A FLOOD OF SOCIAL EVENTS.

The Warm Weather Makes No Difference in the Number.

THE GRAND BUTTERFLY BALL

Hebrew Concert—Burns Club—Unity Social—The Social Four—Mrs. Heller's Reception—Ladies' Musical.

The Butterflies Ball.

A prettier or more ideal picture of fairyland was never witnessed in Omaha than the "Butterflies' Ball," presented in the Grand opera house on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings. A gorgeous train of butterflies, fairies, sylphs, nymphs and tritans, attired in rich and gauzy habiliments, disported themselves in lovely and ever changing marches, dances and posturing. Over 100 little girls and about a score of their brothers were the dramatis personæ, no grown people taking part. The argument of the play is the tale of the "Culprit Fay" caught making love to an earth child, his subsequent banishment therefor, his restoration again and joy over his return. But the setting of the play is purposely so gorgeous that the story is forgotten and the attention wholly occupied with the fine effects and grace of the dancers. In the opening scene the queen of butterflies, enthroned and surrounded by her court, witnesses the bursting from the chrysalises of many of her subjects and a merry round is danced. The fairies then appear, Oberon and Titania, who with their elfin sports charm the winged queen. At this the children of the earth claim their right to dance. A minstrel then tells the tale of the "Culprit Fay," whose sin, doom, struggles and redemption are all illustrated in pantomime by the fairies, naiads and sylphs, after which the whole fete concludes with a grand butterfly dance.

Ten tableaux were presented. The first was that of the "Court of the Queen of the Butterflies," which represented that wee sovereign as sitting on her throne surrounded by her subjects. During the tableau numerous merry dances are introduced, while the characters are personated by the following pretty children:

Titania, Queen of Fairies.....Dollie Little
Cobweb, attendant of Titania...Blanche Iler
Oberon, King of Fairies....Harold Copeland
Heralds—Trumpeters..... Herbert Morse, Charlie Pratt, Louis Pratt
Peers..... Sammie Burns, Mark Coad
Crown bearer.....Willie Burroughs
Culprit Fay.....Samuel Morse
Mortal Maiden.....Nellie Bell
Puck.....Harry Stephens
Sylphide Queen.....Edith Smythe
Queen of Sylphs.....Dollie Little
Queen of Butterflies.....Bessie De Bevoise

Butterflies: Emma Moore, Lizzie Allen, May Mount, Louise Tukey, Birdie Balback, Georgia Smith, Beulah Dixon, Fannie Ward, Leona Groves, Bessie Iler, Thannie Auspacher, Blanche Miller, Agnes Jacobson, Mary Barker, Lizzie Campbell, Nona Smith, Leah Black, Nellie Barnum, Edith Schwartz, Helen Evans, Ethel Tukey, Dora Eiswald, Julia Armstrong, Clara Eastman, Edith Iler, Annie Morris, Lizzie Richter, May Rogers, Agnes Levi, Stella Levi, Mamie Kennedy, Mamie Kenney, Jettie Keith, Elsie McKenna, Lillia Moore, Minnie Beadler, Mary Hornaday, Ruth McKarsland, Ethel Forbes, Henrietta Reese, Ethel Whittock, Mary Enwald, Delia Kasson, Hester Taylor, Ethel Morison, Stella Murphy, Mabel Egbert, Kittie Hostetters, Katie Kasson, Margaret Curtis, Jeanette Crandall, Helen Curtis.

The second tableau was "a bright embroidered train of butterflies," in their march, in which the guests, sylphs and fairies were invited to participate. This closed with the sylph dance by the following children: Grace Allen, Lullu Miller, Daisy Gross, Olive Maley, Neana Goodall, Katie Hellen, Jessie Lovett, Mamie Davis, Elva Jones, Stella Heustis, Iva Kennedy, Goldie Murphy, Fannie Gilbert, Anna Cunningham, Daisy Mans, Katie Creary, Gertie Pugsley, Flora Koster, Emma Levi, Beulah Sharp, Grace Leonard, Maud Iler, Claudine Foster, Ethel Geist and Birdie Higgins.

In the next tableau Elberon enters with his fairy guard in attendance and Titania arrives, supported by her train, who join the fairies in their grand dance.

Elfin dames: Queen Titania, Dollie Little; Elfins: Birdie Balback, Emma Moore, May Mount, Birdie Higgins, Mamie Magrane, Emma Crandell.

Fairy Guard—Captain, Robbie Goodwin. Guards: Joe Henion, John Groves, John Lorimer, Clayton Goodrich, Daniel Armstrong, Michael Clarkson, Harry Tukey, George Meigs, M. E. Morrison.

Fairies—Titania's Train: Florence Drumm, Hannah Kaltier, Fannie Ward, Marie Armstrong, Maggie Macbeth, Faloolah Lovett, Eva Kennard, Ora Moore, Kittie Smith, Mena Smith, Lillie Moore, Lizzie Allen, Maggie Conway, Nettie Carey, Gertie Goodrich, Georgie Smith, Helena Evans, Lillie Moore, Lillie Allen, Hester Taylor.

