THE WEEK IN SOCIETY.

The Great Charity Ball a Magnificent Affair.

MRS. BYRON REED'S RECEPTION.

The Happy Hours Party—Miss May Yates Entertains—A Large Number of Fashionable Parties—Interesting Chit Chat.

The close approach of Lent has tended to greatly increase the number of society events during the past week. Now the fair ladies propose to remain in sackcloth and ashes for a short period only to blossom forth in greater brilliancy with Easter. But two days remain before Ash Wednesday and by reference to these columns it will be seen that all classes of society intend that they will be as gay as possible. A record of the past week's events will be found below.

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THE LEADING SOCIETY EVENT of the season, now nearly at an end, was the grand charity ball given at Exposition hall last Tuesday evening. The affair had been looked forward to with great anticipation, and every lady in the city had made great preparations for it. The ladies having the party in charge worked very hard for its success, and it can truthfully be said that they were in nowise disappointed. A pleasing and unique feature of the ball was the presence of a large number of debutantes, and very handsome they looked in their beautiful new gowns. Nearly all, if not quite all, of the leaders of society in this city and Council Bluffs were present; also several people from Kansas City, St. Joseph and other cities. Supper was served in the right hand gallery, and all of the viands were furnished by the ladies themselves.

The success of the ball was largely due to Mrs. T. M. Orr, Mrs. Judge Groff, Mrs. Woolworth and Mrs. Kountze. A complete description of thr many lovely costumes worn by their beautiful owners is not permissible in the BEE on account of the lack of space, therefore we give but the most prominent. Mrs. General Crook, black velvet reception toilet, en traine, V corsage, elbow sleeves, valencienne lace, rare jewels of torquoise, diamonds, pearls and rubies.

Mrs. Kountze, black reception toilet of satin, jetted tulle front and panels over white satin, diamonds and pearls.

Mrs. J. M. Woolworth, black reception toilet of velvet with jet passementerie on corsage, chantilly lace overdress, topaz and diamonds.

Mrs. Harvey, pink velvet brocade, Marguerite waist decollete, tulle-filled, sleveless, shoulder gloves, diamonds.

Miss Plummer, striking costume of black, pale ecru sash, corsage and skirt decorations of tea roses.

Mrs. Chase, red plush princess, petticoat front and sides of canary damasse, cascaded border at sides, square decollete corsage.

Miss Luna Dundy, golden brown plush, short costume right panel of lustra painting, left panel of fan-pleated ivory satin, round decollete corsage, duchesse lace.

Mrs. Orr, black brocaded satin en train skirt slashed over red fan-pleated panels and corsage.

Mrs. W. B. Millard, dancing costume of pink surah combined with gold flowered brocade, Elizabethan collar, decolleto and sleeveless, diamonds.

Miss Bridges, heliotrope satin with lace overdress and ribbon decorations, decollete and sleeveless, V front and back.

Mrs. Eddy, dancing costume of pink wool with panel decorations in red and pale brown ribbon flots of pink and red, decollete corsage, square, diamonds.

Miss Dixon, red silk dancing costme, silver passementrie on corsage triangular, tulle filled, pink roses, hand bouquet.

Miss Lake, heliotrope satin, very bouffant, netted tulle draperies, pearls on corsage a la militaire.

Mrs. Squires, black tulle costume, satin corsage, elaborate jet decorations, decollete and sleveless corsage, diamonds.

Mrs. E. S. Rood, handsome dancing costume of flame morie and polka dotted tulle.

Mrs. J. N. H. Patrick, black princess costume en traine, front of brocade velvet on canary ground, point lace and diamonds.

Miss Hougland, green moire petticoat draped in white and white bouffant back, white corsage with green and white striped brocade decorations, tea roses on corsage.

Mrs. Thurston, purple and lavender striped brocade and velvet combined, trained princess costume, corsage decorations of passementerie, diamonds.

Miss McParlin, white silk, tulle overdress and tulle decorated Gretchen waist.

Miss Lelia Shears, pale blue and pink roses on skirt and corsage, diamond necklace.

Miss Charlotte Kennedy, black lace costume, decollete and sleveless, cream surah sash.

Miss Kennedy, navy blue satin mervielleux en traine, waist decorations of fawn velvet.

Miss Almy, white tulle, chenille-dotted decollette and sleeveless, hyacinths and smilax.

Mrs. Hitchcock, cardinal satin corsage, square decollette, black tulle full skirts, hand bouquet of hard red lilies.

Miss Wakeley, yellow surah, vermicella lace overdress, triangular corsage and sleeveless Marguerite, flowers, corsage and skirt donations.

Mrs. Dr. Coffman, black brocade en traine, jetted panel sides, Antionette collar and square decollete corsage, diamonds.

Mrs. A. M. Yates, short black visiting toilet, jet pendant decorations, handsome bonnet in red and silver, jacquiminot hand bouquet.

