SOCIAL EVENTS OF THE WEEK.

A Brilliant Awakening Among Omaha Society People.

ANNUAL BALL OF THE ELKS.

Hyperion Phantom Party—Mrs. Haller's Red Reception—Last Ball of the Esmeraldas—Weddings, Balls and Parties.

The Elks Ball.

The great social event of the season was the second annual ball of the Elks, on Wednesday evening, at their headquarters in the Continental block. Elaborate preparations had been made for the event and no expense had been spared to make the party a swell affair. The parlor, lodge room and dining room were tastily decked with smilax and rarest flowers, and the national colors were hung tastily on the walls. The dining room was the great artistic triumph, surpassing any similar effort in Omaha. The tables were arranged in the form of the letter E, the initial of the lodge, and banks of flowers and pyramids were arranged at the ends and corners. The menu was in keeping with the decorations and comprised the rarest dainties. The service of the waiters was perfect. The carpets of the lodge room and parlors had been covered with canvas for the accommodation of the dancers. The costumes worn by the ladies were elegant, the gentlemen appearing in full evening dress. There were present: Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Thurston, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Orr, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Bartlett, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Wakefield, Postmaster and Mrs. C. V. Gallagher, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Goodrich, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Upton, Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Miner, Mr. and Mrs. D. V. Sholes, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Shull, Mr. and Mrs. Max Meyer, Miss Nellie Morse, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Tuttle, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Rood, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. King, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Dickinson, Mr. and Mrs. William Gyger, Misses Shears, Metz, Terry, Parrotte, Jordan of St. Louis, Wilkins, Ceambers, Sherman, Goldsmith, Morris, Canfield, Messrs. Garneau, Seaver, Thompson, Dennett, Meinberg, Rheem, Finley, Collins, Reed, Marand, Jordon, Metz, Gordon, Heth, Leonard, Coombe, Tirrell, Parke, Lindsay, Reeder, Taylor, Berlin, Wyman, Barton, Parker, Morris, McClure, Smith, Zehrung, of Lincoln.

Among the noticeable toilettes were:

Miss Nellie Morse, heavy black brocaded silk, lace garniture.

Mrs. May Meyer, corn-colored satin, black lace trimmings.

Mrs. Augustus Pratt, black lace.

Mrs. J. M. Thurston, white satin, en train.

Mrs. I. W. Miner, pale blue moire, wine velvet polanaise.

Mrs. Edward Dickinson, corn-colored satin, lace overskirt.

Mrs. D. V. Sholes, red silk surah.

Mrs. J. A. Wakefield, light cream silk, black lace.

Mrs. H. D. Shaw, heliotrope silk and moire.

Miss Metz, black velvet.

Mrs. E. S. Rood, red silk surah, lace over skirt.

Mrs. D. H. Goodrich, nile green silk with black lace.

Miss Lizzie Canfield, pink silk and light blue satin trimmings.

Miss Jordan, cream-colored satin.

Mrs. F. M. Orr, black silk with lace.

Mrs. E. M. Bartlett, black silk.

Mrs. F. M. Phillips, imported theater costume, ashes of roses silk brocade.

Mrs. William Gyger, black silk.

Mrs. T. F. Tuttle, black silk, lace; diamonds.

Hyperion Phantom Party.

Any one stepping into the Masonic hall Thursday evening would have been at first glance startled with the wierd and spectral scene presented. Silent and ghost-like figures sheeted like the conventional spook flitted through the mazes of quadrille and waltz like grim spirits mocking the pleasures of the living. While the mad whirl of some of the changes recalled the dance of the wierd sisters in Macbeth and needed but their sepulchral tones to make the illusion complete. It was hard to believe that this congregation of spectres was only the members of the Hyperion club entertaining themselves with a sheet and pillow case party. For some weeks the event had been the talk of particularly the lady members of the club, and the question was not, as usual, what to wear, but how to wear it. However, their usual ingenuity came to the rescue, and the result was some very neat robes, despite their grotesqueness. The party proved to be a great success, and a fitting close to a brilliant season for the Hyperions. The disguises were perfect, and but few recognitions were made. The unmasking took place early in the course of the dances, and resulted in a succession of surprises as familiar faces appeared from behind ghostly vestments. The ladies were then given time to rearrange their bangs and dancing was resumed, continuing until their usual hour—midnight. Refreshments were interlarded at their proper season. At the close of the party it was discovered that a number both of the ladies as well as gentlemen had forgotten to bring their headgear with them, as they had come to the party with their heads enveloped in pillow cases. They had to ride home bare-headed or don their ghostly head dress, and considerable merriment was produced thereby. The following were among the persons present:

The Misses —— Stickney, Sue King, Jennie King, Edith Maine, Bertha Wright, Birdie Cook, Lorena Smith, of Council Bluffs, Lottie Byrne, —— Keene, Anna Vapor, Mamie McLain, Inez Hascall, Mollie King, Florence French, Josephine French, —— Krebs, Nellie Sexauer, —— Duncan, Carrie McLain, Angie Boyce, Jessie LeClaire, Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Green.

