SOCIETY IN THE DOLDRUMS.

Lent Diminishes the Doings of the Fashionable World.

HAPPENINGS IN THE PAST SEVEN DAYS.

The Concordia Masquerade—Kensingtons and High Five Parties—Revival of the Innocent Amusements of a Generation Ago.

Yes, I am glad to have Lent come;
I'm really quite a-weary
With all the balls and theaters—
Of course, 'tis rather dreary
To be so quiet, staid and dull,
After the jolly season—
But then, the church requires it all,
And that's sufficient reason.

My Easter suit and bonnet, dear,
Are both to be imported—
Madame Roseau will send for them;
Her taste is often courted.
Her husband is a charming man,
Who well knows how to flatter
The girls who go to see madame
On any business matter.

I flirted with him, some, myself,
And found him very clever—
He "vished zat he could keep my glove
Nex' to hees heart for-ever!"
O dear, these men! though they are fools,
What would we do without them!
I'm sure they're useful fools enough
And one can talk about them.

You went to church to-day, you say!
I didn't, I'd a caller,
Who's much more clever than poor Tom,
And handsomer,—and taller.
I think I'll break with Tom this week,
He's good at bringing ices,
But then to give him up is 'mong
My Lenten sacrifices.
—*Myrtle Keon Cherryman.*

A LENTEN REVERIE.

FIRST DAY.
Lent is quiet and restful, you know.
TENTH DAY.
Lent is awfully, dreadfully slow.
TWENTY-FIFTH DAY.
Lent is designed our health to preserve.
FORTIETH DAY.
Lent, thank heaven, ends tonight at twelve.

KEEPING LENT.

With prayer and fasting will I now keep Lent,
And so make up for that which I have spent.
I'll pray for better fortune and for cash
Enough to keep me from eternal smash
Till those two girls are—hang that doorbell's rout!
Thomas, if it's a bill say I am out.
—*New York World.*

Society has at length found what many of its most enthusiastic members have been yearning for, and of which a good many stood in absolute need—a complete rest.

Everything has come to a perfect standstill that always marks the early days of Lent. Even the little luncheons and the quiet dinners that will form a diversion later in the season of penance are in a great measure foregone, and there is little in the nature of gayety to occupy the attention of fashion but reminiscence.

Aside from its spiritual aspects, the season just ushered in with the symbols of mortality and penitence most fittingly supplies a sanitary law—that of rest and change of occupation.

As we have said before, not in many years has Omaha been so gay as during the period preceding Lent. Never were there so many receptions, card parties, teas and dinners, the dances only being in the minority.

In no previous era of social life in the metropolis were the musicales and dinners of more lavish proportions.

Therefore, as the good clergyman may say from his pulpit or lecture this second Sunday in Lent, it is but meet and just that the flesh should be mortified for a time at least, that the appetites may be abated and that the conscience have an opportunity for introspection—not to speak of the attenuated wallets.

Whether this period of penitence is observed by the devotees of the beau monde as religiously as they would have us believe, is not the question at bar, certain it is that society outwardly conforms to the tenets of the Church, and for forty days the world is presented with the picture of retirement upon the part of those who lead the fashionable world.

But if it be necessary for society to seek, either through pharisaical or other causes, some distant scene of revelry, a benefit is derived at all events, in the absolute change of air.

Florida sends greeting to the fatigued. California holds out inviting arms to the weary. The odorous bowers and soft climate seduce the most blasé.

Hammocks, yachting and fruits!

What a combination for health!

And those who may not find it convenient to woo either of these climates—what shall they do for recreation after having withdrawn sufficiently from the outer life for meditation? Innocent card parties, Welsh rarebit, "golden buck," to be more explicit, and dainty suppers will come to their aid.

"Hand-shaking must go." So says the oracle Boston. Let us protest. We can't afford to lose it; it is the one little symbol of unity and brotherliness we will keep with us. Dear Boston, what does it matter if we do irritate the metacarpus, semilinear scaphoid or overstrain the superior thoracic pectoral extremity? The impulse of which it is the expression is too precious to be suppressed. What is to become of the sense of welcome if the hostess does not put out her hand and verify the desire her invitation expressed by literally drawing you into her circle? There is a gracious beauty in the act of hand-shaking that society cannot do without. Our social forms are few and bare enough.

What are we to have in the place of it? "The slight inclination," implying simply recognition of one's existence, or the sweeping courtesy that recognizes nothing but its own charm? What are we to have in the place of this expression of frank, openhearted, American fraternity?

"Swearing Clubs!" The name sounds badly but the thing is good—very good. Whether there be any of these institutions in London we know not; a few scattered here and there would certainly be a great gain to public decorum. For we learn from certain proceedings which took place at Knutsford the other day, that the object a "swearing club" is to wean people from the evil habit of using profane language, says the London Globe. And this is how the system is worked. Once a week, or perhaps even more often, the members meet at some public house, and proceed to discuss things in general while waiting for supper, which comes latter on. Any "brother"—so they address one another—who lets slip a naughty word during this palaver has to pay a small fine, and as the amount thus levied goes toward paying for the supper, all present have an interest in bringing delinquents to justice. The effect is said to be most salutary, even the incorrigibles gradually reforming their vocabularies and substituting innocuous terms for their accustomed forms of emphasis or invective. Nor does this reformation stop at the club room; the new habit soon becomes as indurated as the old one had been, and it is said to be quite rare for a "brother" to break loose from decorum in the streets. If this be the case, the sooner we have "swearing clubs" all over the country the better. It would be a most refreshing experience to be able to go anywhere without hearing either profane or disgusting expressions. In most cases these forcible adjectives and expletives are used in a perfectly meaningless way, proving that they are mere products of custom. Perhaps the county councils will turn their attention to this ever-growing nuisance; the police seem to be powerless, never taking action unless the offender is also drunk and riotous.