Mrs. Adolph Meyer, pale heliotrope more combined with rare tinted heliotrope striped brocade and heliotrope velvet front, velvet lined traine, duchesse lace in V corsage, diamonds.

Mrs. Augustus Pratt, chantilly lace over pink satin, short V corsage, decollette, hyacinths and diamonds.

Miss Pratt, pink and blue brocaded satin with pink surah sash, drapings front and back, V corsage, decollette and sleeveless.

Miss Hawk, of Nebraska City, electric blue watered velvet combined with garnet velvet, garnet passementerie pendants.

The net proceeds of the affair were about $700, which will be added to the Creche fund.

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THE CAPITOL HILL German club was entertained on Thursday evening by Mrs. Byron Reed. It was a most elegant affair and the rooms of the magnificent mansion were superbly decorated. The full orchestra of the Musical Union discoursed sweet strains under the leadership of Professor Hoffman.

The German was led by Mr. A. L. Read, assisted by Mr. Deuel and Mr. Jordan. Those dancing were Mr. Poppleton and Miss Charlotte Kennedy, Mr. Luther Smith (of Council Bluffs) and Miss Hougland, Mr. J. R. Ringwalt and Miss Clara Brown, Mr. Wm. Doane and Miss Mabel Balcombe, Mr C. E. Smith and Miss Dresser of Indianapolis, Mr. C. L. Deuel and Miss Gertrude Chambers, Mr. Seaver and Miss Walsh of Lincoln, Neb., Mr. Jordan and Miss Lake, Mr. McCague and Miss Maggie Dixon, Mr. Barton and Miss Bridges of Ogdenburg, N. Y., Mr. Paxton and Miss Minnie Miller, Mr. Frank Hamilton and Miss Ida Sharp, Mr. Will Hamilton and Miss Shears, Mr. Guy J. Park and Miss Lelia Shears, Mr. Kennedy and Miss Almy, Mr. Wyman and Miss Thrall, Mr. Loomis (of Council Bluffs) and Miss Burns, Mr. Pike and Miss Dickey, Mr. J. W. Beall and Miss Jordan of St. Louis, Mr. Morford and Miss McParlin, Mr. Carey and Miss Vessie Miller, Mr. Wilcox and Miss Browning of Portland, Oregon. Mr. Charles Beall was a wooer. Mr. J. J. Dickey and wife, and Miss Nannie Williams of Topeka, Kansas were also present. Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Johnson presided at the favor tables. There were five direct and four indirect figures and only waltzes and polkas were danced. The favors were numerous, all of them novel and pretty.

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MISS MAY YATES, the charming daughter of Mrs. Anna M. Yates, entertained her friends at her mother's residence, 114 South Twenty-fourth street, on Friday evening. Dancing was continued until late. Among those present were: The Misses Doane, Emily Wakeley, Pearl Hartman, Mabel Fonda, Carrie House, Margaret Cook, Georgia Sharp, Fannie Groff, Lila Alexander, Mable Pratt, Lou House, Carrie Detweiler, Margaret Brown, Lillian Brunner, Nellie Bauserman, Mai Burns, Maud Staley, Alice Chambers, Jennie Moore, Nettie Johnson, Dollie Polack, Zetta Churchill, Grace Himebaugh, Nelsie Hughes, Edith Crandall, Nina Marshall, Maud Reese, Birdie Kelley, Opal Tousalin, Mellie Groff, Alda Mills, Helen Smith, Mattie Stone, Rena Strang, Mattie Polack, Mamie Josyln, Gundie Coburn, Jessie Kilpatrick, Kate Drake, Jennie McClelland, Masters Harry Hicks, Bert Cook, Charlie Bauserman, Rob Smith, Burley Moore, Wilcox Stephens, Frank Simpson, Charlie Stone, Drake O'Reilly, L. Strang, Harry Staley, Hilton Fonda, Joe Aber, Harry Moores, Wing Allen, Charlie Ellis, Fred Anderson, Harvey Smith, Howard Clark, Egbert Keller, M. McKair, Fred Rustin, Walter Dale, Arthur Dickey, Mr. Heffly, H. Rogers, Lou Dale, Will Griffiths, Frank Ballentine, Bert Coombs, C. McConnell, Will Rogers, M. Welsh, George Miner, Walter Miner, Wood Allan, Guy Livingstone of Plattsmouth, Fred Cox of Plattsmouth, Perry Badolet, Fred McCormick.

