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THE RECEPTION OF THE SEASON

Luncheons and High-Five Alternate in Chasing the Flying Hours—Movements of Society's Votaries—Local Gossip.

Reflections.

Lent is coming on apace with its show of ashes and repentance and time to spare for things left undone during the winter. The good resolves of the new year are worn out or forgotten long since and Ash Wednesday will offer an occasion for another soul's wash day for the women in society. Even if a deep religious fervor does not hold and sustain them they have an amount of precious time not covered with the woof and warp of engagements, to use or abuse.

The flying heels, the joy-flushed cheeks, the dimpled shoulders have had their day, why not give the brains a chance!

Let this time of fasting for the body and conscience-crowded heart be a feast for thought and the mind, let reason dethrone folly for the nonce and the result will be compensation enough.

Intelligence, when it does not color to a blue, is exceedingly becoming and it is much more wholesome than late hours with the grammy swing of the music, the lights, the dizzy evolutions of the dance and all the delightful intoxicating things that go to make up the season.

Church is restful and satisfying, but it takes up less than an hour of each day, little sacrifices of sweet humility can be interlarded but there will still be time for an amount of reading and it is well to reflect how much one can enrich the store of knowledge in forty days.

Union Club Reception.

Winter occasionally gives our memory a gentle reminder of a dead and gone October by such a night as Thursday, and the full witchery of it only overcomes us when combined with flower scents and music of a nature to make time and his growing gray a matter of indifference. Given such charming weather and an unlimited quantity of palms and graceful green growing things together with roses, azaleas, hyacinths, daffodils and rooms full of animated buds and blossoms that enchain the gaze and actually lead admiration captive, what but the successful consummation of an entertainment could be looked for.

The union club had all this at their reception on Thursday evening combined with the taste, artistic taste and rare executive ability necessary to properly arrange and carry such an affair to a happy finish. Nothing can more prettily convey an idea of the sweet turmoil of flowers—bright eyed beauty and the youthful enjoyment of the rythmic music, than the condition of the floor near the close of the reception in the room devoted to dancing. Roses literally covered its canvas surface and the final waltz no doubt crushed from them their last sweet breath. Aladdin with his famous lamp could not have more completely metamorphosed the every day manish attractiveness of the club rooms into their flower decked summer charm on this occasion.

The reception room was made gay with generous bunches of roses crowding the mantel, shelves and writing desks, while pansies and ferns were banked in all the corners. Smilax trailed in graceful fringes about the pictures and chandeliers, and the harmonious colors of the walls made an effective background for the delicate green.

In the music room the piano was remade of flowers, and couches and chairs here invited rest and conversation, away from dances and get where one could have a full view of the moving panorama of people. Another cozy nook for tete-a-tete was at the landing by the elevator, where rugs, easy chairs and besomingly shaded lamps made even a mild flirtation possible. The general dining room was given over to dancing, being canvas covered, and here the decorations were unrivalled. The corner ordinarily devoted to the office was like a transplanted bit of green from the south, a very tangle of palms, ferns and rare exotics. The sideboard was covered with orchids and their graceful trailing green and the heaters and deep window seats were filled and banked with tenuisimus and parti-colored azaleas.

The supper was arranged in the billiard room with one long table and round and half round ones about the sides of it close to the walls.

Roses in all their enchanting variety, in a continuous stretch on the main table, held the eyes with delighted admiration being arranged in group after group of beauty. The salads and ices arranged in flower forms were almost as attractive as the real posies. The menu was varied and inviting and the service was so good as to do away almost entirely with the bothersome pushing and crowding that detracts so much from the pleasure of large entertainment.

