined with bronze green plush with pink cord laced across afront of the green; diamonds.

Mrs. Martin Cahn, pink ottoman silk with corsage and drapery of garnet velvet, long tan gloves; natural flowers and diamonds.

Miss Tillie Newman, white surah with passementerie; pearls and natural flowers.

Mrs. Joe Goldsmith, a bridal dress of white satin en train laced with cord; garnitures of point and diamond ornaments.

Mrs. Rehfeldt, black gros grain and cut jet.

Mrs. J. Robinson, gray silk with blocked satin; diamonds.

Miss Brandeis, white lace over yellow surah.

Mrs. F. Adler, cream silk striped veiling, diamonds.

Mrs. T. New, blue silk with Spanish lace drapery; diamonds.

A Social Success.

The initial party of the Hyperion club was held Tuesday evening in the exposition annex, and proved a brilliant success from every point. The club is a recent organization, composed mostly of the younger society. Music was furnished by the Musical Union orchestra and dancing was entered into with a hearty zest by all present, the absence of unnecessary formality and restraint conducing much to the general bonhommie. A cold collation was served at ten in the dining hall, after which dancing was resumed till after midnight. Among the dancers were noticed Miss Nellie Sexaner, Mr. B. W. Smith, Miss Allie Pratt, Mr. Kendrick, Miss Mollie King, Mr. E. B. Smith, Miss Grace Pratt, Mr. G. A. Day, Miss Moffatt, Mr. Bryans, Miss McLean, Mr. Hughes, Miss Bailey, Mr. Hicks, Miss Murphy, Mr. Mills, Miss Shipman, Mr. Howard, Miss Robinson, Mr. Griffin, Miss Lyons, Mr. Craig, Mr. and Mrs. Edholm, Miss Houck, Mr. Murphy, Mrs. Cleveland, Mr. McBride, Miss Birkhauser, Mr. Ellis, Miss Coombes, Mr. McCrary, Miss DeSaffelder, Mr. Aiken, Miss Leclair, Mr. Ostrom, Miss McCrary, Mr. Millett, Miss Smith, Mr. Clippinger, Miss Sue King, Mr. Sherman, Miss Foreman, Mr. Milligan, Miss Bruning, Mr. Striker, Miss Scott, Mr. Moody, Miss Bailey, Mr. Hicks, Miss McKenna, Mr. Livesey, Dr. Jones, Mr. McLoon, Mr. Crandall, Miss Carrie McMenamy, Miss Elsie, Dr. Land, Miss Stadelman, Miss Ida Sexaner, Mr. Geo. Ostrom, Miss Le Cliar, Miss Belle Scott, Miss Agnes Scott.

Crystal Wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Korty were the objects of a very pleasant and complete surprise, Thursday evening, at their elegant new residence on Poppleton avenue, which is a gem in architecture and furnishing. The occasion was the fifteenth anniversary of their marriage, and the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Korty, celebrated the event with an evening of unusual gaiety and good cheer. About seventy persons were present, and dancing, cards and music were indulged in to a late hour. The refreshments, which were the perfection of culinary art, were a noteworthy feature. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Lininger, Mr. and Mrs. Haller, Mr. and Mrs. Parr, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Reed, Mr. and Mrs. Fisett, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Shaw, Lyle Dickey, Mr. Devalon and sister, the Misses Withnell, Mr. and Mrs. William Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. Swobe, Miss Shafer of St. Louis, Mr. and Mrs. Rheem, Mr. and Mrs. Ley, Mr. and Mrs. Manchester; Mr. and Mrs. Pundt, Miss Pundt, Mr. and Mrs. Dickey, Mr. and Mrs. Jennison, Mr. and Mrs. Horton and mother, Mr. Basch of Davenport, the Misses McAusland, Miss Hardy, Will Young, Miss Stelling, Mr. Haller, Mrs. Cox, Miss Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Nottinger, Mrs. Bowman, Mr. McDonald, Mr. Jordan, Mr. Shelton, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Landrock.