The Messrs. G. A. Ostrom, G. A. Joslyn, G. F. Day, F. E. Hollinger, Mr. Fuller, R. S. Van Gorder, —— Steeve, T. S. Gregory, W. E. Wakefield, W. J. Byrnes, W. C. Milligan, J. Weber, F. Green, J. E. Balch, J. H. Vaughn, G. R. Crandall, E. B. Smith, Charles R. Sherman, E. E. Muffit, W. H. Sanford, F. C. Craig, R. C. Francis, W. E. Wakefield and a number of others.

M'DONALD-BRENNAN.

On last Tuesday morning Miss Katie Brennan, sister of Ed and T. F. Brennan, well-known contractors, of this city, was married under most happy auspices to Mr. M. J. O'Donnell, of Stillwater, Minn. The ceremony was performed in the Holy Trinity church by Rev. F. Koopmans, S. J., during a solemn nuptial mass, of which the clergyman mentioned was the celebrant. The choir was increased for the occasion and sang with telling appreciation Lambillotte's Paschal mass. the entrance of the party and friend to and the exit from the church being signalized by Haydn's wedding march, which was excellently rendered upon the organ. The bride was attended by Miss Manno Costello and the groom by Mr. T. F. Brennan, the brother of the bride. A large number of friends witnessed the ceremony, the altar during the same being richly decorated with fresh and flagrant flowers. After mass the party repaired to the beautiful residence of the bride and her brothers in Binney street, Kountze place, where a reception was held for several hours, and an elaborate bridal breakfast spread for the party. This levee was attended by numbers of admiring friends who extended congratulations to the happy party and whiled away the time until the evening when the bride and groom took the train for their future home in Stillwater, Mich. During the reception, a number of happy episodes occurred, prominent among which was the drawing of prizes enclosed in rosettes made from the bride's dress. The first of these, with an emerald ribbon was drawn by Miss Rose Smith, which augured success in every undertaking. Miss Celia Hughes, of Council Bluffs, fortunately selected a rosette with a gold ring, which seemed to indicate an early bridal. Miss Mollie Lacey, of the same place, selected a miniature vial with a small pill, which was interpreted as meaning betrothal to a physician. Miss Mary F. Brennan drew all the sweets of life, symbalized in a sugar plum, and Miss Maggie Kennedy the riches of life in an old 5 cent nickel. The donations of the friends of the bride were as follows:

Mr. John FitzPatrick, Chicago, toilet set; Mr. and Mrs. John O'Grady, toilet set, silver water pitcher, tray and cups; Baby O'Grady, potate masher and toothpick holder; Miss Jane Ward, table lamp; Mr. and Mrs. Fogarty, Marseilles spread and towels; Misses Smith, handsome painting of the Madonna; Misses Mary and Kate Dee, silver butter dish; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Southard, vase; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. O'Regan, silver water pitcher and cups; Miss Mary Mo-

KELLEY, STIGER & CO.,

Corner Dodge and Fifteenth Streets.

SPECIAL SALE
Parasols and Sunshades

We will open Monday morning an immense assortment, comprising all the latest novelties in Parasols and Sun Umbrellas, at astonishingly low prices,

100 Black Satin Parasols, (lace trimmed), natural sticks. $1.75, would be cheap at $2.25.

100 Black Satin Parasols (lined and lace trimmed) with fancy natural stick, $2.00; worth $2.75.

75 Black Satin Parasols, with fancy changeable linings, lace trimmed, $3.50, worth $4.50.

100 22-inch Plain Satin Parasols, gold mounted frames, with fancy white ivory handles, blacks and tans only, $3.15; worth $4.00.

100 22-inch All Silk Moire Parasols, natural sticks, assorted colors, $3.25; worth $4.25.

SUN UMBRELLAS.

125 26-inch Twilled Silk Sun Umbrellas, paragon frame, natural sticks, $1.65; worth $2.25.

100 26-inch Twilled Silk Sun Umbrellas, paragon frame, fancy silver crook handles, $2.15; worth $3.

75 26-inch All Pure Silk Sun Umbrellas, natural sticks, finest paragon frame, guaranteed to wear, $2.65. Would be cheap at $3.50.

HOSIERY.

Special Bargains for Next Week.

100 dozen Ladies' Ingrain Lisle Thread Hose, split feet, black and assorted tan shades only, 25c; good value for 37½c.

100 dozen Ladies' Extra Long Cotton Hose, full regular made, fast colors, in black, tans, modes, seal, navy and cream, 25c; worth 37½c.

Onyx Stainless Black.