Mr. and Mrs. Cudahy, General and Mrs. Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. Ames, Mr. and Mrs. Colpetzer, Mr. and Mrs. Dietz and Mr. and Mrs. Lander received the guests, Mrs. Paxton being unfortunately detained at home by illness the promised committee was not complete. Mrs. Cudahy wore a gown of white silk and gauze with white ostrich feathers. Mrs. Brooke, a gown of old rose satin brocaded with moss green in combination with old rose crepe and green velvet. Mrs. Colpetzer, a gown of black lace and crepe lisse over black satin with bodice bouquet and garlands on the skirts of red roses and foliage. Mrs. Ames, a gown of white gauze over white silk combined with lack and ribbons. Mrs. Dietz an electric blue satin combined with blue and white brocade. Among the guests there were some handsome gowns and any number of new ones Among those who graced the reception with their presence were: Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Broatch, Mr. and Mrs. Baum, Mr. Bostwick, Mr. Berlin, Mrs Knight White, Mr. and Mrs. Harker, Master Joe Barker, Mr. and Mrs. Benedict, Mr. and Mrs. Brumer, Mr. and Mrs. Boggs, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Beindorff, Mr. W. H. Crary, Mr. John Clark, Mr. Coles, Mayor and Mrs. Cushing, Mr. N. S. Crary, Mr. and Mrs. Cameron, Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Carter, Miss Carter, Mr. W ll Doane, Mr. and Mrs. Estabrook, Mr. and Mrs. Gallagher, Mr. and Mrs. Grant, Mr. Gulou, Mr. Arthur Gulou, Judge and Mrs. Dundy, Miss Dundy, Mr. and Mrs. Catlin, Mr. and Mrs. Guyger, Colonel and Mrs. Hooker, Miss Hooker, Mr. E. T. Hooker, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Hudson, Colonel Hughes, Dr. and Miss Houck, Mr. and Mrs. Hussey, Mr. Hicks, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Korty, Mr. George W. Kelley, Miss Lee, Mr. W. H. Kennedy, Mr. J. C. Sharp, Miss Cudahy, Mr. W. A. Paxton, jr., Miss Clara Cudahy, Dr. Lee, Mr. Lunt, Mr. and Mrs. Keller, Dr. and Miss Larimer, Mr. W. A. Paxton, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Lockwood, Mr. William Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Miner, Mr. and Mrs. Metcalf, Miss Metcalf, Dr. and Mrs. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. McWhorter, Mr. Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Mets, Mr. Wilbur, Mr. and Mrs. George M. Megeath, Mr. John A. McShane, Mr. William L. McCague, Mr. and Mrs. James McKenna, Miss McKenna, Mr. and Mrs. Nichols, Miss Nichols, Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Pease, Mr. H. L. Pease, Mr. William E. Pease, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Purvis, Mr. H. S. Rollins, Mr. Clark Redick, Captain Ray, Mr. and Mrs. Rector, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Sloan, Mr. and Mrs. Swobe, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shiverick, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Squires, Mr. E. E. Sherwood, Mr. and Mrs. Hawley, Miss Hawley, Mr. and Mrs. Switzler, Mr. and Mrs. Wakefield; Captain Simpson, Dr. Summers, Miss Summers, Mr. Charles Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Colpetzer, Miss Wadleigh, Miss Maud Wadleigh, Mr. and Mrs. Whitney, Dr. Wilcox, Miss Ida Sharp, Mr. John Collins, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Riall, Mr. Reilley, Misses Reilley, Miss Dixon and Miss Hoagland, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Wheeler, jr., Mrs. Fred Mason, New York, and Mr. Snyder.

The Last Assembly.

Three cheers and a tiger for the 'Assembly' that on Friday night made its final bow for a year at least to the social world of Omaha.

A brilliant farewell it was too, shining success followed in the wake of each dance from start to finish and all went merry as a marriage bell. There is something sweetly reminiscent in the corridors of the Millard hotel it has been a social camping ground this long time and the very air vibrates with love nonsence calculated to quicken the heart beats. Palms and ferns smartened the odd corners in the same old way, roses lent their beauty of color and fragrance in the parlors as they were wont to do. The corridors and stairs were in that cosy half light that invites confidence and receives it too as time has shown. The only difference on Friday night was that the women were prettier and more fetching than usual, the men more attentive, the punch more insinuating and the music more alluring, par consequence, the ball was a long lapse of unqualified rapture.

In such a garden of loveliness to gather a nosegay were simple enough, but to choose a single posy were to put one's self in the position of Paris. Only here the awarding of the apple for beauty must of necessity be done blindly owing to the dazzle of brightness that will get into the eyes and unsteady the head. Rose color was the favorite hue for the gowns, many of which were new, a feature which at this time of the year is something of a rara avis.

Mrs. Garneau wore in demi toilette of black and a coat of Persian brocade.

Mrs. James K. Chambers, a gown of black net over black satin.

