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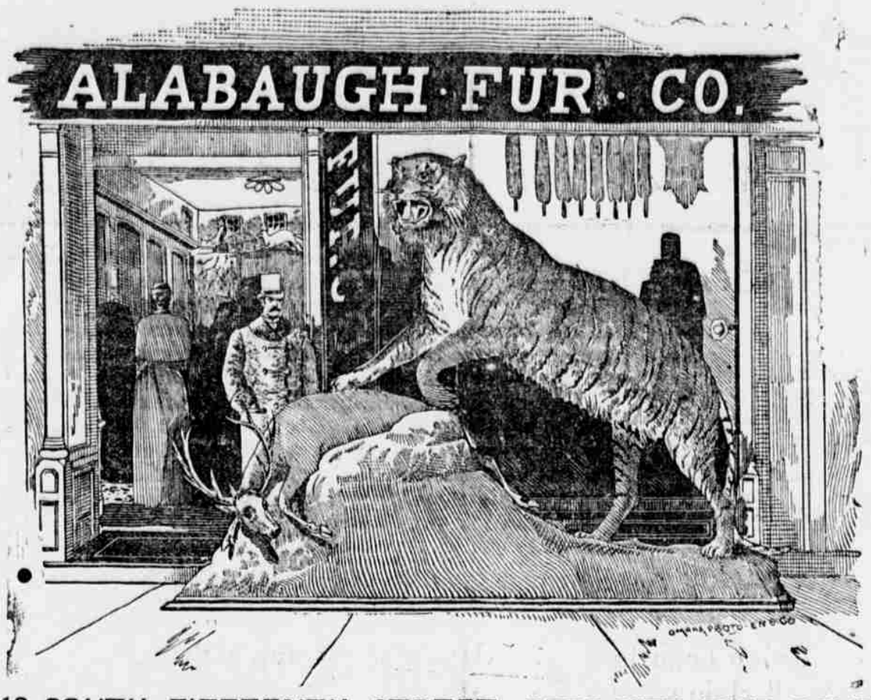

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FREMONT'S SEASON OPENS BRIGHTLY.

The Festive Tiddledy-wink Received with Open Arms by Nebraska's Prettiest—Gossip from Hastings—Events at Beatrice.

The movements of society people in some of the leading towns of the state are detailed below. The season may be said to have only fairly opened. In later issues THE BEE will attempt to cover the important society events of the chief towns in the state.

Fremont.

Never in the history of Fremont has there been experienced a more brilliant social season than the present one. Parties, teas, Kensingtons, tiddledy-winks, chocolataires and high five and balls, have chased each other in rapid succession. An extraordinary degree of sociability has been awakened and scores of hospitable homes have been thrown open for society's entertainment.

Mr. Theodore F. Hummel returned a few days ago from Morrison, Ill., where he was wedded last week to one of Morrison's best girls, Miss Ivy Green, who accompanies him and who has been given a cordial welcome by Fremont society, in which she is so well qualified to take a prominent part. Mr. and Mrs. Hummel have begun housekeeping at 118 west Ninth street.

Frank McGiverin and family, formerly of Stanton, this week became residents of Fremont. Mr. McGiverin comes to take a position as cashier in the new Commercial national bank to begin operations January 1.

Tuesday evening Fremont lodge, No. 15, A. F. and A. M., gave a banquet. There were present not only local members of the order, but visiting brethren from Arlington, North Bend, Hooper, Scribner and other points.

Mrs. J. A. Elliott returned home Wednesday from an extended visit with her sister at Howard, Dak.

Miss Nellie Blewett is at home from Cornell college, Mt. Vernon, Ia., to spend the holidays.

Dr. and Mrs. Crabbs are entertaining Mrs. W. B. Miller and Miss Ellen Miller of Nevada, O.

Monday evening the members of the Turner society perpetrated a thorough surprise upon their president, Mr. John Haman. They gathered en masse at his hospitable home and reminded him that it was his forty-third birthday and that they had gathered for the express purpose of duly celebrating it. They were most cordially received and spent a delightful evening as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Haman. A pleasant incident of the occasion was a presentation of a beautiful gold-headed cane.

Miss Addie Warren entertained a large company of young people Tuesday night at her delightful home on West Sixth street. The reception was given in honor of Miss Baily of Omaha and Miss Denchy of Boston.

