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Events That Have Attracted the Gay the Past Week.

AN EPIDEMIC OF WEDDINGS

Cupid's Fatal Dart Reaps a Rich Harvest—Centennial Celebrations—A Brilliant Week in Society—Gossip.

Centennial Social.

Any one stepping into the home of Mr. John Dale, at 1329 South Twenty-sixth street, on Tuesday evening last would have imagined that the wheels of time had rolled backward 100 years and stopped for a few hours to give him a picture of the people living in the latter part of the eighteenth century. About fifty ladies and gentlemen elegantly attired in powdered wigs, knee breeches, gay ribbons and high ruffled collars promenaded through the parlors to the admiration of all spectators.

The event was in commemoration of Washington's inauguration 100 years before, and was given by the ladies of the Hanscom Park M. E. church. Nearly two hundred and fifty persons witnessed the pretty spectacle. Uncle Sam of 100 years ago was impersonated by a little lad of five dressed in the typical costume immortalized by Thomas Nast. Columbia was represented by a little girl of the same age. Conspicuous among those in costumes were George and Martha Washington and Marquis and Marquise Lafayette, who occupied a corner of the room festooned with the national colors. A splendid supper was served. Amateurs who contributed specially to the pleasure of the occasion were Rev. Mr. Brown and wife, and of course the genial host and hostess with their family.

Hishop Newman also graced the occasion with his presence. After supper a fine musical programme was given. Several well-rendered solos were listened to with interest from Miss Erhardt, Miss Sherwood and Mr. Lu Dale, respectively. Several excellent trios were also rendered by Messrs. Dale brothers, who sang with much feeling and spirit. The South Omaha male quartette sang a jolly darkey song, entitled "Old Zip Coo." They were encored, and responded with "The Pale White Rose," which closed the musical programme. Just as the guests were about to depart they were serenaded by the Seventh was band.

Hopkins-McLean.

Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 p. m. Mr. A. M. Hopkins, one of the official court reporters of Omaha, was married to Louise McLean, at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. McLean, 2705 Hamilton street.

The ceremony, which was beautiful and impressive, was performed by Rev. William H. Henderson under a parasol of beautiful floral decorations, the top of which was composed of lilacs, and the under portion of apple blossoms. The handle was ornamented with amaranth and roses.

After the ceremony followed the usual congratulations and hearty good wishes. A beautiful repast was served, to the delight of the guests who dined simply, usefully and appropriately.

The groom was dressed in a neat black suit, and the bride was handsomely and becomingly attired in a gray traveling suit. Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins took a carriage at 3 o'clock for a bridal trip to Chicago and other points of interest. Rice was showered upon the carriage, and the "old shoe" was thrown after the departing couple with the well wishes for future happiness which this custom signifies. The bride is a pretty and accomplished young woman, while the bridegroom is considered one of the best stenographers in the state.

Dance for the Soldiers' Benefit.

The ladies' relief corps that did such noble service for the boys in blue twenty-five years ago, still remember the men who

suffered and died for their country and are endeavoring to aid the disabled soldier and his widow and children. The ladies have found a large field for their work in Omaha, and in order to raise necessary funds gave an elegant ball at Exposition hall on Wednesday evening. Grey haired veterans were present with their wives and grown-up children doubly happy in the thought that they were helping some unfortunate comrade. The hall was beautifully draped with the red, white and blue. At the west end of the hall hung a large portrait of Custer, for whom the corps is named, while on the opposite side was a picture of that gallant cavalier on horseback. At the west end stood stacked arms, cannons, and caissons draped with flowers. The grand march was led by Chief Seavey's nine-year-old boy and Captain Wood's daughter of the same age. Twenty couples danced. The following are the ladies to whom is due the success of the affair: Mrs. Captain Wood, Mrs. Seavey, Mrs. Stone, Mrs. Rawitzer, Mrs. Hurley, Mrs. Kirby, Mrs. Schamel, Mrs. Haze, Mrs. Potter and Mrs. Fitch. The following young ladies acted as floor managers: The Misses Laura Schamel, Nettie Wood, Ellen Hurley, Doris Sawhill and Alice Henderson. The ladies cleared about \$100 from the affair.

Cablemen's Ball.