Mrs. McCord, a gown of pink tulle, sewn with pink rosebuds, over pink silk.

Mrs. Ranney, a handsome gown of white brocade braided with white silk cord.

Mrs. Colpetzer, a gown of black lace.

Mrs. G. Knight White, a gown of black satin and net with a bodice of jet.

Mrs. McWhorter, a gown of red silk combined with black velvet and jet.

Mrs. Estabrook, a gown of black net over apple green silk.

Mrs. Warren Rogers, black, lace skirts, with a bodice of black velvet, jet embroidered.

Mrs. Levi Carter, a gown of yellow brocade and plain satin, embroidered in shades of yellow and green and trimmed with grasses.

Mrs. Benham, white lace skirts with a gold embroidered bodice.

Mrs. C. Will Hamilton, a gown of black velvet with la France roses.

Mrs. Baum, a pink striped gauze over pink silk.

Mrs. Squires, a gown of pink gauze and satin.

Mrs. Metcalf, a gown of white silk and tulle.

Mrs. McKenna, a gown of black satin with a front of white and blue.

Miss Nash, a gown of pink brocade with white ostrich feathers about the low bodice.

Miss Yost, a gown of soft pink crepe with pink primroses in her hair.

Miss Yates, a gown of light blue brocaded satin and crepe with silver embroidery on the bodice.

Miss Bessie Yates, a confection of white crepe, silk and lace with white carnations garlanding the bodice.

Miss Lundington, a becoming gown of pink mousseline de soil.

Miss Hoagland, a gown of pinkish lilac crepe combined with brocade, en traine.

Miss Laura Hoagland, a gown of white lace with a flowered bodice.

Miss Stewart, a gown of white figured crepe with frills of crepe lisse about the low bodice.

Miss Robinson, chaperoned by Mrs. Garman an artistic gown of black and white silk with a tail and square cut bodice.

Miss McCord, chaperoned by Mrs. McCord, a chic combination of white crepe, silk and rose, white and green brocade with garlands of mignonette on the bodice.

Miss Paddock, (daughter of 'Maggie Mitchell') chaperoned by Mrs Lander, wore a black lace gown with tan gloves and shoes.

Miss Ijams, a gown of white silk striped gauze trimmed with buttercups.

Miss Wilson, a gown of white tulle satin and ribbons.

Miss Cudahy, a gown of pink crepe trimmed with pink gauze ribbons.

Miss Wadleigh, a gown of yellow gauze trimmed with poppies.

Miss Maud Wadleigh, a gown of white lace and pink roses.

Miss Dixon, a gown of white net with satin bodice and deep red sash.

Miss Gilbert, a gown of white satin and tulle sewn with crystals; bodice embroidered with crystals and silver.

Miss Clara Brown, an exquisite gown of pink embroidered crepe with a panel of pink tulle heavy with rosebuds.

Miss Anna Millard, a charming pink gown of tulle and silk.

Miss Jordon, a white crepe gown braided with silver.

The men added their sum of good looks, unapproachable dress' and untiring steps to the general charm. Among them were: Messrs. Garneau, McCord, Chambers, Colonel Hughes, Messrs. C. Will Hamilton, Warren Rogers, Dana Lander, Kennedy, Hull, Wyman, Frank Hamilton, Caldwell Hamilton, Rantoul, Wilbur, Pierre Garneau, Mose Barkalow, Charles Stewart, Smith, Loomis, Offutt, Tebbets, J. C. Sharp, W. A. Paxton, E. E. Sherwood, Saunders and Garlisch.

Thursday's Reception.

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Boggs' reception on Thursday evening was one of the most elaborate of the season.

Their many friends availing themselves of the opportunity filled the spacious and richly furnished house to the furthermost reaches, and the scene was animated to a degree. Electric lights on the lawn sent rays of welcome to the guests while they were still far away, and as they came nearer their ears were caressed by the exquisite strains of music.

