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We Possess the Facilities and Inclination to Give You Real Bargains, and we will do it

By placing on sale Monday morning, the 11th inst., the following:

One case Renfrew Turkey Red Damasks in short lengths at the extremely low price of 35c per yard.

These goods are perfect in every particular, colors guaranteed fast; in fact the best goods of the kind in the market, and sell in our regular stock at from 50 to 75c per yard.

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Also 44 Pieces Pacific Lace and Broaded Buntings, 2323½ yards—no more and no less—in Pink, Blue, Slate, and Red. The entire lot will be sold without reserve at 5c per yard. They are worth 12½ to 15c per yard.

One case Washington Thibet Cloths in oil colors at 5c per yard.

One case Washington Blue, Carmine and Gold Prints at 5c per yard.

We have too large a stock of Ladies' Spring Mantles, and

Wraps, and in order to reduce it have concluded to give a discount of 25 per cent. These Goods for style, variety, beauty and elegance cannot be excelled and are selling rapidly.

These prices are not for Monday alone, but for every day until each lot is closed out.

Our lines of new spring goods are now complete in every department. Are first-class throughout, combining style and quality with prices strictly fair. Inspection solicited,

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THE SUNSHINE OF EASTER.

Disenthral's Society From the Penitence of Lent.

THE NATIONAL OPERA TROUPE.

Weddings and Receptions—Notes From the Art Studios—Preparations For Easter Week—Social Futurities of Note.

SOCIETY WAKING UP.

Society emerges from its chrysalis state this Easter morning decked out in the brightness that so well suits with the radiance that pervades church and social circle and even reflects beyond. The sombre sack cloth is laid aside for the glory of Easter finery, and the churches this morning will present a gala appearance with their decorations of flowers, fine music and appropriately attired congregations. Next week social gayeties will be picked up where they were dropped. The reception by Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Squires at the Millard Tuesday night will be attended by such of Omaha society as are not represented at the opera. Nearly everyone, however, is anticipating this rare musical treat as something of too rare occurrence to be overlooked and are determined to take it in. It will undoubtedly be the musical and social event of the season. The manager has made a special request that the ladies will not wear three-story bonnets on this occasion.

A Surprise Party.

Austin M. Collette was the recipient of a pleasant surprise Monday evening on the occasion being the twentieth anniversary of his connection with the Union Pacific car company, of which he is superintendent. The large house was completely filled with the friends of Mr. and Mrs. Collette and a delightful time was spent in card playing and dancing. Among those present were Mr. and Jerry Whalen, Mr. and Mrs. Daily, Mr. and Mrs. John Wilson, George E. Stratman and Mr. and Mrs. James Perkins, Oscar Collette, Miss Maggie Perkins, Miss Lola Collette, Miss Kate Perkins, C. A. Ford, G. Andres, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Lilly, Miss Minnie Collette, Miss Grace Lilly, Byron Stanbury, the Misses Schrimmer, and Mr. and Mrs. George Hess, Thomas Meldrum, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cain, N. Pratt, Charles Coon, John O'Hern, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Leary, Mr. and Mrs. T. Trickey, Mr. and Mrs. Elliot, Miss Nedra, Miss Anna Moore, Mrs. Nellie Martin, Mrs. H. H. Moore, David Price, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Aquist, Mr. and Mrs. John Crosby, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Burkey, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Miller, Ed Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. James Wadsworth, Carl Marlarine, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Dorr, P. Michelson, George Wilson, Wm. Nelson, Henry Capley, Cyrus Gillette.

The Imperial Club.

This popular organization at Saratoga gave one of its delightful parties Friday night in "Imperial Hall," on Cherry Hill. Elegant music, refreshments and a dance programme of seventeen numbers were features of the thoroughly pleasant occasion. Mr. Louis Littlefield acted in his usual able manner as master of ceremonies. Among those present were: Mrs. Atchison, Mrs. W. H. Latey, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. J. P. Shipman, the Misses Bailey, Latey, McMenamy, Whiting, Hubbard, Redman, West, Aquist, Sawyer, Haskett, Messrs. Clegg, Littlefield, Ladd, Hyatt, Smith, Brown, Clark, Argot, Keefer, Nelson, Shoemaker, Bushmore, Christo, Craig, Pickens, Bailey, Hecton, Paris, Epeneter and Chaplin.