Wednesday evening the Misses Louise Torpin and Ratie Lee jointly entertained at at the home of the latter on Military avenue. They gave a chocolataire at 7 o'clock, followed by progressive razzle-dazzle.

Thursday afternoon Mrs. L. B. Smith and her mother, Mrs. Albertson, gave a Kensington tea. About fifty of their lady friends were present.

Friday night Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Mahanna threw open their large, new and beautiful residence on West Military avenue to their friends, there being present about seventy guests to enjoy the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Reesman have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Stella, to Mr. J. J. O'Neill, Wednesday evening, December 17.

Mrs. Fred Nye of Omaha has been in the city the past week visiting her friends.

Mrs. J. Dixon Avery left Wednesday for Colfax, Iowa, thence to Chicago and New York, for a visit at her old home in the latter state.

Thomas J. Woodside of Pasa del Norte, Mexico, is in the city, a guest of his father, Thomas J. Woodside, sr., and sister, Mrs. S. W. Boyd.

Nebraska City.

It has been announced, privately, in social circles, during the past week, that the wedding of Dr. H. C. Miller and Miss Gertrude Metcalf will take place some time this month.

Mrs. Charles Copenharve left Wednesday for an extended visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Schultz, at Keyport, N. J. She will also visit friends in New York, Brooklyn and Philadelphia before her return.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Giles celebrated their golden wedding Monday night.

Mrs. Max Kohn of Lincoln visited friends in the city this week.

Adolph Heller of Sioux City was a visitor in town this week.

Miss Kate Hickey of Lincoln returned to her home a few days ago after a short visit with friends in this city.

Miss Minnie Gillman has returned home from a visit at Lincoln.

L. F. D'Gette has gone on a pleasure trip to Salt Lake City and Ogden.

Mr. and Mrs. Seeley of Lincoln were guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Taggart the fore part of this week.

Hon. and Mrs. D. P. Rolfe celebrated the twenty-fourth anniversary of their marriage last Saturday evening by entertaining a large number of friends, old residents of Nebraska City. The event was one of the most pleasant of the season and the assemblage was a very select one, as the following list of those present will show: General and Mrs. Van Wyck, Hon. and Mrs. E. F. Warren, Hon. and Mrs. Robert Payne, Colonel and Mrs. W. L. Wilson, Hon. and Mrs. M. L. Hayward, Mr. and Mrs. Julian Metcalf, Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Ireland, Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Shewell, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Rolfe, Mr. and Mrs. David Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lorton, Dr. and Mrs. Hershey, Mrs. General Coe, Mrs. R. F. McComas, Mrs. William Fulton, Mrs. Mary Lorton, Mr. George L. Woolsey.

Mr. Fred Blyschlag has returned from a pleasure trip through California and the southwest.

Mrs. George L. Woolsey is visiting in New York.

Several weddings in society are announced to take place during the holidays.

York.

Hon. Lee Martin and wife will spend the winter in Texas.

Miss Maud Chilcote entertained a high five party of young people a few evenings ago.

Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Knapp are visiting at their former home in Louisville, Ky.

Miss May Boynton is in Osceola, visiting with her friend, Miss May Hefelbower.

Hon. and Mrs. Lee Love will spend the winter in southern California.

Miss Anna Killian of Grand Island, is visiting with her sister, Mrs. Henry Behling.

Mrs. D. E. Forrestall is entertaining her sister, Mrs. Dr. Mower, of Indiana.

J. C. Carnahan and wife, on account of the health of the former, will spend the winter in Texas.

Rev. J. D. Countermine, assisted by Rev. B. F. Sharp, dedicated a new Presbyterian church at Gresham last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Burt entertained a high five club at their residence last Monday evening.

Mr. S. Mansfield is at his former home in Ohio, and rumors are afloat that when he returns it will be necessary to purchase two tickets.

Skating parties are all the go.

Mrs. S. C. Griffen and daughters report that they enjoyed a delightful time during their trip to Denver and vicinity, from which they have just returned.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bishop will be missed from society circles this winter. Mr. Bishop has secured a position in an Omaha house, and will in the future reside in that city.

Tuesday evening a pleasant party of young people gathered at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Forrestall, and spent the evening in a delightful manner. A treat in the shape of a musical programme was enjoyed by these present.

The F. & E. L. club's meeting this week was a profitable one to those present. One of the questions discussed was, "Should General Elections be More Frequent." This literary club is rapidly winning a popular reputation.

