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PENITENCE REIGNS SUPREME the debutantes, wore a pretty dress of yellow

Society Dons the Garments of Woe in Honor of Lent.

CLOSING SCENES OF A GAY SOCIAL SEASON

Miss Dandy's Pretty Dancing Party-The Cotillion Danced as Ash Wednesday Dawns-Fancy Dress Function of Miss Colpetzer-Minor Matters.

Looking backward one cannot help but admit that it was a very gay and very short season that has just closed. The continuance of the World's fair kept many of the "smart set" in Chicago until the first of December and Christmas time had almost come before the exclusives showed a disposition to enliven the winter. Opening at a period of great financial depression all over the country, the season argued ill for lavish expenditure in entertaining, but in spite of all gayety asserted itself and few previous seasons have surpassed the one just ended in brightness and a cheerful willing ness "to do.

For the next two months the debutante who is debutante no longer, will not be found kneeling at the throne of fashion, but at the altar of penitence and prayer. And so with others of the fashionable people, but not with all. To some Lent will be mercly a season of rest and seclusion, to others it will mean a change of scone in the sunny south and amid the orange groves of Call fornia

It is rather distressing to think of what the season would have been without the debutantes to launch upon the social tide but there were nearly fifteen young women who made their entre into the ranks of swelldom and these functions saved the son from running down at the heels. In the main the entertainments given in honor o the young women who were making their initial hows were elaborate, universally pretty and enough of the older set were present to add gest to the occasions. So we with the rest of the world, thank heaven for a brilliant season-and the debutantes who saved it from dry rot.

And now there are teas and rumors of teas, which are to introduce young men to society. In splic of the fun which is being poked at this importation from the Japan-ese, it has its sensible points. A young man fresh from Harvard or Yale is apt to have no more extensive acquaintance with the people who make society than a gir just from Vassar or Wellesley. Both will have lots of friends among those of their own sex who are doubtless pleasant com-panions, but hardly useful "in the swim." While a "tea" does not strike one as exhis good fortune, regret the necessity which actly the vehicle in which a young man should ride into society, a dinner, with a dance to follow, perhaps, at the home his parents or the relatives who are to his social sponsors, is certainly an idea with elements of sense. In London this course is very customary. A young man returns from the "grand tour" knowing no one, his father or uncle sees that he is "put up" for the proper clubs and his mother or nunt gives dinner to introduce him to cial magnates. Then a "small and early" finishes off the younger set, and Berty or Rolly-you all know how the most

dignified people cling to pet names over there—is "out," and bound to be the recipient of more invitations than he could accen if he were furnished with a "double." a course in America would prevent the ocasional bamboozling of society barons and counts who can count their quarterings on one thumb. The ease with which any kind of an ungentlemanly gentleman in gentleman's clothes can succeed in making in entrance into New York society is standing invitation to impecuatous men who come over and try picking up the gems sup posed to be awaiting collection on the Tom Tiddler's ground of society. If men as well as women were never received unless properly introduced, the accumulation of adven turers would be greatly decreased.

Apropos of dinner and lunch parties w seem to be drifting here into the English custom of unpunctuality to the invited hour which on the other side has settled into ar established habit, which is regularly counted In this country a few years ago would have been considered an unpardonable allk trimmed with lace Miss Besule Yates wore a pretty pink Miss McKenna, a dainty pale green and wender silk. Miss Thomas, a sprightly W shington bally. was in a yellow costume that became her

Miss Himobaugh, who dresses with much discretion, were a graceful black moire trimmed with black ribbons. Brooke, yellow satin and lana. Mrs.

Mrs. Saraco, in plak and white figured Miss Palmer, a tall slender blonde, wore

quaint gown of light blue silk with plaited collar, arms and sleeves. Mrs. Booth was in black net. Mrs. Garneau in black effectively trimmed

in red velvet. The music by the post orchestra was exceptionally good and added not a little to the enjoyment of the twenty old numbers

General and Mr. The guests were Brooke, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Webster, Captain and Mrs. Sarsen, Captain and Mrs. Booth, Mrs. Joseph Garneau, Misses Bessie Jentie Yates, Webster, Emily Wake bane, Barnard, Thomas, Palmer, Mo Yates. ley, Doane, McKell and Himebaugh, BIL Kenna, Dean, Quay, Prince, Penn, H Messrs. e, Guiou, Wilson, Turner, Darling, water, McDonald, Crowder, Dr. Mc-Doane. Eldery, Pierre Garneau and Chat Redick.