Second Childhood.

She always went out alone
Until she was thirty-one,
Then she grew afraid,
Like a bashful maid,
And adopted a chaperone.

Afternoon High Five.

On Wednesday Mrs. J. Lobman gave a high five and luncheon at her cozy residence, No. 2508 St. Mary's avenue, to some of her many friends. There was a spirited strife for the handsome prizes, the first, a beautiful etching, was won by Mrs. A. Haas, the second, a silver ice cream spoon, by Mrs. M. Hellman. After the prizes were awarded, the guests enjoyed an elaborate luncheon.

The hostess succeeded in making this affair one of the pleasantest of the season. During the coming week Mrs. Lobman will entertain again, her house not being large enough to entertain all her friends.

Those invited were: The Mesdames A. Heller, C. Newman, I. New, A. Haas, M. Hellman, I. Heller, S. Lewis of San Francisco, George Heyn, H. Rau, Aaron Cahn, I. S. Fisher, C. Anspacher, R. R. Grotte, L. Kirshbraun, C. H. Kirshbraun, J. Rothschild, S. Rothschild, F. Adler, G. Becker, A. Newman, J. Newman and Miss B. Reitzenstein of Pittsburgh, Pa.

Estelle—Time presses me.
Madge—Now I know what you mean when you say "Fred acts like time"?

Still Playing High Five.

On the invitation of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gue of 1613 North Nineteenth street a happy company met at their home Thursday evening to play high five. Shortly after 8 o'clock the game began in earnest and continued without intermission for nearly three hours. A halt having been called score cards were compared and it was found that Mrs. Eddy had been the most successful lady player present, and for which she was presented with an elegant vase; the least successful lady player turned out to be Mrs. Edwards, and she was presented with a very appropriate prize, viz.: A brush and pan with instructions to brush up. That the chief honors should not be carried very far apart Mr. Eddy took first gents' prize, a handsome bronze paper cutter, while the booby prize honors fell to Mr. Lees, a very unique banjo.

After the prizes had been awarded refreshments of various kinds were partaken of, the happy company then separated. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Ross, Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Sturgis, Mr. and Mrs. Russell, Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Lees, Mr. and Mrs. George B. Eddy, the Misses Bowie, Nickell and C. Nickell, Kate Gue, T. Bowie and F. Bradfield.

Rose—Didn't you say Miss Van LeeBoard's voice was a noticeable feature of last night's opera? I never knew she was singing in opera.
Lillian—She's not. She was one of a box party.

St. Valentine High Five Party.

In honor of Mrs. Sol Lewis of San Francisco, sister of Mrs. M. Hellman, Mrs. R. R. Grotte, 624 South Twentieth street, gave a charming high-five party on St. Valentine's day. After a spirited contest the prizes were awarded to Mrs. A. Brandies, Mrs. M. Hellman and Mrs. J. Brandies, then came delightful refreshments, in keeping with the hostess' reputation as a pleasant hostess.

The guests present were: Mesdames Sol Lewis, M. Hellman, Row, A. Heller, Leopold, Heller, F. Adler, S. Bergman, Lobman, Max Meyer, L. Fisher, Aaron Cahn, G. Becker, M. Levy, Rehfeld, I. Oberfelder, George Heyn, Kohn, J. L. Brandies, C. Shaffer, A. Brandies, H. Kohn, Louis Heller, R. Henoch, H. Miller, J. Harris and Mrs. Seligsohn.

Mrs. Bellows (to daughter Cora)—Why did you throw kisses at Mr. Jimpson across the aisle at church today?
Cora (complacently)—I wasn't near enough to reach him.

The Fan Club's Masquerade.

The Fan club, a social organization composed of a number of ladies of Kountze place, gave a masquerade ball at Metropolitan hall Wednesday evening. The affair was a brilliant success, quite the most enjoyable which the club has given this season, over one hundred masked figures being on the floor during the evening.

An elegant lunch was served by the ladies of the club at midnight. The costumes of Mrs. Mary Osburn, Mrs. Jennie Eaton, Mrs. Maggie King and Mrs. Joe Brenneman were voted the most unique.

Sympkyns is seen hastening along Farnam street in mad consternation.
Jympkyns—Hey! ole fel'r. What's the row?
Sympkyns—For heaven's sake, old boy, don't detain me. Heah I am out in my rain coat and it's commencing to snow.

An Evening's High Five.

Last Saturday evening Miss Etta Brown gave a high-five party in honor of her eighteenth birthday, at her parents' residence, 1412 North Twentieth street. A very enjoyable evening was spent by all present. After the game lovely refreshments were served. Those present were the Misses Bash, B. Latey, M. Latey, Gilmore, Leeder, I. Arnold, Champenoy, Shields, Peterson, Mrs. Rapp and Mrs. Latey, Messrs. Reeder, Haskell, Angell, Carpenter, Smith, Brown, Eldridge, Barnum and Pickens.

The lady's first prize was won by Miss Shields and the booby by Miss Leeder. The gentleman's first prize was won by Louis Leeder and the booby by Will Carpenter.