Ladies' Onyx Stainless Black Cotton and Lisle Thread Hose at 50c, 65c and 75c a pair. This is the only absolutely fast black hose made. Should they crock or fade in washing we will refund the money.

Underwear.

Ladies' perfect fitting Ribbed Lisle Vests, made from the finest combed Sea Island, 25c; worth 37½c.

LINENS.

At 75c.

7 pieces Bleached Damask, 63 inches wide, all new patterns. These goods have never been sold by us for less than 90c—for this sale, 75c.

6 pieces heavy Bleached All Linen Damask, 72 inches wide; our price for this week

$1.00

Reduced from $1.25.

8 pieces heavy and extra fine Bleached Double Damask, 72 inches wide, same quality sold elsewhere for $2.00. Our price for this sale,

$1.25.

NAPKINS.

100 dozen 3-4 and 5-8 Bleached Napkins at $1.75; regular price, $2.25

100 dozen 3-4 Grass Bleached German Linen Napkins, the best napkins yet made for hotels and restaurants. Our regular price on this napkin is $2.75 per dozen. Monday and all next week our price will be

$1.95.

35 dozen 3-4 Bleached Irish Linen Napkins. other dealers ask $4.25 for same goods; our price for this sale,

$3.00.

TOWELS.

20c. 20c. 20c.

200 dozen Huck, Crope and Damask Towels, extra large sizes, for Monday 20c, reduced from 25c.

At 40c.

50 dozen hemstitched and open end knotted fringe Huck and Damask Towels, reduced from 60c.

At 50c

The best value at this price will be found on our counter this week. This is an odd lot and the regular price on such goods are 75c, 85c and $1.00, reduced to 50c.

1 case BED SPREADS, Marseilles pattern, extra large size, reduced to $1.00; worth $1.35.

CARRIAGE LAP ROBES and LINEN HORSE BLANKETS in endless varriety.

SPECIAL SALE!
Black Lace Flouncings.

We will commence Monday morning the greatest sale of 42-INCH BLACK CHANTILLY and SPANISH GUIPURE LACE FLOUNCINGS that has ever been attempted in this city. All new and perfect goods of French manufacture, all pure silk and perfect shade of black, and comprise all the latest and choicest novelties.

42-INCH BLACK CHANTILLY FLOUNCINGS, French manufacture, all silk, at the following prices, which we know are extremely low, quality considered: $1.25, $1.45, $1.75, $2.10, $2.35, $2.85, $3, $3.85, $4, $4.25, $4.50, $5.50, $6.25, $7.25. See these goods before buying elsewhere.

42-INCH BLACK SPANISH GUIPURE FLOUNCINGS, French manufacture, all silk, at the following prices, which cannot be beaten: $1.40, $1.75, $2.15, $2.85, $3.85, $4.25

SHORT LENGTHS.

All our short lengths of Black Chantilly and Spanish Guipure Flouncings will be offered regardless of cost.

42-INCH SWISS EMBROIDERED SKIRTINGS-SPECIAL BARGAINS ALL NEXT WEEK at the following prices: 70c, 85c, $1.00, $1.25, $1.50, $1.75, $2, $2.25, $2.50, $2.75, $3, $3.50, $4.50.

22½-INCH SWISS EMBROIDERED FLOUNCING in beautiful dainty designs; just the right thing for children's Gretchen dresses; best value ever offered in this city, at 50c, 65c, 75c, 85c, $1, $1.10, $1.25, $1.35, $1.50, $1.75, $2, $2.25 and $2.50 a yard.

French Satines! French Satines!

Our Immense Variety of Styles in French Satines, manufactured by FRERES KOECHLIN. All of them our own exclusive designs and patterns and CONTROLED by us in THIS CITY. Every novel and choice shade shown, both in plain colors and fancy, making a large and varied assortment to select from. This quality we especially recommend for actual wear, fast colorings and durable finish.

Novelties in Wash Goods.

FRENCH GINGHAMS,

SCOTCH GINGHAMS,

ZEPHYR GINGHAMS,

ZANZIBAR GINGHAMS,

CHAMBRAY GINGHAMS.

In all styles. Shephard Checks, Stripes, Bars, Plaids, etc. Combinations and Solid Colors we guarantee them to wash. Our Novelty Plaid and Stripe Scotch Fancies with plain to match. The handsome colors and patterns together with the Fancy Hemstitch effects, entirely new, makes them very choice. See them before purchasing a wash dress.

Fancy Terry Cloth, a new Cotton Fabric for Summer wear; beautiful shades in Cream, Pink, and Blue.

Large variety of Shades in Crazy Cloth, suitable for Portier's Draperies, Sash Curtains, etc.

See our handsome line of Morie Silks, both Black and Colors, beautiful Changeable Surah Silks, Novelty Plaid Surah Silks, India Pongee and China Silks, White Shanghai Silk.

