THE GAY WORLD OF FASHION.

Movements of the Members of the Local Four Hundred.

CIGARETTES IN THE BOUDOIR.

The Dress Reform Movement—Marriages and Anniversaries—Birthdays and Surprises—Doings of the Week in Society.

Cigarettes in the Boudoir.

From London comes the assurance that the duchess of Marlborough has introduced cigarette-smoking in the charmed circle of her select friends. So successful has been the innovation that ravishing smoking-jackets, ablaze with gold embroidery, are now a part and parcel of every society woman's outfit.

Gentle reader, you are shocked, and a stretch of geography will not, in this instance, "temper the wind to the shorn lamb," for I am about to give you a turn nearer come.

The more than half-naughty fad, is rampant in our very midst. Not only does the callow dude, with trousers wider than his experience, and a stick with a head bigger than the confines necessary for his intellect, stain his helpless fingers a dirty brown, but charming and cultivated women acknowledge it to be the correct thing.

These fair creatures have familiarized themselves with tobacco in this form to such an extent that the varieties of Egyptian La Ferme, Richmond and Satin Straight Cuts and the rest are as well known to them as their prayers, and the pretty creatures make rings as easily as they make promises.

In the boudoirs of any number of women in Omaha, a tray of cigarettes, holders and matches has its honored place with no effort at concealment. The pretty appointments of the tea-table have grown to be a second consideration, for there is nothing wicked about tea pure and simple. The charm for the fair sex in smoking is undoubtedly the conviction that it is at least venturesome!

That the trifles necessary to this practice, which by courtesy is called a small vice, are exquisite, no one can gainsay. There are little trays of silver, Benares brass, tortoise shell or porcelain; holders of amber, mother of pearl, or silver again, in instances jeweled and adorned with a monogram; match boxes of rarest workmanship, some of them with miniatures of bygone beauties made to smile at this now-a-day custom; tiny candlesticks to hold the tapers, and a thousand other enticing things which go far toward seducing the feminine mind.

A woman with beauty enough to draw a man's heart out of his body, with a spice of a "wonderfully sweet devil slanting sidelong from her eyelashes;" gowned in some distracting fashion; gracefully posed with her saucy head thrown back; a paper covered weed in her dainty fingers and her bewitching face seen through the soft gray curling smoke is a picture, even when not employed as a cigarette advertisement, and one that is as often seen as any other in ultra fashionable society.

Miss Coghlan in "Forget-Me-Not" and Mrs. Langtry in that peculiarly unsavory play of "As in a Looking-Glass," gather all their witchery of grace about them for the smoking act, and giddy young women with daring propensities look on and sign with envy.

To be sure, any number of men smoke cigarettes and it always appeals to me that they have taken up the gauntlet thrown down by girls and dudes. Personally, I like the odor of a cigarette and, were I of the other sex, might on high days and holidays indulge, but regularly, never. In the latter event, there would be with me the ever-present fear of coloring the mind with the fingers.

Then, too, it is with cigarettes in effect, as some one said of strawberries: "God might have made a better berry, but he didn't," and I yield man might make a good cigarette but he doesn't.

I heard a physician of a reputation not confined to his own town say that nine-tenths of the women would be healthier if they smoked, not the baleful cigarette, but a good cigar! So much for the opinion of Æsculapius. My humble advice, however, to beauty, is to let cigars alone.

Primarily, the odor of tobacco about a woman's gown or laces is vulgar, and, on her hands and lips, it is sacrilege.

Again, smoking is undeniably exciting to the nervous system, and indirectly then the occasion of wrinkles and a lack of repose, that unmistakable seal of good breeding.

As a protest then, is the "game worth the candle?" Is there enough enjoyment consequent upon hunting on the preserves of the other sex for the exposure of oneself thereby to unenviable comment, the chance reputation for vulgarity and the probable risk of wrinkles, the samples that Time works soon enough upon the fairest faces?

Dress Reform.

Lunch parties, a reception or two and the Young Men's Christian association convention kept many ladies away from Mrs. Jenness-Miller's lecture, Friday afternoon. The parquet was quite well filled, however, when a lady came out on the stage, moved a red velvet chair several inches, tried one of the doors painted on the parlor scene, which was set upon the stage, and finally introduced Mrs. Jenness-Miller.

