ECHOES FROM THE ANTE-ROOM

Doings of the Week Among the Mystic Orders.

CUSTER POST ON BRINK'S BILL.

A Master Mason's School of Instruction—Prince of the Orient to Concentrate at Omaha—Rapid Growth of the Scottish Rite.

Masons.

A master masons' lodge of instruction, with Grand Lecturer L. P. Gillette, Deputy Grand Master John Mercer, and Grand Senior Warden Robt. French in charge, was in session in this city Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. The report of the grand custodian indicates that the fraternity is in a flourishing condition. There is a membership of nearly 10,000 in the state.

The Masons having no written ritual errors in work are apt to creep in, and to guard against this tendency and insure uniformity of exposition, this school of instruction was established.

In an address to a Glasgow Lodge of Freemasons, Rev. A. T. Pullin, of that city, traced evidences of Masonic brotherhood in the writings of the Apostle John, who, he declared, was made president by the craft of Masons at Ephesus after his return from Patmos. At the close of his lecture, Mr. Pullin pointed out that the religion of the fatherhood of God and brotherhood of man, with the watchwords of peace, love and unity, formed a religion that could be world-wide and embrace within its bounds and faith the adherents of every creed on earth.

A. & A. S. R., U. S. A.

This body has evidently found favorable conditions of growth in Omaha, the membership of to-day including 115 names and giving promise of rapid expansion. New paraphernalia is opening the way to work of a very satisfactory nature. This rite covers all degrees of Masonry, from the fourth to thirty-second inclusive, and in the advanced stage of the organization in this city has the power to elect, out of each additional fifty thirty-twos, a member to the honorary degree of thirty-third.

A. O. U. W.

A lodge was organized in Ohiowa by Deputy Grand Recorder Wolf, of Crete. The lodge starts with a splendid membership of young men, and it will be a great social benefit to the town. Officers were elected as follows: L. H. Corbin, master workman; J. W. Quinlan, P. M. W.; George Gould, foreman; Abe Fulton, I. G. The charter members are: A. I. Clemons, S. H. Harvey, Dr. Strader, L. H. Corbin, J. W. Quinlan, H. E. Larimer, W. K. Patterson, C. J. Stover, G. Gould, A. Fulton, D. Conner, W. Poling, S. Mathias, P. J. Quinlan, G. Tyner, B. Dunkin, W. Garrison, I. Steel.

Lodge No. 102, Stratton, had a grand entertainment and oyster supper at the Congregational church. The Rev. J. G. Tate, G. M. W. of Nebraska, was present and delivered an oration. Mr. Tate is no doubt one of the most eloquent orators in the state, and his presence, together with his able speech, was a great and satisfactory attraction.

Late statistics reaching up to the 1st of February show a grand total membership of 213, $2,115 being contributed by Nebraska.

At the banquet in Schuyler there were present none but Woodmen and their families, or lady friends. On about sixty plates a splendid supper was served by the W. C. T. U. ladies. The tables were decorated with twigs of evergreens and the axe, beetle and wedge emblems of the order. By way of imparting character to the affair some wooden-hearted but ingenious member manufactured with an axe a supply of tempting looking sugar coated wooden cookies and caused them to be served with the other viands. An orchestra furnished excellent music and the grand march immediately preceded the supper. The Woodmens' quartet: Messrs. Plimpton, Goode, Phelps and Fletcher, with Ado Reinecke at the organ, supplemented the orchestra's efforts. An hour or two of dancing was indulged in.

At the regular Wednesday meeting intimation was received that there would be six candidates for initiation at the next session.

At their meeting the Select Knights of Crete installed the following officers: Past commander, W. L. Lovell; commander, H. P. Hovey; vice commander, S. Boehm; lieutenant commander, F. A. Durrie; junior workman, L. Clark; senior workman, T. Speedling; standard bearer, W. H. Fry; marshal, R. J. Tambling; guard, Joe Shabata.

I. O. O. F.

At their regular meeting Monday, the Odd Fellows will work the first degree on Brother Dave Kaufman.

At the regular meeting of Hamilton lodge, No. 60, of Aurora, the following officers were installed: N. G., W. E. Reber; V. G., Frank Rush; R. S., L. W. Hastings; P. S., M. W. Walsh. The retiring officers were: N. G., now S. P. G., L. W. Shuman; V. G., W. E. Reber; R. S., W. W. Liebhart; P. S., Frank Rush. The order is in a healthy and prosperous condition, possessing good city real estate and a bank account, and it will probably add a number of names to its membership the coming season.

PAX AU BELLUM

Modern Woodmen.

The Omaha delegation assisted in the working of the Oriental degree at Council Bluffs last week as per programme. The gentlemen report a session of an instructive character. The anatomy of the candidates received considerate attention and it will pass the insurance inspection with the assistance of time.