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ONE OF THE PLEASANTEST socials of the week was the phantom surprise party managed by Misses Lulu Truckey and Kittie Ogburn. Mr. C. H. Ogburn was the recipient and the party was given to celebrate his forty-first birthday. The parlors of his handsome residence at 1318 North Seventeenth street were thrown open to the gay visitors and a merry time was had. Dancing and music were the order of the evening. Following is a list of those present:

Misses Ida and Ella Truckey, Nellie Fagon, Francis Roeder, Viola Phelps, Mammie Bruner, Ella Crane, Grace Williams, Lizzie and Nellie Campion, Abbie Davis, Lindia and Emma Wigman, Lousia Granden, Etta Brown, Iona Gelette, Cora and Grace Neidig, Ida Hammond, Maggie Campion, Belle and Minnie Bowles, Alice Hayes, Mabel Collins, Katie Tucker, Mr. Charles Long, Willie Truckey, Charles Newton and Master Frank Colby, Neville Campion, Erving Crane, Fred Hansed, Frank Ham, Falber Snyder and Willie Talt.

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THE PROGRESSIVE EUCHRE CLUB met Saturday evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Williams, 1811 Farnam street. Five tables were occupied. Among those present were the following: Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Nichols, Mr. and Mrs. Hartman, Dr. and Mrs. Dysart, Miss Walker, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Snyder, Mrs. Higginson, Mrs. Vaill, Mr. Heth, Miss Tatam, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Lee, Mr. Bishop, Mr. Harry Heth and Mr. Squires. Mrs. Snyder won the royal prize among the ladies and Mr. Heth carried off the gentlemen's prize. The booby prizes were won by Mrs. Vaill and Mr. Hartman. Refreshments were served during the evening.

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THE SEASON, THUS FAR, has been the most lively and brilliant ever held in the city, and has kept the musicians, especially those of the Omaha Musical Union orchestra, almost nightly engaged. This excellent aggregation has done some of its finest work this year. It has been strengthened beyond compare with its former membership, and a great deal of its strength comes not less from the superior individual merit of many of its latest acquisitions than from the excellent management and direction which the organization enjoys. It is now a delight to listen to the work of the orchestra, and the delight may be experienced, whether in concert or on the floor of the ball-room.

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THE SHOKAM FALLS REVIEW of February 4, contains the following under the head of "Welcome:"

Dr. W. Q. Webb, the rising young physician of this city, returned last evening from a little trip to Omaha, Neb., bringing with him a fair bride. The lady was formerly Miss Nora Flannery, one of the belles of her native city, and her graces and accomplishments will soon make her equally as popular here. A reception was tendered the young couple on their arrival by the groom's mother. Among the wedding presents was an elegant Steinway piano from A. C. Edwards and wife. The many friends of the doctor extend congratulations and a hearty welcome to the young people.

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MR. DODDS has retired from the presidency of the Hotel Barker club and has been succeeded by Major J. M. McMahon, under whom the organization will continue the programme outlined at the opening of the season. The next party of the club will be given at the hotel to-morrow evening.

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WEDNESDAY EVENING at 6 o'clock at J. H. Mockett, Jr., of Lincoln, was married to Hattie H. Joslyn, at the residence of the bride's parent's on Twenty-fifth street. It was one of the prettiest home weddings imaginable. The parlors were tastefully decorated with flowers and smilax, and the ceremony took place beneath a huge floral bell. A large company was present, among whom were the following: Mr. Charles F. Jones, Miss Mabel Mathis, Miss Carrie Jones, Mr. Willie Mathis, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Barnacle, Mrs. Lipsey, Mrs. H. A. Doud, Misses May and Carrie Carpenter, Mr. Edwin Mockett, Mr. Ed Mockett, Mrs. Judge McCulloch, Mr. and Mrs. Mathis, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schmidt, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell, Mrs. Home, Miss Piercy, Misses Minnie and Katie Swartzlandes, Miss Hattie Eday, Miss McChean and Mr. George H. Jones.

The young couple will make their home at Lincoln, where Mr. Mockett has a lucrative insurance business. The presents were many and very beautiful.

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THE FIFTH annual ball of Omaha division No. 183, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers was held Thursday evening at Masonic hall. Fully 100 couples were present and the affair was pronounced by all to be the most elegant ever given by the brotherhood. The Musical Union orchestra furnished the music. Mr. M. W. Burnham was master of ceremonies.

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AN ELEGANT dancing party was given Friday night by Mr. Charles Bostwick at the residence of Mr. Austin E. Fitch, 1314 Capitol avenue. About fifteen couples were present all of whom thoroughly enjoyed themselves. At midnight an elegant supper was partaken of. The Venuto orchestra furnished the music.