LENTEN MARRIAGES.

WOLFE AND MASON.

A very pretty wedding was solemnized at 3006 Ames avenue Sunday, the contracting parties being Miss Mary E. Wolfe and Mr. W. E. Mason. Only a few intimate friends were present at the ceremony which was performed by Rev. Charles W. Savage.

HOLLAND AND KINKAID.

Tuesday at high noon a very quiet wedding service was performed at the residence of Mr. R. B. Peattie, 3224 Poppleton avenue, the partipants being Mary Holland Little of the World-Herald editorial staff and Mr. John Kinkaid of Ouray, Colo., Dr. Joseph T. Duryea of the First Congregational church officiating. Besides Mr. and Mrs. Peattie the only other representatives of the paper present were Editor Gilbert M. Hitchcock and Mrs. Hitchcock.

For several years Mary Holland Little has been a force in the newspaper world of the west. Her work has at all times been far above the average, and she has shown through it all an adaptability which is remarkable even in this, the woman's generation. It is a pitty that such a bright mind should be lost in the cares of a household, but there is a pleasant satisfaction in knowing that the household is so much more strengthened, if it needs strengthening, by such women as Mary Holland Little leaving the active field of journalism for the little kingdom called home. And so The Bee, with her host of warm friends, joins in well wishes for the new life that has begun.

The groom, Mr. John Kinkaid, is a well-known attorney of Colorado, enjoying a very large and rapidly growing practice.

After a short wedding tour, which includes Salt Lake City, Mr. and Mrs. Kinkaid will be at home at Ouray, Colo.

NELMS AND SCHAAF.

From the Peoria (Ill.) Journal of Friday, February 13, the following notice of the wedding of a well-known business man of Omaha is taken: "Yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock a quiet wedding party assembled in the parlors of the National hotel, where the nuptials of Warren J. Schaaf of Omaha, Neb., and Miss Bessie L. Nelms of Bath, Ill., were celebrated. The ceremony was performed by Rev. D. K. Nesbit, pastor of the First Congregational church, of this city, of whose church the bride was a member. The groom is a well known business man, formerly of this city, but now cashier in the wholesale grocery house of Sloan, Johnson & Co., of Omaha. He is a young man of rare business ability. The bride is the daughter of Mr. John E. Nelms, who was for many years a member of the Peoria board of trade, but is now engaged in the grain business and is largely identified with the farming interests of Mason county, with his residence at Bath. She is a young lady highly accomplished and is a graduate of the academy in this city. She was dressed in Henrietta, of the Grecian pattern, trimmed with duchess lace, and wore for ornaments a beautiful set of diamonds, the gift of the groom. The ceremony was impressive although short, the couple being unaccompanied by attendants, while Mendleshon's wedding march was being rendered by Messrs Kiefer and Todhunter. The happy couple took their places on the floor and the interesting ceremony was performed, after which they sat down to a 6 o'clock dinner which had been expressly prepared for them. Mr. and Mrs. Schaaf will be at home to friends after March 10 at 1402 South Twenty-eighth street, Omaha, Neb. They departed for that city on the 8 o'clock train last night. The guests present were: John E. Nelms, the father of the bride; Mr. Andrew Schaaf, Mrs. Schaaf, parents of the groom, of Bath, Ill.; Mr. George Schaaf and wife, brother and sister of the groom, of Franklin, Ill.; Mrs. R. S. Odel of Topeka, Kan.; Mrs. Alice Smith and daughters, Maud and Alice, of Jacksonville, Ill.; Mrs. Mary Neeley and Miss Inez Fulks of Bardstown, Ill.; Miss Libbie Lewis, Frank P. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Fulks of Peoria.

An Old Fashioned Candy Pull.

Simplicity in social affairs seems to be a fad of the hour and even the games and amusements of our childhood are being revived, as a pleasant relief from the elaborate entertainments which have been features of the past two or three winters. Friday evening General and Mrs. Brooke gave an old-fashioned candy pull to intimes and the enjoyment of the evening was universally commented upon by those who were fortunate enough to have been there. The guests took charge of the kitchen and after pulling candy until they had blistered their hands and filled their hair with the molasses, delightful refreshments were served. Then came music and just a little dancing in order to round out the charming evening.

Those present were Mrs. Hill, sister of Mrs. Brooke, Mr. and Mrs. Riall, Captain and Mrs. Ayers, Miss Smith, Miss Williams, Miss Curtis, Miss Thomas, Messrs. John Clarke, W. W. Dimmock, John Patrick, Al Patrick, Dick Berlin, Will Crary, W. B. Ten Eycke, Clifford Smith.

She—We were having a most interesting game at the De Courtney's the other evening when you began your solo.
He—In feed? Who won?
She—I didn't stay.

The Passing of a Beautiful Character.

No death in recent years has caused more profound sympathy in musical and social circles as that of Elizabeth Pennell Phraner, Friday of last week, in far away Siam.

Hardly a year ago she stood in her bridal robes at the altar of All Saints church, and joined hands and heart with Rev. Stanley K. Phraner, a young Presbyterian divine, who was about to become a missionary to Siam.

The services were particularly impressive, for the full vested choir of the church, in which she had so long been a prominent factor, participated in the ceremony and life looked very roseate.

As in all such cases there were those who regretted her decision to take up missionary work, especially in a country so far removed and so inaccessible, and the parting in consequence took on an infinite tenderness in keeping with the loveable character of this self-constituted exile.