Many exquisite remembrances were sent, mostly articles of bijouterie. Among the gifts were noticed a handsome shaded flower jar, Mr. and Mrs. Parr; beaded pink vase, Mrs. Gridley and Mr. Devalon; odd Hungarian vase, Mr. and Mrs. Dickey; lovely Bohemian vase, Mr. and Mrs. Pundt; Bohemian vase, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Burns; Venetian fruit dish, Mr. and Mrs. Horton; elegant Vienna clock with Masonic symbols, Mr. and Mrs Lininger; pair delicate vases, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Shaw; wine set in silver stand, Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Meyer; cup and vase with flowers, Miss Gussie Korty; Bohemian flower jar, Mr. and Mrs. Haller, crystal ornaments, Will Stelling; pretty vase, Mr. and Mrs. Hardy; rare water set of beaded glass, Mr. and Mrs. Jennison; pickle dish in silver stand, Mr. and Mrs. Fissett; elegant fruit bowl in silver stand, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Reed; unique set of pepper castors and vinegar jar, Carl Bosch; pretty vinegar jar, Harry Burkeley; cut glass fruit set, Mr. and Mrs. Ley and Mr. and Mrs. Manchester; frosted and gilded pitcher, Lyle Dickey and Harry Jordan; handsome pitcher, Mr. and Mrs. Forscutt; a dozen tinted tumblers, by Mr. and Mrs. Rheem; pitcher, sugar bowl and spoon holder, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Landrock; fine ombre shaded pitcher, the Misses Withnell; dozen cut glass tumblers with initials, and a sugar bowl, Mr. and Mrs. Swobe; fine extracts, Mrs. Cox and daughter; peachblow vase, Mr. and Mrs. Nattinger.

Dillon-Woodward.

Wednesday, October 13, at 8 o'clock a. m., in the St. Philomena cathedral on Ninth street, was celebrated the marriage ceremony of John J. Dillon of South Tenth street and Miss Mabel M. Woodward of Walnut street. Father McCarthy officiated and favored the happy pair with the celebration of high mass.

The bridal party consisted of the bride and groom, attended by Miss Minnie Woodward, sister of the bride, and Miss Annie Dillon, sister of the groom, as bridesmaids; Mr. Edward Dillon, brother of the groom, and Joseph Traynor, as groomsmen; also other friends in attendance.

The bride appeared very beautiful in her attire of golden bronzed duchess satin, trimmed with raised brocade, and a cream plush bonnet adorned with a silk tulle veil looped with orange blossoms. The groom was attired in the conventional black of the Prince Albert style, with white gloves. The groomsmen followed the example of the groom in dress, while the bridesmaids were dressed in bronzed green tricot.

After the ceremony was over the happy party rode down to Walnut street to partake of refreshments with Mrs. Mary E. Woodward, the bride's mother, and during the day Mr. Dillon and his bride rode over ty their future home at 1318 North Twenty-third street, where in the evening they gave a reception to their numerous friends, and were themselves the recipients of many handsome and valuable gifts.

The groom presented his bride with a beautiful gold ring and a pair of gold bracelets; also an opera piano. The following is a list of gifts received from friends: Mrs. Mary E. Woodward, the bride's mother, a complete and handsome china dinner set; Mr. and Mrs. Dillon, Michael and Edward Dillon, a parlor heating stove; Mrs. M. Cudahy, Chicago, Ill., one set of solid silver spoons, one set of solid silver forks and one solid silver butter knife; M. J. Traynor, beautiful hanging lamp; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shiverick, plush sofa; Mr. Arthur Shiverick, mahogany centre table; Mr. N. Crary, reed rocker; Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Swam, natural cherry rocker; Mr. Maginus Webe, fancy gold bronzed chair; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Slater, mahogany bouquet stand; Miss Mary Hughes, silver butter dish; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hamill, silver butter knife; Mr. C. J. Roberts, water color picture of a portion of Ningara Falls; Mr. Geo. Lindley, handsome scarf; Messrs. Woodward, Keith, Clemence & Lyons, of Lyons, Neb., half-dozen silver knives, half-dozen silver spoons, half-dozen silver forks; Mr. and Mrs. Haegen, two large cake stands; Mr. and Mrs. Umpherson, fine silver castor; Miss Annie Dillon, beautiful table scarf; Misses Delia Hardy and Julia Schall, blue wine set; Mr. and Mrs. M. McCarty, water set; Mr. Fred Granback, handsome silver coffee pitcher; Mr. and Mrs. A. Granback, one silver sugar bowl and two silver cream pitchers; Mr. and Mrs. S. Webster, fine standing lamp; Mr. and Mrs. Pjerrow, glass fruit dish; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Gowan, glass vase; Mr. and Mrs. S. Ross, beautiful silqer pickle dish; Miss Annie Haegen, fine glass wine set; Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, silver pepper castor; Mrs. John Umpherson, set of silver napkin rings; Mr. and Mrs. Oakes, Denver, Colo., set of silver spoons and napkin rings; Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Mantz, silk pin cushon; Miss Emma Quick, silver sugar bowl; Mr. and Mrs. T. Klindt, set of vases; Mr. Lemeiux, set of silver knives; Miss Lou Clarke, silver butter knife; Mr. ane Mrs. E. C. Cooper, heavy silver tray; Mr. I. E. Hardin, china tea set; Mrs. M. C. Golden, pair of venetian vases; Mrs. Thomas A. Golden; fancy toilet set; Miss M. Peterson, wisp broom, in a beautiful holder; Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Smith, plush album; Mr. and Mrs. Horseman and daughter, silver pickle castor; Mr. and Mrs. J. H Wright, glass wine set; Mr. H. H. Otoole, standing lamp; Mr. F. E. Gseen, bronze standing lamp; Mr. R. S. Woodward, an eight-day clock; Mr. and Mrs. Hansen, linen table cloth; Miss Tilda Pjerrow, white bed spread, Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Morse, of Sparta, Wis., one dozen linen napkins; Mrs. Durnall, set of linen towels; Misses Maggie and Mary McCarthy, set of china fruit disher; Miss Katie C. Mulcathy, beautiful silver card receiver; Messrs Geo. and Ed Lindly, set af flat irons and box of cigars; Mr. John Kelly, complete washing set.