We offer decided inducements to Ladies who want a Spring, Jacket, a wrap, a Newmarket or Shawl, Jackets with or without Hoods and Tailor made, price $2.00. All Wool Jacket for $3.00, splendid fitting. A handsome striped Jacket, braid trimmings, $4.50. The more than liberal patronage given our Cloak Dept., during the past week warrants us in saying we show by far the best assortment of Jackets at $5.00. to be found in Omaha, Diagonal Cloths, Check Cheviots and Colored Cloths, including the best line of Stockinets in choice Shades and Mohair stripes. We show an elegant Himalaya Cloth in Jackets at the very low price of $5.50, an English Serge splendidly made and Satin lined. Our price $10.00 on sale in the city elsewhere at $12.50. Our customers tell us we show the best line of Newmarkets to be found in the city; $9.50, $13.50, $17.00, $19.00 and $22.00, are the prices at which we offer a choice selection of Raglans Ulsters, Newmarkets, etc., Spring Shawls in Choice Shades and Colorings in price from $2.00 and upwards. We call special attention to our line of Embroidered Fichus with knotted Silk Fringe. The goods are very handsome and meeting with favor everyweere; we range them in prices from $2.25, upwards to $16.50. We show a well selected line of Star Shirt Waists in all the Grades of Material from 25 cents to $1.50. The Sterling Flannel Waists, $1.25, $1.35, $1.50 and $2.00. In Jerseys we offer the best values in the city, prices from 75 cents to $4.50.

Corner Dodge and Fifteenth Sts.

Mahon, Monmouth, Ill., table linen; Mr. and Mrs. Frank McCreary, silver fruit dish; Miss Maggie Millet, card receiver; Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Conlon, silver tea set; Mr. and Mrs. Captain O'Donohoe, castor; Mr. J. P. and Mary F. Brennan, pepper, salt and vinegar set; Mr. G. and Ellen Holmes, hall mirror and hat rack; Mr. and Mrs. John Mulvihill, silver salad dish; Miss Maggie Kennedy, vase; Miss Mamie E. Rush, silver fruit dish; Miss Mollie Lacy and Mrs. Fox, Council Bluffs, Ia., set silver teaspoons; Mr. Martin Hughes and family, Council Bluffs, Ia., silver cake stand; Miss C. Hughes, hand-worked handkerchief; Hamilton brothers and Miss Roebuck, hall mirror; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Brennan, silver butter knife; Mr. and Mrs. M. Lee, silver knives and forks; Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Nichol, table and teaspoons; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Whalen, silver fruit dish; Mr. Tom Flynn, set table linen; Mrs. M. Brennan and daughters, Mrs. S. E. and N. A., two sets teaspoons; Mr. and Mrs. R. O'Keeffe, MacGeoghegans and Mitchell's "History of Ireland;" Misses Nanno and Mary E. Costello, dozen breakfast plates; Mr. T. F. Brennan, gold bracelets to the bride and diamond pin to the bridegroom.

Red Reception.

One of the most delightful society events of the past week was the red reception given by Mrs. Haller yesterday afternoon at the residence of George W. Lininger, corner of Eighteenth and Capitol avenue. The beautiful residence was most elegantly decorated for the occasion, red being the prevailing color, red lampshades, ribbons, drapery and flowers being used in rich profusion. The dining room was a perfect gem, red being the predominating color, even to the service and wax candles. The chandelier above was draped in the same color, and from this illuminator to the four corners of the table were festooned four bright red ribbons. The liberal use of this flaming color and yet the absence of anything gaudy was a triumph of artistic taste. The beautiful pictures and statuary in the parlors were an unending source of entertainment to the visitors. The Turkish boudoir, hung with rich portieres and other tapestries, hand-made in oriental countries, was a source of wonder and delight.

Mrs. Haller was assisted in receiving by Mesdames Metcalf, Wheeler, Charles Vaill, Dysart, Heth and Osborne, the last named lady being from Council Bluffs, Ia. The following is the list of some of those present: Mesdames Woolworth, Summers, Allen, Kurty, Coutant, Kaufman, Squires, Windsor, Powell, Colpetzer, Du Bois, Morse, Bartay, Millard, Tabor, Page, Lacey, Bronstoy, Cornish, Sharp, Hall, Orr, Clark, Wakeley, Garabrant, Burnam, Paxton, Kitchen, Clarkson, Stebbins. Misses Collins, Wakeley, Yates, Hawks and Kerr, both of St. Joseph, Mo., Burns, Bridges, Shears, Ida and Mattie Sharp, Ijams, Royce, Wall, Gilbert and Rockman.

Mrs. Haller's costume was of satin (white) with train, red plush trimmings, diamonds.

Mrs. Metcalf, shell pink satin en train, square neck, diamonds.

Mrs. Wheeler, white moire with blue embroidered net trimmings.

Mrs. Osborne, ashes of roses, cashmere with red trimmings, diamonds.