Thurston Rifles.

The regular monthly inspection tool place last Monday evening, the company ommander acting as the inspecting officer The result of the inspection was very gratifying and reflected great credit on the members of the company. The lockers were found in good order, clothing clean, brasses polished and guns in fine condition. Private Ratekin was complimented upon having the best appearing rifle. Following the inspec short company drill in came a manual, which was succeeded by the execution of a number of marching me The formation was twenty-four file from double rank. The result of the roll call showed an aggregate attendance of fiftyeight men in line, with a recruit class o six. After drill the company held a business meeting and elected Comrades Charles Wearne, Archie Short and Frank Neal. The membership of the company

reached the maximum number allowed by Private Cov spont a few days last week

at Honey creek on a hunting trip and re norts having excellent sport. Private Harry H. Kirby, jr., has applied for an henorable discharge on account o removal from jurisdiction. Mr. Kirby goe to San Francisco the middle of the week being obliged to become a resident of Callfornia in order to qualify as one of executors of the estate of his uncle, whi recently died leaving quite a fortune to hi nephew. In the short time Mr Kirby ha en connected with the Rifles he has made a host of friends, who, while rejolcing at

compels him to sever his connection with the company Captain Scharff has received official notice from the adjutant general of Nebraska that the Thurston rifles had been assigned to the First regiment infantry, Nebraska National Guard, to be known as Company L. Colonel J. H. Bratt of Bennett is the regimental commander of the First infantry.

Miss Colpetzer's Fancy Dress Party.

It was with great reluctance that society's fledglings acknowledged the advent of Lent, but with true Christian fortitude they nerved themselves for the shock and stopped their festivities promptly on time, the last of these events being given on Shrove Tuesday night by Miss Colpetzer. As it had been announced as a fancy dress affair, nearly all the girls appeared in some quaint or artistic creation of fancy.

Miss Coipetzer, a slender and pretty girl wore a fancy dress of silk mulle and was gracious hostess. Miss Grace Himebaugh was effectively at-

tired in a sunbonnet and a short dress and carried a slate, making a very effective school girl. Miss Margaret McKell and Miss Louis

Drake were attired in Washingtonian cos tumes Miss Helen Smith made a very sweet Marquerite.

Miss Mae Burns was a Quakeress.

Miss Hattle Cady, Miss Margaret Brown and Miss Margaret Cook were charming in gowns of the 1830 period. Miss Tad Balch was costumed as a belle

of the sixteenth century.

rifles; Guy Penfold, red domino; Mr. Yost, Robin Hood, Mr. Heckenberg, soniety swell; Mr. Thiele, Indian chief; Bernard Rehfield, clown; Andrew Schons, domina; Charles Chinese: James Kennedy, Silver ing; Charles White, clown; Fred Van Horn, slored girl; A. F. Walton, cadet; Richard Grotte, hunter; Henry Grotte, Mexican; R. G. Hake, Arabian; Sam Goldsmith, clown; Ewin Krug, prince; E. F. Husek, razzle dazzle; John Guild, Mephisto; Hall Ewing, mino; George Meigs, English prince; C

H. Young, Turk, Many of the parents were present to chaperone these young people. Capt. and Mrs. J. Hayward's Surprise Party.

Clifton Hill was the scene of a very pleasant surprise party last Tuesday evening when a number of the friends and relatives of Captain and Mrs. J. Hayward surrounded their fine residence, 4227 Burdette street, to tender them a tittle surprise. In response to a rap at the door they were

invited to enter, whereupon they immediately took possession and proceeded to enjoy themselves and a most delightful evening was spent. Progressive high five was the principal part of the evening's amusement, interspersed with some musical selections, including solos, ducts and instrumental The contributors to this part of the pieces. impromptu program acquitted themselves with ability, and the music aided in making up a most agreeable entertainment, the selections as rendered by Mr. and Mrs. J.