This ends the first part.

The Naiad's Dance in the second tableau of the second part is a charming one. Dolly Little and Florence Mulvey who took the two leading roles astonished the audience with the perfection they have attained in ballet dancing. The most difficult of steps and posturing were performed by them with wondrous ease and grace. Little Eva Kennard and Dora Moore, who acted as the queens of the naiads, were without a doubt two of the prettiest dancers ever seen at any entertainment given in this city. In this scene these were participants:

Queens of Naiads: Eva Kennard, Dora Moore, Emma Moore, Edith Schwartz, Leah Black, May Mount, Mamie Magrane, Birdie Balbach, Jettie Keith, Ethel Tukey.

Sea Gods or Tritons: Ira Van Camp, Robert Goodwin, Harry Stevens, Harry Tukey, George Meigs, Raymond Kendrick, Michal Clarkson.

The Sylphid Queen in the scene is Ethel Smythe, while those in the Sylph's dance are Grace Leonard, Goldie Murphy, Maud Iler, Claudine Foster, Ethel Giest, Elora Kosters, Daisy Maus, May Lawrence, Gertie Pugsley, Beulah Sharp, Katie Creary, Emma Levi, Lida Loring, Birdie Higgins.

The next tableau is the floral dance in which the participants holding large arches of flowers in their hands present a charming sight. The queen is Mabel Brown, one of Omaha's prettiest and most graceful juvenile dancers. As usual, she won the audience. The following were her attendance: Eva Kennard, Lizzie Allen, Nora Smith, Hester Taylor, Ora Moore, Kittie Smith, Bertie Austin, Lillie Moore, Grace Allen, Blanch Trumbull, Belle Trumbull, Louise Miller, Tracy Flynn, Thina Schmiddt, Alice White, Ida Robertson, Della Jones, Hannah Trostler, Selma Dalstrom, Bertha Meyer, Mamie Carey, Louise Granden.

The fifth and final tableau was without doubt the prettiest of them all, in which nineteen girls pose gracefully, forming the figure of a butterfly in the center of the stage, using long scarfs of different colors. Julia Mulvey was the center of the figure and her attendants were: Frances Murry, Emma Moore, May Mount, Birdie Balbach, Hellen Burnham, Beulah Dixon, Lillie Groves, Thannie Anspacher, Agnes Jacobsen, Lizzie Campbell, Leah Black, Maude Parfitt, Fannie Kennedy, Edith Schwartz, Ethel Tukey, Julia Armstrong, Lizzie Richter, Jettie Keith, Mamie Kennedy, Agnes Levi, Olive Lister, Mamie Kenny, Edith Iler, May McKenna, Katie Trumbull,

The pages of the butterflies ball were Charlie Pratt, Herbert Morse, Louisa Pratt, Sammie Burns, Mark Coad and Willie Burroughs.

The parts recited at intervals were rendered by Julia Mulvey, who possesses unusual powers as an elocutionist as well as a dancer.

The presentation of the play the first evening was marred slightly by the blunders of the scene shifter and orchestra, but the two subsequent evenings everything passed off smoothly. The acting of the children was throughout faultless. Prof. Martine, who has had complete charge of the entertainment, has accomplished a wonderful mark, when the numerous drawbacks he has had to contend with are considered. He has won for himself numerous friends and admirers in Omaha.

By request the performance is to be repeated in a few days.

Unity Club.

The pleasant memories of a successful social season induced the Unity club to give an extra dancing party on Tuesday evening at Masonic hall. It proved to be a delightful affair despite the fact that the evenings are beginning to get rather warm for dancing, but it gave the lemonade a good flavor. Eighteen numbers were tripped on the glassy floor to the music of Hoffmann's orchestra. Among those present were the Messrs. W. E. Burlingim, —— Bailey, F. C. Craig, L. Corby, William E. Curtis, George Davis, Benjamin Edholm, A. E. Gates, E. A. Leavenworth, George Lydick, J. C. Lang, —— Munn, H. J. Plumb, A. M. Pinto, J. Pleasant, C. C. Phelps, J. Reynolds, A. S. Ritchie, Charles Sherman, E. B. Smith, —— Singer, J. H. Thompson, W. T. P. Wood, Emil Walters and others.

The Misses Pinto, Smith, Bailey, Corby, Davis, Anderson, Burlingim, Wood, Boise, Josslyn, Churchill, Jackson, Meredith, Elliott, Catey, Copeland, Edholm, Kimball, Leavenworth, Balch, Belden, Easson, Harney, Howell, Howe, Moore, Plumb, Richards, Schneider, Vaughan, Williams, Westberg, Whitney, Wilson and numerous others.