Mrs. Vaille, black velvet and tulle cut decollette, corsage boquet of red geraniums.

Mrs. Dysart, black moire and lace combination (square neck), diamonds.

Mrs. John Heth, black lace dress, pearl ornaments.

Miss Osborne, of Council Bluffs, black silk and lace with blue trimmings, diamonds.

A bevy of Council Bluffs' fairest representatives were in attendance. Mrs. William Vaille and Dysart presided later in the evening, to the entire delight and pleasure of all, in the dining room.

The Emmett Easter Party.

The original mission of the Emmett Monument association has long since been served, but the club still survives as a strong social organization to keep alive the interest in Ireland and Irish people. On Monday evening the association held their eighteenth annual ball at Masonic hall, and fully 150 couples were in attendance; there were also present delegations from South Omaha, Platte Center and Blair. Among the prominent persons in attendance were noticed Dennis Cunningham, Mike Lee, John Keagh of Platte Center, and a number of others. The hall was tastily decorated with red, white and blue relieved at intervals with green silk banners adorned with appropriate mottos. On one were the words: "Thy Sons Arise to Break Thy Chains." On another: "In Unity is Strength." On a third: "Ireland Will and Must Be Free." The last was emblazoned with the national escutcheon, a harp. The occasion was throughout a delightful one. The committee on arrangements, to whom generally is due the credit of a successful ball were A. Murphy, P. Snarkey, J. H. Feeny, M. Lee, D. A. Hurley and Captain John O'Donohoe. The reception committee was comprised of John Graves, Peter O'Malley, T. Tallan, M. P. O'Brien and P. J. Tighe. The floor managers, T. O'Neil, P. C. Heafy, J. M. McMahon, John Fitzpatrick, D. Cunningham, C. J. Smyth, P. J. Barrett and Ed O'Conner.

The Esmeraldas.

An Easter party was given by the Esmeralda Social club Monday evening last at the Barker hotel, and was the most enjoyable of any which the club has given this season. Although this is the first year of the club it has met with decided success. At this last party referred to mine host, Balch of the "Barker," eclipsed his previous efforts to entertain the club, and made everyone feel very much at home. The programmes and menu cards were very unique. Among those present were: Messrs. C. A. Birney, Frank Barrett, Will Baker, Coombe, Epos Cory, C. L. Cory, of South Omaha, M. L. Dow, J. P. Ely, J. E. Balch, Epeneter, A. Bower, Gallagher, Graulich, Jefferies, B. C. Bell, Kendall, J. H. Vaughan, Lombard, H. Drexel, McCoy, H. McKenna, J. A. Ryan, E. L. Cox, Richards, W. A. Strong, Mr. and Mrs. Tanner, W. H. Murphy, Van Dyke, Wakefield, The Misses Herrington, Sexauer, Shipman, Byrne, Balch, Lizzie Benson, Nellie Benson, Bruning, Leland, George, Davol, Richardson, Smith, Emma Brandt, Minnie Brandt, Brown, Moorse, Hutchison, Mrs. Von Slyke, Mrs. Neil, Mrs. Gilman, Mrs. Smith, of Davenport, Ia., Mrs. Magrane and many others.

The supper was one of the most elegant features of the occasion. The tables were beautifully decked with flowers and the waiters perfect in their service. The guests marched in to strains of music. The supper was superb.

An Editor's Marriage.

Last Monday, Mr. J. A. Hospodsky, editor of the Narodni Listy (Bohemian paper), of this city, was married at Wilber, Neb., to Miss Mary Semilsky, one of the fairest daughters of Saline county. Judge Ryan, of Wilber, officiated. A number of friends, among them his colleague, Mr. John Rosicky, of the Pokrok Zapadu, with Mrs. Rosicky, John Hofman and others, attended the wedding. On Tuesday the happy couple and attendants returned to Omaha, and a grand reception awaited them at National hall, where congratulations and wedding presents were the order of the day.

A Pleasant Event.

The social at the First Presbyterian church Thursday evening was well attended. Those present listened to an excellent literary and musical programme. Among the special features was the quartette composed of Messrs. Crager, Pratt, Smith and Pierce. With the aid of harmonicas and a piano they rendered excellent music. A vocal solo by Mrs. Welch called forth enthusiastic applause. The recitation by Mr. William T. Hellee was well received. After a few remarks by the pastor the evening was devoted to social enjoyment.

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THE FIREMEN'S ball was one of the biggest balls given in Omaha this season, nearly fifteen hundred being in attendance. The hall was tastily decorated with flags, pictures and implements of the craft. The parade in the afternoon in which the U. P. Fire company, the Veteran firemen and the policemen took part, was a splendid pageant.

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ON FRIDAY evening some thirty couples gave Herman and Henry Drexel a surprise party at their home at 1248 South Tenth street. The sudden influx of visitors bewildered them for a few moments until they began to realize that they were the victims of a surprise. The guests took possession, furnishing some very palatable refreshments and the evening slipped away between card playing and dancing.