Mr. and Mrs. Dillon were extremely delighted with the kindly feeling expressed by these numerous gifts.

Music and dancing was the order of the evening, with refreshments of all kinds served at 12. The host and hostess did all in their power to make the evening pleasant, and all who were present will look bach to the occasion as one of the merry seasons of their lifetime.

Mr. J. Oleson, silver card receiver; Chas. and Hattie Long, dozen bronze tumblers; Mr. an Mrs. William Spaulding, fancy flowered water set; Mr. Guy Palmer and Miss Julian Scott, blue water set; Miss Mary Hughes, silver butter dish; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McGovern, fancy glass fruit set; Mrs. P. Dougherty, embroidered sofa pillow; Mr. and Mrs. Fleming, silver cake stand.

A Double Wedding.

An event of unusual interest was the double wedding of Miss Carrie Stevens to H. L. Kennedy, a young merchant of this place, and Miss Nellie Stevens to W. C. Blackburn, chief clerk of the Union Pacific passenger department at Denver. The residence on Davenport was a perfect bower of flowers, banks of flowers on one side and a profusion of cut flowers and pot plants scattered over both parlors. The bridal pairs stood in an alcove under a wedding bell of tube roses, the smilax festooned curtains making an effective background. The party entered two by two, led by the clergy, Dr. J. B. Maxfield, president of the college at Central City, and the Rev. T. M. House, of the First M. E. church here. Miss Carrie Stevens and Mr. Kennedy came to the center, the other couple standing on either side as bridesmaid and groomsman, and directly the ceremony was ended Miss Nellie Stevens and Mr. Blackburn went through the process of being made one. The brides were attired similarly in beautiful cream satin robes, garnitured with lace and natural flowers.

The guests from abroad were Mr. Robert Blackburn, Elwood; Miss Flo Blackburn, York; Mrs. E. M. Battis and daughter Grace, York; the Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Stewart and daughter, Nebraska City; Mrs. J. B. Maxfield, Central City; the Rev. C. W. Miller, Oregon, Mo.