The club is to be reorganized this summer and commencing in October will give a series of eight parties. The opening social will be a harvest home party. The club is one of the oldest social organizations in the city, having been in existence over fifteen years. It numbers among its memmber some of the leading citizens of Omaha.

Social Four.

While the other social organizations of the city are bringing their season to a close the Social Four club has just begun its season and will give all the rest of their dancing parties at Hanscom park. Their first party was given at Crapps hall on Friday evening, and was well attended. Mr. O. J. Martin was master of ceremonies, with P. J. Tebbins, T. W. Cox, S. H. Cooley and O. J. Martin as assistants. The following persons were present: The Misses Laura Miller, Zola Bechtel, Kittie Burns, Lena Byres, Tillie Pjerron, Addie Smith, Lena Tebbins, Anna Metz, Kate Powels, Beulah Nelson, Hattie Bell, Mrs. Simmerman, Eda Stuht, Rose Smith, Rose Shroder, Annie Peterson, Tina Sinhold, Emma Katz. The Messrs. Phil Tebbins, T. W. Cox, L. H. Cooley, O. J. Martin, John G. Nehrbas, Thomas Meldrum, Robert Richelieu, Robert Limberg, W. Jones, R. L. West, Will Peterson, C. R. Zimmerman, G. L. Fischner, W. F. Martin, J. J. Schuly, L. M. Hummel, J. J. McCan, C. M. Bachman, F. H. Gadd, A. Redfield, H. Melrose, Frank Kaniston, A. S. Leslie, C. M. Rawrtzer and H. S. McDonald.

Mrs. Heller's Roman Reception.

Mrs. Heller rewarded the young ladies who rendered her such valuable service in the Roman booth at the May fete by tendering them a delightful party on last Saturday evening, at her home, 224 North Eighteenth street. Among those present were the Misses Fonda, Clark, Wakely, Hughes, Moore, Smith, Karbach, Doane, Coburn, Oliver, from Council Bluffs, Ia., Touzalin, Ballantine, Yates, Crandall and Bronson. The Messrs. McCormick, Redick, Smith, Ballantine, Bowman, Rustin, Heth, Fonda, O'Reilly, Morford, Baddolet and Ellis. The Mesdames Touzalin, Bronson and Vaill were spectators.

Ladies' Musical Society.

The ladies' Musical society gave their biweekly concert at Meyer's hall on Wednesday afternoon. The instrumental music was furnished by Mrs. G. M. Hitchcock, Mrs. Henshaw and Martin Cahn; the vocal numbers by Miss Isaacs and Nat Brigham. It was an elegantn concert, well attended, and despite the fact that the audience was comprised of ladies who as a rule are undemonstrative, several hearty rounds of applause were given each participant.

Ladies' Night.

The members of the Metropolitan Social club have chosen next Wednesday evening as ladies' visiting night.

Dancing Party.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Turner gave a select party to a few of their friends on Monday evening last. Their beautiful home was rich in floral decorations, and everything favored a most enjoyable evening.

Madrigal Club Concert.

The Madrigal club will give a concert at Meyer's hall on Tuesday evening. The programme will consist of solos, duets and quartettes, and a most excellent number of selections will be presented.

Windsor Club.

The members of the Windsor club gave a pleasant May party at their hall on Twenty-seventh and Leavenworth streets on Friday. It was the last of their social series and among the most pleasant events of their season.

Mrs. Lee's Tea Party.

Mr. Frederick W. Lee gave a pleasant tea party last evening to a number of friends. Several courses were served, and the time pleasantly passed in social chitchat and enjoyment of the elegant dainties served. Tea was followed with games.

Educational Society Ball.

The Workingmen's Educational society gave their first annual ball last evening at Metz's hall. The proceeds are for the special benefit of their new library, and the entertainment was well attended, as it deserved to be. The evening was a little warm, but a well-waxed floor and good music in a measure more than counterbalanced this difficulty.

Dinner Party.

Miss Paulina Goldsmith gave an elegant dinner party to a number of her friends at her home, 1923 Dodge on last Sunday. Among those present were: Miss Annie Hoffman, of New York; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Abel, of Denver; Miss Tillie Newman, S. J. Fisher, Gus Deitches, S. Oberfelder, Albert Cahn, R. Silberstein, Julius Meyer and L. M. Roder.

A Judicial Supper.

On Thursday evening Attorney C. S. Montgomery gave a supper to Judges Brewer and Dundy at the Omaha club rooms. Nine courses were served intermingled with witticisms and stories. Those present besides the host were: Judges Dundy, Brewer, Savage, Groff, and Woolworth, Attorneys Offut, Ogden, Clarkson, Lambertson, Kelley, Pritchett, Harwood and Elmer D. Frank.

Now For a Good Fish.