The interior, which on ordinary occasions leaves nothing to be desired, was like a scene of enchantment. Gigantic palms and rubber plants stood in tropical confusion about the hall, screening from view the musicians and transforming the embrasure where they stood into a bower of beauty. Similax and roses heavy with their own sweetness wreathed the arches of the doors and depended from the chandeliers. Azaleas banked the hearths and orchids, freesia and primroses adorned the mantelpieces and piano. An enormous vase of American beauties standing near a window through which a flood of electric light fell on them bringing out their color and perfection, was like nothing so much as a study of roses in moonlight. Azaleas, roses and tenuissimus constituted the decorations of the other rooms, while the dining room was made gay with narcissi, hyacinths and jonquils in every available place.

The flower of attraction here, however, was a composite variety that has reached perfection and popular favor this winter in Omaha social circles and seems to have more devotees than any other. It is deep red in color with a combined fruity and spicy odor, and is commonly called "punch." This wreathed with smilax served as the sole adornment of one table and drew universal and pleased attention. The supper was served above stairs in a rectangular room literally hung with lace, smilax and roses. The table was hidden by a scarf of pink silk, on a cloth of linen ornamented with dainty drawn work. The center piece was a bowl of French roses, while graceful feathery ferns and any quantity of hyacinths and lilies-of-the-valley were scattered over it with artistic carelessness.

Nesselrode pudding in molds was an unusual and toothsome feature of the supper. Mr. and Mrs. Boggs were assisted in receiving by Mrs. William F. Allen, Miss Hawley, Miss Dixon and Miss Mary Hawley, whose gowns accorded most picturesquely. Mrs. S. P. Morse and Mrs. Haller lent the aid of their generalship throughout the rooms. Mrs. Boggs wore a superb gown of white faille with a front of white brocade partially veiled with a deep fringe, the bodice was cut square and filled in with illusion, an aigrette of white feathers and some magnificent diamonds completed her toilet.

Mrs. Allen wore a gown of blue satin combined with white chenille, dotted net and very heavily braided with gold, diamonds.

Miss Hawley wore a gown of white lace over blue surah silk with a bodice bouquet of double jonquils.

Miss Dixon, an effective gown of black net, decolleté, with garlands of natural pink roses and leaves.

Miss Mary Hawley, a charming combination of white silk, net and gold embroidery.

Mrs. S. P. Morse, a handsome gown of white brocaded satin and wine colored velvet, lace and diamonds.

Mrs. Haller, a gown of heavy white silk braided with gold, her hair done a la grecque with bands of white ribbon confining it.

There were quantities of beautiful gowns among the guests and diamonds pretentious enough in their reflections to be seen from afar off, like the plume of Henry of Navarre.

In short, the appointments of the whole reception were as satisfying as a realized promise, and the 'hidden' for the most part did their host and hostess the courtesy of making themselves as fine as possible.

Among the guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Levi Carter, Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Carter, Miss Carter, Mrs. Meredith, Dr. and Mrs. Denise, Mr. and Mrs Perrine, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Hudson, Mr. and Mrs. Hitchcock, Mr. and Mrs. Swobe, Mr. and Mrs. George Stebbins, Mrs. Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. George I. Gilbert, Mrs. Churchill Parker, Mrs. John Parker, Miss Parkrr, Mr. and Mrs. Dickinson, General and Mrs. Brooke, Mr. and Mrs. Lockwood, Mr. and Mrs. Merriam, Mr. and Mrs. Muir, Mr. and Mrs. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. William Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Hawley, Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Morse, Mr. and Mrs. Ames, Mr. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton, Dr. and Mrs. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Morse, Mr. and Mrs. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Rogers, Mrs. Dewey, Miss Dewey, Mr. and Mrs. Metcalf, Miss Metcalf, Mr. and Mrs. Kellar, Mrs. A. P. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Squires, Dr. and Mrs. Pinney (Council Bluffs), Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Riall, Dr. and Mrs. Hanchett, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Broatch, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Snyder, Miss Fannie Butterfield, Miss Melissa Butterfield, Mr and Mrs. McWhorter, Mr. and Mrs. Sloan, Mr. and Mrs. Guyger, Mr. C. J. Greene, Mr. George Kelley and Mr. W. W. Crary.

Kalendar Karnival.

The women interested in this charming social event which is as full of promised pleasure as an egg is of meat, are exerting every effort to complete the preparations, as the dates have been changed to Tuesday the 11th and Wednesday the 12th of February.

The whole affair is such a departure and affords such an opportunity for engaging devices and the show of fertile fancy that the result can be nothing but a beautiful picture.