Many valuable presents were received by both brides, the presents of one being in most cases a duplicate of the other. Among the remembrances sent to Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy were hand painted bone dishes from Miss Martha Breckinridge; silver cream spoon in case, Miss Emma Fitch; satin lined toilet basket, Miss Agnes McDonald; a dozen fine glasses, Mrs. Nora Lemon; bric-a-brac, Mrs. Ringer; handsome hanging lamp, Mr. and Mrs. Giddings, Logan, Ia.; silver fruit spoon in case, Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Stewart, Nebraska City; silver card case, Mr. and Mrs. Hawver; silver tea spoons, sugar spoons and butter knife, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Rice; silver cake basket, T. W. Blackburn; silver card receiver, Rev. N. N. McKaig and friends, York, Neb.; table linen, Mrs. W. H. Stillwell, Denver; silver sugar spoon and butter knife in case, R. A. Blackburn; silver spoon in case, C. H. Harrison; fish knife in case, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Hills; silver spoons in case, C. F. Hamlin; Bohemian vase in silver stand, Mr. and Mrs. Courtney; silver tea set, parents of the groom, Rockford, Ill.; silver spoons in case, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bell, Aurora, Neb.; silver butter dish, Mr. and Mrs. Chick, Rockford; Ill.; silver cake basket, H. L. Weiss, Rockford, Ill.; bronze statuettes, Mr. R. Stevens; silver water service, Will J. Stevens; sachet bags and bolting scarf, Miss Martha Kennedy, Rockford, Ill.; embroidered crepe shawl, Mr. and Mrs. N. G. McKoon, Los Angeles; hand-painted china desert set in case, Will C. Blackburn; etched and hemstitched table linen, Mr. and Mrs. Wolford; volume, Rev. C. W. Savage; table linen, Mr. and Mrs. Emerson; silver knives and forks, Mrs. Joseph Robbins; hand-painted glasses, Mrs. Carrie Stewart, Nebraska City; table linen, Mrs. Kennedy; silver knives and forks, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Rector; ornamental pitcher, J. L. Kennard; table linen, Mrs. Anna Fitch; hammered brass, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. McLean; pair handsome pitchers, Miss Carrie M. Hartley; silver sewer, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Caldwell; frosted glass pitcher, Mrs. J. C. Morrow; brass tray, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Kennard; ornamental pitcher, Miss Stella Shill; vase, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Morley, Rockford, Ill.; embroidered doyleys, Miss Mary Rector, Washington; Bohemian dish, Mrs. R. E. Jones, Missouri; bottle in silver stand, Mrs. Hance Bell, Aurora; china pitcher and server, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Davis and daughter; frosted water set and tray, Dr. and Mrs. Maxfield and Miss Elcock; china pitcher, Mrs. Roddis; Bohemian fruit dish in silver, R. A. Stevens; toilet bottles in silver, Miss Mamie Devries; amber water service, Arthur Walter and Lew Dale; plush toilet case and accessories, J. M. McAllister; pair silver candlesticks, Dr. and Mrs. Mattis; plush covered toilet bottles, Mrs. Slaughter; amber pitcher, Vinnie and Alice Harrison York; handsome lamp, Mr. and Mrs. Fleming; silver card receiver, Mr. Lampson Elwood; comfort, Mrs. D. P. Wood; handsome volume, "The Last Leaf," by Oliver Wendell Holmes, illustrated with etchings, from the bride's Sunday-school scholars, Frank Sewalenberg, John Brown, Martin Brown, Bert Lawton, Louis Dale, Charlie McConnell, Arthur Rose, Ned Copeland, Fred Copeland, Leonard Strang and Charlie Stone.

Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy left for a bridal trip eastward, and Mr. and Mrs. Blackburn went to their new home in Denver.

Good Fellowship Around the Tea-Table.

Mrs. Dr. Jones gave a 5 o'clock tea Tuesday, and under the influence of the mild but genial beverage and the accompanying good things which made up the unexceptionable menu the height of sociability and good-fellowship was attained, and the guests gave themselves up without restraint to the feast of language and flow of soul that is the invariable accompaniment of tea. Those who sat down were Miss Dixon, the Misses Davis, Miss Simonds, Mrs. Branen, Mrs. McConnell, Mrs. Cushing, Mrs. Wolfe, Mrs. McMillan, Mrs. Raymond, Mrs. Charlton, Miss Robson, Miss Buckingham, Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Sherrill, Mrs. Wilbur, Mrs. Whitmore, Miss Whitmore, Mrs. Stickney, Mrs. Tukey, Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. Lawson, Mrs. Wells, Miss Foos.

After tea the evening passed pleasantly with music and general sociability.

A Gay Evening.