R. S. McCormick, Marsh Kennard, George C. Ames, W. G. Albright, Jeff W. Bedford and E. T. Duke left Wednesday evening for Lake Osakis, Minnesota, to be gone two weeks with the reel and rod. It is stated that several members of this party were in favor of fishing in Iowa waters, but their experience of last season caused them to determine to try their luck in another state.

Calico Ball.

The Odd Fellows of Goodrich lodge gave a calico ball Friday evening at their elegant hall on the corner of Saunders and Paul streets. All the ladies were attired in calico dresses and they appeared just as charming as though dressed in silks and satins. The grand march was led by Mr. W. A. Vannice and Miss Minnie Walker. The supper at midnight consisted of strawberries, cake and ice cream and was greatly relished.

A Musical Day.

The German Singing society of Council Bluffs has invited the different Omaha singing societies to join with them in a grand celebration to-day. One of the leading features of the day is the presentation to this society of a silk banner by the German ladies of the Bluffs. This occurs at 11 a. m. At noon a procession will be formed and march to Buck's garden, where a barbecue will be held and a concert given. In the evening the garden will be illuminated and a ball given

Plymouth Social.

The Plymouth Aid society of Kountze addition held their last meeting at the residence of Mr. John E. Edwards, Thursday evening. One of the leading features of the occasion was the matching of aprons and neckties. The holder of a tie had to look after the lady whose apron matched it. A number of prizes were given. The first prize for best hemmer was a rare bouquet of exotic florescence, and was captured by James Conrad. Mr. Van Court took the other prize (boody), a fragrant cabbage head. The affair was throughout a jolly one.

He Will Do Europe.

The Rev. W. J. Harsha has had the good fortune to be one of the thirty Presbyterian ministers of the United States who will represent America in the grand Pan Presbyterian council to be held in London this summer. He is the youngest American delegate, and the appointment is a high honor. After attending the sessions of the council, he will travel in various parts of England, Scotland and Wales. He next goes to France, Germany, Switzerland and down into Italy as far as Florence. He returns to Omaha in the fall. This will be his first trip across the "big pond," and naturally is looked forward to with the keenest pleasure. He will leave on his extended trip in two weeks.

A Pleasant Dinner Party.

Mr. Fred. Balch, the very genial proprietor of the Barker, entertained the members of the Elks lodge who went to Salt Lake last month, at a pleasant and enjoyable dinner last Sunday afternoon. The pleasures of the Salt Lake trip were very gladly recalled and talked over and the incidents of the trip gladly reviewed. There was no regular order of speech-making, although very pleasant addresses were made by Mr. John Francis and Hon. W. F. Bechel. Mr. Balch has the thanks of the seven other members who made up the party for a very pleasant day and a bounteous dinner.

Social Life at the Fort.

Mrs. Colonel Wheaton's reception Monday afternoon was a most enjoyable event. The officers of the Second infantry and a large number of city people constituted the attendance. Mrs. Wheaton will receive again on the last Monday of this month. A pleasure party composed of a number of young ladies and gentlemen from the post and city will go to Bellevue rifle range Wednesday or Thursday, the weather permitting.

The members of the Second infantry band serenaded Musician Coyens Monday evening. It was Cupid versus Coyens. The result was that Coyens, the conquered, is bound for life with the golden chains of matrimony.

Last Party of the Parnell's.

Nearly a hundred couples of the Parnell Social club danced merrily to the music of Hoffman's orchestra on Wednesday evening at Cunningham's hall. It was their final party for the season, and they were determined to make the most of it. The genial Mr. S. E. Collins and his lady, Miss Maggie Fitzmorris, most skillfully led the grand march. Mr. W. H. Franklin sustained the honor of master of ceremonies. The following were the members of the various committees: Morris Cain, John Kervin, S. E. Collins, T. Conway, Louis Connelley, J. T. Fitzmorris and J. J. Lloyd. The club has been in succesful operation for three years and it is probably that it will be again resumed next November.

Miss Yates' Tea Party.

Miss Yates gave a tea party at her home, 114 South Twenty-fifth street on Wednesday evening, to a number of her friends. A most elegant repast, consisting of a dozen courses, was served. Cards followed the supper, hearts being the game played. Prizes were offered, and Miss Breck, of St. took the first ladies' prize, and Will Hamilton carried off the gentleman's trophy. Those present were: The Misses Breck, of St. Louis, McParlin, Gibson, Lake, Boyd, Wakeley, Burns, Woolworth, Richardson, Collins, Kennedy, Nora and Mabel Balcombe, Crompton, Rustin. The Messrs. Frank and Will Hamilton, S. Heth, Mosford, Ringwalt, Turner, Poppleton, Wakely, Smith, Caldwell, Milius, Sanborn, Doone, Beale, Bartoy.

Burns Club.