Of course the lecture was upon the subject of dress—a topic that never fails to interest women—but the audience paid more attention to the lecturer's plush gown than it did to her sensible words. The gown was really a very satisfactory creation of the modiste's art and it was so picturesque that every woman straightway decided to have at least one costume exactly like it.

Mrs. Jenness-Miller began her lecture by speaking of stout women, and she was not at all complimentary to her sisters overburdened with "too, too solid flesh." Then she turned her attention to the lean women with prominent collar bone. The lecturer's gown was cut so that it displayed a white throat and therefore she was very severe in dealing with her less fortunate sisters.

The dress reform parade was the most interesting part of the lecture. Street suits, a tea gown and a ball dress were tried on in rapid succession. They were all pretty and they were likewise new. When the question of undergarments was finally touched the spectators were destined to disappointment. Mrs. Jenness-Miller said that the stage was too cold to permit her to show the union underwear and divided skirts in active use. Besides a wild-eyed young man, attached to the opera house, insisted upon appearing at the door every ten minutes. Therefore the leader of the dress reform movement merely exhibited some pongee garments that had no particular form or shapeliness.

When the lecture was concluded every one had a red nose, but there was a dumb bell drill, given by Miss Anderson's physical culture class, which was so lively that it made the spectators warm to look at it.

An Afternoon Reception.

Mrs. Francis W. Wessels gave a delightful afternoon reception on Friday in honor of her sister, Mrs. Adams, and her niece, Miss Adams, of Brooklyn. Nearly two hundred invitations were issued and almost as many women were on evidence. New gowns and new bonnets were the order of the day; being the first reception of the season, the various triumphs of the modistes' and milliner's art amounted to a charming dress parade.

The drawing rooms, which at all times are pretty and interesting, were made gay with a quantity of flowers tastefully arranged, the table in the dining room was also most attractive, while the pretty women with their bright, smiling faces and light, happy talk made an unusually fetching ensemble.

Mrs. Wessels was very becomingly attired in black velvet, Mrs. Adams in a graceful gown of black lace and Miss Adams wore a girlish gown of old rose.

The hostess was assisted in receiving by Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Manderson, Mrs. Wakeley, Mrs. Beale, Mrs Bradford, Miss Wakeley, Miss Balcombe and Miss Adams, while Mrs. Greene and Mrs. Barriger dispensed the courtesies in another room. The list of invited guests included: Mrs. Adams, Anderson, Austin, Allen, P. H. Allen, Bradford, Bierbower, Barton, Bennett, Barriger, J. J. Brown, E. C. Brown, Cochran, Carter, Coffman, Congdon, Curtis, Carrive, Crandell, Chambers, Cornish, Chase, Copeland, Coutant, Colpetzer, Caldwell, Connell, Dixon, Doane, Estabrook, Edgar, Ramsey, Du Bois, Gilbert, Greene, Gardner, German, Hawks, Houston, Lander, Ijams Jones, Kountze, Knight, Stebbins, Keller, Lake, Lehmer, Moore, Metcalfe, Morse, Morseman, Mercer, McMillan, Ezra Millard, J. H. Millard, Alfred Millard, Mormell, Merriam, Oskamp, Pritchett, Poppleton, William Poppleton, Paddock, L. Reed, B. Reed, Ross, McKenna, Rollins, Richardson, R. Ringwalt, J. Ringwalt, Raimnig, Steiger, Squires, Sargent, Swartzlander, Savage, H. C. Smith, Howard Smith, Shelton, Summers, Tukey, Patterson, Taylor, Tower, Taber, Brooke, Simpson, Roe, Wallace, Woolworth, Wilson, Wheaton, Woodman, Yost, Young, Yates, Patrick, Barnette, Hill, Haller, Linninger, Gallagher, Kilpatrick, Cowin, Bonner, Horbach, Cotton, Pennell, Van Kuren, Irvine, Gould, Bachart, Dale, Darrow, Deuel, Dundy, Grady, Smith, Hanscom, Heth, Valle, Paxton, Lange, Ludington, Manderson, Meday, Mengell, Mount, Powell, Ritchie, Shiverick, Wakeley, Rustin, Williams, Webster, Henshaw, Whitney, Lawrence, Rogers, Higginson, Broatch, Crary, Clark, Dickey, Nichols, Misses Brown, Bessche, Copeland, Clark, Chambers, Schaller, Ijams, Knight, Balcombe, Millard, Poppleton, Ross, McKenna, Richardson, Shears, Summers, Yost, Pennell, Butterfield, Dillerance, Lyman, Wall, Dundy, Foos, O'Reilly, Luddington, Rustin and Crary.