Believing that the field of her usefulness lay in the missionary work, having fitted herself for the active life which would naturally come to her, Mrs. Phraner, with a bravery that is all the more remarkable when one considers what her opportunities were at home, departed on her far-away mission.

The last letter which her brother, Mr. T. J. Pennell, received from her was written in December, and in it Mrs. Phraner spoke enthusiastically of the country, incidentally stating that she was well and looked forward with pleasure to her arrival at Chang Mai, her future home, in January. But the hardship of the trip up the river and possibly an attack of fever resulted disastrously, and a cablegram received on Monday announced her death. And the hardship of it all is that not for sixty days will the mother and brother be acquainted with the cause of her death among the people whom, but a little over seven months ago, she had set out so bravely to bring into the light, as reflected by the Son of Man.

In addition to her musical attainments, for, until her departure, Mrs. Phraner was the leading contralto of Omaha, she possessed rare womanly virtues, which radiated like as a pebble dropped in the brook, will make ever widening ripples, brightening the lives of those with whom she came in contact.

And the great heart of the community goes out to the aged mother and the brothers who are thus called upon to mourn the loss of a devoted daughter and loveable sister.

The Evening Smoke.

The latest wrinkle in the way of entertainment is the "Evening Smoke." Guests are received during an evening, escorted to an upper floor, furnished with cigars and a regular German supper, with a full supply also of beverages so dear to the German taste. There is no formality. Each person enjoys his smoke and refreshments, and converses with his neighbor, if he feels inclined and it pays, otherwise it is presumed he drops off to sleep, and to snore.

L. A. C. E.

A meeting of the L. A. C. E., a literary society connected with the temple on Harney street, was held in the vestry rooms of the building on Monday evening, Rabbi Rosenau presiding. Under the head of new business it was decided to request the entertainment committee to arrange a musical and literary entertainment to be given in the near future, the proceeds to be devoted to the purchase of a library. The features of the evening were the rendition of several instrumental and vocal solos and the reading of several essays. The next meeting takes place Monday, March 2.

Dunkins—I'm getting to be a pretty tough character, judging by recent events.
Funkins—How so?
Dunkins—Singer Torrens asked me to sing a "Drinking Song" at a church entertainment last week. Now I have been invited to play the "Prodigal Son" in a pantomime of that name.

High Five in Kountze Place.

The Kountze Place High Five club met at the residence of Judge and Mrs. Shields, 2214 Emmet street, on Friday evening, when a thoroughly good time was had by all present, thanks to the genial hospitality of the host and hostess. The rooms were prettily decorated with plants and creeping vines and presented a very pleasing effect.

The score cards were unique in design, having tiny figures in all manner of positions supporting or pointing to scrolls on which were verses of poetry, descriptive of the game. The verses were composed by the hostess, which showed their keen appreciation of wit and humor, while the figures and cards were designed by Mr. H. Lowrie.

A dainty lunch was served which all enjoyed, and reflected credit on the hostess. Mrs. Blum carried off the ladies' prize, a beautiful china cup and saucer, while Mr. Hustus was the fortunate gentleman, securing a charred Japanese metal plate in the form of a vampire.

The next meeting of the club will be held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Fowler, 1812 Wirt street, Friday evening, February 27.

The following guests and members were present: Members—Mr. and Mrs. Bay, Mr. and Mrs. Blum, Mr. and Mrs. Collins, Judge and Mrs. Bradley, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrie, Mr. and Mrs. Dunbar, Mr. and Mrs. Hustus, Mr. and Mrs. Minahan, Mr. and Mrs. Jaynes, Mr. and Mrs. Fowler, Miss Martin, Miss Lipps. The guests present were Mr. and Mrs. Arnold, Mrs. Arnold, jr., Mr. W. Shields, Judge and Mrs. Helsley, Mrs. Elliott, Miss Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart.

The Rest Comes Later.

Briggs—I'm astounded that Clare Van de Milk doesn't find out the character of that dissolute foreigner she's about to marry. Why, that girl used to be able to read a man like a book.
Dobbs—Probably she's satisfied in this case to read only the title.

A Pleasant High Five Party.

Friday evening Mr. and Mrs. George C. Bassett, 1337 North Nineteenth street, gave a high five party to their old friends. All pronounced it one of the most enjoyable evenings that they had spent this season. The gentlemen's prize was won by Mr. H. W. Barnum being a pack of gilt edged cards in a lovely hand-painted chamois case. The ladies' prize was won by Mrs. Baily it being a pretty book with an unique book mark. Those present were, Mr. and Mrs. Baily, Mr. and Mrs. Barnum, Mr. and Mrs. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Philips, Mr. and Mrs. Redman, Mr. and Mrs. Humes, Mr. and Mrs. Gannon, Mr. and Mrs. Collett, Mr. and Mrs. Bassett, Mrs. E. Angell and Miss Inez Haskell.

A Pretty Kensington.

In honor of Mrs. S. Lewis of San Francisco, Mrs. Moritz Meyer, assisted by Mrs. Max Meyer, Mrs. Adolph Meyer and Mrs. H. Redfield, gave a very pretty Kensington Tuesday afternoon at her residence on upper Douglas street.