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THE HAPPY HOURS CLUB gave its fourth and last party at Masonic hall Wednesday evening for the present season. The ladies of the club were offered the privilege of making it a leap year party, but after a secret session declined to take advantage of the offer It is whispered that they will give the gentlemen a return party after Easter. About forty couples were in attendance and a most enjoyable evening was had. Prof. Hoffman's excellent orchestra furnished the music. The Happy Hours club is one of the most successful social organizations in the city and its parties have been most delightful. The executive committee of the club is composed of the following gentlemen: C. J. Symth, Edmund Burke, George J. Paul, F. H. Koesters and J. M. Mullen. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Fitzmorris, Mr. and Mrs. J. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Mahoney, Mr. and Mrs. J. Meagher, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. H. Bushman, Misses Maggie Swift, Ella Kennedy, Margaret Brennan, Maud Paul, Agnes Cleary, Julia Mullen, Ella O'Connor, Anna Kosters, Maggie Bradon, Maggie Brosnan, Sarah Brady, Rosa Smith, Florence Coombe, May Reed, Mary Smith, Clara Riley, Lizlie Riley, Messrs. C. J. Smyth, Ed Burke, F. Kosters, George J. Paul, John Mullen, M. J. Scanlon, F. J. McCarthy, William J. Paul, J. C. Weeth, George Kosters, P. C. Heafey, T. J. O'Neil, James Swift, O. McKee, J. A. Linahan, W. R. O'Shaughnessy, T. F. Downey, Charles White, N. Duncan, W. Coombe, John Frenzer, J. Frenzer, William Roche.

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A VERY pleasant progressive euchre party was given by Miss May Gould at the residence of her sister, Mrs. B. F. Fry, Friday evening. The following ladies and gentlemen were present: The Misses Cole, King, Landagan, Fry, Plotner, Anderson, Magin, and Reed. Messrs. Hayes, Gilchrist, Fry, Reed, Weetn, Camp, Metzger, Cole.

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MRS. HOWES, the accomplished and attentive deputy to County Clerk Roche, yesterpay observed a birthday, and as a mark of the respect and esteem in which the lady is held by her associates in the office they presented her with a magnificent box of choice cut flowers. The tender and beautiful missives comprised roses, Calla lillies, smilax and many other beautiful samples of the flower family.

Chit Chat.

Wednesday next begins Lent.

On Friday next the Home Circle club meets at Masonic hall.

Miss Rose Hooker, of Oregon, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Dunbar.

The Concordia masquerade occurs at Germania hall Tuesday evening.

Miss Albright, of Detroit, is visiting her sister, Mrs. George H. Thomas.

The Hyperion club gives a party Tuesday evening next at Masonic hall.

Mrs. and Miss Browning, of Portland, Ore., are guests of Mrs. D. V. Sholes.

The Select One Hundred gives another assembly at the Millard to-morrow night.

A sweet baby girl is the latest guest to be entertained by Mr. and Mrs. W. Lyle Dickey.

The Appolo club concert is booked for Boyd's opera house Tuesday evening, February 21.

The Esmeralda club gives another of its elegant parties to-morrow evening at Germania hall.

The grand Purim masquerade ball of the Young Men's Hebrew association takes place at Exposition hall Monday evening, February 27. Any member desiring to invite friends will please notify the secretary before February 15.

The Imperial club masquerade ball takes place Tuesday evening at their hall, on Saunders street.

Mrs. Dr. Dysart will entertain her lady friends at progressive euchre Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Mrs. Dr. Jones' kettledrum, on Friday afternoon, was largely attended. It was a recherche affair.

The Parnell social club will give a valentine party at the A. O. H. hall on Tuesday evening, February 14.

On Tuesday evening next Miss Lila Alexander will give a St. Valentine party at her home, 1204 Duane street.

Mrs. William E. Clarke will give a reception to-morrow evening from 8 to 10:30 o'clock in honor of Mrs. and Miss Brotherton.

Miss Annie C. Brown, one of the most charming young society belles of St. Joseph, and Miss Annie Meadows, another lovely young lady of the Queen City, will visit in Council Bluffs during the coming week.

Effects of the Chinook.

Helena Herald: The advance sheets of an old-fashioned chinook wind have been in circulation hereabouts for several days, but not until last night did the regular full edition come out. But when it came there was no mistaking it. It was the genuine article, and came like a Dakota cyclone passing through a furnace. It was old Boreas himself with his frozen breath thawed out and boiled. It roared through the timber on the mountains, and came sweeping down on Helena and the valley like a flock of buzzards on a dead sheep. How the signs and awnings creaked, how the windows rattled, how the chimneys played bassoon to the gale, how buildings shook and how generally the chinook took possession of the town! From 8 o'clock in the evening until after midnight the gentle zephyr from the Mikado's realms frolicked about the streets to it's heart's content, sweeping off everything that was not anchored down, knocking over chimneys, tearing down fences, lifting roofs from houses, and reveling in other such sportive antics, all the while moaning like a lost soul and breathing its torrid breath against the mass of snow and ice that melted and ran away in streams from its hot-mouthed pursuer like molten solder trying to escape the tinner's iron. Not until near daybreak did the violence of the Rocky Mountain sirocco abate, and when the dawn appeared the effects of the night's gale were apparent. Where last night there was a foot of snow the ground was laid bare, and the streets, which up to yesterday afforded excellent sleighing, were transformed into seas of slush and mud. Patches of bare ground now peep out on the hills, where yesterday snow covered everything. The mercury took a sudden spurt and accomplished an upward journey of 20°, landing at 50° above zero, where it has stood all day. A bright sun has shone all day, and people are going about without overcoats, climbing the hills in the sweat of their brow, and sighinb for parasols and palm-leaf fans. The weather has assumed the air of spring, and the winter seems buried in the past. Such are the magical effects of the great chinook which swept over Helena last night. It did some damage, but every one who basked in the bright sunshine and breathed the balmy air of to-day will be inclined to forgive it for toppling over a few chimneys and demoralizing some fences. All hail your arrival, most potent chinook, and may your days be long in the land.