R. of P.

A petition has been received at the office of the grand keeper of records and seal for a new lodge at Schuyler, that was worked up by Major W. S. Spencer.

Trojan division No. 18, U. R., will meet Monday evening at the hall of Nebraska lodge No. 1 in full uniform for inspection and the election of officers.

The officers of Omaha division No 12, U. R., at the election held in their armory at Twenty-second and Cuming streets, were retained for the ensuing term.

The wife of C. O. Roemer, P. C. Park lodge, who was thrown out of a buggy at sixteenth and Davenport a short time ago, is near recovery.

M. at A. J. J. Dunn, of Park lodge, has left Omaha and taken up his residence at Albany, N. Y.

Bro. Chas. G. Burton, chairman of the invitation committee of the Lincoln lodges, has invited the lodges of the state to participate in the celebration of the silver anniversary on the 19th at Lincoln. The programme comprises a parade of uniform ranks in the afternoon, followed by addresses from prominent members of the order, and in the evening a ball and banquet. This action of Bro. Burton is based upon the expressed desire of the grand chancellor that the twenty-fifth anniversary of the institution of the order be appropriately observed.

The uniform rank at Broken Bow elected officers as follows: C. E. Wilkinson, captain; R. E. Martin, first lieutenant; George W. Trefren, second lieutenant; B. S. Lilly, treasurer, and F. F. Autenson, recorder. About fifty couples were present at the ball in the evening. Several were in attendance from Ansley, Callaway, and Merna.

On February 21, the regular meeting day, at Fourteenth and Dodge streets, Oriole lodge will endeavor by a musical and literary entertainment to express its appreciation of the twenty-five years of usefulness that have been vouchsafed Pythianism. A dance will conclude the evening.

Mt. Shasta No. 71, Nebraska No. 1 and Viola No. 80, lodges, Knights of Pythias, will celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of Pythianism Tuesday evening, February 19, 1889, at Nebraska lodge No. 1 hall. An elaborate programme for this celebration has been arranged. Members of these lodges and their ladies are requested to attend. All tickets will be complimentary and can be procured of the following committee: W. F. Stoetzel, 1621 Howard; M. Toft, southeast corner Twelfth and Farnam; S. M. Sadler, 1505 Farnam street.

The Silver Anniversary.

Next Sunday evening at Trinity cathedral the Rev. W. F. Whitmarsh, rector of the Episcopal church at Norfolk, and acting chaplain of the Nebraska brigade, U. R., will preach a sermon to Pythians, and it is hoped that Bishop Worthington will be present. Sir Knights in full uniform will enter the church in a body. The uniform divisions at Fremont, Columbus, Ashland and Council Bluffs are bidden to appear. Only uniformed knights are expected to band together before reaching the place of worship, and the knights of this city and their families who are all asked to be in the audience, can seat themselves in the ordinary way. All officers of the staffs of the major general and of the brigadier general in the city, the colonel and his staff of the Omaha regiment, the line officers and all uniformed Sir Knights will meet at some place hereafter to be named and march in a body to their seats at the cathedral. A prominent Sir Knight says the indications are that the observance of this anniversary will demonstrate the religious sentiment of the order and exhibit the benefits of social concourse, and in his contemplation of the grand results to follow he finds expression of gratitude to the church authorities and to Brother Whitmarsh, who have made possible the arrangement of the programme announced.

It is probable that Mt. Shasta No. 71, Nebraska No. 1 and Viola No. 80 will unite in an entertainment for the evening of Tuesday, February 19. Owing to limited quarters the attendance will be restricted to the members of the lodges named, their families and personal friends. In order that ample time may be allowed the ball the toasts and responses set down for the earlier part of the evening will not be based upon a banquet. The tickets, which are complimentary, will be provided for No. 1 by M. Toft, for Mt. Shasta by W. F. Stoetzel, and for Viola by S. M. Sadler.

At Simanek & Kuca's hall on South Thirteenth street, Jan Hus No. 5, and Pythagoras No. 59 will celebrate.

Kasidean Knights.

The regular Tuesday night assembly has been postponed one week by the excellent prior in deference to the celebration of the Pythian silver anniversary.

Royal Arcanum.

Tuesday was a busy day with Union Pacific Council No. 1069 and Antler Council No. 1061, for there was not only a consolidation of the lodges effected, to bear the name of the former council, but the following officers who will serve the new combination were elected and installed: J. K. Chambers, regent; J. F. Coykendall, vice regent; Sidney Smith, past regent; James Preston, orator; I. L. Richards, secretary; William Geyer, treasurer; J. L. Craig, collector; J. B. Sheldon, guide; H. W. Snow, chaplain; J. K. Sutton, sentry; J. B. Twiford, warden. Deputy Supreme Regent J. W. Scott directed the blows that brought about the amalgamation of these councils. The new Union Pacific now has a membership of over sixty, which will be increased to seventy-five when the file of applications for membership is acted upon. The three councils at Council Bluffs furnished about thirty visitors, while a few members of Pioneer Council were present. The fusion of councils requires more room than formerly accommodated Union Pacific Council and there is headway being made toward the securing of quarters adequate to the demands.