This organization of Scots gave their final monthly party for the season on Friday evening at Metropolitan hall. In addition to the usual dances, a number of musical and poetical selections were rendered most acceptably, the participant being Mrs. Martin, who gave a Scottish song, and Miss Shepard and Alexander Lyall, who delivered recitations. No gathering of the members of the Burns club would be complete without a highland fling, and Mr. William Ross, with an ease that comes from long practice, danced this to the satisfaction of the spectators. The only thing that in any way cast a shadow over the gathering was the memory of the fact that at their last gathering a month ago Jamieson was with them, towering above them all in the vigor of early manhood, and to-day he sleeps in an untimely grave.

School Children's May Party.

The May party held on Thursday by the pupils of St. Patrick's school was a splendid affair. The children all assisted at the holy sacrifice of the mass, which was celebrated at 9 o'clock by Rev. J. Jeannette. After mass the reverend father crowned the May and fairy queens, Miss Katie Rush and Miss Teresa McArdle. About half past nine the children passed into Hascall's grove and a grand day was enjoyed. Mr. Tom Brennan had platforms, benches and swings prepared for them. The Reverend Fathers Jennette, McDonald, Glauber and Lynch passed the greater part of the day in the grove, and did their best to make it pleasant for the pupils, and they succeeded, for all declare it was the grandest day they had for many a year. Many friends of the school visited the party in the afternoon, among the number Mr. P. Huges and Hon. I. Hascall.

Hebrew Concert and Dance.

The second annual concert and ball of the Hebrew Ladies' sewing society and was held at Metropolitan hall last Tuesday evening, and proved to be a flattering success. The following programme was rendered, every number receiving an encore.

PROGRAMME.

Orchestra.....Musical Union
Recitation—Average Fidelity.....
Samuel Friedman.
Soprano Solo—"Das erste Lied".....
.....Carl Grammann
Miss Lizzie Isaacs.
Membraneous Croup and the McWilliams
L. H. Baer.
Sweet Heart.....F. Lyner
Mrs. Martin Cahn.
Recitation—"The Painter of Seville"....
Miss Ida Isaacs.
The Two Larks (op. 2).....Leschatizky
Minnie Rothchild.
Dreams.....Anton Strelezk
Mrs. Martin Cahn.
Recitation—"The Seven Ages of Man"
.....Shakespeare
Charles Elgutter.

This was followed by a programme of sixteen dances which kept the large party present in ene continual whirl of enjoyment until far into the morning. The officers of the association are Mrs. M. Hellman, president, Mrs. F. Adler, vice president; Mrs. B. Newman, treasurer, and Mrs. I. New, secretary.

Mrs. Thomas' Musicale.

A rare treat was given those so fortunate as to attend the musicale given at the hospitable residence of Mr. Dexter L. Thomas on Tuesday evening for the benefit of St. Johns church. The programme was as follows:

PART I.

Duet—(Piano).....Prof. and Mrs. Saxby
Song.....Prof. Saxby
Piano Solo.....Mrs. Slocum
Sword drill—Messrs. Coote, Ware and Wood
Song.....Mrs. Jester

PART II.

Duett—(Piano).....Prof. and Mrs. Saxby
Piano solo.....Mrs. Teale
Song.....Mrs. Jesten
Piano solo.....Mrs. Slocum
Song.....Prof. Saxby

Mrs. Jesten was in excellent voice and delighted her hearers as usual. Prof. and Mrs. Saxby's, instrumental members were of such a character as to sustain the high reputation long since accorded their skill. But both a surprise and a treat was in store, for the audience in the piano solo of Mrs. Slocum, who was rapturously applauded, and in response to the continued ovation she rendered that beautiful selection, "Blue Bells," in a manner which was nothing short of a revelation to her hearers. The success of the whole affair was due largely to the untiring efforts of Mrs. Thomas among the fruits of which was the delightful collation which was served during the evening. This lady possesses that rare faculty of always making her guests feel welcome, while her large and elegant new residence is admirably fitted for a gathering of this kind.

An Evening With the Musicians.

Wednesday evening the pupils of the academy of the Sacred Heart, Park Place, held the last of the series of their entertaining literary reunions. The programme represented a great amount of mental force prefitably expended and was, withal, so entertaining that at its close the uppermost feeling was that of regret. The essays were not mere biographies of the different schools of music, and further, the cultivation of this art was shown to be a power for good, bearing the thoughts into realms of holy imagining, sentiment and worship. Liszt was ably and admirably handled; but especial interest was manifested in the article on Mozart, who being unable to shape his thoughts with the mosaics of the vocabulary found a fitting mould for them in the harmonies of sound. In the last essay the many rich literary pearls of the past year were gathered to dower the storehouse of memory. The music was highly classical, both in choice of subject and execution. On the whole the pupils of the academy have reason to congratulate themselves on the ability with which they have acquitted themselves of their work in this province. Below is given

THE PROGRAMME.