The officers of this popular organization are Louis Littlefield, president, and

D. H. Christie, vice president. The club has decided to give a May party, though the date of the event has not been decided upon.

Wedding Bells.

Thursday night at 7 o'clock occurred the nuptials of Mr. F. M. Sprague and Miss Amelia E. Sylvester, both of this city, at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Sylvester, residents of Omaha for over thirty years, the ceremony being performed by Elder Mark H. Forsett. The bride was lovely in cream brocade and albatross, with corsage bouquet of tea roses and smilax. The groom is day foreman of the Evening Bee composing room and has resided in Omaha for the past seven years. The high esteem in which the young couple are held is shown by the large number of useful and handsome presents and many congratulations received from friends at home and abroad. The well-wishes of all will follow them to their new home at 819 South Twenty-fourth street, where they have been housed keeping.

A Coming Novelty.

The enterprising ladies of the St. Mary's Avenue Congregational church intend to give a Kaffee Klatsch soon. The idea was suggested by one recently given in Chicago and will be not only a novel and entertaining affair but it will constitute a social event of no small importance. A choice programme of music is being prepared and no trouble will be spared to make the occasion a creditable one to its instigators and an enjoyable one to those who may attend. A feature worthy of mention is the beautiful china that has been purchased for souvenirs of the evening. Invitations have been issued, but it was impossible not to overlook some. It is not the desire of its managers to make it an exclusive affair. The public are cordially invited and can procure tickets at the door.

Card Party.

A very pleasant card party was held Monday evening at Samuel J. Howell's on Park Avenue. Music and games were entered into with zest and everything was done to make the occasion a happy one. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Alexander, Colonel, and Mrs. Akin, Mr. and Mrs. Burton, Mr. and Mrs. Dale, Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Edwards, Mr. G. W. Holdrege, and Mrs. Mrs. T. L. Townsend.

The next Unity club party will be held April 15.

Dean Gardner will go east shortly to be married.

The meeting of the Sacred Heart convent began Thursday.

Judge and Mrs. Donne are home from their southern tour.

Miss Nellie Burns returned Tuesday from an eastern trip.

Miss Adra, of Denver, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Schlegel.

The Owl club held its last meeting at Mrs. J. H. Hubert's, on Forest avenue.

Miss Gent Yates is visiting her cousins the Misses Flora and Mamie Lemon.

The Coffee club met at Mrs. Hellman's Thursday. The souvenirs were pretty vases.

Mrs. M. C. Nichols and daughter entertained new friends at whist Thursday evening.

Miss Bessie Hall will be the guest of Miss Lella Shears during Brownell hall.

Grace Henderson of the Modjeska company is the wife of the manager of the Chicago opera house.

The Modern Workmen of America will give their first annual ball at Masonic hall April 21.

Mrs. Frank Ewing is going east in a few days to attend the golden wedding of her parents in Chillicothe, Ohio.

Mrs. George Gifford and daughter, from California, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Nichols at 2015 California street.

A Family Dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Meyer gave a family dinner Friday evening to their numerous relatives in this city. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Meyer, Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Meyer, Julius Meyer, Mr. and Mrs. H. Rahfeldt, Mrs. Meyer, Mrs. Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Jaffe, and S. J. Fisher.

Miss Brodt's Studio.

Miss Mattie Clark, of Papillion, is painting a large panel of hollyhocks for a picture screen.

Miss Daisy Doane is doing some prom-

ising still life drawing in black and white.

Miss Daisy Whitehouse is painting tulips on a canvas.

Miss D. D. Davis has completed a difficult figure of landscape, with a boy and dog in the foreground.

Miss Bay has done two handsome pieces, a bunch of daisies and golden rod, and a study of roses in an old jar.

Miss Adams has done a good deal of pretty work on bolting, and is painting hyacinths from nature.