Union Pacific council will probably go to Lincoln soon for the purpose of installing a council at that point.

In the hall of Fidelity council at Council Bluffs, March 1, the workings of the ritual recently dispensed by the supreme council will be watched by Union Pacific council. It is expected that the ritualistic performance will be an improvement on the present method and the order is on the qui vive.

Pioneer council is showing an increase in activity of late.

Prince of the Orient.

On Friday at the hall of Foresters' lodge, No. 13, with the assistance of about twenty princes from Council Bluffs, the Omaha council conferred this rank upon quite a number of applicants. The ritual work is beautiful and impressive, and its study and application tone up the moral side of man, imparting higher principles to his earthly endeavors.

The committee on constitution and by-laws met after the adjournment of the council and made preparations for admission under the laws of Iowa and Nebraska.

There are councils in Missouri Valley, Council Bluffs and other points in Iowa, in Omaha, South Omaha and various other cities of Nebraska. The idea uppermost in the minds of the committee is the formation of a head council meeting once a year, and consisting of delegates elected from the different councils, that will subordinate the councils hereabouts for their better government.

There will be a beneficiary fund, calling for not more than 10 cent or 15 cent contributions each month, which will be available for the needs of sick or otherwise temporarily embarrassed princes.

V. A. S.

A well versed fraternity man, speaking of this body, said: "It is a benevolent and mutual insurance organization of high character, admitting only men of genuine worth and physical ability, giving $2,000 to the wife of a deceased member. It also looks after fatherless children, takes care of sick members, furnishing nurses and other necessaries. And all of these cares and duties, noble and dignified in their nature, are beautifully and impressively symbolized in the ritual."

G. A. R.

The following resolutions were passed by George A. Custer Post No. 7, Department of Nebraska, G. A. R., at their regular meeting:

Whereas, We well remember when, surrounded by war's fearful desolation, the cheering news from the chief executive of the nation, endorsed by the people's representatives, came to us, an assurance that amid the fire and brunt of battle we were not forgotten. Abraham Lincoln proclaimed, "A grateful people will care for him who bears the brunt of battle, and the widow and orphans." To-day we find in thousands of instances men who dared death for their country are now dependent upon others or left to want, many widows and orphans who now need the liberal hand. The causes of want and distress can be accounted for largely from the fact that their best days, in the first named, and their earthly helper in the other, having been given that the nation might live. The soldiers of the union know how to sympathize with disabled comrades and the families of those whose ties with us were welded in the fire of battle. Into that fire the spirit which led us was loyalty. The union soldiers did not stop to ask for adequate remuneration; the country was in peril; our lives were offered. Now, when the nation is prosperous beyond our fondest hopes, we ask that our dependent comrades, and the widows and orphans of those fallen be cared for by a grateful people. Therefore, when house roll No. 142, introduced by Hon. A. P. Brink, a bill for the relief of union soldiers, sailors and marines, and the indigent wives, widows and minor children of indigent or deceased union soldiers, sailors and marines, came to our notice, we recognized it as just, and it at once enlists our sympathy and support, and we urge its passage. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, as old soldiers, sailor and members of Custer post No. 7 G. A. R. department of Nebraska, of the city of Omaha, heartily approve and endorse this measure looking to the assistance and relief of needy men whose best days were given in saving the life of this nation, and to the widows and orphans of those who fell on the field; and

Resolved, That we use every honorable means to secure the passage of this bill, and urge the honorable members of our legislature to carry out the golden words of the immortal Lincoln, and see to it that "a grateful people will care for those who bore the brunt of battle, and their widows and orphans."

Resolved, That we express our hearty and earnest thanks to Hon. A. P. Brink for the introduction of so meritorious a bill, and we call on all ex-soldiers, sailors and marines of Nebraska, and all members of the G. A. R. in this department, to strengthen his hands by all honorable means in their power, to the end that this bill may become a law of our state.

Resolved, That the newspapers of this state be urgently requested to publish these resolutions, or such as may be adopted by ex-soldiers, sailors and members of the G. A. R. in their respective localities.

Resolved, That an engrossed copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the Hon. A. P. Brink for presentation to the house of representatives; and also that they be spread upon the records of this post.

Attest: J. B. SAWHILL, Post Commander.
EDWIN SHARPE, Adjutant.

PEPPERMINT DROPS.

On his last legs—the kangaroo.

A ghost of a show—the living skeleton.

The latest thing in men's furnishing goods is the night-shirt.

The grocer's right of weigh is one of the most important adjuncts of his business.

The surplus of girls is cited as an excuse for so many young men going to waist.

A Texas cowboy, who was defendant in a breach of promise suit, said he was lass-sued.