The house was very prettily decorated with flowers and smilax, the rooms being lighted by innumerable fairy lamps, prettily shaded. Tables were placed for cards, while those who desired to indulge in work were pleasantly placed. Later a course supper was served, much to the surprise of the guests, which was very elaborate, showing how delightful a hostess Mrs. Meyer is.

Among the large number of ladies present are recalled: Mrs. Hellman, Mrs. Aaron Cahn, Mrs. Martin Cahn, Mrs. Albert Cahn, Mrs. Brachvogel, Mrs. Arthur Brandeis, Mrs. Heyn, Mrs. Newman, Mrs. I. Oberfelder.

Mr. and Mrs. Hellman Entertain.

[High Five, Feb. 18.]
Mr. and Mrs. M. Hellman at home.
Time—half-past eight.
Make up your mind
And don't come late.

According to the above invitation, the spacious parlors of the Hellman mansion were thrown open to receive a large number of their friends, who were invited to participate in the renowned game of high five, given in honor of their sister, Mrs. Sol Lewis of San Francisco, previous to her departure for home. There were twelve tables occupied by as jolly a lot of guests as ever gathered at a similar affair. After twelve spirited games, the first lady's prize, a silver bon bon dish, was awarded to Mrs. George Heyn; the second, a fairy lamp, to Mrs. B. Newman. The first gentleman's prize, a silver traveling cup, to Mr. B. Traueman; the second a "black-your-own-boot," to Mr. M. Loewenstein. The presents were handed to the victors by their amiable daughter, Miss Mabel, with an appropriate rhyme attached to each. After this a palatable lunch, consisting of many delicious courses was served, and when the guests departed it was at an advanced hour of the next day.

Those invited were: Mrs. Sol Lewis of San Francisco, Mr. and Mrs. A. Heller, Mr. and Mrs. J. Lobman, Mr. and Mrs. S. Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Max Meyer, Mr. and Mrs. L. Kirshbraun, Mr. and Mrs. C. Kirshbraun, Mr. and Mrs. A. Haas, Mr. and Mrs. G. Heyn, Mr. and Mrs. F. Adler, Mr. and Mrs. H. Rau, Mr. and Mrs. A. Jacobson, Mr. and Mrs. A. Meyer, Mr. and Mrs. C. Wise of Sioux City, Ia., Mr. and Mrs. Leo Keller, Mr. and Mrs. S. Bergman, Mr. and Mrs. Moritz Meyer, Dr. W. Rosenau, Mr. and Mrs. I. Oberfelder, Mr. and Mrs. I. New, Mr. and Mrs. B. Newman, Mr. and Mrs. S. Oberfelder, Mr. and Mrs. M. Loewenstein, Mr. Max Rau.

Ethel—What are you going to give up in Lent?
Maud—Well, if I don't get a chance to rest before Lent comes I think I shall give up the ghost.

The Concordia Masquerade.

In many respects the masquerade given by the Concordia last Saturday evening takes precedence of the masquerades given this season. For nearly a quarter of a century the Concordia has been the representative society among the German colony, and in all those years it has flourished, gaining strength with the years.

The hall was prettily though not elaborately decorated, although flags and flowers were noticed in abundance throughout the rooms of the German club and the ball room. The committee having the affair in charge, Julius Meyer, August Shaefer, George Stratman and Oscar Goodman, were indefatigable in their efforts and much of the pleasant success of the bal masque is due to them. They were costumed as counts of Monte Cristo and certainly looked as if they might have the untold wealth of that island at their backs.

Among those who participated in the ball were Mrs. Stratman, a marketwoman; Mrs. Charles Metz, Grecian costume; Mrs. Fred Metz, jr., tambourine girl; Mrs. Gyger, News; Mrs. Fred Metz, sr., Queen Anne; Mrs. Jobst, domino; Mrs. Epenter, flower girl; Mrs. Bechman, domino; Miss Boddeling was very captivating as a school girl; Miss Ida Pomy was costumed in a Spanish gown, impersonating a Spanish beauty; Miss Stratman appeared as Spring; Miss Anna Pomy as Season; Miss Lund as a school girl; Miss Tzschuck made a lovely Folly; Miss Perrine wore a pretty Grecian costume; Misses Wheeler and Butts were disguised as Japanese court ladies.

Among the gentlemen the following characters were assumed: Old Sport, Mr Arthur Smith; old woman, Mr. Arthur Metz; Mephisto, Mr. Ben Jobst; domino, Mr. Fred Metz; Mephisto, Mr. Frank Lang; clown, Mr. J. K. Christie; clown, Mr. J. Edwards; Punch and Judy, Mr. J. Kilkenny; Harlequin, Mr. George B. Tzschuck; negro, Mr. John Eperneter; domino, Mr. Henry Beckman; Flying Dutchman, Mr. Ernest Zitzman; Tyrolese, Mr. C. L. Grobecker.

At midnight unmasking occurred, after which a delightful supper was served.

Among the large number of lookers-on from the gallery the following were noticed: Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Potter, Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Van Horn, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Cahn, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Cahn, Mr. and Mrs. Hy. Pundt, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Grotte, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Uhlig, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Fritscher, Mr. and Mrs. Christ Frahm, Mr. and Mrs. John Drexel, Mr. and Mrs. T. Sinholdt, Mr. and Mrs. Moritz Meyer, Mr. and Mrs. George Heimrod, Mr. and Mrs. Gustave Pomy, Mr. and Mrs. William Segelke, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Heimrod, Mr. and Mrs. John Roth, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Raapke, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Ackerman, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Richards, Mr. and Mrs. Hy. Bolln, Mr. and Mrs. George Heyn, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Lund, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Eyferth, Mr. and Mrs. Fowler, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Lichteberger, Mr. and Mrs. George Sieh, Mr. and Mrs. Gottlieb Zimmerman, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Grobecker.