A London firm has received an order for a number of war balloons from the Russian government. Each balloon will be provided with a car to accomodate six men, and will cost $2,600. They will be made of fire-proof material.

A Buffalo merchant has in his possession the great iron padlock which was used in locking the great gates of Fort George during the war of 1812. It weighs about five pounds, and is considerably eaten with rust.

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Fine Cambric Corset Covers, high and low neck, 25c.

Fine Muslin Corset Covers, low neck, trimmed narrow embroidery and cluster of 6 tucks, 45c.

Fine Cambric Corset Covers, high and low neck, trimmed narrow embroidery, pleated front and pearl buttons, 50c.

Fine Cambric Corset Covers, high neck, V-shaped front, trimmed with fine deep embroidery, pleated front and pearl buttons.

Fine Cambric Corset Covers, square neck, yoke of solid tucks and fine embroidery, 60c.

Fine Cambric Corset Covers in a variety of styles, elegantly trimmed with embroideries and tucked yokes, 75c.

Fine Cambric Corset Covers in a variety of styles, square and low necks, embroidered, corded and tucked yokes, with lace and embroidery edge, $1.00.

Fine Cambric Corset Covers, square neck, solid yoke of Medici lace, trimmed with lace edge, $1.30.

Fine Cambric, V-shaped front and back, trimmed, deep embroidered edge, trimmed sleeve, $1.37 1-2.

Fine Cambric Corset Covers, low neck, trimmed deep Medici lace, $1.75.

Fine Cambric Corset Covers, low neck, yoke of valenciennes lace, Swiss insertion, $2.25.

SKIRTS.

Fine Muslin Skirts with cluster of 4 tucks, 45c.

Fine Muslin Skirts, cluster of 4 tucks, cambric ruffle, 55c.

Fine Muslin Skirts, with 2 clusters of tucks, cambric ruffle with cluster of tucks, 70c.

Fine Muslin skirts, with deep hem 3 yards wide, with yoke top, 75c.

Fine Muslin Skirt, with deep embroidered ruffle and cluster of 3 tucks, $1.00.

Fine Muslin Skirt, with tucked cambric flounce trimmed with deep Torchon lace and cluster of tucks, $1.35.

Fine Muslin Skirt, with deep embroidered flounce, with 2 clusters of 5 tucks each, $1.65.

Fine Cambric Skirt, cambric flounce with 2 clusters of 6 tucks each, trimmed with deep Medici lace and 2 clusters of tucks above flounce, $2.15.

Fine Cambric Skirt, in a variety of styles, elegantly trimmed in embroidery, Val, Torchon and Medici lace, at $2.35, $3.00, $3.50, $3.75, $4.25, $5.00, $5.50.

DRAWERS.

We are showing a very large stock of Ladies' Muslin and Cambric Drawers, tucked, and trimmed in embroidery and lace, from 25c to $2.00.

Children's Drawers.

Children's and Misses' Muslin Drawers, plain and trimmed, all sizes, at popular prices.

Night Gowns.

Fine Muslin Night Gowns, lined yoke on back, front of 6 clusters of 3 tucks each, finished cambric ruffle, 50c.

Fine Muslin Mother Hubbard Night Gown, yoke of clusters of large and small tucks, finished with fine embroidered edge, 90c.

Fine Cambric Night Gowns, Mother Hubbard, yoke clusters of large and small tucks, finished with herring bone braid, trimmed with cambric ruffle, $1.00.

Fine Muslin Night Gowns, Mother Hubbard, lined yoke and back front yoke of solid tucks, trimmed with fine embroidered edge, $1.25.

Fine Muslin Night Gowns, Mother Hubbard, pleated back, front yoke of solid tucking, trimmed with double ruffle of fine embroidery, $1.70.

Fine Cambric Night Gowns, Mother Hubbard front, pleated back, trimmed with Val lace, yoke clusters of fine tuck and Val lace insertion, $1.85.

Fine Cambric and Muslin and Cambric Night Gowns, trimmed in embroidery, Medici, Torchon and Smyrna laces, elegant styles, at $2.25, $2.50, $2.75, $3.00, $3.37, $4.25.