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MR. AND MRS. ADOLPH MEYER celebrated their wooden wedding anniversary on Tuesday evening last at their elegant residence on upper Douglas street. The handsome parlors were thronged with the intimate friends of Mr. and Mrs. Meyer, who danced to the strains of the Musical Union. An elegant champagne supper was served at midnight. Mr. and Mrs. Meyer were the recipients of a number of handsome wooden presents, among which was an exquisitely carved writing desk, a gift from Mr. Meyer's employes.

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NOW THAT Lent is over, the Parnell social club comes out of its temporary retirement to once more enjoy themselves in their bi-weekly dances. The hop of Wednesday evening was the twelfth of their series this season and Cunningham's hall was crowded with pleasure-loving sons and daughters of Erin. Mr. S. E. Collins acted as floor manager and his assistants were Morris Cain, J. T. Fitzmorris, John Kervin and Louis Connelly.

Chit Chat.

H. L. Chamberlain has returned from the east.

S. G. Royce returned from New York city on Friday.

C. H. McLean, of New York, is the guest of Frank Ramge.

Mr. H. B. Hudson has returned from a pleasant trip down east.

Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Muir will be found hereafter at 2207 Farnam.

Judge Dundy has been ill the past three days and confined to his house.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Dewey returned from Florida the first of the week.

Morris J. Meyer, of St. Louis, is the guest of his nephew, Adolph Michaels.

Next Tuesday evening Mr. Gustav Hahn to be married to Miss Paula Marschner.

The Uniques give a social ball at Cunningham's hall on next Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs G. W. Logan returned from their western trip the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Withnell returned from their California trip early in the week.

James A. Beverly, of Sutherland, Fla., is the guest of his old-time friend, Morris Morrison.

Mrs. John P. Smart has left for Washington, D. C., for a three months' visit with her mother.

C. S. Crowell bid his friends in this city good-bye yesterday to go to Denver, where he will locate.

On Tuesday Business Manager Merritt, of the Herald, was joined by his wife, from Springfield, Ill.

Mrs. General O'Brien and her daughter Frances returned from their trip to Milwaukee on Friday.

Miss Mary Roach, principal of the schools at Dunlap, Ia., is is the guest of the family of A. McAndrews, on Cass street.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Evans have returned from their two months' sojourn on the Pacific slope greatly improved in health.

Mrs. A. F. Bosche, 202 North Nineteenth street, gave a pleasant tea party Friday evening to a number of friends.

Dean Millspaugh, of Minneapolis, formerly rector of Trinity cathedral, has been the guest of Dean Gardner this week.

Mr. W. J. Carter has gone to the frontier counties of the state to write up the country along the new branches of the B. & M.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Dewey, after a delightful winter among the orange groves of Florida, have returned again to Omaha.

Mr. R. H. Blose left yesterday for his old home in Wabash, Ind., where he will spend a month in recuperating and visiting old friends.

F. F. Patrick was married to Miss Fannie W. Brown, of Fremont, on Wednesday. They make their future home at Patrick, Wyo.

Mr. A. P. Nicholas has returned from New England after two months visit there. Mrs. Nicholas will prolong her stay for two or three weeks yet.

The ladies who attended the Elks' ball declare that the proper interpretation of the initials of the lodge—B. P. O. E.—is "best people on earth."

Henry Teating and bride, of Lamont, Ill., while on their return from their bridal tour in the west, stopped a day or two in Omaha the guest of friends.

Mrs. Magrane gives her closing social of the season on Thursday evening, April 19, and is making preparations to eclipse even her Christmas matinee.

The continued ill health of Mrs. General Crook, for a month past has necessitated a change of climate, and she left this week for Oakland, Md., her old home to, recuperate.

G. D. Zimmerman, a popular young bank clerk in the United States National bank, left for Minneapolis the first of the week to step into a more remunerative position in that city.

Mr. and Mrs. Metcalf have returned to Omaha after a four months absence. Their winter was delightfully passed in Southern California and Texas.

On Tuesday evening Mr. Oliver H. Marion was married to Miss Carrie F. Referstein. The ceremony took place at the bride's residence, 1820 Corby, the Rev. A. F. Sherrill officiating.

David C. Rowden, one of the new policemen who bears quite a resemblance to Chief Seavey, has followed the example of his superior officer in taking to himself a wife. The lady is Mrs. Mary Foley, 1024 South Twelfth street.

Mr. H. A. Pear and Mrs. Vena Showerman were united in wedlock on Monday evening. Immediately after the ceremony they left for Denver and Salt Lake City, where they will pass two weeks of their honeymoon.

A children's party will be held Friday evening at Exposition hall. The little ones will make out the invitation list and sell the tickets at $3 each. They will take charge of the affair until 9 o'clock, when their seniors and chaperones will take up the dance, fifteen numbers being arranged for them.