A New Club House.

For some time past the members of the Metropolitan club have been considering the advisability of removing from their present quarters, at Fourteenth and Dodge streets, but until lately they have not been able to reach a conclusion. Last week a gentleman owning several lots at Twenty-first and Harney streets offered to put up a club house for the members, providing they would take a ten years' lease of the building. The proposition was considered and finally accepted and rumor says the building will no doubt be begun in the spring. The plans are already in course of preparation by a well known architect and a $20,000 club house will probably shortly stand near the old skating rink on Harney street.

Movements and Whereabouts.

Miss Yost returned yesterday from a delightful visit to Detroit.

The Metropolitan club gives a "pink domino" party next Saturday eve.

Mrs. Dana Lander returned yesterday from a long visit to New York.

Mrs. Fitch Dewey of Toledo, O., is the guest of Mrs. E. B. Allen at 1922 Harney street.

Dr. Flood left Saturday for Minneapolis and will return by way of Chicago some time this week.

Mrs. W. H. Spencer of Detroit, Mich., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Sherwood of Park avenue.

Mr. L. A. Goldsmith and daughter, Mrs. L. Levy, will leave tonight on a month's visit to Louisville, Ky.

President and Mrs. Elliot were the guests of Mr. and Mrs W. H. Baldwin, jr., during their stay in Omaha.

Thursday afternoon, Mrs. L. D. Fowler, 1812 Wirt street, gave a beautiful Kensington to a number of lady friends.

Mr. Matthews has gone to Nebraska City to make Mr. Frank P. Ireland a short visit. He will return the first of the week.

Mrs. S. Lewis, who has been the guest of Mrs. Hellman for the past five weeks, left Thursday for her home in San Francisco.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Tabor entertained Miss Bayliss, Miss Dailey, Mr. Mockridge, Mr. Young, Mr. Torrens and Mr. Duryea at supper Thursday evening after the Apollo concert.

Mrs. E. A. Nelson of Galesburg, Ill., is spending a few weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Dietz, North Twenty-eighth street.

Miss Rogers of Nashville and Miss Ballentine of Murfreesboro, Tenn., two bright young girls from the sunny south, are visiting Mrs. George M. Darrow.

The recital of the Ladies' Musical society for Wednesday, the 25th, will be postponed until further notice. The Sherwood recital will be given Wednesday, March 11, as advertised.

Mr. Bert Wheeler, well known in Omaha, has been appointed to the lucrative and important position of court reporter in Judge Chapman's district, Lincoln. Mr. Myron Wheeler, who held the position, has recently resigned to become deputy auditor of the state insurance department.

The Crescent City minstrel and specialty company will give an entertainment at Washington hall next Wednesday evening, to be followed by a ball. A number of well known Omaha people are interested in the entertainment and the programme is well arranged.

Mrs Alvin Saunders, wife of ex-Senator Saunders has arrived at the white house on a visit to Mrs. Russell Harrison. As soon as little Marthena is sufficiently well to stand the journey Mrs. Saunders will return to Omaha with her grand child, believing that a change of air will do her little charge a great deal of good.

Mr. Wing B. Allen spent several days of this week in Lincoln on business. Lincoln, by the way, is becoming quite a resort for the young society people of Omaha. During the past week the following young people were registered there: Mr. Stewart Shears, Miss Shears, Miss Bessie Hall, Miss Opal Touzalin, Miss Carter, Miss Barnard, Mr. Clarence Brown, Mr. George Forsman, Herbert Wheeler and Mr. Allen.

The "T. K." quartette of Omaha have been engaged to give three concerts at the Chautauqua assembly to be held at Madison Lake, S. D., next July. Prof. Kratz, director of the "T. K.s," has also been engaged to direct the choral class during the entire assembly. Considering that Chicago quartettes were competing for this engagement the "T. K.s" and Omaha are to be congratulated.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Meyer returned from an extended visit to the east last Sunday. During their trip they called upon President Harrison, who asked specially after a number of Omaha people whom the president met here during his visit to Governor Saunders, previous to his nomination. They also visited while in Washington at the homes of Senators Manderson and Paddock and Representative Connell, all of whom are in the front rank in the smart world of the national capitol. Baltimore was taken in en tour, also Philadelphia and Chicago. Mrs. Meyer returns much benefited by her visit to her New York home.

At an angling party given Friday evening at Miss Thompson's, Omaha View, Clarence Higgins demonstrated, his ability as an "angler" by capturing the king prize for the gentlemen and Miss Myrtle Smith for the ladies. John Price was made happy by the "booby" prize. Those who participated in the sport were: The Misses Bertha Leggett, Mattie Dungan, Frances Evans, Bertie Scannon, Myrtle Smith, Reppie McDonald, M. Evans and Miss Hunter; Messrs. Clarence Higgins, Herm Wallace, Frank Horsman, John Price, Anson Evans, Andrew Boots, Thomas Breneman and Press Heliday.