Spokes in the Social Wheel.

The Dodge Light Guards gave a swell dance Tuesday evening in Masonic hall on the other side of the river, Council Bluffs in truth "had gathered there her beauty and her chivalry," with some of ours, for any number of young people from Omaha were guests on this occasion. Miss Duryea, Miss Armstrong, Miss Ella Armstrong, Miss Cory and Miss Hays, Mr. Arthur Guiou, Mr. J. A. Epenetor, Mr. C. A. Ellis, Mr. John Atchison, Mr. George Miner, Mr. Wood Allen, Mr. Charles McConnell, Mr. H. Cattes, Mr. F. Fostemer and Mr. M. Dorr.

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Hitchcock gave a theater party Friday evening at the Grand opera house to see Margaret Mather in "The Honeymoon." Their guests were: Miss Preston, Miss Chambers, Miss Yost, Miss Nash, Miss Florence Yates, Miss Bessie Yates, Miss Anna Millard and Miss Dixon, Mr. John Patrick, Mr. Ed Sherwood, Mr. Wilbur, Mr. Pierre Garneau, Mr. Koenig, and Mr. Will Doane. After a charming evening at the play, they were delightfully entertained at supper by their clever host and hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Cushing gave a pleasant card party at "Loravilla," their spacious home, on Monday evening in honor of some visiting friends. High five, which promises to be the accepted game of the winter, was the choice for the evening and was played with lively interest.

Miss Yost's luncheon on Thursday was a most charming affair. Those entertained were: Miss Richardson, Miss Nash, the Misses Balcombe, the Misses Yates, the Misses Hoagland, Miss Woolworth, Mrs. Hitchcock, Miss Ijams, Miss Dixon, Miss Ludington, the Misses Barlow, Miss Dewey, Miss McClintock and Miss Anna Millard, all of whom carried away the pleasant memory of appetizing dainties, a wealth of chrysanthemums and the rollicking jingle of college songs.

A Coat of Whitewash.

The autumn house-cleaning brings with all it bothersome care and many a touch of humor that makes the whole world grin. A young married woman the other day, beginning the annual scrubbing time according to rule, found that "the cellar should be the first consideration, and to insure good health the walls should be whitewashed."

Reasoning by the law of incongruity, that all negroes are equally skillful in putting this charitable coat over a multitude of discrepancies, she called in an old retainer and bade him begin. Later she was drawn to the cellar by the most dismal and appalling moans and groans. Hurrying to the door and throwing it open she stood transfixed by the sight that met her eyes, only to shriek with laughter when the whole meaning dawned upon her mind.

A metamorphosis from a full-blooded negro to something surpassing the staring whiteness of Humpty Dumpty stood on a shaky scaffolding in the middle of the room with his calcimine, oh, horror of horrors, in her spick, span new coal bucket. The sunny whistling creature of an hour before had meanwhile ceased groaning, and with an effort marked by various cracks and crevices in his pasty features, he managed to ejaculate:

"Missis, I want you to understan', dis here is de las' whitewashin' dis niggah I ever do!"

And he proceeded to dip his brush in the thin mixture, turning his face upward with closed eyes, and slapping the stuff on, with the result, that two-thirds poured back upon him, drying directly, and leaving him literally with a cast of countenance, and the ceiling broken out in spots.

It is unnecessary to say he was dissuaded from continuing, and went home much crestfallen over his unsuccessful attempt.

A Swell Luncheon.

Now and then in the garden of life we get that special bite out of the sunny side of a peach, and the women who sat down to luncheon with Mrs. Joseph Millard on Thursday considered themselves favored with a generous mouthful. Mrs. Millard's house is essentially fitted for entertaining and that, as delightfully as the most ambitious hostess could desire, when everything in the way of luxury obtains, success comes of itself.

The table, rectangular in shape, covered with linen that is the envy of every young housewife in town, and, indeed, many of the older ones, was simply a background for flowers, a cut glass bowl of La France, and American Beauty roses in the center, with ferns and roses scattered in graceful confusion over the remainder of the table.

Covers were laid for fourteen, including the hostess, the guests being: Mesdames Watson, Manderson, Patrick, Hanscom, M. I. Luddington, Horace Luddington, Holcomb, J. H. Pratt, Barton, Yost, Bennett, Horbach and Caldwell.