Introduction—Bach.....Miss Stephenson
Mozart.....Miss Gregg
Mendelssohn.....Miss Babcock
Liszt.....Miss Nash
Wagner.....Miss Gruenig
Beethoven.....Miss Dellone
The Music of Ireland.....Miss Lowe

MUSICAL INTERLUDES.

Entree—Lohengrin.....Wagner
Misses McShane and Dwyer.
"May Bells and Flowers"—Vocal Duo...
.....Mendelssohn
Misses C. Babcock and K. Creighton.
"Le Rossignol"—Piano solo.....Liszt
Miss Nash.
"Die Hochzeit des Figaro"—Vocal solo..
.....Mozart
Miss Gregg.
"Sonata." Opus 26—Piano solo...Beethoven
Miss Dellone.
"La Gitana"—Vocal solo.....Bucalossi
Miss P. Lowe.
Reminiscences Italiennes. Opus 31—Instrumental duo.....Oberthur
Harp, Miss Dellone. Piano, Miss Nash.
"Passage Bird's Farewell"—Vocal duo
.....Mendelssohn
Misses Nash and McNaughten.

A Dedicatory Social.

The A. O. U. W. held their dedicatory services and first annual social on Wednesday evening and it proved to be one of the most delightful events of the week. The new hall on the corner of Fifteenth and Farnam, in the Barker block, has been occupied only a few weeks by the order and with its fresh and bright appearance was very attractive. Flags were effectively used in decorating the walls and wrapping the pillars. The hall was filled to overflowing with members and guests, and a number stood in the hat room and halls, unable to gain entrance. The master of ceremonies was S. R. Potter. The first of the exercises consisted of the following programme of interesting features, nearly all of which were encored:

Overture.....Elite Band
Address.....Mayor Broatch
Solo......"Sleep Well Sweet Angel"
Mr. Nat Brigham.
Response to the Magor.....Mr. H. Creighton
Duet......"Oh, Morning Land"
A. M. Weir and J. McEwing.
Reading.....Selected
Mr. F. Ayer.
Song....."White Squall"
Mrs. S. B. Roberts.
Song.....Selected
Mrs. Clappe.
Address.....Dr. R. Benson
Quartette....."Roselein im Wald"
Herman Lodge No. 96.

This was followed by elegant refreshments of which the ice cream particularly was relished. After all were duly refreshed the chairs were removed from the hall and the remainder of the evening devoted to dancing.

Made One.

SONNENSCHEIN-KRETSCH.

On last Sunday evening the wedding of Miss Camilla Kretsch to Mr. Henry Sonnenschien took place at the synagogue, Rabbi Benson officiating. Immediately after the ceremony the party repaired to Rosenmunds, where a banquet was held in honor of the newly married couple, about one hundred intimate friends being present. The bride and groom sat at the head of the table, the former looking radiantly beautiful in a dress of cream silk, with veil and wreath. Rabbi Benson officiated as toastmaster, and toasts were responded to by Messrs. Benson, Vinyard, Stein, Brandeis, Kretsch, and others. After the banquet the hall was cleared and a programe of fifteen numbers was danced, the party adjourning about 1 o'clock, wishing Mr. and Mrs. Sonnenschein joy and prosperity for all time to come. The bride is a daughter of Mrs. K. Kretsch, and the couple intend to make their home in Omaha.

STRYKER-BEITLEMAN.

Mr. Charles E. Stryker and Miss Aggie E. Beitleman were married Wednesday evening, May 23, at the residence of the bride's parents, Decater and Twenty-fifth streets. Rev. Charles W. Savidge performed the service. A delegation of the Omaha Knights of Pythias, Division No. 12, was present. A large company of friends and relatives also witnessed the ceremony. The gifts were numerous and valuable.

KNOWLTON-HOFFNER.

At the bridegroom's residence, Nineteenth and Vinton streets, May 23, Mr. Byron P. Knowlton of Omaha, and Miss Laura R. Hoffner of St. Joseph, Mo., were married, Rev. J. M. Wilson officiating.

Omaha's Scottish Bard.

Alonzo Hilton Davis, Omaha's sweetest poet, was one of the select coterie of musical souls who tendered to J. N. Matthews, the bard of the prairie state, a reception at his romantic home near Mason, Ill., on Wednesday last. The gathering was a notable one and numbered in its circle some of the most distinguished young literateurs of the country, among whom were James Whitcomb Riley, Ella Wheeler Wilcox, Clinton Scollard and others, whose ripening genius is commanding the attention of the world of letters. Mr. Davis was requested to contribute an original poem for the occasion, and he read the following verses:

NATURE' BARD.

New, Matthews, it seemeth to me,
Quite jolly that we should agree
To crown you in May,
When all nature is gay,
And birds nod and trill from the tree.

For ballads that charm you I know,
Are musical zephyrs that blow
'Mid wee buds which bend,
And in witchery blend,
And burst into bloom all aglow.