Despite the disagreeableness of the weather twenty-five couples braved the elements to attend another one of the ever enjoyable parties given by the Peerless club on Thursday evening. Among those who were present are Misses N. Lawton, E. Lawton, Kellogg, Connell, Mrs. Smith, Brenton, Leader, Radtcliff, Arnold, Hale, Shields, Manning, Corey, Robinson, Hobert, Jones, Redfield, Woolworth. Messrs. Booth, Pardee, Peterson, Baxter, C. Stockham, McConnell, Carpenter, Lingley, W. Stockham, Hemenway, E. Smith, Voorhees, C. Barnum, Maddens, H. Smith, Bartlett, Phelps, Butts.

HONEY FOR THE LADIES.

Perforated leather belts are worn.

A silver bookmark is in the form of an oak leaf.

Black grenadines with swivel figure are the latest.

Columbia crepe is a crinkled surah of good appearance.

The genuine ecru pongee has quite a sale for underwear.

Pretty gingham gowns are trimmed with velvet ribbons.

Bamboo is used for dainty tables, desks, stools and hat racks.

Coral is again fashionable; it is especially becoming to brunettes.

Black China silks having large colored polka dots are very stylish.

The latest ukase of fashion brings back the gored skirt of twenty years ago.

Tan and pink or blue combinations in ginghams will show the best taste.

A plain but neat looking garter buckle is in the form of a scallop shell.

The new wash silks are in lovely light plaids striped largely with white.

A pretty enameled breastpin represents a bunch of daisies and clover leaves.

Cream white kid gloves are worn with handsome cloth visiting costumes.

The printed silk demand knows no medium; must have very light or black grounds.

Cream, tan and pearl corduroy suits handsomely embroidered in gilt will be worn.

Cleopatra belts of porcelain miniatures strung of gold or silver chains are stylish.

The newest Japanese crepe has the crinkles in lengthwise lines and is known as Chismi.

Evening slippers fastening with several straps or sandal ties of ribbon are correct styles.

A black and white Japanese silk, resembling surah, only much finer, is known as aya.

Tiny chocolate pots of Dresden china are pretty for those who are regardless of expense.

Those who dare are going to wear jackets of glowing, glorious yellow to greet the spring sun in kind.

Glace taffeta silk is sold for combining with fine plain woolen goods. It is both plain and dotted with tiny spots.

"Twenty Minutes with a Baby" is the title of a book just published, treating upon the agonies endured by a married man.

The sailor hat bobs up serenely among spring head coverings, and although it cannot be heard it is sure to make itself felt.

A well made corset should be like a well made shoe, and should fit every portion of the figure without pressing it in any particular spot.

An exquisite printed crepe is 45 inches wide, with a border of green rushes and grasses from which spring dainty long stemmed pink and reddish designs.

Dressy evening toilets are made of rose, mauve, or blue matelasse satins splintered with gold. These are combined with lace, gauze, or embroidered silk muslin.

"Jenny Lind" trimmings formed of lace and roses or other blossoms placed on the side instead of the top of the bonnet are seen upon a few exclusive models sent from a noted French milliner.

The quietest and most attractive demi-season bonnets are in mignonette, hyacinth, peach color or pearl to match walking costumes. These are of straw or they are cloth toques and their garnitures are ribbons and peach blossoms, hyacinths or valley lilies.

Toy toques that are little more than a handful of bright flowers will be worn. A sample from Paris is composed of overlays of black gauze, edged with gold galloon, with trimming of clusters of yellow chrysanthemums and aigrette.

The French fashion of very long sleeves and one-button gloves does not obtain favor in this country, at least for dressy occasions. Cloth gowns however, have very long sleeves, often covering the wrist entirely, and flaring cuffs of considerable depth, with which short gloves are necessarily worn.

Persian brocaded stripes appear on faille silks in amber, stem green, apricot and deep Spanish yellow, and magnificently illuminated matelasse satins, striped with velvet in black or rich fruit shades, are outlined at the edges with gold or silver imitating gimps and galloons. Less expensive India cashmere and camel's hair fabrics, armures and bengalines are broadly striped with velvet, with hair lines beyond of copper, bronze, or gold.

The rose and reseda shades, used separately or in combination, appear to have lost none of their popularity, these colors appearing among the favorite dyes of the season. Accordion-pleated skirts also survive the changes of the past year, and in silk, tulle and net, and in plain and bordered light wool textiles, are still la mode; also straight evening skirts of rich lace or net, with three or five rows of ribbon carried in and out of the airy meshes as a border.

For hair dressing the Greek style is too well known to require much explanation, but it is only becoming when adjusted to suit the shape of the head and face and when the curls are arranged softly and becomingly. The style Diane is more simple, with smoother rolls and twists of the hair, and is adorned with a star of steel or diamonds above the head. The Henri II. style of dressing the hair is high, the tresses being gathered to the back of the head in curls, but less coquettish than the Greek style, and a bandeau of pearls passes around the knot, while a bunch of small plumes with an upright aigrette falls over the back.

TRAVELS BY LAND AND SEA.

A Tour of Europe with Cabin Passage, Railway Fares, Hotel Expenses, Guides, Etc. Prepaid and Guaranteed.

SIX PLEASURE EXCURSIONS IN AMERICA.

The Bee's Matchless Offer to Solicitors for Subscribers to Its Sunday and Weekly Editions.

Arrangements have been effected by the publishers of The Bee which enable us to make a novel and attractive offer to parties who are disposed to devote their time and energy toward procuring new subscribers for The Omaha Weekly Bee or The Sunday Bee between this date and the 10th day of June next.