The pig iron trust is the latest monopolistic combination. It is controlled by hogs.

The longer an embezzler's accounts are investigated the "shorter" they usually become.

Next to waiting for a verdict, the most soul-harrowing employment is keeping the baby asleep.

A fellow who was pitched into a gutter, where garbage is thrown, describes it as an "offal" fall.

There are many eminent American statesmen who would be pleased to sit for cabinet photographs.

A glass eye has one compensation—everybody else can see through the device, if the wearer can't.

Operatic artists are probably the most cheerful persons on earth. They always sing at their work.

When a wife tells her tipsy husband to come straight up stairs to bed, she asks something impossible.

Sir Isaac Newton earned fame by seeing an apple fall. Some people make money by keeping an apple stand.

There is a man in the Eighth ward who is so stingy that he won't allow himself to be weighed because he would have to tip the beam.

A man can marry comfortably if he has sufficient money to procure a license and pay the parson. The hitch comes when the knot is tied.

"Are you a boodle alderman?" asked the visitor kindly. "Indeed I'm not," said the prisoner, drawing himself up proudly. "I am a wife beater.

A set of shirt studs is made to represent three green peas. They should rest on the breast of some lamb who is making his first season in society.

One sweet potato furnished a meal for two large families in Ohio the other day. In the production of potatoes and politicians Ohio soil is hard to beat.

The sheriffs of Maine are becoming exclusive. They have formed an association. Crowds at hangings in that state will henceforth be more select.

A pair of shoes constructed for Mr. Harrison are on exhibition in New York. The colored brother should not despair; he may yet be needed to black 'em.

We do not know much about the ancient Egyptians, perhaps, but the grand old Sphinx with its silent woman's head shows that they were a sarcastic people.

The late Oliver Ditson left $15,000 for the founding of a home for poor singers. But the sum is appallingly inadequate. Fifteen millions wouldn't house half of them.

There is no more sense in hating a man because he is rich than there would be in loving one because he is poor. Girls understand this sort of thing better than hoodlums.

The shoes made for Mr. Harrison by a crack New York shoemaker are number sixes. This is consoling to the officeseekers, who feared that the general wore elevens.

An Albany snowshoe club kept themselves in practice during the open winter by putting a lot of spring beds in a circle, covering them with canvass, and tramping over them to slow music.

The league of White Caps at St. Paul one Sunday night gave M. d'Henzel, a French teacher, a terrible drubbing for reasons best known to themselves. Possibly he had been teaching Canadian French and omitting the accents.

A Pennsylvania paper says: "The Shakers are among our longest lived citizens." An instance strongly corroborative of this assertion is furnished in the case of a native Mississippian, who boasts that he has had the ague twenty-seven consecutive years and still weighs 150 pounds.

EDUCATIONAL.

The Catholics of Philadelphia are building a fine structure for a high school, and will probably plan to add manual training to the course of study.

The Providence, R. I., school committee are considering the advisability of introducing manual training into the course of study into the high school.

A movement is now on foot in Chicago to transfer the kindergartens to the control of the board of education and thus render them a part of the school system.

The woman's annex of Columbia college has been more fortunate than the Harvard annex in finding an appropriate and graceful title. It has become "Barnard college," in honor of President Barnard, while the Harvard school is still looking for a fitting name to take the place of its cumbersome official title.

In Germany, after a girl graduates, she is sent into the country to the house of some notable housewife, where she remains a year, learning the most approved methods of household work. Some towns have started schools for this work, notably Hamburg. In England there is a training college for English housewives, at "Goodrest," near Reigate, worth.

In 1888 for the first time the examinations for admission to the college were conducted exclusively on the new plan announced in 1886; and it is interesting to observe that the secondary schools, and the private tutors who prepare boys for college, have already responded in a fair measure to the new suggestions, offers and requirements of the faculty.

The University of Vermont has just begun its fourth annual series of twelve winter lectures for farmers. The lectures are entirely free and special inducements are offered by railway lines to attend. The course was designed primarily to meet the wants of young men who are unable to take a full college course, but who realize that a knowledge of the principles of scientific agriculture is indispensable to intelligent farming.

According to an English authority there are this year 7,799 students in the four universities of Scotland, which is just twice the number recorded in 1862. There are no fewer than 3,499 students at Edinburgh, and Glasgow comes next with 2,200; then Aberdeen with 918, and St. Andrew's with 221. Of all the professorships those of the Edinburgh medical faculty are considered the most valuable, some of them being worth nearly £3,500 a year. The chairs of Greek, Latin and mathematics are worth £1,800 a year at Glasgow, and average £1,400 at Edinburgh.