An Evening at Cards.

On Thursday evening Mrs. McKenna gave a card party in honor of Mrs. Watson, who has been the agreeable raison d'etre of any amount of entertainment in the last fortnight. Mrs. McKenna is one of the graceful, tactful hostesses of whom Omaha may be duly proud, and her parties are, in truth, "famous felicitus. The house is delightfully cozy with that ineffable charm commonly conveyed in the term "lived in," and is full of things to make conversation. No especial game was set for the evening, the guests being left to their own inclination, and whist, high-five and the rest were successively chosen and played, while a delicious little supper was the occasion of compliment and complete satisfaction. The guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Yost, Mr. and Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Wakely, Mrs. Watson, Mrs. Horbach, Mrs. Caldwell, Mr. and Mrs. Kountze, Mr. and Mrs. J. Barker, Mrs. Manderson, Dr. and Mrs. Peabody, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Yates, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Reed, General and Mrs. Brooke, Mrs. Beall, Major and Mrs. Beaham, Mr. and Mrs. Roe, Miss Wakeley, Miss Adams, Doctor Miller, Mr. Brigham and Mr. Arthur Smith.

An English Supper.

On Tuesday evening Mrs. J. N. Champion invited some friends to an English supper as a surprise to Mr. Champion and in honor of his birthday. Covers were laid for Rev. J. P. D. Lloyd and Mrs. Lloyd, Rev. C. T. Brady and Mrs. Brady, Mr. and Mrs. George Barker, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Powell and Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Holbrook.

Contrary to the usual outcome, the surprise was perfect, Mr. Champion's amazement being so genuine as to add materially to the amusement of the guests. A supper followed that was literally "to the queen's taste," smothered chicken and sausages, a roast of beef and a real English plum pudding that gave the nose and eyes alike a treat, were well calculated to win new subjects for her majesty's realm. The Americans who were present rivalled the British in appetite and appreciation, and all entered heartily into the spirit of the old English games that came as an afterpiece when supper was done.

An entertainment so unique and delightful can but leave the most agreeable memories, and the guests with one accord voted it a triumph from the first greeting to good night.

A China Wedding.

Captain and Mrs. Simpson celebrated the twentieth anniversary of their wedding in their suite of rooms at the Merriam flat on Monday evening, gathering about them just the friends who were neighbors to them when they lived on Virginia avenue. A game of cards was the piece de resistance of the evening, and high five was earnestly played for exceedingly pretty prizes. A four-leaf clover, which was won by Mr. R. Pease, a gilded milking stool covered with pink plush, won by Miss Bates, a consolation prize, "Jonathan and His Continent," won by Dr. Coffman, and a Japanese glove box of exceedingly pretty design was carried off by Miss Fannie Butterfield.

The guests brought with them any amount of pretty china souvenirs and an equal number of pretty speeches for the host and hostess, who have stood the test of twenty years so youthfully.

Refreshments of ices, cake and champagne preceded the awarding of the prizes.

The guests were: Dr. and Mrs. Coffman, Mr. and Mrs. R. Pease, Mr. Will Pease, Mrs. Alexander, Miss Fannie and Miss Mellona Butterfield, the Misses Bates, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Wheeler, jr., Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Worken, Mr. John Collins and Mr. Will Creary.

All Saints' Parish Festival.

The third annual parish festival of All Saints church which will be held on next Friday, November 1, "All Saints Day" promises to be of more than usual interest.

The musical programme which will be quite elaborate will be sung by the regular choir of the church consisting of about thirty voices assisted by Master Claude Anderson the soprano solo boy from St. James church, Chicago.

The holy communion will be celebrated at 11 o'clock and at 7:30 p. m. will be held the festival service, after which there will be the usual parish reception at the rectory.

At the 11 o'clock service the choir will sing the communion service in B flat by Calkin, and the anthem, "What are these that are arrayed in white robes" by Strainer, and at the offertory, a selection from the oratorio "St. John the Evangelist," by Dr. Armes—"I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day," for soprano solo and chorus, the solo to be sung by Master Anderson.

At the festival evening service, the choir will sing the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in B flat by Calkin, and for the festival anthem a selection from Sullivan's oratorio, "The Light of the World" for solo and chorus. The solo parts will be sung by Master Anderson, Miss Pennell and Mr. Pennell.