This offer will be open only to parties soliciting subscribers in Nebraska, Iowa, South Dakota and Kansas.

A careful record will be kept of all subscriptions forwarded, and the awards will be made without partiality.

The European Tour.

To the person that will secure the largest number of cash subscribers for The Omaha Weekly Bee or The Sunday Bee before June 10, 1891, will be given free of cost a round trip European tour ticket. This ticket will include first-class passage from New York to Europe and return. This includes also all traveling, hotel and sight-seeing expenses. The trip will be made with an excursion party gotten up by Mrs. M. D. Frazier of Boston, and will be in charge of competent guides. The traveler has no cares whatever. The tour covers all the principal countries of Europe—England, Germany, Switzerland, France, Belgium, Italy and their principal cities, including London, Paris, Brussels, Berlin, Rome, Florence, Venice, Milan, Genoa, etc.

SEVENTY-THREE DAYS OF SIGHT-SEEING.

The party starts from New York July 1 and returns to that city by September 11.

Taken by any individual alone, this European tour would involve an outlay of at least $700.

American and Canadian Tours.

For the second largest list of subscribers we offer a free ticket from Omaha to San Francisco and Los Angeles and return. Magnificent mountain scenery, the beautiful Golden Gate, the land of sunshine, fruits and flowers. "Who has not seen California will not die happy." Travel is an educator, and to properly appreciate the vastness of our great country one must see its best features.

For the third largest list of subscribers to the Weekly or Sunday Bee we offer a ticket from Omaha to Quebec and return. What could be grander than a trip down the beautiful St. Lawrence in mid-summer! To contemplate the beauty of Thousand Isles is delightful. How much more delightful to visit them when with verdure clad.

And all this pleasure for obtaining subscribers to the Weekly and Sunday Bee.

For the fourth largest list of subscribers we offer a free ticket from Omaha to New York, Philadelphia and Washington and return.

There are no points on this continent of greater general interest than these three cities. An American citizen has not completed his education until he has seen the seat of government. The persons and points of interest in Washington are innumerable and to the intelligent observer a visit there is full of interest. New York and Philadelphia as the commercial and financial centers of the country are always interesting.

All this sight seeing and traveling given away for obtaining subscribers to the Weekly or Sunday Bee.

For the fifth largest list of subscribers we offer a free ticket from Omaha to Niagara Falls and return. Ever since your childish wonder was aroused by the description in the old school reader of these wonderful falls you have desired to see them. Here is the opportunity. A most delightful excursion and one without expense, given for securing subscribers to the Weekly or Sunday Bee.

For the sixth largest list of subscribers we offer a free ticket from Omaha to Salt Lake City and return. The famous Mormon city is fast becoming a Gentile city, and will in time lose much of interest. Now, this summer would be a good time to visit the booming city. Garfield Beach is of course included in the trip. This summer resort on the lake is a delightful place to pass a few of the hot summer days. Why not secure a number of subscribers for the Weekly or Sunday Bee and take the trip?

For the seventh largest list of subscribers we offer a free ticket to Denver and Manitou and return. While a shorter trip than any of the others it combines many pleasant features. Denver—the queen city of the plains—is always worth seeing while the health and summer resorts of Manitou are delightful indeed. Health-giving, inspiring, restful—amid sublime scenery—what trip could be more restful? All this pleasure for securing subscribers to the Sunday or Weekly Bee.

Conditions.

Now what are the conditions upon which these tickets are given away? The securing of the largest list of subscribers to The Weekly or Sunday Bee. No newspaper in the west is so well and favorably known and solicitors have always found it an easy matter to secure subscribers. The Bee's subscription list has always kept pace with its reputation and it desires to add new names to its long list of friends. Being at all times a people's paper it makes friends with all classes.

The subscription price of The Weekly Bee is $1.00 per year postpaid to any place in this country or Canada, or $2.00 if sent to a foreign country.

The Sunday Bee is $2.00 per year, but Omaha subscribers for The Sunday Bee will not be counted in this competition.

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Persons desiring to compete for one of these prizes will please say so when sending in their first orders.

Remittance in full must accompany every order.

Two six months subscriptions or four three months subscriptions will be counted as one order.

A Missing Fresco Artist.

If Louis Hurrelman is in Omaha he should open up a correspondence with his wife, who resides in New York city. Louis is an expert fresco painter, and last December left home with several thousand dollars in his pocket. Since that time nothing has been heard of his whereabouts, and an anxious wife fears he has been murdered for his roll.

Henry Ramm and William Pepper appeared before Judge Clarkson yesterday, pleaded guilty to stealing chickens and were given twenty days in the county jail.

AMUSEMENTS.

A TEXAS STEER

Boyd's Three Times Commencing
TOMORROW NIGHT,
Monday, Feb. 23
FIRST TIME IN OMAHA
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A roaring, laughing, farcical comedy, by the
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This exceedingly funny comedy is interspersed with bright breezy songs, graceful and stately dances and bright witty repartee. It is full of fun, life and vigor, and will keep every one in a happy frame of mind. The funniest play of the year.
The Company is Composed of Nine Artists.
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One of the Musical Prodigies of the Season. He sings and plays in a captivating manner, and wins the hearts of all with his plaintive melodies.
Happiness, pleasure, fun and laughter combined makes a dull hour quickly pass.
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The Best Show of the Season.
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Supported by his charming little daughter Mattie, and the favorite Rooney Musical Comedy company. Especially engaged the
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