Hayward, Mrs. R. A. McTwigan, Mrs. G. H. Crager and Mrs. Doty being highly appreciated by all, as was evinced by the hearty acores after each number. As the visitors were ushered into the

handsome and commodious double parlors upon their arrival, a cordial welcome seemed to greet them in the very air, and they were to feel that they were truly welcome n this occasion. Their home presented a cozy and comfort-able appearance, being tastefully furnished and made additionally attractive by the light and color from the shaded lamps which shed their soft rays of light on the floral decorations, the rooms being redolent with the scent of choice flowers and house plants, which gave the place a very refreshing ap-

pearance. Partners were chosen by means of dainty ards bearing the names of different char acters, which were distributed among the parties holding cards with guests. sponding names becoming partners for the

venim W. L. Crager captured the gentle Mr. man's first prize, scoring every hame. Mrs. James W. Bouk won the ladies' first prize, while Mrs. Clara Austin and Mr. Gunnell were presented with consolation prizes, all the gifts being very unique and were distributed amid congratulations and merri-

After the prizes had been awarded the tables were cleared and immediately reset with a tempting little repast, and not until a late hour did the happy party don their wraps and bid adieu to host and hostess, wraps and bid adien to nost and bostess, after thanking them for a very pleasant evening. The guests were: Mr, and Mrs. Dou-son, Mr, and Mrs. Gunnell, Colonel and Mrs. G. H. Crager, Mr, and Mrs. McTwigan, Mr, and Mrs. J. F. Doty, Mr, and Mrs. W. L. Crager, Mr, and Mrs. Limburg; Messrs George Baxter, F. R. French, J. N. Marten, Longor, W. O. Bacht, Lawer, Boult, Misson

W. C. Bouk, James Bouk; Misses Grace Gunnell, Nettie Gunnell, Emma Nel son, Clara Austen, Doty and Mrs. Evans.

The Tourist Wheelmen Banquet.

It was a jolly crowd of wheelmen that inswered the summons of the Tourist wheel men's entertainment committee Saturday evening and assembled in the tastefully fur nished parlors of the Hotel Dellone, to enjoy a charming program of music and partake o the good cheer that the committee had pre pared, the occasion being the third annual club banquet. The banquet and musicale was a grand success, the occasion being restricted to wheelmen, which accounted for the comparatively small number of young men present, about thirty being in attend ance, although not one of them regrets the happy hours which sped away so pleasantly

in each other's company. W. M. Barnum, E. T. Yates and F. A Heninger acted as the door committee, and well attended to their onerous duties. Caras and club chat, interspersed with extempore selections of instrumental music, preceded the banquet, no regular program of entertainment being observed. At 10:30 the loors to the dining room were thrown open and the wheelmen filed in to their chairs around the beautifully decorated table, the brilliant light shed from the tall candelabra sparkling and glittering upon the silver and E. T. Yates acted as toastcrystal ware. master, and performed his part in a pleas-

very pleasant evening was spont and the games were house contexted. Three of the ladies were compelled to cut the cards to decide the pinner of first prize, Mrs. A. T. Sidwell bring the lucky one, Judge Three of Idwell being the lucky one, Judge Adams tiking the genalemon's ze. Min. M. R. Murphy took the first prize. ladion' booby prisey and Mr. James W. Mur-phy captured the gentlemen's booby.

Dancod at Idlewild.

A party of young people were highly entertained last Monday evening at a masquerade dancing party, given at Idlewild hall, Twenty-fourth and Grant streets.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. B. Omalie, Mr. and Mrs. J. Innes, Mr. and Mrs. O. Bickford, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Fitzmorris, Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Brady, Mrs. Innos, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Saffelder and Mrs. Snyder: Misses Laura Gray, Essie Beman, Rose Tremberth, Katle Cosgrave, Gamble, Jewell Leeder, Jessie Tremberth, Mamie Edg-hill, Lillian Emslie, Bessie Brady, Ella Gamble, Gracie Emsle, Susle Brady, Blanch Byrne, Tillie Caspar, Elizabeth Leeder, Mamie Healy, Lillian Knight, Car-rie Safielder, Carrie Clark, Ida Brim, Hilda Saffelder, Lottle Metcalf, Josephine Meyers Carrie Scholler, Nora Donahue, Katle Clark, Carrie Sharp, Katle Smith, Dora Sartelle and Alice Brady; John Kennedy, Cathers, H. Piatt, Angus McDonald, Walter D.E. Brady, J. Marshall, L. Leeder, P. Judson, H. Edghill, F. Newcomb, J. McKinney, Jo seph McDonough, E. J. Tracy, J. J. Gleason J. T. Maher, William Kennedy, Charles Sharp, J. P. Ford, Walter Conklin, Rod E. Murphey, A. Falconer, A. Jensen, L. Lyon, . Edghill, A. E. Innes, W. F. Innes, M. Cosgrave, A. P. Haislip, J. E. Agnew, F. B. Lovett, P. E. Healy, W. F. Farrell, T. Falconer, J. Bensan, E. McCreary, William Donahue, Fulton Berlin, R. Freeman, Sam