The first annual ball of gripmen and conductors of the Omaha city railway company, took place at Exposition hall, Tuesday evening and attracted an attendance of about three hundred people, who heartily enjoyed themselves in tripping through the thirty dances to the inspiring strains of Rhor's orchestra. Everything possible was done for the enjoyment of those present, and much credit is due Mr. A. J. Rittenhouse, the master of ceremonies, and the following committees for the efficient manner in which they performed their duties: Reception Committee—Charles Ward, G. H. Keckstein, H. Smitten, R. F. Ross, H. C. Churruces, C. Baines, Thomas Tobin, L. C. Smith. Floor Committee—W. S. Paynter, J. Keep, L. Carney, John Cahill, J. Gabler, H. E. Nichol, Al. Bennett, C. Lang, W. A. Walker.

The ball was one of the most elegant given this season. The proceeds are to be used as a sick fund for and disabled gripmen and conductors. Efforts are being made to establish a benevolent society similar to that of the firemen, and already initial steps have been taken in that direction.

Masonic May Party.

Vesta chapter gave its May party Tuesday evening at Masonic hall, over fifty couples taking part. Among those present were: Judge Anderson and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Cook, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Fitch, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Heins, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Eichtenberger, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Mount, Mr. and Mrs. George Sternsdorf, Mr. and Mrs. Vanice, Mrs. Lane, Mrs. Allison, Mrs. Close. The Misses Anderson, Maggie Cody, Sanford, Coon, Anna Trueland, Mueller, Terrell, The Messrs. R. W. Eaily, T. Batterton, R. J. Dinning, A. East, J. C. Fisher, A. E. Hutchinson, Max Holzbeimer, Keyes, H. S. MacClinton, H. MacClintock, J. Martin, G. Stephens, W. H. Sanford, M. Van Camp, Frank Thornton and others. The following were the committees in charge, and their efforts were duly appreciated: Executive Committee—Mrs. K. W. Lane, Mrs. E. Davis, Mrs. C. Aveson, Mrs. C. B. Coon, Miss Emma Anderson, W. N. Nason, T. Batterton, H. S. MacClinton. Reception Committee—Mrs. Edwin Davis, L. F. Delarmer.

German Concert and Ball.

The leading social event in German circles the past week was the concert and dance at Germania hall on Tuesday evening given by the various German societies as a finale to the centennial of Washington's inaugural. Among the features of the programme were speeches by Herr F. Schaeke and Mr. S. Rittche songs by the Schweizer Gesangsverein Plattendeutsche Gesangssection, Omaha Liederkranz, Turner Quartette club and Omaha Männerchor. The efforts were all well de-

serving of applause and each received a generous share. A programme of fourteen dances completed the evening's pleasure. The hall was beautifully decorated for the occasion with the American colors and the stage was converted into a bower of flowers. The center of the stage was graced with a magnificent bust of Washington constructed by William Baueit, a young sculptor from Berlin, who will make his future home in Omaha.

The Art Exhibit.

The spring exhibition of the Western Art association is to be opened May 15, on the second floor of the Brown building, on the southeast corner of Douglas and Sixteenth streets. An orchestra will enliven the night of the opening and the closing night, May 20. The afternoon of the Sunday embraced in the exposure of the pictures will see the doors open. The natural light of the rooms selected will favor the display of the subjects to be hung, and the artificial light, in addition, will be so placed that the evening view will be fully as clear as that of the day.

The supervising committee is made up of Clement Chase chairman, W. H. Alford, Dr. Jonas, Mrs. Edwin Davis, Mrs. M. S. Silkworth, H. A. Smith, Dr. Park, H. A. Collins, Miss E. J. Shultz, and Miss M. Butterfield. Subdivided as follows: Catalogue and printing, Mr. Chase, Mrs. Silkworth; premiums and the drawing (including the selection of the judges), Mr. Smith, Mrs. Park; tickets and advertising, Mrs. Alford, Mrs. Dutton, with Frederick Knight and Mrs. John S. Briggs as assistants; committee on hanging, Mr. Collins, Dr. Jonas, Miss Shultz, Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Park; supervision, Mr. Garrettski. The hanging committee will exercise discretion in the reception of pictures, and may be compelled to reject the poor offerings. A young gentleman who will be in attendance on the gallery will place himself between intending purchasers and exhibiting artists and assist the young artist in the valuation of the pictures. Half the proceeds from the sale of season tickets is to be set aside for the purchase direct from the artists of a number of the most worthy paintings. At the close of the exhibition the numbers corresponding to all the season tickets sold are placed in a box and drawn, one at a time, at the same time drawing from another box the names of the chosen pictures, until all have been secured by the holders of the lucky season tickets. This plan has been successfully operated in New York forty years and has been found of material assistance to rising young artists whose pictures have thus found purchasers. The season ticket entitles the holder to six admissions, either at one or different times, for \$1. Single admissions 25 cents.