Columbia receives annually $242,000 from $5,500,000 of productive funds, $130,000 from tuition fees, and $17,000 from other sources; or a total of $389,000. Of Cornell's annual receipts, amounting in all to a quarter of a million, by far the largest portion is derived from its great endowment. It has in productive funds $4,282,000, while its tuition fees yield $30,000, and the state grants it $19,000. In the south, Vanderbilt university, at Nashville, Tenn., has a total income of $97,000, of which amount $34,000 is derived from the fees of 625 students, and the balance from an endowment of $900,000.

The international convention of the Young Men's Christian associations of the United States and Canada will be held May 8 to 12 in Philadelphia.

IN OMAHA SOCIAL CIRCLES.

A Glance at the Various Doings of the Belles and Beaux.

HOW THE EVENINGS ARE SPENT.

A Continuation of One of the Most Brilliant Social Seasons Ever Known in the Gate City.

Matrimonial.

At 4:30 p. m. Tuesday Miss Lizzie Belle Dickey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Dickey, was married to Mr. William Pike, of Portland, Ore. The ceremony occurred at the home of the bride's parents, 2418 Dodge street, and was presided over by Rev. Dr. Williams, of St. Barnabas church. Miss Shears, of this city, and Miss Jordan, of St. Louis, acted as bridesmaids. In the evening the happy couple left for their future home in Portland.

Miss Edith Bowman Olmstead and Mr. Fred S. Robbins were married Thursday evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Olmstead. Mr. and Mrs. Robbins will be at home after February 27 at 1055 Park avenue.

On Thursday, at 4:30 p. m., Mr. M. L. Roeder and Miss Pauline Goldsmith were made man and wife, the Hon. Judge Wakeley pronouncing the magic words. The dinner and reception were held at the Metropolitan, and proved a most brilliant event.

Mr. Frank Werde and Miss Mary Webelhaus, both of this city, were married by the Rev. Father Glauber, of the German Catholic church, last Wednesday. A reception in honor of the event was tendered the young couple in the evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. John Arnoldy, Davenport street.

McArdle-McShane Marriage.

At the Holy Family church Tuesday morning, Miss Maggie McShane was married to Mr. F. J. McArdle. Precisely at 8 the bridal party entered the church and marched at once to the altar, led by their attendants—Miss Katie McShane, sister of the bride, and Mr. T. J. Leon. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Father Koopmans, S. J. He prefaced the interesting performance with a few friendly but impressive remarks relative to the responsibilities of the married state from a material as well as a religious point of view. Mass was then celebrated, during which the bridal party partook of the holy communion.

The bride was attired in a rich dress of golden brown silk, with bonnet to match. The whole party were a profusion of flowers.

An elaborate wedding breakfast was given by Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Furay, at their residence, where, upon the arrival of the happy couple, a large gathering of friends greeted them. Those present were Very Rev. R. A. Shaffel, S. J., Rev. Father Koopmans, S. J., Mrs. Alice McShane, aunt of the bride, Mr. John A. Creighton, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McShane, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McShane, Mrs. E. C. McShane, Mrs. T. A. McShane, Mr. and Mrs. M. Cannon, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Lee, Mr. and Mrs. C. Furay, Mr. and Mrs. P. McArdle, Mrs. S. Cannon, the Misses Alice and Maggie Gannon, Miss Mary McArdle, Miss Cornie Jackson and Mr. Tom Cannon.

At 2:30 the festivities were brought to a close by the departure of the newly married couple and their attendants for their new home on South Eighteenth street, but not until the ancient custom of throwing the old slipper was indulged in amidst much excitement and merriment.

Home Circle Hop.

The Home Circle gave the last of their series of elegant parties this season at Masonic hall Friday evening. Many of the ladies' costumes were elegant, the music was charming and the event in every way a delightful one. Those present were Mesdames C. M. Butler, F. L. Bridgman, B. F. Redmond, W. O. Sloane, G. W. Shields, E. E. Bryson, and Misses Hughes, Burn, Bowle, Duss, Crane, Her, Reed, Moyer, Collins, Smith, Geiss, of Deadwood, Karbach, Latey, King, Fitch, Elliott, Haskell, Wright, Dr. E. Brown, F. E. Bailey, J. E. Balch, C. M. Butler, F. L. Bridgman, Charles Blackman, Thomas Bowie, Mr. Bixby, Frank Barnett, W. E. Combe, C. M. Champlain, C. R. Courtney, J. H. Conrad, O. R. Coombes, W. C. Deardoorf, W. D. Denett, Arthur East, R. J. Frizzelle, John Fallourc, J. C. Guckert, Charles H. Grattan, R. Hutchens, G. B. Hengen, J. Hodges, B. D. Hoag, H. Hossie, M. Hossie, W. J. Hughes, Frank H. Kosters, T. P. Kelley, Oscar Karbach, W. H. Latey, E. E. Moffet, E. J. Murphy, J. H. Neilson, R. M. Patterson, F. W. Pickens, B. F. Redmond, W. O. Shane, G. W. Shields, Byron Smith, L. S. Singer, William Tukey, T. E. Van Buren, J. C. Wurth, U. E. Zimmerman, E. E. Bryson.