Mrs. J. R. Shreve gave an enjoyable little party Friday evening in honor of Miss Ella Larkin, of Washington, D. C., and the Misses O'Brien, of Burlington, Ia. The evening was spent in music, dancing and card playing. Among the guests were Mrs. McShane, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Daniels, Dr. and Mrs. Whinnery, Mr. and Mrs. Pease, Mr. and Mrs. C. Whitney, Mr. and Mrs. Coleman, the Misses Kuhn, Miss Dillrance, the Misses Boulter, Miss Arnold, Miss Wood, Miss Ellis, Miss Warren, Mr. Cornish, Mr. Kuhn, Mr. Adams, Mr. Markin, Mr. Whitney, Mr. Barrow, Mr. Pease, Mr. Ledeaer, Dr. Brown, Dr. Arnold.

Afternoon Coffee.

Mrs. Sargent gave an afternoon coffee Wednesday. Six-handed euchre was one of the features of the entertainment, which was characterized by an unusual degree of enjoyment. The invited guests were Mrs. Coutant, Mrs. Gannett, Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Morsman, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Barton, Mrs. Andrews, Mrs. Odell, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Dr. Jones, Mrs. Garabrant, Mrs. Swartzlander, Mrs. Yost, Mrs. Oskamp, Mrs. Coburn, Mrs. Dietz, Mrs. Carrier, Mrs. Ramsey, Mrs. Morse, Mrs. Wallace, Mrs. Knight.

Saratoga Society.

The opening reception of the Imperial club Friday evening was a very delightful affair to all who participated. About twenty-five couples were present and danced to the inspiring strains of the Italian band. Enjoyment reached its height over the supper table at midnight, and dancing continued with renewed zest till morning. The officers are: Mr. Louis Littlefield, president; Mr. D. H. Christie, vice president; Mr. E. G. Solomon, secretary and treasurer.

Military Movements.

Mrs. Colonel Daggett has arrived from the east to join her husband,

Miss Harkter, of Leavenworth, is visiting Mrs. Lieutenant Van View.

Lieutenant Kinzie has been joined by his wife, who has been in New England for three years.

Mrs. Colonel Hall entertained a few friends at dinner Thursday. Cut flowers were in profusion.

Miss May Stevens, who has been the guest of her cousin, Captain Cook, for six weeks, has returned to Chicago.

The engagement is announced of Miss Agnes Royall, daughter of Colonel Royall, formerly stationed at Fort Omaha, and Mr. J. H. Parsons, of Baltimore.

Lieutenant H. L. Larson has returned from a five month's leave in Chicago. He is accompanied by his wife and brother and Mrs. Larson's mother and sister. They will occupy quarters No. 5.

Art Gossip.

Mrs. Mumaugh's sketch class is doing good work in drawing.

Mrs. Grant has commenced a marine scene in neutral tones.

Miss Schaller is working on a winter woodland scene in Kansas.

Miss Standish is decorating a felt lambrequin with dogwood blossoms in lustra.

Mrs. Green is painting showy sprays of dogwood blossoms against dark red plaque.

Mrs. Tilden has on hand a large undertaking in the way of a landscape with mountains and water.

Mrs. Hospe has just an effective and and appropriate decoration on a silvered shield. An Amazon is driving a cnariot drawn by dragon flies through cloudy space.

Miss Shulze is the possessor of a valuable work on ornithology illustrated by herself, with nests and eggs from nature very intricate in drawing some of them, having taken several weeks to complete. The artist first sketched the nests, then lithographed them herself, and afterwards colored them by hand. The work at the time of its publication was the only one extant. Some excellent work was noticed in fleshes, one being an ideal head against a dark ground. A pretty water color was a figure piece of a girl holding a basket of berries.

Brevities.

Miss Poppleton is home from the east.

Miss Lake has returnrd from Chicago.

Mrs. J. B. Kitchen is visiting in Leavenworth.

Mrs. Jesse George is visiting in Los Angeles.

George W. Holbrook has returned from his western trip.

Mrs. Charles Landrock is visiting friends in Iowa.

Miss Kate Kennedy has returned from an eastern trip.

Dave Wells has been spending the past week in Omaha.

Miss Shafer, of St. Louis, is visiting at Mr. and Mrs. Fisett's.

Miss Ella Larkin, of Washington, is visiting Mrs. J. R. Shreve.

Miss Millie Cahn, of New York, is the guest of Mrs. Albert Cahn.

Miss Chamberlain has returned from a visit with relatives in Connecticut.

Mrs. S. W. Cross and Miss Lotta Cross have returned to their home in Waupun, Wis.

Mrs. A. U. Wyman and daughter, Miss Millie, are visiting relatives in Washington.