CHEMISE.

Fine Muslin and Cambric Chemise, plain, also trimmed in embroidery, Torchon and Medici lace, at 25c, 57c, 65c, 75c, 85c, $1.00, $1.25, $1.50, $1.60, $1.75, $2.00, $2.75, $3.25.

Children's NIGHT GOWNS.

Children's Muslin Night Gowns, Mother Hubbard, trimmed with embroidery, in various sizes.

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Ladies' and Children's Aprons: We are showing a very large assortment, including all the latest styles.

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We have just received another large lot of New Embroideries direct from the largest manufacturer in St. Gall and Herisaw, Switzerland, including all the latest and choicest novelties.

Fine Cambric Embroideries, in various widths, with insertions to match.

Fine Nainsook Embroideries, in various widths, with insertions to match.

Fine Swiss Embroideries, in various widths and insertions to match.

45-inch Swiss and Nainsook Skirtings, in all the latest novelties.

SPECIAL!

2,000 yards Hamburg Edgings, 1 1-2 to 3 inches wide, 5c; worth 10c.

2,000 yards Hamburg Edgings, 2 to 3 1-2 inches wide, 7c; worth from 10c to 12c.

3,000 yards Hamburg Edgings, 2 1-2 to 4 inches wide, 8 1-3c; worth 12 1-2c.

3,000 yards Fine Cambric Embroideries, 2 1-2 to 4 inches wide, 12 1-2c; worth up to 20c.

2,000 yards Fine Cambric Embroideries, 2 1-2 to 5 inches wide, 15c; worth up to 25c.

2,000 yards Fine Cambric Embroideries, 3 1-4 to 8 inches wide, 25c; worth up to 45c.

150 pieces 45-inch Swiss Embroidered Skirtings at $1.00, $1.20, $1.25, $1.50, $1.75, $2.00, $2.25; these are worth 1-4 more; all new and beautiful designs.

Gents' Furnishing Department.

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200 dozen Gents' White Unlaundried Shirts, reinforced, made of good muslin, linen bosom, 39c; usually sold at 50c.

250 dozen Gents' White Unlaundried Shirts, made of good heavy muslin, reinforced front and back, fine all linen bosom, patent back and sleeve facing, 50c; usually sold at 75c.

300 dozen Gents' White Unlaundried Shirts, made of New York mills muslin, reinforced front and back, fine all linen bosom, patent back and sleeve facing, elegantly made and finished, 65c; usually sold at 90c.

200 dozen Gents' White Unlaundried Shirts, made of New York mills muslin, finest all linen bosom, lined with heavy butchers' linen, reinforced front and back, patent back and sleeve facing, hand-made button holes, 75c; usual price, $1.00.

200 dozen Gents' White Unlaundried Shirts, made of the best Utica mills muslin, finest all linen bosom, reinforced front and back, double stitched, hand-made button holes. This is the best fitting shirt made and comes in open front and open back, $1.00; usual price, $1.25.

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WEEKLY BUSINESS REVIEW.

Chicago Bankers Well Supplied With Loanable Funds.

UNDOUBTED SECURITY REQUIRED

Packers Borrowing Considerably Less Money Than Usual at This Season of the Year—Quality of Hogs Poor.

In the Commercial World.