C. J. Nobes is enjoying a visit from his father, Isaac Nobes, of Joliet, Ill., proprietor of the Joliet stone quarries. Mr. Nobes is accompanied by his daughter, Miss Lizzie, and they will spend the winter in the city.

A brilliant social affair was the one tendered by the ladies of the Presbyterian church Tuesday evening. The church was filled by a merry and pleasure seeking crowd, who were well entertained by a most excellent programme, which was executed during the evening.

The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor of the Congregational church at their meeting held in the lecture room, elected new officers for the ensuing year, after which a literary and musical programme was engaged in by the members present.

Arrangements are being completed to hold a charity ball on Thursday evening, and it will be the social event of the season. The entire proceeds are to be given to the poor of the city.

York's elite were all there and pronounced the masquerade ball tendered by the ladies of the Select dancing club to the gentlemen, a grand affair! Among those revealed by the unmasking were: Mr. and Mrs. Henry Behling, C. Hamlin, G. W. Shidler, C. E. Walker, J. Douglas, A. C. Binger, C. Brigham, L. Daily, J. Meredith, and the Misses Eva and Nellie Douglas, Louise Newman, Annie Johnson, Luella Plummer, Kate Lyler, Nettie Sauls, Annie Killian, Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Chase, Messrs. C. Underhill, G. Abbott, Mark Doty, Charles Gunz, J. Lloyd, E. Sauls, W. Beveredge, Lafe Reader, C. Dart, E. Davidson, Ed. and Charles Woods.

Columbus.

Mrs. W. H. Winterbotham of Genoa, gave an elegant reception Friday afternoon, from 4 until 6 o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Phillips and Mrs. C. E. Pollock from this city attended.

A very quiet wedding but one which created great interest was solemnized at Ogden, Utah, on the 8th. The contracting parties, Charles Whaley and Miss Hattie Plant, were former residents of this city.

Mrs. W. B. Backus, wife of the superintendent of the Indian school at Genoa, spent a few days of this week visiting friends in this city.

The young society ladies will give a series of entertainments at the opera house this winter for the benefit of the poor of the city. The first of the series will take place the 20th of this month.

Dr. H. J. Arnold gave a social dance to thirty invited friends at Fitzpatrick's hall Thursday evening.

E. E. Brown with his wife and family returned from a short sojourn in Wyoming last week, and has taken up his residence on Fourteenth street.

F. Brodfuehrer and J. N. Kilian, editor of the German paper, attended the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Herman G. Lueschen, in the northern part of the county, on Wednesday.

Emil Von Bergen passed Sunday in Humphrey.

Kearney.

It has been the custom for many years to celebrate together the birthday anniversaries of Mrs. W. A. Downing and R. R. Greer. This happy event took place on Monday at the splendid residence of Mr. Downing on West Twenty-second street. Both of these estimable people have long been identified with the growth of the city, having cast their lot with the first settlers in the village of "Kearney Junction" in the early seventies. At this gathering were all of the first people of Kearney who reside here.

On Thursday morning John D. Knight, register of deeds of Lancaster county, John McGillan of Lincoln, and Lieutenant Townley, United States navy, started northward from the industrial school buildings, accompanied by O. G. Smith, W. R. Macauley and Tommy Mallalieu. The party was bent on a quail and duck hunt.

W. W. Cunningham of Clinton, Ia., has been appointed manager of the water plant here, and will conduct business for the American water company. Mr. W. H. Cramer, who has served the company faithfully for the past three years as manager, is awaiting orders to go elsewhere for his employers.

The Midway military band has seen its palmiest days, it is feared. In the past few months several of the best players have removed from the city. Practice is still kept up with regularity, and in spite of discouragements, Kearney boasts of the best band in the state.

Mrs. F. Y. Robertson, who has been ill for several weeks, is able to be out driving on pleasant days.

Louis James, who was booked last spring to appear before a Kearney audience December 17, had to forego the pleasure on account of the unfinished condition of the new opera house. The building is promised to be completed in January.

The "Feast of Days," under the management of the ladies of the Trinity M. E. church, ran a successful career this week, and the church debt was lessened thereby.

The Kearney Musical society is making fine progress in classical music. The society meets regularly each week.

A literary society is being agitated among the wants of the students at the business college.

Lew Irvin, special agent for the treasury department and stationed at Sacramento, Cal., spent a few days with friends in the city.