The Buckeyes Organize.

Not to be outdone by the Pennsylvania society in Omaha, the natives of Ohio, now residents of this city, have also resolved to form an organization. Among those who have already enrolled are the following:

H. K. Galbraith, M. D., chief surgeon Union Pacific railroad, formerly of Ross county, Ohio; Orville J. Nave, post chaplain Fort Omaha, Delaware, O.; F. J. McShane, New Lexington; J. Van Pearse, the Herald, Marysville; Albion M. Dyer, Western Printing company, Hamilton; C. W. Catheart, Adams Express company, Springfield; William F. Bechel, Pacific Express company, Canton; J. B. Casey, Mansfield; J. J. Gerry, Toledo; S. P. Guin, Fremont, O.; S. D. Caldwell, auditor's office, Union Pacific railroad, Cleveland; William Warren, Noble county; A. B. Benson, Mt. Vernon; N. A. Kuhn, Hanoverton.

Imperial Pleasures.

The Imperial club gave another of its pleasant parties at the Imperial hall, Saunders and Spencer streets, last evening, and the usual good time was enjoyed. Those present were:

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Henshaw, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Luke, Mr. and Mrs. Neil, The Misses Jones, Lake, Swiler, Rose Sidner, Mary Sidner, Annie Gould, Jones, Kridler, Hubbard, Grant, Satsch, Fox, Barker, Burlour, Clevidence, Hattie Swiler, Johnson, Chilson. The Messrs. Argo, Hunter, McCrory, Littlefield, Anderson, J. B. Cruickshank, Chalfare Gould, Cogley, Burke, Kruse, McGregor, Hair, Hoch, Phelps, Whitney, Thompson, Crowl.

Golden Rule Sociable.

Probably one of the most enjoyable affairs of this season, was the second annual sociable given under the auspices of Castle Omaha No. 74 of the order of Knights and Ladies of the Golden Rule, at Omaha dancing academy last Tuesday evening. Every foot of dancing room was crowded during the evening. The largest attendance was an assurance that this order is becoming one of the popular orders of the city. The sociable was a grand success in every particular. At 12 o'clock a splendid supper was furnished by the ladies of the order, after which dancing was resumed, and not till 2:30 a. m. did the large crowd disperse to the music of "Home, Sweet Home."

Modern Greeks.

The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, of the First Congregational church, gave a series of Greek tableaux in the chapel of the church Friday evening. The participants were Misses Mildred and Jean House, Miss Ida Boyce, Miss Nina Marshall, Miss Dollie McMaster, Miss Maude Staley, Miss Gundie Coburn and Miss Lillie Durnell.

The young ladies succeeded in pleasing the critical audience present so well that a request was made that the entertainment be repeated in a more suitable hall and this will undoubtedly be done.

Women's Relief Corps.

All wives and daughters of ex-union soldiers and the wives of sons of veterans who are in favor of the organization of a "Women's Relief corps" in this city, are requested to meet at the G. A. R. hall, 1314 Douglas street, at 2 o'clock p. m., February 21.

Literary Creighton Guards.

The Creighton guards literary society gave a most commendable entertainment at their rooms in the Ware block last evening.

Mr. P. H. Carey's verses on the "Battle of Wahoo" gave a pleasing account of what was done by the guards on that historic occasion. Mr. Carey's happy talk on "Women" was also well received. Captain C. J. Smith read the "Battle of Cedar Creek;" Mrs. Atwood delivered a declamation, and pretty songs were rendered by Mrs. Harry Buckley and C. E. Chermehlen.

Dancing Party.

A most enjoyable dancing party was given last Wednesday evening at the residence of Mr. T. A. Foley, at 2109 Douglas street. It was given by the Misses Delia, Vigil, Agnes Clarey and Julia Mullen, who proved themselves delightful entertainers. A select programme of sixteen numbers printed in gold and handsomely decorated was suspended from the wall. The spacious parlors were canvassed and delightful music was furnished for dancing, card playing was indulged in in the library. Refreshments were served during the evening, and all departed at a late hour with many expressions of the pleasant evening they had spent.

The Emanon Phantom Dance.

The Emanon rooms never looked gayer nor more inviting than they did at the phantom party given Friday evening. An excellent supper was prepared and served by the Kings daughters. Forty couples were present and the verdict is unanimous that it was the social event of the Magic City. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Miller, Captain and Mrs. W. B. Bell, the Misses Jessie Goff, Ella O'Reilley, Catherine White and Jennie and Rose McCann, of Omaha.

Card Party.

Last Wednesday evening Mrs. Peters and Mrs. Morris gave a very enjoyable card party to a number of friends. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Washington, and the Misses May Hartle, N. Hartle, M. Hartle, L. Paxton, Gordon, France, Chase of Papillion, Osmond, Alma Peters, Anna Peters, The Messrs. Benson, L. Woodmanse, Woodward, Elliott, Peyton, Forby, B. Kuhn.