The booths have now been finally arranged and are as follows:

January—Mrs. Barkalow, Norwegian cottage and appropriate costumes with aprons for sale.

February—Mrs. McKenna, ice palace, Russian costumes with tea, a grotto with the added charm of a fortune teller. Valentines and paper for sale.

March—Mrs. Clement Chase, a windmill, Spanish costumes, with candy and popcorn for sale.

April—Mrs. Wheaton, decorations of violet and primrose yellow as symbolic of spring. Costumes rhyming in color. Bags and baskets for sale.

May—Altar guild, Mrs. Metcalf, president. A booth of a Maypole with ribbons and the women gowned in Josephine costumes of the color of the ribbons.

June—Mrs. Gardner. An arbor, with the girls of St. Agnes guild in flower gowns. Flowers for sale.

July—Mrs. Webster and Mrs. Brooke. A tent with military decorations, a fish pond containing interesting packages.

August—Mrs. Frank Johnson and Mrs Hogien. A yacht; little boys in sailor suits will pass sherbet, ices and lemonade. The young women and men assisting will wear yachting costumes.

September—Altar guild, Mrs. Smith and Miss Campbell. Mother Hubbard cupboard, with preserves, pies, fruit and pickles for sale. The women will wear Mother Hubbard costumes, with peaked hats.

October—Mrs. Cotton. A striped awning, with fruits, dates and figs for sale. Mrs. Cotton, in Italian costume, and Archie Pratt, in costume, will sing Italian fruit songs.

November—Mrs. J. P. Williams. Dutch interior women in costume; tea and coffee, doughnuts, pretzels and little Dutch sausages for sale.

December, Mrs. Yates and Mrs. Richardson, a Xmas tree with appropriate decorations of toys, apples. Infants' wear for sale.

No special effort other than the general attractiveness will be exerted to while money from the pockets. There will be no raffling or anything of that nature.

On Tesday evening the Second infantry band will give a promenade concert, beginning at 8 o'clock.

There will be a Punchland Judy show at 3 o'clock and half past 4 o'clock on Wednesday for the delight of the children. The season tickets are 50 cents, single tickets, 25 cents, and are to be found at Chase & Eddy's, Saxe's, Leslie's and Kuhn's.

A famous receipt book is another feature, containing receipts from the "brag" cooks of Omaha, receipts that are tried and true. Mr. Riale undertook the advertising part of this and made a triumphant success of it, almost all the business houses making a showing between its covers.

High Five.

The Misses Sharp, in honor of the Misses Cudahy and the Misses Wadleigh, entertained about fifty of their friends at high five on Tuesday evening and everybody there found the occasion an exceedingly enjoyable one. The games, which followed each other in quick succession, were close and interesting and the prizes were worth playing for. Miss Maude Wadleigh won the first, a graceful Doulton vase; Miss Luna Dundy won the second, a prettily bound copy of "Gems of Art"; Miss Ijams a box of marsh mallows by way of the consolation prize. Mr. Pierre Garneau secured the first prize for the men, a silver toilet knife; Mr. Will Wakeley the second, a chamois moucheir case, and Mr. Tuttle the consolation prize of a toy fashioned after the manner of a school house. Supper was most appetizing, and on the whole the party was a triumphant success. The guests were: Miss Bennett, Miss Cudahy, Miss Clara Cudahy, Miss Dixon, Miss Dundy, Miss Luna Dundy, Miss Hanscom, Miss Hoagland, Miss Laura Hoagland, Miss Ijams, Miss Gilbert, Miss Isaacs, Miss Kimball, Miss Metcalf, Miss Jessie Millard, Miss Nichols, Miss Wilson, Miss Sherwood, Miss Burns, Miss Carter, Miss Wakeley, Miss Wadleigh, Miss Maude Wadleigh, Miss Jordan, Miss Hooker, Mr. Barkalow, Mr. Barlin, Mr. Clark, Mr. Coughlin, Mr. Jordan, Mr. Garlisch, Mr. Garneau, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Loomis, Mr. Offutt, Mr. A. Patrick, Mr. Will Paxton, Mr. Sherill, Mr. Sherwood, Mr. Tuttle, Mr. Wakeley, Dr. Wilcox, Mr. Hooker, Mr. Ross, Mr. Dougall, Mr. Arthur Guiou, Dr. Lee and Mr. Rollins.