The song of the singers who tilt,
The boughs till the dewdrops are spilt
And drip all in time
To their warbling rhyme,
To you is a siren's charmed lilt.

And bells that chime sweetest I ween,
Are blue-bells that hang in between
Green leaflets and cling,
With a rhythmical swing,
When fairy hands only are seen.

The drip of the rain is the sign,
Your muses to trail into line,
And buttercups clink,
As they lift them to drink
Your health from the magical nine.

A singer once lived who could trill,
Such low, laughing lilts that a rill
Ran off in a rune,
And the woods joined the tune,
Till flowers echoed back from the hill.

And, Matthews, the birds in the trees,
The rill and the blossoms and breeze,
That sing near your door,
Do proclaim evermore,
You teach them the ballads that please.

So now, with the May richly dressed,
And dew jewels thick on her breast,
'Tis jolly, I vow,
Thus to place on your brow,
A crown she has cheerily blessed.

General Gossip.

Robert Garlick is in Chicago.

Warren Rogers is back from Hot Springs.

Dr. Parsell has returned from New York.

Mrs. E. B. Smith left for the east on Friday.

Charlie Offut returned from Paris, Ky., on Monday.

Mrs. H. P. Whitmore and daughter are in St. Louis.

Walt M. Seely returned from Chicago on Tuesday.

The Misses Thomasan have returned from Cheyenne.

E. D. Weber left on Thursday for New York City.

General Atwood, of Madison, Wis., is the guest of Dr. Stone.

Messrs. P. E. and J. D. Iler returned from Ohio on Wednesday.

Mrs. W. J. Hawk left on Tuesday for New York to visit friends.

Mr. Joseph Stern left for Carlsbadt, Germany, last Friday.

Mr. Fayett Dyer, of Sterling, Ill., is the guest of Dr. R. B. Ralph.

Walt M. Seeley, John E. McClure and D H. Wheeler are in Chicago.

Hon. John A. Creighton and Mrs. Creighton left on Wednesday for the east.

Mr. Douglas N. Graves will be married to Miss A. M. Withnell on June 6.

Mrs. W. I. Hawks has left for the east, where she will spend the summer.

Invitations are out for a grand public drill of the Omaha guards to-morrow evening.

Miss Clraa Southard gave a Kensington tea party to a number of friends last evening.

Miss Jennie and May McFarland, of Burlington, Ia., are visiting friends in the city.

Mrs. K. Lee Murray left Thursday for Springfield, Ill., to visit with friends and relatives.

The marriage of Miss Fannie Horwich to Mr. N. Ginsberg occurs at Germania hall this evening.

Mrs. Gustave Pomy returns from Europe next Friday after six months' absence in Europe.

Ed Crowell who was called to New Jersey, by the fatal illness of his father, has returned to Omaha.

Mr. L. Herman, from St. Paul, Minn., and well known in this city, is circulating among his friends.

Mr. Edward L. Merrit, late editor of the Herald, will remove back to Springfield, Ill., his former home.

Mr. Isaac Kahn, of this city is to be married to Miss Hannah Anchill, of Brooklyn, N. Y., on June 3.

The Concordia singing society are making preparations for a grand excursion to Blair in a week or two.

After seven months' absence in Oregon and Washington territory, A. R. Drexel has returned to Omaha.

Dewitt R. Young, day clerk at the Paxton, goes to Minneapolis to take a position in the Windsor hotel there.

Mr. M. Kellner and family, old residents of Omaha, have returned from a visit to their daughter at Milwaukee.

Mr. N. Ginsberg, a well-known dry goods merchant of Omaha, is to be married to Miss Fannie Horwich on May 27.

Ex-Governor Rennington, of Dakota, was in the city Wednesday the guest of General Dennis and Major Clarkson.

Mr. Rubin Mendelsohn, a prominent citizen of Detroit, Mich., is on a visit to his daughter, Mrs. R. Robinson.

Mrs. Frank A. Rice, of Logansport, Ind., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. Larson, 706 North Twenty-third street.

Mrs. E. Heymann and Miss Annie Hoffman left on Friday for the east to pass the summer at fashionable watering places.

The Omaha Athletic club has challenged the members of the Metropolitan social club to a friendly game of base ball at 9 a. m. this morning.

Mr. J. Stewart Brady, formerly of Harrisburg, Pa., but now of Kearney, Neb., spent a few days in the city during the early part of the week.

T. J. Louis and wife, of Pittsburg, Penn., are the guests of their daughters, Mrs. Rockwell, Mrs. R. C. Kelvy and Mrs. A. E. Abercrombie.

Miss Anna Egan, a fascinating young lady of Rochester, N. Y., is visiting Mrs. H. B. Coryll, of Orchard Hill. Miss Egan will remain here during the summer.

Prof. Bruner and Charles J. Mentor have returned from Cleveland, where they acted as delegates from Nebraska to the supreme lodge of the Knights of Honor.