CHICAGO, Feb. 11.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—Bankers are apparently well supplied with loanable funds and street brokers have more money than usual for the accommodation of borrowers. Managers of the leading banking institutions, however, are disposed to pursue a very conservative course and are very careful in placing their funds, requiring undoubted collaterals or excellent names and at the same time on safe margins. Among board of trade operators there is little demand for money at present. Speculators are not extending their operations beyond their private means, and what little assistance they need is readily obtained. Packers, too, are doing only a moderate business and require very little money at present, considerably less than usual at this season of the year. There is some money being forwarded to interior points for the movement of grain and live stock, with a fair proportion through the hands of commission merchants. Some money is being placed in warehouse receipts in some of the larger cities of the west on rather wide margins and good rates of interest. The wholesale merchants are not quite as pressing as they were some time ago. The deposits of country banks are slightly increasing, but chiefly in sections where farmers have been selling their products quite freely. Rates of interest show little change, rather more favorable to borrowers. Loans on good paper command 6@7 per cent, mainly at the inside figure. Occasional loans are made on choice collateral and gilt-edge names at 5@5½ per cent, but these are exceptional. Some paper is accepted on the street at these figures. In eastern financial centers money is gradually working easier and bankers now are in a position to accommodate all good parties with all the financial assistance they need. Rates of interest range at 4@5 per cent on prime mercantile papers, with call loans at still lower figures. Considering the fact that about $40,000,000 of railroad bonds have been placed on the market since the beginning of the year, there appears to be no particular stringency in the money market in any part of the country. Financial affairs in European markets, too, are apparently in an easy position. The political situation is regarded with a more peaceful outlook and there is little inclination to enlarge all branches of trade. Money is plenty and rates of interest extremely low. New York exchange was in fair demand throughout the week and offerings were not large. Sales between banks were made at par@25 cents per $1,000 and the maket closed steady at 25 cents premium. Foreign exchange was inclined to quietness during the past week. The demand was limited and offers of shippers sixty-days' documentary bills on London were fair. Prices ruled easier, with sales at $4.82@4.82½, and closed at $4.82½@4.82¾. Stocks in New York were only moderately active throughout the week just closed. An easy feeling prevailed and prices for the leading properties were more favorable to buyers. There was no particular pressure to sell and the demand was somewhat limited. Wall street operators traded moderately, but outside speculators held off the market. Foreign operators were not inclined to do much trading, and the advices from that quarter were unfavorable to sellers. The earnings of the leading railroads are gradually decreasing, and the unsettled feeling and the unusual cutting of freight rates in all quarters will undoubtedly tend to further diminish their business and available means. Under these circumstances speculators are disposed to hold aloof from the stock market and devote their time and money to speculations in other articles. The aggregate sales on the New York stock exchange for the week were 781,000 shares. Speculative trading exhibited considerable activity during the week just closed—more than for several weeks past—and a lower range of prices was reached on all leading articles, more particularly in grain. It was quite evident that the "longs" were anxious to realize, the general surroundings of the trade leaning to lower prices. Unfavorable foreign news depressed some cereals, while larger stocks and prospects of free arrivals tended to encourage the "shorts" to enlarge their lines of others. Operators are looking for improved trade as soon as the railroads are all in running order again, as freight rates have been reduced to such low figures that shippers will be anxious to take advantage of the situation. No doubt there will be a very free movement of grain from the west to the east before the freight troubles are definitely settled, as the eastern lines will probably be drawn into the muddle. Export rates now favor the shipping interest. Eastern markets have exhibited a little more life at a decline in price and there is some disposition manifested abroad to take hold, though still further concessions in prices are insisted upon. Provisions have sympathized somewhat with the downward tendency in grain, though showing some strength early in the week on account of the light receipts of hogs. The movement of all kinds of produce has been somewhat larger at all the principal western markets and the shipments, too, are improving. The packing of the west shows little change from that of one week ago, but the quality of the hogs is very poor.

Thrilling Adventure.

Chicago Times: On Saturday, at Randolph, Utah, Robert McKinnon and John F. Spencer went to the mountain on the east side of Bear river for wood, each taking his gun with him. They had been at the cedars but a short time when Robert McKinnon saw a large mountain lion going direct for young Spencer. Thinking to save his friend, he got his gun (a 45-caliber Browning) and fired at the lion, which was distant about three hundred yards, hitting him near the root of the tail, but not low enough to break the animal down. The sting of the wound enraged the brute, and seeing John F. Spencer about one hundred yards above, with a howl of rage it went bounding up the mountain at him. John F., realizing his perilous position, ran to a ledge of rocks near by. He was hardly in a good position when the lion was at the ledge and within thirty feet; it leaped on the first table rock and was preparing for another spring, when it received a ball in the breast from the rifle of young Spencer. This knocked the brute off the rock; but, nothing daunted, it again leaped up to the same position, lashing its sides with its long tail, and howling with rage and pain. Again young Spencer fired, the second bullet also taking effect in the breast and down went the brute a second time. This was repeated three times more. The five bullets had all penetrated the lion's breast, and plowed their way through the body.

Fully one hundred people took a look at the monster to-day, some of the ladies being afraid to go near it. Its head is very large, and its tusks two inches long. It measured, from the nose to the end of the tail, seven feet four inches; height nearly four feet; around the forearm fourteen inches; across the foot six inches; length of tail, two feet eight inches; weight 175 pounds.

Captain Planck, of the British bark Windhover, has the reputation of being the youngest man in the queen's mercantile marine in command of a deep water vessel. He is a mere boy in appearance and only recently passed his twenty-fourth birthday, but he is making a splendid record in the matter of quick voyages. He recently brought his bark from Sidney to San Francisco in forty-four days.

The city of Naiyen, north of Ningpo, China, which was submerged about 1,000 years ago, has recently been exposed to view, and a number of vases, plates and other utensils of the Sough dynasty have been recovered by the natives.

THE CROP OF CANDIDATES.

A Shrewd Politician's Views on the Presidential Race.

CHAIRMAN CLARKSON TALKS.

He Thinks the Next Platform Should Accept War Issues as Settled—How to Break the Solid South.