W. T. Scott has returned from an inspection of his building operations for the Union Pacific in Wyoming and Idaho.

W. McCrary of Kansas City is visiting his schoolmates here, Katherine Parrotte and Harry Ray.

A "Pink Carnival" was the mystic title of an evening's entertainment provided by the Daughters of Veterans on Tuesday evening. A rosy hue marked everything in the hall.

H. M. Allen started on Friday morning for his old home in England. He will remain there about six months.

Hastings.

The Joi de Vie social club gave the final dance of the series Thursday evening at Germania hall.

The "King's Daughters" of the Episcopal church held an Xmas sale for the benefit of charity at the residence of Mrs. H. M. Oliver Saturday evening of last week. The attendance was large and a neat sum was realized for charity.

The "Pleasure Seekers'" club entertained themselves at a social session at Germania hall Tuesday evening.

Sixteen hundred visitors were entertained at the Young Men's Christian association rooms during the month of November.

The Elks club are arranging to hold a stag session December 18, at which time they will initiate their handsome new hall and parlors.

Frank Jackavias, cashier of the Harper County (Kan.) bank, formerly of this city, was married Wednesday morning to Miss Freda Wahlquist of this city.

Sid Moore, bookkeeper at Moriarity, Trimble & Co., this city, was married to Miss Lillie Selby, also of this city, Sunday morning.

Dr. Frank Babcock leaves for Illinois in a few days, for the express purpose of taking unto himself a "rib," so it is given out in social circles.

Misses Carrie and Addie Renfrew, who for the past year have been at Boston completing their studies in music, have returned home.

County Attorney John A. Casto, is visiting this week in Utah.

Jacob Sichl and children of Nebraska City, have been been visiting the family of Mark Levy, the past week.

Misses Kitty Hartigan and Maud McWhinney returned Thursday from Ashland, where they have been in attendance as delegates to the Young Women's Christian association convention.

Miss Miriam Kalisky of Chicago, is visiting the family of her uncle, Mr. A. J. Unna, this week.

J. H. Haney and family have returned from a pleasant visit to Kenver.

Miss Etta Dutton of Oskaloosa, Ia., is visiting the family of Will Dutton, her brother, for a few weeks.

John Ideson is home again after an extended trip to Chicago and the east.

A. W. Jones, cashier of the City national bank and C. G. Lane, of the Exchange national bank, have been elected directors of the Young Men's Christian association of this city.

S. J. Mattocks, cashier of the Eastern banking company, who has been bedfast with typhoid fever for the past three months, is speedily recovering.

North Platte.

Arrangements are being made for a charity ball to take place on the evening of December 23.

The C. B. C. is a club which meets weekly composed of married ladies, but their husbands and all other males are strictly excluded. Mrs. A. S. Baldwin will entertain the club this week.

The T. W. T. G. M. high five club held a pleasant meeting with Miss Luna Eells at the home of her uncle, Lester Eells.

An impromptu dance was held at the opera house Monday evening, by the U. P. shop men with their wives and best girls.

The members of the A. O. U. W., with their wives and families, will hold a social gathering at the opera house the evening of the 19th.

The Mannerchoir society are making arrangements to hold a social and dance on the evening of the 26th.

Steps have been taken for the organization of a dancing club to run through the winter season.

The members of the North Platte fire department are in active preparation for a ball to be held on New Year's eve. This will be one of the great events of the social season.

Beatrice.

A very pretty and pleasant social affair was a "Tiddledy Winks" social party given Saturday afternoon last by the Misses Weston. Those present were the Misses McGee, Ponn, Bradt, Halladay, Reed, Rawles, Tait, Moore, Black, Barclay, Sabin, Ryan, Dorsey, Smith, Miles, LaSalle, the Misses Davis, all of this city, and Miss Dannat of Clinton, Ia. Refreshments were served at 5 o'clock and a most enjoyable time was indulged in throughout.

A number of the young men of the city have formed a social club and have given it the name of the Entre Nous club. The chief objects of the new organization are the giving of dances in the proper season with boating parties and picnic excursions in the summer. The officers of the club are: President, E. Maxwell; vice president, Maurice D. Hesse; secretary F. H. Myers; treasurer, M. B. Thrift; board of directors, J. D. Rainey, W. H. Harrison, M. D. Hesse, M. Simonds and C. P. Swiler.