With regard to the students' tickets, it has been decided simply to leave them with the principals of the various educational establishments, from whom those who wish to visit the exhibition can procure them. The holder will present the ticket, with fifteen cents, at the door. This system will remove from the principals all annoyances of taking money and paying it over, and will have the same result. The same number at the convent of Mercy, on South Fourteenth street, and the same at Creighton college, and the Sacred Heart. Half the number have been left at St. Catherine's academy, and at the Parochial school of St. Peter's. A number of the executive committee also left two hundred of the same class of tickets at the Deaf and Dumb asylum and notified Superintendent James of the readiness of the tickets to be taken in any number to the public schools.

Season tickets, giving a chance in the picture lottery, will be on sale at the Excelsior office to-morrow, and very many will be placed in the hands of members of the association after the lecture on Monday evening. It is hoped, therefore, that there will be a full attendance. These tickets will be sold up to the last possible moment before the drawing, which will take place on the evening of the 20th inst. They are transferable, but those who lend them are warned that the numbers drawing prizes are like checks made payable to the bearer, and the holder of the ticket not the purchaser can claim and take away the prize. As the premises where the exhibition will be held have only been leased for a limited period, and will be necessarily vacated at its close, the association will act for the holder of any prize drawing

ticket who shall be absent, and will select and store for him a painting corresponding to the prize drawn.

Space applications are as numerous as they were last year, and pictures should be delivered on the second floor of the J. J. Brown building not later than Saturday, May 11.

Home Circle May Party.

The May party of the Home Circle was a delightful affair. There was a good attendance, and the ladies all wore beautiful costumes befitting the advent of the fairest month of the year. Those present were: The Misses Byrne, Hattie Bailey, Ida Haskel, Redmon, Canfield, Campbell, Collet, Dreisich, Fitch, Edholm, Hauman, Reed Smith, Nellie Gray, Adelle Smith, Angel, Pluker, Berkeley, Jones, Dake, O'Rourke, Whitman, Millet, Daniels, Truckey, Matthews, Laing, Messames Bridgman, Bryson, Gratton, Haskell, Lucas, Latay, Redman, Shriver, Shields, Messrs. Baker, Baldwin, Bingham, Barrett, Bryson, Byrnes, Champlin, Conrad, Canfield, Davenport, East, Frizzle, Farnsworth, Gueckert, Goodell, Gannon, Goodfrey, Harrell, Hodges, Hughes, Knapp, Kelley, Kosters, Korbach, Kingsbury, Lating Lucas, Latay, McManing, Messner, Murray, Murphy, Steller, O'Shaughnessy, Patterson, Pickens, Plumb, Redman, Shriver, Shields, Byron, Smith, Singer, Truckey, Thompson, Van Evers, Weetz, Wheeler, Zimmerman.

The Guards' New Banner.

On Tuesday evening a goodly representation of the wealth and beauty of Omaha gathered at the armory to witness the presentation of a handsome silk banner from a number of ladies of the city to the Omaha Guards. The hall was gaily decorated in honor of the occasion, and the guards appeared in full dress uniform. The presentation speech was made by J. C. Cowin. Dean Gardner responded in a brief speech, taking for his text "None but the brave deserve the fair." This was followed by maneuvers of the guards and a competitive drill. Lieutenant Truit, Captain Brooks' staff, acted as judge and awarded the prize to B. A. McAllister. This is the second time this gentleman has won the prize and if he wins it the next competitive drill it will become his property. After the close of the formal exercises a programme of twelve dances was indulged in.

Eddy-Platner.

At high noon Wednesday, in the presence of a few intimate friends, Mr. George B. Eddy, junior partner of the firm of Chase & Eddy, was united in marriage to Miss Lillian Platner. The nuptials occurred in the First Methodist church and Rev. T. N. House officiated. After receiving the hearty congratulations of their friends the happy husband and bride were driven to the Webster street depot where they took the 1 o'clock train for Sioux City. After a brief stay in that place they left for St. Paul and Minneapolis, where they will pass the remainder of their honeymoon.

An Evening at the Rectory.

On Wednesday evening Rev. John Williams and wife of St. Barnabas church, gave a reception at their beautiful home. Nearly one hundred persons were in attendance, many of whom are outside the church but are warm friends of the host and his wife. Everything was done for the entertainment of the guests and the genial and hospitable manner in which Mr. and Mrs. Williams treated the visitors knit more strongly the warm regard between pastor and flock. Supper was served in the course of the evening.