Mrs. Yost's Luncheon.

Mrs. Yost gave a charmingly pretty luncheon on Tuesday to twenty of her friends. Three tables exquisitely decorated with la France roses were arranged for their accommodation. The largest and smartest table was covered with an exceedingly dainty lunch cloth done in the Dresden pattern of needlework, with tiny bachelor buttons scattered over its shining surface. The menu was elaborate and delicious, and after doing it flattering justice the guests returned to the drawing room for cards. Covers were laid for: Mrs. Pritchett, Mrs. Joseph Millard, Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Sheridon, Mrs. J. N. H. Patrick, Mrs. Cuming, Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. Barker, Mrs. Savage, Mrs. Hanscom, Mrs. McCord, Mrs. Wakeley, Mrs. Guy Barton, Mrs. Coutant, Mrs. Morseman, Mrs. Smith Saunders (Council Bluffs), Mrs. McKenna, Mrs. Cowin and Mrs. Meday.

Social Gossip.

Miss Clara Brown is at home again.

Miss Coe left for Brooklyn on Wednesday.

The Misses Cudady leave for Chicago to day.

Miss Lynch of Utica is the guest of Mrs. Pritchett.

Mrs. Colpetzer will give a dance a week from Tuesday.

The Cotillion will give their last dance next Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred McConnell left for Colorado on Monday.

Mrs. Wallace has issued invitations for a Kensington tea on Monday.

The Entre Nous club gave a charming dance on Wednesday evening.

Miss Cremer, who was visiting Miss Garneau, left for Chicago on Saturday.

Mrs. Ranney and Miss McCord of St. Joseph are visiting Mrs. McCord.

Miss Robinson of Lexington, Kentucky, is the guest of Mrs. J. R. Rinewalt.

Mr. W. H. Millard has issued cards for a high five party Tuesday evening.

The Shakespeare club read Romeo and Juliet at Mrs. Read's last night.

The Misses Yates returned on Thursday from a charming visit to Washington.

Mrs. Nichols entertained the Saturday night club at her house last evening.

Mrs. Barker gave a beautiful luncheon yesterday in honor of Miss McCornick.

Miss Ijams gave a charming luncheon on Friday in honor of Miss Gilbert, with covers laid for eleven.

Miss Luna Dundy will entertain her friends at cards next Saturday in honor of the Misses Wadleigh.

Mrs. Warren Rogers accompanied by her little daughter and a maid will leave for Baltimore on Tuesday.

Mrs. John Horbach accompanied Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Smith and Miss Smith to Washington on Wednesday.

The Innocents Abroad will give the third dancing party of their series at Washington hall on the evening of February 12.

The Happy Hours club gave the last of their delightful series of dances on Wednesday evening and scored another triumph.

The ladies of St. Augustine's mission will give a parlor social at the house of Mrs. Montgomery, 1523 South Thirty-third street, during the coming week. All are invited.

Mr. Richmond Anderson, general traveling auditor of the Union Pacific railway, left Omaha on Tuesday last for Boston, New York, Cuba, Mexico, Southern California and Oregon.

Mrs. Morseman entertained the Ladies' Euchre club, with their husbands, on Thursday evening, and the Ladies' Whist club, with their husbands, last evening, both entertainments being thoroughly delightful.

HONEY FOR THE LADIES.

The tendency among shade buyers is apparently for something better. In this trade, competition has pushed makers to see how cheap goods can be procured.

The active demand during the past season for silk-warp tapestries and the advance in silk will probably cause the manufacturers to hold prices firmer than for some time back, if they do not advance them.

Embroidered lawns and sheer nainsooks, imported from France, are finished with wide hemstitched hems and borders of embroidery in open patterns closely resembling the Fayal work of several seasons past.

The present rage for Scotch plaids is of such violence that it might be reasonable to prophesy its speedy exhaustion were it not for the fact that the passion has so deeply rooted itself in ultro-fashionable soil, and has, in the beauty, serviceable character and wide adaptability of the goods, so much native justification.