Howe, Fred Gourne, J. Powers, F. Murphy, C. Emslie and George A. Innes. Hard Times Club Has a Seance.

Shrove Tuesday evening Judge and Mrs Bradley threw open their spacious parlors to the members and friends of "The Kountze Place Hard Times club" for dancing and cards.

At 11 delightful refreshments were served and after a pleasant evening the club adjourned a few minutes before Lent dawned. The following were present: Mr. and Mrs B. A. McAllaster, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Van Court, Mr. and Mrs, C. C. Chase, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Powell, Mr. and Mrs. Fred W Race, Mr. and Mrs. J. Brisbin, Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Lewis, Dr. and Mrs. E. M. Parks Judge and Mrs. Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Riddell, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Sears, Mr and Mrs. G. W. Holbrook, Mr. and Mrs. Allison, Mr. and Mrs. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Curtis, Mr. aud Mrs. Lawrie Madame McAllaster, Madame Powell, Mrs. Nichols, Miss Berryhill (Des Moines), Miss Sears, Mrs. T. P. D. Lloyd, Mrs. W North, Mr. Rosenweig. The club will have its next meeting March 29.

Mrs. Humphrey's Reception.

The reception given by Mrs. Charles Humphrey Tuesday afternoon was one of the striking successes of the season, both in the beauty of its surroundings and in the presence of so many of the army people, as well as scores from the civil ranks of life. The house was dainty in decorations, many novel features being introduced that caught and held the fancy of the crowd.

Mrs. Humphrey and her guest, Miss Thomas of Washington, received the guests, assisted by Mrs. Major Schwan, Mrs. Benham, Mrs. Florence, Mrs. Booth, Mrs. Dallas Bache, Miss Curtis and the Misses Hamil-ton. Miss Bertle Bache poured coffee, while Miss Hamilton officiated over the chocolate Miss Kinzie, in a blue gown with white gloves and a red liberty cap, served punch in blue and white glasses, while Miss Doan served "Lalla Rookh" in the hall.

The colors of the nation were liberally displayed about the house, the dining room being particularly beautiful.

Surprise Party.

A surprise party was given Mrs. Cott and the Misses Whiteside at their home, 1819 Farnam street, last Tuesday evening. The company indulged in high five and dancing until the proper hour for luncheon arrived, when a deficious spread was served. The first prizes were awarded Miss Nora Hanafan and Mr. Geor while Miss Anna Amerson and Mr. George Cott, Mr. Watkins carried away the consolation prizes. Among the guests were: Mr. and Mrs. George Cott. Mr. and Mrs. Gilder, Mrs. McGuire; Mesdames Nellie and Thressa McGuire, Misses Nellie Winslow, Anna Amerson, Helen Walnwright, Nora Hanafan, Julia Scott: Messrs, Stuart, Scott, Pangburn Forrester, Cooke, Miland, Sweeny, Watkins, Baumer, Stapleton, Jameson, Walsh, Styles and Harrigan.

Harry Spiking, Mr. and Mrs. Ed H. Cone Captain and Mrs. Wood, Miss Emma Wood Mr. James Umphy, Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Dodson, Mr. and Mrs. Timme, Mr. and Mrs. Nevis, Mr. and Mrs. Maguire.