Master Anderson will also sing a solo at the offertory at the evening service, the selection being from Cherubinis Massinc set to the words "Praise Jehovah," for solo and chorus.

The choir has been rehearsing this programme for two months or more.

Surprise Party.

One of those events which linger long in memory took place at the residence of Mr. George Higgins, corner of Georgia and Popleton avenues, on Monday evening, October 21, on the occasion of his fifty-fifth birthday. He was tendered a surprise party, when about twenty friends and neighbors took possession of the house, not forgetting to bring with them an abundance of good things for the inner man.

The evening was spent pleasantly at cards and other games until 11 o'clock, when the party was conducted to the dining-room and seated to a table loaded with the good things of this earth, and were made to feel there was enough and to spare.

Mr. and Mrs. Higgins will long remember the occasion as one of the happiest events of their lives:

Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Briggs, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Perigo, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. House, Mrs. Mary M. Putnam, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Costers, Mr. and Mrs. Deverus, Mr. and Mrs. Dietrick, Mr. and Mrs. Grover, Mr. J. B. Blanchard, Mrs. H. Kimbal and Mrs. Booth.

A Pleasant Surprise.

The young friends of Mr. Arthur Angell gave him a complete surprise last Tuesday evening at his home on North Nineteenth street. Games and other amusements were indulged in, after which a sumptuous repast was spread, which all seemed to fully enjoy. Those present were: Mabel Cotter, Myrtle Coon, Amy Robinson, Nannie Schuck, Sallie Smith, Jennie Dodson, Lizzie Shields, Lizzie Leeder, Etta Brown, Grace Bassett, Fannie Groff, Dora Maddocks, Ada Gilmore, and the Messrs. Roland Robinson, David Knox, Albert Guin, Frank Haskell, Louis Leeder, Ross Bailey, George Hess, Jerome Miller, Frank Colby, Will Binkley, Charlie Weller, Otto Bauman, Roy Walker, Will Barnum and Deal Wertz.

Afternoon Cards.

On last Saturday Mrs. A. J. Hanscom entertained the Women's Card club in her hospitable and generous fashion. The appointments of her table are very beautiful, the silver, china and glass in themselves constituted a feast for the eyes, while the perfectly served luncheon appealed equally to the sense of sight and taste. After the coffee the tables were arranged for six-handed euchre and the game began, the players being: Mrs. Yost, Mrs. Wakeley, Mrs. J. N. H. Patrick, Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Edgar, Mrs. Ramsey, Mrs. Lacey, Mrs. Barker, Mrs. Bennet, Mrs. Barkalow, Mrs. Levi Carter, Mrs. Guy Barton, Mrs. Caldwell, Mrs. Watson, Mrs. Horbach, Mrs. Joseph Millard, Mrs. Henry Yates, Mrs. Cowin and Mrs. Conkling.

Happy Hours.

The Happy Hours Social club gave the first of the parties for this season at Masonic hall on last Wednesday night. It was a very enjoyable affair, everything passing off in a most highly satisfactory manner.

The club will give four more parties during the year. Among those present were the following:

Mrs. T. J. Fitzmorris, Misses Ella Truckey and Ida Truckey, Mamie Fitzpatrick, Cosgrove Hayes, Ella Butler, Cheyenne, Wyo.; Kate Vidie, St. Joseph, Mo.; Sarah Brady, Mollie Heelan, Lizzie Heelan, Elgin, Ill.; N. Malone, L. Malone, T. O'Neill, Agnes Cleary, Julia Mullen, Maud Paul, May McVann, E. A. O'Brien, O'Hanlon, Mamie Sheehan, Topeka, Kan.; Nan Nadden, Davenport, Ia.; Myra Crane, Council Bluffs; M. Riley, N. O'Neil, Donahney, Swift, Flaherty.

Messrs. Mr. W. R. O'Shaughnessy, William Neber, James Swift, John M. Frenzer, E. J. Greene, Ed B. McMahon, Joseph C. Weeth, John N. Paul, D. H. Bradley, F. A. Cleary, Charles Hayes, F. H. Kosters, Maurice Hussie, Thomas A. Cobry, Joe McCarthy, J. J. O'Neill, John M. Mullen, Thomas Kelly, J. A. Linahan, William M. O'Brien, W. J. Clair, Thomas J. Fitzmorris, W. J. Paul, Harry Hussie, J. A. Spring, B. J. Scannell, Dr. A. W. Riley, J. Martin, C. T. Cullen, E. J. McVann, F. C. Dellone, R. M. Joyce, and Chris Thompson.