Danish Dancers.

Washington hall was the scene of a festive gathering Saturday evening, the occasion being an entertainment and ball for the benefit of the Danish Ladies' Aid society. The first part consisted of two splendidly performed operettas by a strong Danish amateur company, comprising the following ladies and gentlemen: O. H. Nelson, Cruxton Hart, S. Hoest, L. Nelson, O. R. Wilson, Miss Thyra Kuhl, Miss M. Jorgensen, Mrs. William Nelson and Miss G. Nelson. A splendid supper followed the performance, after which dancing was indulged in until

early hour Sunday morning. About four hundred people were in attendance.

A Pleasant Affair.

On Wednesday evening the Misses Lucy and Lizzie Allen, of Overton, Neb., were tendered a reception by Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Overall at their residence on Chicago street. The house was prettily decorated for the occasion. Music and conversation were the attractions early in the evening, and after refreshments were served and dancing followed.

Wills-Kennedy.

On Thursday morning at 11 o'clock Mr. John H. Wills and Miss Eda G. Kelly were made man and wife. The ceremony occurred at the residence of the bride parents, at 815 South Eighteenth street, and was conducted by Rev. D. R. Kerr. After the ceremony, a wedding breakfast was served. The newly-wedded couple left the same evening for a trip through the Rockies and the west.

Zaebel-Hoskin.

On Tuesday evening Mr. A. F. Zaebel and Miss Clara B. Hoskin, both of the typographical department of THE BEE, were united in wedlock. The affair occurred at the future home of the happy couple at 1419 North Twentieth, and was witnessed by about three dozen friends of the bride and bridegroom. Rev. George Schuur, of St. Mark's Evangelical church, tied the nuptial knot. The newly-wedded couple went immediately to house-keeping.

Promenade Concert.

A grand promenade concert and festival is to be given by the ladies of St. Cecilia's church at exposition hall on the evenings of May 9, 10 and 11. The music will be presented by Hoffman's orchestra, and a musical programme of unusual excellence will be presented.

Loomis-Needham.

In the presence of a few intimate friends on Tuesday last, Miss Mattie W. Needham became the wife of Mr. F. Loring Loomis. The affair was presided over by Rev. John Williams, and occurred at the residence of the bride's mother, Mr. and Mrs. Loomis will make their home at 2014 California street.

The Turners Will Go to Cincinnati.

The members of the turn Verein of this city are making preparations to attend the national turners at Cincinnati, June 21-26. A special train will be chartered and all persons who wish to take the trip will be accommodated at a very little cost.

Gallant Knights.

Forest lodge, K. of P., gave a ball Wednesday evening at their hall, corner of Sixth and Pierce streets. The knights, with their ladies and sweethearts, all enjoyed the dancing. The lodge is one of the strongest, not only in the city, but also in the state.

A May Party Surprise.

May was welcomed in at the residence of Miss Josie Kennerly, 1318 Pacific street, on Wednesday evening last by a surprise party, given in honor of the young lady by a host of her friends. The surprise was complete, and the evening's enjoyment was such that those present will long retain a recollection of it.

Social Gossip.

Mr. P. M. Hess has returned from Chicago. Miss Dollie Bailey is in Onawa, Ia., visiting. J. D. Foster has returned from Los Angeles, Cal. Mrs. Dr. Dymenber left Tuesday for Mankato, Minn.

Mrs. Frankie Drish is the guest of Miss Lizzie Canfield. Miss Annie Davis has returned from her trip to Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. I. Kahn left for New York Wednesday evening. Will M. Fried of Hooper, Neb., was an Omaha visitor this week. W. S. Dimmock has returned from his trip to Chicago and Louisville. Henry W. Hagerman will make his future home at Walla Walla, W. T. John R. Hamilton left for the east Thurs-

day and will return in a few days with a wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Rosewater have taken rooms at the Paxton. Mrs. H. N. Husmann and son leave to-day for a trip to Washington.

Mrs. W. J. Martin will pass the summer and winter in San Jose, Cal.

Mr. S. S. Auchmoody has returned to Omaha after a short absence.

Charles Seaward, who has been in Kansas City on business, returned Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Hinebaugh will make their home for the present at the Murray. A tennis and archery club has been organized in Kountze place with George Day as its president.

Mrs. Chancy Brooks, of Brush Creek, Ia., has been called to Omaha by the sickness of her sister, Mrs. C. H. King.