Corah silk, the old-fashioned bandana or handkerchief silks, came to this country imported from India and stamped in a variety of Damascus and French patterns in London. These are the strongest India silks made, outwearing a hand-made foulard of ordinary quality. They are thirty-six inches wide and come only in seven-yard pieces, which are from $6 to $14 apiece.

"Madge" writes this fashion gossip in London Truth of January 16: "I am told that high collars of the very pronounced type are going out of fashion, together with epaulets, and that we are to have the most elaborate sorts of simplicity next season. I wonder if it is true. Simplicity, though costly, is extremely convenient to those who can afford it."

Do you know the nice "Hibernia" underwear is all made in the north of Ireland by peasant girls, whose sewing is so exquisitely neat and tidy that the garments they make are sold without having been washed, though they have to be sent from London to be made up? There is no machine work in it. All is done by hand, and some of the tucks are of the minutest size. The stitches are of the tiniest.

Today our young girls are more likely to show a desire to be self supporting and independent. The term "old maid" is no longer obnoxious to them. They pant for practical education. The girls of the family are often more earnest students than the boys. They think more of making their own living than they do of making an advantageous match. They envy those of their sex who make good incomes by the work of brains and hands instead of disparaging such work, says the Detroit Free Press.

A feature of this season's goods is the perpendicular lines of drawn work or hemstitching which divide the hem in quarter-yard sections. These sheer embroidered white goods are in some cases seeded above the border across their entire width of forty-five inches, with small patterns of fleur de lis, tiny crosses and other designs. The wide open work patterns which border such cottons above the hem are worked in a variety of square ladder and large lattice patterns, showing very little heavy work; they vary in width from twelve to thirty-six inches.

The ribbon-run embroideries of last season are again shown. These embroidered widths are used for the entire skirt; or, for the front and and sides alone in skirts with plain, straight, full back breadths. All white muslins, which serve usually for graduation dresses for school girls and for ladies' simple morning dresses, are made this season with severely plain, full corsages, on which no embroidery is used, except at the flat collar and the cuffs to the full bouffant sleeves. Ribbon sashes, varying from a wide sash ribbon to a narrower width, in delicate color or tartan plaids, will encircle the waist of young ladies' house gowns.

Indirection.

Richard Realf.

Fair are the flowers and the children, but
their subtle suggestion is fairer;
Rare is the rose-burst of dawn, but the secret that clasps it is rarer;
Sweet the exultance of song, but the strain that precedes it is sweeter;
And never was poem yet writ but the meaning outmastered the metre.
Never a daisy that grows but a mystery guideth the growing;
Never a river that flows but a majesty scepters the flowing;
Never a Shakespeare that soared but a stronger than he did enfold him;
And never a prophet foretells but a mightier seer hath foretold him.
Back of the canvas that throbs the painter is hinted and hidden;
Into the statue that throbs the soul of the sculptor is bidden;
Under the joy that is felt lie the infinite issues of feeling;
Crowning the glory revealed is the glory that crowns the revealing.
Great are the symbols of being, but that which is symboled is greater;
Vast the create and beheld, but vaster the inward creator;
Back of the sound broods the silence; back of the gift stands the giving;
Back of the hand that receives thrill the sensitive nerves of receiving.
Space is nothing to spirit; the deed is outdone by the doing;
The heart of the wooer is warm, but warmer the heart of the wooing;
And up from the pits where these shiver, and up from the heights where these shine,
Twin shadows and voices swim and the essence of life is divine.

Earning His Money.

Munksey Weekly: Paddock (to horsy-looking man who sitting in a saloon playing cards)—"What am I paying you $6 a day for?"

Horsey—"To break your horse."

Paddock—"And you break him by having him hitched outside of a saloon while you play cards for the drinks?"

Horsy—"Certainly, sir; I'm breaking him now to stand hitched."

A WEEK WITH WAGE-WORKERS

Short Talk With President Hannon of the Plumbers' Union.

VISIT TO THE ELECTRIC LINEMEN.

A New Feature of Omaha Cornice Manufacturing—News and Notes of the Various Unions and Labor Organizations.

A Talk with Hannon.

President Hannon of the National plumbers' association is a jovial gentleman as well as being a thorough plumber and an educated mechanic.

He likes company and he likes to talk. In fact, he is a splendid presiding officer.