Mrs. G. R. King and her daughters, the Misses Fannie and Sidonia, who have been visiting in Mobile, Ala., for several months past, have returned again to Omaha.

The Young Men's Hebrew association are getting up an excursion to go to Ruser's park and picnic grounds in about two weeks. A special train is to be chartered to carry the merry-makers.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Mr. Ike Kahn, of Kahn Bros., a well known young gentleman of this city, to Miss Hannah Anchell, of Brooklyn, N. Y., on June 3. The ceremony takes place at the bride's residence.

Miss Minnie A. Traut and Miss Mamie Simpson, of Chicago, who have been visiting Miss Annie Heafey, 1207 Pierce street, left Friday evening for Chicago, carrying with them the good wishes of their many new acquaintances in Omaha.

Mr. Thomas Hunt of Buffalo, N. Y., and daughter, Mrs. Emma D. Vail, of Orville, Cal., spent the week with Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Bailey, corner of Grace and Nineteenth streets. They were on their way from New York to California.

Mrs. E. C. Ross of Marysville, Cal., has been visiting in the city for the past two weeks with Mrs. F. E. Bailey. Mrs. Ross is so pleased with Omaha that she will remain here for the most of the summer instead of going on east as she had planned.

The concert given on last Tuesday evening under the auspices of the Young People's social club of Saratoga, was a very enjoyable entertainment and introduced Mrs. J. T. Clark, Mr. J. A. Bollman, Mr. Kratz and Miss Nettie Vapor in vocal selections, with Mrs. F. W. Hills as accompanist.

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The continued cold, wet weather leaves us with much larger stocks in all departments than is usual at this season of the year. We are determined to take no more chances. We push the prices down now to a point that will move the entire stocks in a short, sharp and decisive way.

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Two Special Bargains in Black Surahs

20-inch all silk black American Dress Surah, at 80c; never offered less than $1.

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The handsomest and only complete line of first quality colored Surah Silks. All new shades; superior quality, price the lowest.

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On account of the unseasonable weather during the past four weeks, many lines of new spring dress goods, remain unsold. We expect to move them by making a great sacrifice, and offer them all in one lot, on our center table at 39c They are all wool, full 40 inches wide, new and staple shades, and suitable for present season. The actual value of and purchased to retail at 50c to 75c They will all go at the popular price, 39c.

All wool 40-inch Black Albatross and Nun's Veiling at 50c; would be cheap at 65c.

42-inch Silk Warp Henriettas; $1.25 per yard; former price $1.65. For Monday only.

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The latest French designs, in all wool 32-inch printed Challies. Only the choice styles and paterns; designs exclusive. Beautiful for party and commencement dresses.

A large variety of domestic Challies, 22-inch, fast colors, only 19c

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French Satines in the finest and best quality manufactured. Patterns and colorings all new, 25c, 35c, 37½c.

Scoth and French Ginghams, guaranteed fast colors, only 25c.

36-inch cotton Batiste, colors that will wash. plain and fancy, 12½c, worth 16 2-3c.

WHITE INDIA LINONS.

A nice even thread, good quality, full width, actual value 15c, our price 10c.

Extra quality, full width, soft finish, equal to any shown at 25c, our price 15c.

A very sheer superfine quality, full width, real value 35c, our price 20c.

Finer qualities at 25c, 30c, 35c, 37½c, 50c. All of equal value.

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Before purchasing we cordially invite inspection of the great reductions we have just made in the prices of our entire stock of Parasols. They are below all previous quotations in this department. Our large display has no equal in assortment. It comprises all the newest colorings and designs, with special mountings We wish to emphasize the fact that prices were never so low.

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150 ladies' black satin Parasols, trimmed Spanish Guipure lace, with paragon frame and fancy natural sticks, at $2, worth $2.75.

100 ladies' black satin Parasols trimmed, Spanish Guipure lace with assorted colored linings and fancy sticks, at $3; regular price $4.

100 ladies' fine Morie Silk Parasols, in all shades with fancy carved sticks, at $4, worth $4.75.

Sun Umbrellas.

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100 ladies' 26 inch Sun Umbrellas, English serge silk with paragon frame and assorted natural sticks, at $1.50, worth $2.25.

100 ladies' 26 inch Sun Umbrellas of the celebrated "Gloria Silk," with paragon frame and handsome silver shepard crook handles, at $2.15, regular price $3.

150 ladies' 26 inch Sun Umbrellas, warranted all pure silk with paragon frame and assorted natural sticks, at $2.65, worth $3.37½. This is the best value ever offered in Umbrellas.

75 ladies' 26 inch Sun Umbrellas, all pure silk with handsome oxydized silver handles, warranted to wear, at $4.25, splendid value for $5.

Hosiery. Hosiery.

50 dozen ladies' full regular made extra fine balbriggan Hose, blacks, tans, modes, seals and navys, all rt 25c, worth 37½c.

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