Mr. Frank Kasper, of Fremont, and Miss Erika Baehcke, of this city, were united in marriage Friday at the German Presbyterian church, by the Rev. John G. Schaible. The altar was beautifully decorated in honor of the event, and many friends were present

Scene—Pleasant afternoon, two young society ladies strolling by Boyd's opera house. "Oh, Lill," says Nellie, "let's Booth of us go up and get seats for Hamlet."

Lill looks faint and glancing reproachfully at Mabel says:

"Oh, gracious, Nell, please don't say such a thing again. I can't Barrett."

More Serviceable Where He Is.

Milwaukee Tribune: The Denver association of the alumni of Michigan university has started a movement to secure the appointment to the vacant chief justiceship for Judge Cooley, the chairman of the inter-state commission. No name has been mentioned for Judge Waite's chair, which command so much respect and confidence as that of Judge Cooley. The president could not do a better thing for the supreme court than to put Judge Cooley in Judge Waite's seat, but to do so would inflict an irreparable loss on the commission of which Judge Cooley has been the guiding spirit. The success of the railroad commission is due more to his administration than to anything else, and the public service upon which he has entered as its presiding officer is so important, and so much remains for him to do in that position that it is a serious question whether the country can afford to have him take a place that will it of his services as commissioner of internal commerce. The wise and judicious regulation of the great railroads of the country is second in importance to no other duty of the government and while it would no doubt be a just and proper recognition of his ability as a lawyer and of his integrity as a man to elevate him to the highest honor the country is able to confer upon his profession, the country could ill afford to dispense with his services in his present very responsible position. In other words it is easier to fill the vacancy on the supreme bench than it would be to fill his place on the insterstate commerce commission.

A Novel Clock.

A patent for a new clock or chronometer has just been granted that is attracting considerable attention here. It is the invention of W. H. and J. D. Gray, of Maryland, who claim that it can be made to run, if necessary, for years after wound. Other special features of the clock are that it is absolutely noiseless when in operation and does away entirely with the pendulum and balance wheel now used in clocks and watches. The running gear including both the striking and time mechanism consists of but six wheels and it requires but one spring to propel both of these attachments by the rise of a partial self-winding spring constructed to two of the wheels. The inventors utilize the power wasted by friction in other time-pieces, thus ennabling the clock to run a much greater length of time with the same motive power—or by one winding up. The inventors intend to work a revolution in clock-making by the introduction of a perfect time-piece which, they say, because of its simplicity, can be manufactured at much less cost than the many excellent low-priced time-pieces manufactured in this country to-day.

ECHOES FROM THE ANTE-ROOM

Determined Efforts to Expel Saloonkeepers From the Masonic Order.

A SECRET SOCIETY SENSATION.

A Knight of Honor in Every Sense—The A. O. U. W.—Doings of the Odd Fellows—General Pythian News.

A Secret Society Sensation.

A sensation has just developed in the secret society circles of a neighboring state. Several weeks ago the columns of the daily press were filled with an account of an attack by highway robbers upon a well known young man who was a member of at least six secret organizations for one of which he acted as treasurer. On this occasion the young man was robbed of nearly $900. The members of the lodge determined he should not lose the amount and generously relieved their unfortunate official of all liability in the matter.

The young treasurer expressed his thanks and heartfelt gratitude and once more assumed his vows of eternally existing in a sphere of brotherly love. But a certain member of the lodge felt very little sympathy with the sufferer. This gentleman determined to follow up and watch closely every action of the supposed victim. A short time after the robbery, the treasurer of the society was discharged; from his business position because, as he stated, a superior had a grudge against him. Suspicious facts were placed before the lodge in the young man's absence and an investigation demanded. A committe was selected and work was commenced on the accounts. The intricate and puzzling system which the young man had employed in keeping the books of the lodge left the committee wholly at sea. An expert was called in to conduct the examination, but after laboring fruitlessly gave up the job in despair. Then the young treasurer was called upon for an explanation, and he appeared to be very willing. An evening was set, but the young man on that particular evening was confined to his bed and claimed to be suffering from a bad cold. Upon the second call he appeared before the committee. His smooth tongue and plausible language were once more called upon to do duty in defense of their owner's honor, but they failed. The committee was not to be blinded, and demanded satisfactory and not rhetorical explanations.

The discrepancies in the accounts were numerous and in some places rather large in amount. The treasurer gave no explanation of the discrepancies, but in order to straighten himself gave the lodge twenty-two notes, payable at the rate of one every two months, to cover the deficit of $895.86 in his accounts.

The lodge, of which he was the treasurer, has expelled the young man, and as speedily as is possible with their rules, the other orders are doing the same thing.

Merited Confidence.