During his visit to Omaha he made many friends, who would be pleased to have him return. The master plumbers treated their guests as best they knew how during the week, and the convention proved a decidedly satisfactory success.

Mr. Hannon was seen by a reporter and asked in regard to the general condition of labor, and particularly in regard to the plumbers.

"It has been a bad winter for plumbers," said Mr. Hannon." The weather has been unfavorable, the harvest slim and the profit less than half it was one year ago, estimating from a national standpoint. But the good part about the condition of affairs is that harmony prevails on every hand. There is no strife among the men or bosses and no trouble whatever is anticipated."

"What is the object of your national association?"

"Simply to protect the jobbers. When wholesale merchants have an opportunity they cut on our rates and we have organized for our own protection. In some instances they have cut on rates even lower than the plumber.

"Sixty cities are represented in our national association. We have a membership of 1,800. Our next meeting will be held in June in Denver. The delegates while en route to Denver will step off at Omaha and renew for a day the acquaintances we have so favorably made. The delegates from Denver promise us a royal reception.

"How did you happen to attend the meeting of last week?"

"I had just left St. Paul, where I attended the national meeting of the plumbers' association. Being president of the association I concluded to make a little tour and form the individual acquaintance of as many members as I could. The men like to meet a fellow who is their president. They not only want to get a look at him, but want to hear what he has to say from his own lips. I like to meet the members myself. It is better for all of us. I am now traveling at my own expense, but will stop at several cities before I return to my home and place of business at Washington, D. C.

"There is no salary whatever attached to my office. While I am out, however, I shall urge plumbers who live in cities where there are no organizations to organize. There is nothing that succeeds like unionism. The wholesalers are the people whom we have to fight."

The Linemen.

There are in Omaha 109 linemen, eighty of whom are members of the Linemen's union, which was organized recently.

The officers of the union are: Chief lineman, Eugene Brink; assistant chief lineman, James Dent; treasurer, William Inge; secretary, E. L. Stringer; chaplain, James Walling; forman, J. Griffith; inside guard, C. M. Reese.

Three linemen are employed by the city on and fire alarm system. They are George A. Coulter, W. M. Inge and Frank Gardner. These men receive $70 per month each. Outside of the city employes on electric, telephone and telegraph lines there are about one hundred linemen.

Their pay will average $90 per month.

The men are supposed to work ten hours each day. But the linemen employed by the city are liable to be called out at any hour in the night in case their services should be needed. This, by the way, is not an uncommon occurrence. The men live at their respective homes, but the foreman, Mr. Coulter, makes his headquarters at No. 3 engine house.

The meetings of the union are held at G. A. R. hall on Fifteenth street, near Capitol avenue, every other Saturday night, and so far have been largely attended.

Lying Low.

The barbers who are in favor of Sunday work, as well as those opposed to it, are still keeping up their organizations. Secret meetings are being held by both sides, but nothing will be given out publicly until after the matter has been decided in the district court.

A Great Card.

A new departure has been introduced in the cornice work in Omaha.

In the past all of the ornaments used by cornice men in the shape of faces, animals, birds and other ornamentations, have been made in eastern cities. Last week a local contractor concluded that it would be fully as cheap to send for a specialist and would do his own work. The artist is a high salaried man but his work is proving a great card for the boss.

Notes.

Captain John Simpson of No. 2 hook and ladder trucks, is very low with pneumonia. His home is at 913 North Twenty-fifth street.

Officers will be elected at the next meeting of the Horseshoers' union.

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Jackets for Spring.

There will be a strong effort made to introduce the three-quarter length jacket for early spring wear. Some of these jackets already made up of fine faced cloth are furnished with double rows of buttons up the front, holding the jacket smoothly to the figure around the waist and hips like the old cuirass basque of years ago.

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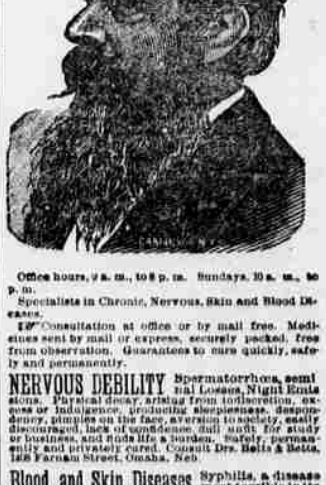

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