Chambers-Fried.

Miss Emily Fried and Mr. William F. Chambers were married Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock at the home of the bride, 1416 North Nineteenth street, Rev. Doherty officiating.

The wedding was comparatively quiet, the relatives comprising the guests.

The house was lavishly decorated with flowers, the breakfast table being especially beautiful. The amount of wedding presents of money, silver, furniture, china and pictures was sufficient to have delighted the hearts of the young couple.

The bride wore a white wool gown, trimmed with quantities of narrow, picot edged in style make make exceedingly becoming to her girlish beauty.

Little Janet Chambers, who looked a picture in her white frock, with a bouquet of roses as big as her curly head, shared the honors with the bride.

Mr. and Mrs. Chambers left on the evening train for Chicago, where they will probably stop a month.

Lindberg-Stewart.

J. B. Lindberg, formerly of the Union Pacific shops in this city, but now of Stanberry, Mo., was married on Wednesday last in Montgomery City, Mo., to Miss Lulu Stewart, of the latter place. The ceremony was performed in the Episcopal church by the Rev. J. A. Williams in the presence of a large number of friends. The happy couple are now visiting relatives in Omaha.

Xmas Charity.

Mr. Harsha's charitable appeal for the desolate homes where Christmas with its attendant joys and blessings has no place, should find a ready answer in many hearts and a more material answer in many hands. Even those who acknowledge no church, nor creed, and are too ready to question the sincerity of motives when alms are asked, fearing always the

"Hypocrites who ope Heaven's door,
Obsequies to the sinful man of riches,
But put the wicked, naked, bare-legged poor
In parish stocks instead of breeches,"

can but allow that this is an honest asking. It is a pressing call on their natural kindliness, which surely once a year should prompt a generous giving, through Mr. Harsha's searching all personal bother of making sure one's charity is worthily dispensed, is done away with, and one has but the pleasure of bestowing benefits.

Two Pictures.

Mrs. Higginson returned on Sunday from Chicago, where she has been spending a month. Her object in going was mainly to get new designs and ideas for the approaching holidays.

Among her latest works are two portraits of a middle aged couple with faces full of character, which the artist, with true genius, has portrayed to the life, admirable flesh tints, and the subjects' most natural expressions skillfully caught and faithfully reproduced, constitute truly speaking likenesses.

Another picture from life is the head of a little French girl peeping from behind a curtain. The sweet childish face and wide eyes are becomingly framed in a soft white cap, while the whole is painted with such charm and softness as to make it a conception of ideal loveliness.

Dancing Club.

Wednesday evening the Coreopsis Club" was organized with a membership of thirty, limited to fifty people. It is the object of the club to have nine meetings during the season at Washington hall for its members and invited guests. Each member having the privilege of two invitations. The meetings will be for dancing exclusively, and promise to be enjoyable as the party will be select and be composed of ladies and gentlemen who held four moonlight dances at Hanscom park during the summer months just passed.

Card Party.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Gilmore gave a card party last Wednesday evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Snee, of Columbus, O. A very pleasant time was had, refreshments, etc. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Lomax, Mr. and Mrs. Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Firestone, Mr. and Mrs. Kirkindall, Mr. and Mrs. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Cushing, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Gallagher, Mrs. Jones, of Columbus, O., Miss Magruder, Dr. and Mrs. Kinsler.

The Assembly.

The Assembly, which has given so many successful parties the past two seasons, announces that it will give, this year, three parlor parties, which the gentlemen in charge claim will be even more delightful than were those of the seasons which have gone.

Birthday Party.

Mrs. R. R. Grotte, who lives at 624 South Twentieth street, yesterday celebrated her crystal wedding. Thirty of her lady friends were invited to an afternoon tea and the evening was delightfully spent in a very sociable manner.

Social Gossip.

Miss Rena Ross left for New York on Thursday.

Mr. Joseph Millard returned from New York on Tuesday.

Mrs. J. H. Pratt, from Chicago, is visiting Mrs. Guy Barton.

Mrs. J. R. Buchanan has returned from her visit to Chadron.

Mr. W. McMillan is at home again after a three weeks' visit in the east.

Hon. and Mrs. William H. Ijams returned on Tuesday from Dakota Hot Springs.