Mrs. A. L. Strang has been called to Aurora, Ill., by the sudden death of her sister.

Miss Alida Miner, who has been in New England since June, has returned to Omaha.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Halber returned Wednesday from a visit among relatives in Davenport.

Mrs. S. T. Smith, Mrs. Andrews and Mrs. Odell left Thursday for Chicago to be gone a week.

Mrs. Mayor Stanton, formerly of this place, now of Salt Lake, is the guest of Mrs. General Hawkins.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Stanton, of La Porte, Ind., have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Logan the past week.

Mrs. Will Millard, the Misses Hamilton and Mr. Guy Barton made a pleasure party to Denver, Thursday.

Mrs. McCormick, who made many friends here during her visit to her sister Mrs. Gallagher, has returned to Salt Lake.

Mrs. Bacon, of Illinois, has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Curtis, on California street, en route to her ranch in western Nebraska.

There was a champagne supper at the club Thursday evening. About twenty-five railroad officials were dined and toasted.

Major Erb, proprietor of the Walker house, Salt Lake, interviewed Omaha acquaintances last week. Mrs. Erb remained east.

Miss Buckingham, who has held the position of organist at the Kountze Memorial church the past year, returned to her home in Chicago yesterday.

Mrs. G. I. Gilbert left Thursday for her ranch in Cherokee. Mrs. James Gilbert and daughter, Miss Grace, of Louisville, will remain here during her absence.

The Philemon club, a new social organization, will give its initial party on October 28 at Masonic hall. All arrangements have been made to ensure the success of the event.

Mr. Leslie, the well known druggist, has taken his friends unawares, by being quietly married to Mrs. Sherman. After the knot was tied they went down to St. Louis for a little jaunt and took in the Veiled Prophets.

Omaha has at last the much needed acquisition of a tenor singer. Mr. Trent comes from Albany, N. Y., with high recommendations for his ability as a singer and an organist. He will make his first appearance in the choir of Trinity cathedral this morning.

Mrs. Dr. Mattice has returned from a delightful summer spent in Montreal and other points of interest in Canada. She brought back with her her niece, Miss Cook, of Napanee, the daughter of a well-known Canadian physician. Miss Cook will spend the winter with Mrs. Mattice, at 2024 St. Mary's avenue, and will be a most valuable acquisition to Omaha society this season.

Mrs. T. G. Magrane, the well known and successful teacher of dancing, has just returned from the east where she has been for some time past engaged in getting new dances to introduce in Omaha this season. She has opened an academy at Metropolitan hall, and the fact that she has already secured a large number of scholars shows that her efforts to keep in the front rank will not go unrewarded. Mrs. Magrane has a well deserved reputation as a careful, painstaking teacher of the art, whose ambition is to give each of her pupils a thorough education. Among other dances which Mrs. Magrane proposes to introduce is the gavotte. This is a new and highly fascinating dance, which is becoming popular in the east, and promises to be equally so in Omaha.

"One Man's Opinion."

OMAHA, Oct. 15.—To the Editor of the BEE: Yesterday morning's Republican contains an article headed "One Man's Opinion," which is deserving of some attention from those interested in the construction of the "Omaha, Nebraska & Dakota railroad." The article in question purports to be an expression of the profound convictions of a "very prominent traffic official connected with one of the railroads centering in Omaha," although just why this flimsy attempt to conceal his personality is made, is hard to conceive, inasmuch as in advocating the desirability of having "the Union Pacific company back of them as an assistant," he completely betrays his connection with that "solid friend and mainstay of Omaha," we are therefore justified in crediting this powerful argument to a very prominent traffic official of the Union Pacific railway company.

It is just here to be remarked that a wonderful singularity of views is discoverable between this expression of "one man's opinion" and those announced by P. C. Himebaugh, esq., in last Tuesday's Herald, which may possibly be accounted for on the generally received maxim, that great minds often run in the same direction without the intervention even of personal or immediate interchange of ideas.