Miss Brodt has moved her studio into a sunny front room in Arlington block. She has resumed her sketch class and is drilling her pupils once a week in perspective and other important matters.

Art Gossip.

Mrs. A. J. Gillis has a study of crimson poppies at Rose's and other decorative work.

Mrs. Mumaugh's sketch class is progressing and her class in oil is doing some gratifying work.

Collins & Shantz have done some fine crayon work for a prominent family in Hastings, T. L. Townsend.

Mrs. Levy Carter painted a number of Elsie's cards in water-color on a ragged edged card mounted on ribbon, that was designed to locate her and give lessons in these branches. Miss Isaacs is a great exception. Besides having a rich, easy flowing voice, she is attractive, one is unconsciously drawn to her and it is with an ever-increasing pleasure that one watches all she plays and many little details she so gracefully adds to her part. One of her greatest charms is her conscientiousness and faithfulness to the score, never resorting to any "tricks" or inartistic "dodges" for the purpose of saving time for a certain solo or section. If she has had the opportunity to frame, so to speak, her ringing notes, she would have appeared to much greater advantage, for as it was, she was so boldly supported in some of the concerted numbers that it made her voice appear unnecessarily loud and prominent. In the "Daughter of the Regiment" there were great opportunities for her to bring forward the brilliant qualities of her voice, and her powerful delivery of the patriotic songs to "France" was famous. No matter what she plays she enters into the part with so much spirit and earnestness that she fairly carries the whole house with her. Let us hope that Miss DeLassus will soon be with us again and that we may have the pleasure of applauding her as vigorously and as heartily as we have during the past week.

The Plot of "Lohengrin."

The following will be of interest to those who intend to see "Lohengrin" and are ignorant of the argument of the opera:

Act I. Henry, king of Germany, has come to Antwerp to summon his lieges against the Hungarians. He finds the chiefs without a leader, Gottfried having mysteriously disappeared and Frederick Telramund in virtue of his wife's royal descent claiming the sovereignty of Brabant. Telramund only accuses Elsa of being the cause of his wife's disappearance and his brother to obtain the crown. Elsa is summoned to appear and answer the charge: the king decrees that her cause shall be submitted to ordeal of battle between Telramund and any champion Elsa may choose. She describes a knight she has seen in a vision and conjures him to fight for her. A skiff drawn by a swan approaches the shore; it is Lohengrin, who accepts the challenge. Before they fight, Lohengrin betroths himself to Elsa, but claiming her promise never to question his right of procedure. The king and Lohengrin enter. Telramund reproves Elsa for conversing with Ortrud. They are proceeding to the church when Telramund disappears and accuse Lohengrin of sorcery, alleging the strange manner of his coming. The faith of the king remains unshaken, doubts assail Elsa, but the castle them aside and the marriage takes place.

Act II. Telramund and Ortrud are alone. Doubt has taken possession of Elsa. She questions her husband, unmindful of his warning that to reveal his secret will end their happiness. As they dispute an attempt on Lohengrin's life is made by Telramund and four others. Elsa's hands are sword to Lohengrin, kills Telramund. He places Elsa in charge of her ladies, charging them to lead her to the king. There he meets her again and reveals himself to be the son of Percival and knight of the Holy Grail. As he speaks the skiff again appears and Elsa's grief bids her an eternal farewell. Before he steps into the skiff he disenchants the swan, who is Gottfried, transformed by Ortrud's sorcery, and who now takes possession.

Zelle De Lassus.

To the Editor: It is very seldom that the light operatic stage is gifted with such an attractive and artistic soprano as Mile. Zelle De Lassus. Unfortunately, in the present day, there are quantities of sopranos who, having a pretty face, an idea of acting and a certain winning manner about them, "take" the public. But what does their voice amount to? Occasionally it may have a sweet "sing-songy" tone to it, or a pe-

culiarly fascinating "timbre," but how often are we not martyred by listening to harsh, unsympathetic, grating voices that only come out in shrieks above a conscientious orchestra, or that are so delicate and so "thin" that nothing can be heard but the trying instrument?

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