Mrs. W. J. Connell arrived home yesterday after a three weeks' visit in New York.

Mr. and Mrs. St. A. D. Balcombe have gone to Sioux City for a week or ten days.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Cushing entertained a few friends at cards last Monday evening.

Miss Sharpand Miss Ida Sharp returned on Tuesday from a fortnight's visit to Chicago.

S. D. Barkalow has returned from New York, where he attended the Episcopal convention.

Dr. and Mrs. Summers and Miss Summers are at home again, having taken their rooms at the Paxton for another year.

Mr. John O'Keefe and Miss Grace O'Keefe go to Strong City, Kan., to-morrow evening to attend the Cushing-Lantry wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Rialt have taken rooms at Mrs. Mills, corner Capitol avenue and Nineteenth streets until their house is completed.

General and Mrs. Brooke have rented Mr. W. J. Connell's house for the winter and will take it directly the family leave for Washington.

Mrs. Walter Chambers, of Davenport, and Mrs. Samuel Jones, of Chicago, were in the city this week, attending the Chambers-Fried wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. H. Patrick gave a very charming little dinner at Happy Hollow in honor of Colonel and Mrs. Ludington on Thursday evening.

Miss Bertha Scofield, of Aurora, Ill., who for the past month has been visiting the family of Mr. Stephen, 1434 Snerman avenue, returned to her home last Wednesday.

The engagement is announced of Mr. Charles Treat, Lieutenant of the Fifth United States artillery, and Miss Wiman, daughter of Erastus Wiman, of New York.

Mrs. Groff and family left last evening for Washington to join her husband, Land Commissioner Groff. Their house will be taken by Mr. Ruhl, of the firm of Gilmore & Ruhl.

Mr. L. H. Tower returned from New York on Monday. He was accompanied by Mrs. Tower as far as Chicago, where she will remain with friends for two or three weeks.

Mrs. Fletcher is at present at Fort Omaha arranging the quarters which will be occupied by her daughter and Captain Dempsey after their wedding, which will occur within a fortnight.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Metcalf returned last Saturday from a protracted stay in Europe, where they visited London, the principal cities on the continent, and were in Paris during the exposition.

Colonel M. V. Sheridan will arrive in Omaha about the 30th or 31st of the month, and will assume his duties of adjutant general soon after his arrival. Mrs. Phil Sheridan will visit in Omaha during the winter.

The women interested in the Creche held a meeting last Wednesday to determine an earlier date for a charity ball that the comforts of clothes and fuel may be given the poor before the winter is half over.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Cushing and Miss Lora leave Monday evening for Strong City, Kan., to be present at the marriage of Mr. Will Cushing, of Plattsmouth, and Miss Nellie Lantry, the youngest daughter of the Hon. B. Lantry, a wealthy capitalist of the above named city.

The third annual ball of the Omaha Charity association will be given Tuesday, November 5, the proceeds to be devoted to removing the debt from the Creche. Tickets will be on sale at Raymond's, Edholm & Akin's, Max Meyer's, Van Cott's and Baumer's jewelry stores.

"Though the Philistines may jostle," the "Assembly," born again and rechristened, will prove the swellest thing in Omaha's swelldom during the winter. Three cotillions given just where is not altogether decided upon, but circulars will be issued later, with favors and figures and fair ladies until the head swims with the promised pleasure.

Dr. and Mrs. Grady, who have been spending a month at the Paxton, left on Monday for New York, whence they sail for a three-year's stay in Europe. This winter to be spent in London and next summer in Switzerland, further than this their plans are not made, while selfishly regretting their departure for such a length of time, Dr. and Mrs. Grady's friends wish them a heartfelt bon voyage.

It was a merry party that assembled at 708 North Nineteenth street on Monday night to celebrate the birthday of Mr. J. M. Campion. The preliminary arrangements had been so well carried out that not the least suspicion of the pleasure in store for him had ever dawned upon the recipient of the compliment. The evening was passed so agreeably that it was the loudly expressed wish of many present that the gentleman would have a birthday every week. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. George Barker, Rev. J. P. D. Lloyd and Mrs. Lloyd, Rev. C. T. Brady and Mrs. Brady, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Powell, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Holbrook, and Dr. and Mrs. Hanchett.

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC.

Langtry has Cleopatra thoughts, too.

Henry Chanfrau is going with "Kit" to Australia.