The "very prominent, etc.," betrays a most philanthropic eagerness to protect Omaha capitalists from the dire results sure to follow unless they offer themselves willing victims to the Union Pacific railway, but let me suggest the possibilities of the aforesaid capitalists being abundantly able to take care of their own interests in the future as well as in the past, and, that in building our road, they stand at least as good a chance of surviving the knifing process as does a corporation confessedly to-day at the mercy of the general government for its ability to protect itself. The promoters of our railroad are thoroughly alive to the requirements of the situation, and believing its construction to be the most powerful argument to compel fair treatment from existing lines, as well as to fix permanantly the values of Omaha real estate and its further appreciation are looking rather to the attainment of such results than for immediate returns to their investment. It has never been held that the Union Pacific railway or the B. & M., or any other road are "doing everything in their power to injure this city;" this is an entirely gratuitous assertion on the part of the "very prominent" and one that no one knows better than himself has no foundation in fact. Rather has it been said that none of the roads in question exhibit the least disposition to relieve us from most unrighteous discriminations, although importuned for months past to do so, and by this cavalier treatment of well grounded complaint have finally forced us to railroad construction as a final remedy. May it not be possible that those in charge of the new enterprise have already sought and found that powerful aid through whose assistance, it may solve the conundrum, "how long will it take the Northwestern to swamp them?" Answer—a thousand years.

O. N. D.

Caprices of the Queen.

London Truth: There is absolutely no foundation whatever for the statement in the World that the princess of Wales was "recalled" from Copenhagen by the queen, because her majesty "is most anxious that no encouragement should be given by the English royal family to the suit (sic) of Prince Waldemar of Denmark for the Bulgarian throne." This is egregious rubbish. There has been no "recall," for it was always arranged that the princess should return last week to England, in order that she might be back to accompany the prince to Abergeldie at the close of the Doncaster meeting. The opinions of "the English royal family" certainly would not be likely to sway Prince Waldemar, who knows very well that the only two persons whose approval is required are the emperor of Russia and Prince Bismarck. The World is also entirely wrong in announcing that Lord Salisbury "will veto the Russian nominee" to the throne of Bulgaria. He certainly will not do anything so emphatically idiotic. There is no use in exercising a "veto" unless you are able to enforce it, and there is no earthly reason why England should object to Prince Waldemar's candidature. The country can not afford to regard the hair-brained caprices of the queen.

"Where are we to look for our rising young men?" Not in the street car, anyhow," exclaimed Mrs. Shoddy. "No, my dear," replied Mr. S. "You will find them in the elevators."

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THOSE CHARGES.

A Denial by Mr. Himebaugh.

OMAHA, NEB., Oct. 14.—To the Editor of the BEE: Your Wednesday's paper gave an account of the meeting of the Omaha Freight bureau which occurred Tuesday evening last, including certain charges made against me by Mr. Griffitts at that meeting. As these charges have, therefore, gone out to my friends and the public, and as they are entirely without foundation, unwarranted, unmerited and uncalled for (if not malicious), I hereby request that you cause to be published in your paper a reproduction of the criticism which said charges were based and the discussion had at the meeting between Mr. Griffitts and myself, also the following communications, one from myself to the president and directors of the Omaha Freight bureau, and the other from Mr. T. L. Kimball to me relative to said charges. Respectfully,

P. C. HIMEBAUGH.

Words of Caution.

There is no question that Omaha should have the Omaha Northern railroad. No one has perhaps advocated the necessity of such a road in stronger terms than I have, but without solicitation or advice from any source and presuming that the press and many Omaha people will disagree with me, yet I feel it my duty to caution you and that from a purely business standpoint, and in common interest with you all, with no "axes to grind" or selfish motives to foster for myself or others. It is to be regretted that a spirit of threatening the Chicago & Northwestern company has been resorted to. If persuasiv means will not win, the only successful remedy is to get the Rock Island or the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul (already at Yankton), or the Union Pacific, to build and operate a direct road from Omaha to Yankton, especially if Omaha capitalists are to own a part or controlling interest and the road is to be built through the country between the Fremont & Elkhorn Valley and the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Omaha, both of which are operated by the Chicago & Northwestern, because so sure as Omaha now undertakes to build and operate such road without one or more of those strong roads to help, the spirit of discord, which has so unfortunately sprung up, will undoubtedly cause the Chicago & Northwestern road to lay out Omaha capitalists in said enterprise like a corpse, as the Chicago & Northwestern will immediately put every station on their system within a radius of sixty miles of Omaha on the basis of Omaha rates to and from the east; and that would immediately compel the same state of things to take place on the Union Pacific, the Burlington & Missouri and the Missouri Pacific, and in consequence of all this Omaha would suffer an incalculable amount