An Enjoyable Surprise Party.

A surprise party was given Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Strickling by Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Kelley, at their residence, No. 1609 North Eighteenth street, the occasion being the anniversary of their thirteenth wedding day. The evening was spent in playing cards, and a general good time was enjoyed by all. Lunch was served at 10:30. A goodly number of fine presents were presented.

Social Gossip.

Dean Gardner has returned from Columbus.

Hon. John M. Thurston and wife have returned from the east.

The ladies social club gives their next party this evening at Metropolitan hall.

The Good Samaritan society gives a ball and banquet at Masonic hall, March 6.

A number of young people give a dance at Forest hall next Saturday evening.

The second annual ball of the Firemen's Benevolent association occurs April 23.

On Thursday evening Mr. and Mrs. Robert Earson entertained the West End club.

Miss Magrane gives a select social at Royal Arcanum hall, Council Bluffs, February 19.

The fifth monthly party of the Crescent society club occurs next Thursday at Hartmann's hall.

Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Miner gave a delightful card party to a number of their friends Tuesday evening.

Mr. L. Levi celebrated his birthday Monday evening with an elegant dinner to a number of friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Stuht celebrated the twentieth anniversary of their wedding on Wednesday evening.

Miss Grace Allen entertained a number of friends at cards Friday evening, at her home 2109 California street.

The masquerade ball of the Union Pacific band at Exposition hall, Friday evening, proved a great success.

The Cottage Dancing club gave a phantom party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Kirkendall on Monday evening.

Miss Cleane Daniels gave a St. Valentine's party at her home, 1638 South Thirty-second avenue on Thursday evening.

The "Bon Amie" whist club met at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Williams, in Kountze Place, on Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Strickling were treated to a surprise party Thursday evening, that day being the date of their wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Roberts gave a pleasant dinner party Wednesday evening in honor of their daughter Sophia's twentieth birthday.

Mr. J. Furth will be married to Miss Sophie Dreyfus on the 24th inst. Ceremony and reception will take place at the Metropolitan hall.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Freyhan returned home from their wedding trip Tuesday evening and are now at home at 116 South Twenty-fifth street.

Dr. Edward Sloman left for Detroit, Mich., last Monday, where he will lead to the hymeneal altar, on the 19th inst., Miss Carrie Mandelbaum, of that city.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel S. Van Buren celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of their marriage Wednesday, and royally entertained a number of their friends.

Thursday last the deaf mutes and their friends gave a big pound party to Mrs. Daniel B. Swiler. They enjoyed many novel games and refreshments were served.

Next Tuesday evening the Hebrew Ladies Aid society will give a dramatic entertainment and ball at Washington hall. The two act drama, "Among the Breakers," will be presented.

Mrs. T. Churchill and niece, Miss Ethel Geist, gave a St. Valentine's party at their residence, 1814 St. Mary's avenue, Thursday evening. Cards and other things were the order of the evening.

The date of the Fisher-Bloom wedding is set for the 11th prox., and will take place at Iowa City. A large number of invited friends from Omaha will leave on a special train to witness the ceremony.

A birthday party was given to Paul Robinson on Tuesday evening, it being his seventh birthday. Twenty-four children from seven to nine years of age did honor to the occasion. After refreshments were served the evening closed with a magic lantern performance, which was highly enjoyed.

About twenty-five pupils of the eighth grade, Long school, got up a very pleasant surprise for one of their members Friday evening, and repaired with various sized packages and bundles containing the wherewithal for an elegant lunch, to the home of Frank Robinson, 2,511 Caldwell street, where the evening was spent in fun and merriment.

The ladies Quartette and Madrigal club give a concert at Y. M. C. A. hall to-morrow evening. Those taking part are: Mrs. C. E. Squires, soprano; Mrs. J. W. Cotton, soprano; Mrs. H. D. Estabrook, contralto; Miss Elizabet Pennell, contralto; Mr. W. B. Wilkins, tenor; Mr. Thomas J. Pennell, bass. They will be assisted by Mr. Burt Butler, violin, Mr. Max Lentz, violin; Mr. Reitzenstein, viola; Mr. S. Heyn, Violincello; Mme. Mazucata Young, accompanist.

IMPIETIES.

A Pittsburg lady makes more money teaching whist than any preacher in town makes teaching religion.

Captain Anson's determination to play a game of base ball in Jerusalem will surprise nobody. He may stop in that region long enough to challenge the monks on Mount Sinai.

Mayor Gleason, of Long Island City, has written to Ira D. Sankey, offering to build a church if the revivalist can convert the board of aldermen of that city. If Mr. Sankey accepts the proposition he may be considered engaged the rest of his life.