The case of Joseph W. Branch, supreme treasurer of the Knights of Honor, is a remarkable one. Mr. Branch was, up to a year ago, a prosperous merchant of St. Louis. The confidence in his financial standing and integrity was unshaken; but to the surprise of all he met with a most disastrous business failure in the summer of 1887. At that time Mr. Branch was holding a large amount of money, the funds of the Knights of Honor. It was but natural that, in the presence of such a failure, the members of the order should become alarmed for the welfare of their money. In some sections the members, with perhaps pardonable indiscretion, publicly bewailed the loss their order would sustain. In the midst of his personal troubles, Mr. Branch was waited upon by the officials of the grand lodge and an accounting called for. A thorough investigation showed that the ruined merchant had been true to his trust. The affairs of the order had been kept distinct from those of his private business, and every dollar he had received minus the disbursements as shown by proper paper, was safely deposited in a bank to the credit of the supreme treasurer of the Knights of Honor. Through all his personal reverses the unfortunate gentleman had proven himself worthy of the confidence reposed in him. It is very likely that Mr. Branch will soon recover from his financial difficulties. The great confidence his brethern have in him is shown by the fact that Joseph W. Branch is yet the supreme treasurer of the order. Since June 14, 1884, up to March 14 of the present year Mr. Branch has received and accounted for $11,476,091.70.

Saloonkeeping Masons.

About a year ago the grand master of the A. F. & A. M. in Missouri created a sensation by declaring the business of saloonkeeping to be a Masonic offense. At its last session the grand lodge of the state sustained the position of the grand master and result was that a number of saloonkeepers who were Masons accepted their demits. A large number of liquor dealers still retain their membership. In order to enforce the edict of the grand lodge on this question, the present grand master has issued a proclamation. The grand master notifies all subordinate lodges in the jurisdiction to give all their members who are engaged in the sale of alcoholic liquors, the option of quitting the business or withdrawing from the lodge. In the event of non-compliance with this order, all who so disobey are to have charges preferred against them, which charges shall be tried in the usual manner. In St. Louis the edict has been recognized by but few of the lodges. Some of the most prominent Masons of that city are persisting in the enforcement of the order. Other and more conservative members say they are perfectly willing that the occupation of saloon-keeping should be a disqualification for membership hereafter; they hold, however, that it will be an injustice to expel reputable members, who are saloon-keepers, and who became Masons long before the edict was thought of. These claim that the action of the Grand Lodge as to those already members was in its nature ex post facto, and any attempt to enforce the order will cause serious trouble.

Echoes.

THOMAS J. POTTER POST, G. A. R., was mustered in Friday evening by Junion Vice Department Commander Comrade E. C. Parkinson, of Seward, Neb., assisted by Comrades Davis, Cuscadon, Dennis, Allison, Davidson and others. After muster the election of officers and their installation by Comrade Parkinson followed. The post starts off with a charter membership of seventeen with the following officers:

Commander, J. G. Mills; S. V. C., L. F. Maginn; J. V. C. G. R. Rathbun; surgeon, Dr. S. K. Spaulding; adjutant, G. C. Bonner; quartermaster, W. S. Askwith; chaplain, J. B. West; officer of day, W. C. McLean; officer guard, D. O. Clements; sergeant major, W. Stewart; Q. M. S., A. K. Rhoades; delegate to department encampment, S. K. Jackson; alternate, L. F. Maginn. After the installation of the officers the members with the installing officers and invited guests sat down to a splendid lunch prepared by the wives and daughters of the comrades. It is expected that within a few weeks the membership will be fifty when it is the intention of the post to have a camp fire at their headquarters in Goodrich hall on Saunders street.

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A CERTAIN lodge in Omaha has adopted a novel plan to awaken interest in the order among the careless members. Like many other lodges this particular one has many members who keep their dues paid up promptly, yet who "never fail to miss a meeting." In order to bring these delinquents to time the secretary of the lodge has been instructed to issue to each of these a note requiring their attendance on a certain night "to meet certain charges in which you are personally interested." The intention is to present charges in an informal manner against the delinquent and require him to give his excuse for absenting himself from the meetings of the lodge. A promise "to sin no more" invariably results in a withdrawal of the charges. It is, however, the manifest intention of many of the lodges of the various secret orders here to take serious steps to secure a reasonable attention from all members to the interests of the lodge. If extreme measures must be adopted it is probable that many of these will decrease their membership to some extent by dropping delinquents from the roll.

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THE SECOND annual social of Omaha Division No. 12 Knights of Pythias was given last Wednesday evening at Masonic hall. Preceding the grand march an exhibition drill was given by the division under command of Captain John Hayward. The many difficult and appropriate movements made showed the excellence for which this division is famous and the pride of its painstaking commander was fully justified. During the evening the silent manual was performed by a detail of the division, and elicited hearty applause. The entire affair was one of perfect enjoyment.

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AT FREMONT, Neb., Friday evening, April 6, Centennial lod