The amateur dramatic club of the city, comprising some of the best local talent, has arranged for the production of "The Mikado" at the Paddock opera house on the nights of December 31 and January 1. The cast includes among others the Mesdames J. B. Buchanan, George C. Barker, C. J. Smith, Miss Minnie Bibb and Messrs. Gilbert Palmer, Allen Green, Douglas Oliver, Ben R. Cogswell and Maurice D. Hesse. The entertainment will be aided by Mrs. A. W. Brown as piano accompanist.

Mrs. C. C. Knapp entertained a large number of her lady friends at her residence, North Seventh street, last Friday evening, from 3 to 6 o'clock. Mrs. Knapp was ably assisted in the reception of her friends by Mrs. D. W. Cook.

Ex-Mayor J. L. Tait, Mrs. Tait and Miss Lulu, their charming daughter, and son Galen departed Wednesday evening for Chicago, where they will reside for the future.

The Ladies' league of Unity church gave a very enjoyable and interesting social at the residence of Mrs. L. M. Pemberton Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Clara B. Colby, who was so seriously burned Monday last while trying to suppress an incipient conflagration at her residence, is rapidly recovering from her injuries.

Mr and Mrs. Joseph E. Ebersol and family have departed for Chicago, where they will reside for the future.

Mrs. S. C. Smith entertained a number of friends at her elegant home on North Fourth Monday evening. The affair was wholly informal, but none the less enjoyable from that fact.

Mrs. Nettie Higby of Glenn Falls, N. Y., who has been visiting for a few days with her cousin, Mrs. S. C. Smith, departed from Denver Tuesday afternoon, where she will remain for the winter with a son.

Hon. F. M. Wetherald and Miss Irene Wetherald of Hebron, Neb., were visiting friends in this city Tuesday.

The many friends of Hon. George B. Everett will be glad to learn that he is able to be up and about again after his very severe siege with the rheumatism.

Dr. Hollopeter has leased ex-Mayor Tait's residence on North Fifth street during the latter's residence in Chicago.

Mr. Al Thompson has returned from a several months sojourn in Canada. He will reengage in business here.

"Chick" Harrison returned Wednesday from Denver, where he has for some time past been engaged in business.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Harkell of Norfolk, Conn., were visiting friends in the city during the current week.

Mr. Frank Michel and the Misses Michel of Liberty, Neb., were Beatrice visitors Tuesday.

L. H. Lawton, erstwhile of this city, but now a resident of Grand Island, Neb., was renewing old Beatrice acquaintances Wednesday.

P. J. Myers and E. J. Roderick have gone south to be absent several months. They will visit New Mexico, Texas, Arizona and the extreme western and northern states before returning in the spring.

J. B. Long dropped down from Sycamore, Ill., Tuesday evening for a couple of days' visit to Beatrice and to his extensive live stock ranches in this county.

Mrs. G. C. Barker gave an elegant luncheon last Saturday afternoon to her numerous friends.

Norfolk.

W. H. and Edwin Johnson, of the Johnson Dry Goods company, visited in Sioux City Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Helphrey entertained Dean Whitmash of Omaha, Sunday and Monday.

Governor Thayer was a guest at the home of Colonel S. S. Cotton last Sunday.

Mrs. Dr. Alexander Bear, and Miss Lillian Gerecke, left on Monday last for Richmond and Norfolk, Va., where they will remain during the winter.

Mrs. T. F. Menninger, of Madison, wife of Madison county's treasurer, visited relatives in the city during the week.

Mrs. Thos. A. Searles is enjoying a visit from her friend, Mrs. N. Brewer of Missour Valley.

John Murer, made a business and pleasure trip to Elliott, Ia., during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Showers of Long Pine, are visiting at the home of their daughter, Mrs. H. C. Thurber.

N. A. Rainbolt, president of the Norfolk National bank, went to Minneapolis on Wednesday to attend a meeting of the board of directors of the American building and loan association.

The Queen City skating club has been organized and the young people of both sexes are already enjoying this exhilarating winter sport under its auspices. A commodious club house, comfortably furnished and heated, has been erected on the banks of the North Fork river for the use of the members and their friends.

Mrs. Frank L. Hull of the Hotel Pacific entertained a large number of her lady friends at an afternoon luncheon on Tuesday.

The Congregational society of this city has recently purchased a vocalion, a large church organ built after the style and partially on the principle of a pipe organ, and the public was given its first opportunity to hear the new instrument at a recital which took place in the First Congregational church on Friday evening. The instrumental selections were rendered by George C. Knopfel, organist of Kountze Memorial church, Omaha, while a programme of choice vocal numbers by Miss Mattie Kennedy of Omaha, assisted by local talent, filled out an evening of rare enjoyment to all lovers of music.