CHICAGO, Feb. 11.—The executive committee of three of the sub-committee of seven of the national republican committee, consisting of Clarkson, Conger and Clayton, remained in the city to-day perfecting the plans and details outlined by the whole committee. The headquarters of the national committee for the convention have been established at the Grand Pacific hotel in the same club rooms as in 1880 and 1886. The citizens' committee has been directed that the convention hall must be ready and turned over to the national committee on Thursday before the meeting of the convention. The seating capacity of the hall will not be over 7,000 persons. To give this capacity all the boxes will be dispensed with and opera chairs replaced by ordinary chairs. The citizens' committee of Chicago were given 1,400 tickets four and eight years ago, and are now insisting on that many, but the committee will not be able to supply such a number. Delegates and alternates numbering about seventeen hundred will be seated on the lower floor in the parquette and circle. In the three tiers above this balcony and the two galleries, visitors will be reserved for the more noted guests. The desks for the press will be immediately in front of the stage. Each of the delegates will probably have three tickets for distribution. These will not be season tickets, as heretofore, but daily tickets, and therefore capable of receiving a larger number of visitors.

Mr. Clarkson, chairman of the sub-committee, was interviewed to-night as to his impressions of the indications as to candidats as developed during the committee session here, which drew in many politicians from the different states. He said:

Everything gives cheering indications of an increasing determination among republicans to look beyond the convention to the election and to unite on the man, whoever he is, who can most certainly be elected. There is less factional feeling than for many years. All republicans realize now, and experience can alone teach them, the disadvantage and discomfort of being out of power. To answer your questions frankly without regard to the interest of any candidate I would say that the party now appears to be divided into two sorts of opinion. One class believes that there are enough republicans in the country still for the party and its principals to elect a president, and who believe that a non-factional candidate would bring back all the republicans who have been out of line, except those who are permanently gone on account of the tariff, and who would not return unless the party should practically declare against protection. This class of men believe that a western republican of loyal party record without personal or factional enmities and not too high a protectionist, but more on the line of Garfield as to tariff, should be nominated.

The present drift of this class among civilians is toward Allison, who will have his own state enthusiastically for him, if he wants it, who has great strength all over the west and among the business interests of the east, and is without enmities in the party and has a tariff record like that of Garfield among soldiers.

There is an effort to direct the popular tide toward Sherman. This is on the surface just now, but the undertone is strongly towards Gresham, who, different from many soldiers, seems to be strong in that peculiar union and fellowship of such soldiers as are united in the organized form of the Grand Army, the Loyal Legion, etc., and who is strong also with some of the elements of dissatisfied republicans in the east and who is also strong with the anti-monopoly elements of the west. If a soldier is to be chosen the situation, taking east and west together, prefigures a soldier like Gresham who is strong in peculiar points and strong both east and west.

The other class of republicans, and I should say they were greatly in the majority, say that the situation demands a man who, because of his strength with the working people and on the tariff question, can command more votes than his party now has left. They hold that, with such a candidate, the party would have double assurance of success and that such a man alone can be sure of carrying New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut. These people are all for Blaine, and more enthusiastically than ever. So are the republicans who favor an emphatic and distinctively American policy in all things. Blaine has lost no friends in the west, but rather gained in the east. He has gained in Massachusetts, New Jersey and Connecticut, and held his own in New York among the republicans, and materially gained in that state among democrats and working men who are for protection. All these elements think Blaine is to be nominated. Meanwhile, he makes no sign, answers no letters, and is evidently determined to leave the whole matter to the party, without suggestions from himself, or any organized effort being made by his friends.

One good thing is the apparent purpose of the party to make such a platform as will, without change from its former position or principles, accept the war issues as settled, and leave the way open for all men who are with it in the south on present issues to join with it for the future. There is a republican majority, in two or three of the border states, on such a platform, and also a chance, if the party shall not sectionalize the tariff questions by taking the tariff on sugar, to carry Louisiana at the state election in April, and thus break the solid south before the national campaign has really opened. With Warmouth as a candidate, representing in himself as a sugar-planter, the tariff interests of Louisiana and the bitter fight between the McEnnery and Nichol democrats and two United States senators to elect, there next winter, there is an opportunity for a republican union with the tariff and the McEnnery democrats can be utilized to carry that state.

In regard to the appointment of sergeant-at-arms for the national convention, General Fitzsimmons, who was chosen, was a union soldier of gallant record and in every respect fit for his position on account of his war record. As to Colonel Healy, the committee meant no disrespect to the veterans' club. They expect that General Fitzsimmons will appoint a large number of union soldiers among his subordinates and also that he will recognize many of the young republicans, who are now the fighting force of the party, and give them generous recognition in these honors as well as the Grand Army veterans.

There is an enterprising paper in Shanghai which believes in getting all the news. In a recent issue it announced that "Charles Parnell, sometime M. P. for Cork city, and three prominent anarchists have been executed at Kilmainham. A small detachment of cavalry was in readiness, but their services were not required." It is