At a hugging bee for the benefit of the church along the upper Hudson a few evenings since, a man while blindfolded hugged his wife for several minutes without knowing who he was hugging. When he did find out he wanted his fifteen cents back.

The clergymen at New Haven express the conviction that what that town most needs is an Anthony Comstock. We fancy that they are correct, and we hope that they will get him. Our understanding is that New York would be very willing to give him up.

Loud ring at the telephone. "Hello! Who's there?" "Is that Sunday Scandalizer office?" "Yes." "I'm the Rev. Elijah Jehoshaphat." "Well, what is it?" "Please state in the religious notices of your Sunday issue that Rev. Elijah Jehoshaphat of the Hallelujah church will deliver a sermon on the 'Iniquity of the Sunday Newspaper,' Sunday evening at 7:30. Have you got it?" "Yes. Thanks."

THE HEADLIGHT PORTFOLIO.

Filled With Miscellaneous Items Regarding Railroad Men.

AN EMPTY FLASK OF WHISKY.

How Union Pacific Magnates Roll Around in Non-Productive Palatial Cars Valued at $50,000.

Interesting Leaves.

About two weeks ago three Omaha railway official started out on a junketing tour for Kansas City. They boarded an evening train, and not being prepared to pre-empt their compartments in the sleeper, took up quarters in the drawing room of the car. Along in the night they began to banker for a little nutriment. All of them subjected their satchels to a rigid search and the result was that two empty half-pint flasks and an apple were discovered. It is needless to state that the countenance of each man collapsed and one peered into the others' eyes in amazement. But on the way, one of the trio had been presented, by an acquaintance, to another traveler, and the latter shortly afterward flourished a consignment of the ardent. He narrated this to his constituents, but the nutriment was still as far off as ever. Finally one of the officials aroused his companions from a heavy slumber and asked him if he had any 'hot stuff.' The latter replied in the negative, but stated that the man to whom he had been introduced had a half-pint flask untouched, also that he was slumbering in booth No. 8. One of the officials touched the alarm bell, and the porter responded promptly. "Bring us the grip in No. 8," remarked one of the number. The porter unsuspectingly repaired to No. 8, and grabbing up the grip restored it to the coterie of officials. It was opened and the inviting essence of rye was found. Even a railroad official has some compassion for a fellow being, and enough was left in the flask for the occupant of booth No. 8 to change breaths the next morning. The satchel was returned, and when the man in No. 8 arose the next morning he invited his friend to recuperate with him, but upon opening his valise he was surprised to find that only enough to moisten a postage stamp was in the bottle. Turning to his old acquaintance he said: "By jove that friend that you introduced to me must be a bummer." The "friend" who unfortunately occupied a booth opposite to the incensed traveler by this time arrived and overheard the conversation. Realizing the perdicament he was placed in he explained the situation, telling how the "precious" evaporated. The man with the flask was enraged, and evidently would have been given special rates on the roads with which the officials were connected, had he encountered them upon learning of the peculiarities of the situation, but taking a second thought, and concluding that immaculate gall was something to be kept and nourished, he viewed the matter in a joking manner.

While the directorate of the Union Pacific are imploring the congress of the United States for financial relief, fourteen subordinate officials are being wheeled from one point to another, and all over the continent, in a private car set aside for their accommodation and enjoyment. At present 03 is preempted by W. H. Holcomb, vice president of the system. Another notch lower and 02 is reached, which is the private palace of Thomas L. Kimball, the general manager. The vehicle 05 is that utilized by Assistant General Manager Kimball, while the ambassador from Harvard college, Assistant General Manager Cummings, rolls about the country among the cowboys in 06. C. F. Rossequie, superintendent of the Nebraska division, occupies 011, while his assistant at North Platte, P. Touny, rests gently in 08. J. M. Barr, superintendent of the Wyoming division, rides about in 09, and Bob Baxter, his able assistant, is wheeled about in 037. The superintendent of the Idaho division, John Rapelje, reposes in 031, while J. P. Gilchrist, of the Colorado division, reclines his angular form in 026. J. O. Brinkerhoff, superintendent of the Kansas division promenades the aisle of 01, and his assistant throws himself in the seat quite dignified in 07. The president, Charles Francis Adams, and the board of directors have car 010 set aside for their service. This is the most costly of any of the private cars, and cost in the neighborhood of $10,000. The other private coaches will average about $3,000 each making about $50,000 tied up in that class of rolling stock commonly termed "non producers." A railway official in speaking of the matter several days ago said: "If the board of directors and stockholders that have been imploring aid and denouncing governmental oppression, would turn their attention to the extravagance resulting from official aristocracy, that is being not only practiced but cultivated in the official ranks of the Union Pacific, some financial benefit might result."

There is a belief existing in the minds of several individuals on the inside in railway circles to the effect that J. S. Tebbets, general passenger agent of the Union Pacific, and who