Plattsmouth.

Society in this city is having a little more life and spirit infused into it now and arrangements are being made for a number of notable events, which together with the Christmas festivities will engage the attention of society's votaries.

The charity ball last Tuesday night under the auspices of St. Agnes' guild, attracted a large crowd. Fitzgerald's hall was handsomely decorated and fitted up for the occasion, and special musicians were obtained from Council Bluffs to assist the home orchestra. The music was superb and the votaries of Terpsichore were surfeited with engagements. The handsome and recherche costumes presented a gay and kaleidoscopic scene which was witnessed and enjoyed by a large number of visitors. The affair was a pronounced success.

Mrs. Perry Walker returned Wednesday evening from a visit to Chicago.

Mrs. D. Hawksworth and son Fred have returned from a long visit at Burlington, Ia.

A. W. Crites of Chadron was visiting with his former law partner, Judge B. S. Ramsey, the earlier part of the week.

The Heitshausen-Goos wedding on Wednesday afternoon was quite a social event. The ceremony was impressively performed by his honor Judge Ramsey at the residence of the bride's parents, and was witnessed by a large number of relatives and friends. The bride, Miss Celia Goos, is the daughter of Mrs. Fred Goos, one of Plattsmouth's oldest and most respected citizens; and the groom, Edward Heitshausen, is a former resident of this city, his home now being in Fore t City, Ore., where the young couple will in future reside.

Next Wednesday a well known and popular young banker will lead to the hymencal altar the charming daughter of another banker. These young people are very popular in society and the event is looked forward to with pleasant anticipations.

Among the coming events is the parlor theatrical party which will shortly be given by Mrs. G. E. Dovey. The lady's pre-eminent dramatic ability will have the effect of enhancing the value of an invitation, let alone the fact of any gathering at the Dovey residence being exceedingly pleasant and enjoyable.

Mr. Samuel Parker and wife have gone on a visit to relatives at Malvern.

Mr. C. M. Butler has gone on a two weeks' visit to Chicago and adjacent points.

Hermann Heitshausen and Hans Goos of Omaha were visiting in the city during the past week.

Miss Lucy Wolcott of Weeping Water is visitine friends in this city.

A most delightful "Kensington" was enjoyed by a large number of ladies at Mrs. Waugh's Thursday afternoon.

PEPPERMINT DROPS.

Before a political party "sweeps the state" the managers generally have to "come down with the dust."

"What, arrest me for voting twice," said Patsy, the tramp, reproachfully, "don't you know that even history repeats itself?"

"Mine is a highly reputable trade," said the counterfeiter, as he made a gold eagle out of a piece of lead, "for I deal in gilt-edged securities."

"Do you play poker?" "Not now. I have lost even my interest in the game."

Dashaway—The other night I went to an amateur theatrical performance and then went home and had a terrible dream. Cleverton—What did you dream? Dashaway—I dreamt I went to it again.

Binks—I wonder how actors manage to get such exalted expressions on their faces when they're posing for portraits. Banks—The photographer places a square meal before them, I suppose.

"Dr. Koch's lymph isn't any better than the McKinley bill." "Than what?" "The McKinley oil. They both put a stop to consumption, don't they?"

Every day that the wild western town of Walla Walla postpones the establishment of a university is that much time lost from forming a most beautiful college yell.

Johnny (at Lincoln park)—What's the use of your offerin' a piece of gum to the elephants? They won't touch it.

Willie—I'll bet this little one will. She's a girl elephant.

First Dude—That's an awful bad fitting hat you have on. Second Dude—Yes, but I attended a swell ball last night, and my head isn't built to fit any and every hat.

"For disobedience you take the palm," said ma to Johnny as she tattooed his trousers with the same.

Head of Firm—O, by the way, Mr. Travers, I shall have to ask you to stay in the office all day next Wednesday; I am going out of town. Travers (aside)—Hang the luck! That is the very day I had arranged to have my grandmother die.

"Papa," inquired a congressman's little daughter over a French lesson, "what is the French for a battle horse?" "A war horse you mean, don't you?" "I guess so, papa." "Of course you do, daughter. The French for that is hors du combat," and the member stroked his whiskers with prideful dignity and went on with his newspaper.