George Bruening has joined "The Pearl of Pekin" company.

Louis James is making a tour of the south and is playing to large houses.

Julia Marlow has been playing to exceedingly large business in Boston.

Geraldine Ulmer is soon to become Mrs. Gordon Kellogg of New York.

Robert Downing has won success with "Count Claudio" in the western cities.

Helen Barry is now the star in "A Possible Case," traveling with a good supporting company.

Lawrence Barrett has been drawing large houses at the Chicago opera house with "Ganelon."

Maggie Mitchell made her first appearance this season at the Windsor, New York, in her play, "Ray."

Much praise is accorded Otis Skinner for his Mauprat in the Booth-Modjeska "Richelieu" production.

Frank Sanger's company playing "Mr. Barnes of New York," is doing remarkably good business in the west.

"Kajanka" played to the banner week in the way of receipts in the Columbia theater, Chicago, on its first week.

Young Otto Hegner, a new boy musical prodigy, made his first appearance at the Metropolitan opera house, New York.

Georgia Parker has secured Fred Lotta to play in her new comedy, "A Lucky Penny," under the management of Frank L. Goodwin.

"The Dogged Dogs" is the name of the new opera which Gilbert and Sullivan have been quietly writing. At least so it is reported.

The opera season at the Metropolitan in New York city will begin with Wagner's "Flying Dutchman," Herr Reichmann in the chief part.

"The Witch," a new play by Wayne Ellis, is to be presented November 11 in San Francisco. The leading part will be assumed by Sophia Eyre.

John Reynolds was given a beautiful emblematic watch charm while playing an engagement at Ford's theatre, Baltimore, by members of Baltimore lodge of Elks.

Denman Thompson completed his fifty-sixth year a few days ago. He is still the same old Uncle Josh who won the hearts of the theatre-goers in "The Old Homestead."

William Harris, of Boston, who is the manager of the Howard Athenaeum entertainment, is on his way to Europe to get hold of a big combination, which is likely to be seen at the academy in that city in the latter part of the season.

It is said that the feeling between Barry and Fay, the Irish comedians, is far from being a friendly one. Fay is wealthy, owning several houses in Mount Vernon, while Barry is believed to have spent the most of his large earnings.

Robert Mantell is now playing "Othello" and "The Marble Heart" in addition to "Monbars." To these he will shortly add "The Corsican Brothers," making his first appearance in it in New York at the Fourteenth Street theater.

W. J. Scanlan recently presented a blackthorn stick to the Library association at Fort Wayne. The cane was voted to the most popular resident in the city. It cost the voters $1,000, which is a pretty decent price for a "bit iv a shillalah."

Rather than pay the royalties demanded by the American representatives of Wagner's heirs the Boston Ideals have given up the project of producing "Lohengrin." The company have been singing "Rigoletto" in Detroit, with Mme L'Allemand as Gilda, and "Travatore," with Mr. Scovel as Manrico.

A new grand opera by Smareglia, just produced at the Vienna opera house, entitled "The Vassal of Szigeth," is said to have been favorably received. The composer, who is an Austrian by birth, but an Italian by training, is known through several operas produced in Milan, Florence, and other Italian towns within the last ten years.

Mr Amoerg is rehearsing "Carmen," which, though French by authorship, is the only opera which the late Emperor William could be induced to sit through. The cast will include Frl. Donita in the title role, Frl. Riegel as Micaela, Frl. Englaender as Frasquita, Frl. Zimmermann as Mercedes, Streitman as Don Jose, Tagliapietra as the bull fighter, and Gerold as Zuniga. Mr. Hinrichs will conduct.

The distinguishing characteristic of head-covering is lowness of crown and a corresponding depression of trimming for bonnets and largeness or shape and generosity of garniture for hats. The imported styles are not less captivating than usual, and some of the combinations of colors are most artistic.

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Loans on first class Collaterals	176,644 28
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cash on hand and in the hands of agents or other persons	$ 248,407.14
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$465,000 United States 4 per cent bonds, market value	587,032.50
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$100,000 N. Y. Lackawana & Western 5 per cent railroad bonds, market value	110,125.00
$10,000 Chicago & Southwestern 7 per cent railroad bonds, market value	12,100.00
$10,000 North Wisconsin 6 per cent railroad bonds, market value	12,500.00
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$5,000 Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific 6 per cent railroad bonds, market value	6,550.00
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