Mr. and Mrs. Simon J. Fisher will return from their bridal tour this morning. They will be the guests of Mr. Max Meyer.

On next Friday evening, May 10, the Imperial and Cherry Hill dancing clubs will give a joint May party at the Saratoga Lyceum building.

Mr. T. J. Rogers' little daughter Janet celebrated her seventh birthday Saturday with a party to her young friends. All invited promptly responded and a pleasant afternoon was passed.

Robert Patrick returned from Paris Friday morning, April 30. Miss Brownell is a niece of Mrs. Walter Chapin of this city, whom she has been visiting for several months. They will reside in Chicago.

Marriage Licenses.

Following are the marriage licenses issued yesterday in the county court:

Name and Residence.	Age.
Martin Schmidt, Omaha	26
Mary Jacobberger, Omaha	17
James L. Vessey, Council Bluffs	33
Nellie Fitzgerald, Council Bluffs	18
Richard F. Pierce, Omaha	36
Carrie P. Harris, Creston, Ia.	38

The tabular statement from the Westminister review, given below, showing the figures of the standing armies of Europe, on a peace footing, will convey some idea of the waste of human energy involved, to say nothing of the cost of their maintenance:

Great Britain	208,857
Austria-Hungary	390,659
Belgium	53,886
Denmark	16,653
France	325,711
Germany	492,000
Greece	26,340
Italy, under arms	285,889
Netherlands	650,583
Portugal	15,000
Roumania	19,132
Russia	763,535
Servia	18,000
Spain	144,654
Sweden	35,464
Norway	15,000
Switzerland	201,528
Turkey	155,810
Total	3,960,513

RELIGIOUS NOTES.

Newman M. E. church, Rev. J. E. Ensign, pastor—Preaching at 10:30 a. m., by Rev. Synedon Smith, from Poona, India; subject, "India." In the evening by the pastory class meeting at 12 m.; Sabbath school at 2:30, L. O. Jones, superintendent.

The Methodist bishops of the country will hold their semi-annual meeting May 16, in Delaware. They will be in session about a week. Bishop Newman, who will be present, will go from there to Attons, Tenn., to deliver a few sermons.

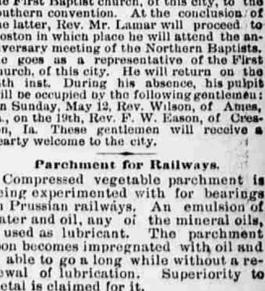
Bishop Newman left yesterday for Lincoln, where he will preach at the university. This morning he will visit at St. Paul's Methodist church, as that place of worship is without a minister. He will return to Omaha this afternoon and deliver a sermon at Hanson Park church.

The general assembly of the Presbyterian church of the United States will meet in New York City, Thursday, May 16, this year. The commissioners to the assembly from Omaha are Rev. William R. Henderson and Dr. J. D. Miles.

Rev. A. W. Lamar, of the First Baptist church, will attend the meeting of the Southern Baptist convention. He goes as the representative of the Missionary union, of Boston. To Mr. Lamar is assigned the honor of preaching the anniversary sermon, before the gathering in the Central Baptist church, at Memphis, the church in which he labored for five years, previous to his coming to Omaha. H. D. Rhoades, will accompany him and convey the greetings of the First Baptist church, of this city, to the southern convention. At the conclusion of the latter, Rev. Mr. Lamar will proceed to Boston in which place he will attend the 34th inst. During his absence, his pulpit will be occupied by the following gentlemen: On Sunday, May 12, Rev. Wilson, of Ames, Ia., on the 15th, Rev. F. W. Eason, of Creston, Ia. These gentlemen will receive a hearty welcome to the city.

Parchment for Railways.

Compressed vegetable parchment is being experimented with for bearing on Prussian railways. An emulsion of water and oil, any of the mineral oils, is used as lubricant. The parchment soon becomes impregnated with oil and is able to go a long while without a renewal of lubrication. Superiority to metal is claimed for it.



Is my, Brown, old boy, have you seen this advertisement of Spring and Summer Suits? Let us go around to-morrow, and have a look at them. Smith had one of their \$25 suits last fall, and it was as good a fit and style as any \$50 custom made.



Couldn't Go Natural Gas.

In a thriving western city natural gas has been introduced lately as one of the best modern conveniences. In one family the cook and second girl immediately gave notice. At the exposition of the mistress, the cook explained that she "wouldn't cook with hell fire," and the second girl said that she wouldn't stay "in a place where the fire came from the bowels of the earth."