Ed Brandt, assistant auditor, and C. Rodgers, superintendent of the Burlingto at Wymore, started Thursday on an extende trip to the Pacific coast via Galveston. Mu Rolgers in to wed Miss Margurette Clear Mr ponto at Galveston, Mr. Brandt to be best

Mrs Frank Kemp gave a beautiful dinner last Saturday evening. The appointments of the table were very elegant and the elabor-ate menu extremely English. These present were: Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Clarksen, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Chambers, Mrs. Bergman, Dr. summers.

Miss Edna Hobert and a number of her friends were highly entertained Tuesday evening by the Mandolin club, consisting Messrs, Stocham, White, Andrews and McCulloch, who gave a number of fine selec-tions during the evening. All enjoyed a pleasant time.

Mme, Lahure's French class will give rather novel entertainment on La Mi-Careme (mid Lent) in Pythian hall. Those participating in French comedies and songs will be: Miss Emily Wakely, Miss House, Miss Kittle Morse, Miss Barnard, Mr. Martin Lambert, Mr. East, Mr. Ropes, Dr. Mr. Despecher.

A pleasant surprise party was given at the home of John Penneyer, 1736 South Tenth street, Monday evening. Those present were Cora Cox, Fred Cole, Lusi Curtis, Ray Bowen, Ellen Jengran, Leo Lohness, Edith Younkun, Roy Jeter, Grace Gordon Rall Smith, Nora Williams, Charley Penoyer, Allen Smith and Belle Beedle.

Mr. and Mrs. Tagger entertained several members of the Tourist Wheel club at high five last Thursday evening, and there were many of the boys present. There was music, and for these who cared for it, dancing. The prizes were not so handsome as they were unique, the gentleman's being a very exquisitely carved leather medal.

The music was furnished by Mr. and

Mrs.*Gellenbeck, and was made up of banjo olos, violin and zither. There were present Mr. E. Yates, Mr. Lew Flescher, Mr. Charles Pegau, Mr. Ed Walker, Mr. Willlam Barnum, Mr. William (Miller, George Gellenbeck, Henry E. Tag Mr E. Tagger, Mrs. Flescher, Mrs. Gellenbeck Mrs Tagger, Miss Lulu Willard, Miss Lolo Rustin

Mrs. Frances Wessell's kensington Monday afternoon was remarkable for the number of well known people present and the pleasurable interest shown by the guests in the musical numbers, which were given by Mrs. Arthur C. Smith, Mrs. H. P. Whit-more, and two vocal numbers by that sweet singer, Mrs. Martin Cohn. Cards were played, and breezy conversation made an ideal afternoon.

Miss Jessie Coppock, assisted by Miss M Reynolds, entertained a number of their young friends at her home, Twenty-ninth and Howard streets, last week. Cards and dancing were the order of the evening. Those present were: Misses Scoot, Jonson, W. Jonson, Sheldon, Tomas Olive Sheldon, Reynolds, Patch, Duncan; Messrs, Nuclend, Wert, Wertz, W. Taylor, J. Reynolds, H. Wallas, S. Wallas, E. Sheldon. A card party, which all who were present

pronounced a success, was given at the home of Miss Minnie Stout, Twenty-seventh and Ohio streets, by a few of her young friends February 1. The ladies' first prize friends February 1. was secured by Miss Olive Sheldon, and the gentlemen's by Mr. Cheatwood. The consolations were won by Miss Bertha Robert son and Mr. Harding. Those presen were: Mesdames Dickinson and Upjohn, Misses Patch, Robertson, Bessie Cameron, Leo Sheldon, Olive Sheldon, Upjohn, Arm strong; Messrs. Dickinson, Cheaty Solomon, Haynes, Harding and Wertz. Cheatwood

A pleasant dancing party was given a Erfling's hall Tuesday evening. those present were: Misses Whitney, Among son, Heath, Manning, Michaels, Holland Hess, Light, Wright, Holland, Kirtley, Ford Fisher, Mrs. Littlefield, Mrs. McDonald Nelick, Schwartz, Hodder, Shropshire, Whip ple, Glines; Messrs. Angell, Perkins, Ed ling, Whitney, McConnell, Cook, Fisher Catching, Meldrum, Mitchell, Ochsenbean Craig, Littlefield, McDonald, Stuht, Dewitt, Andrews, Vincent, Perry, Murphy, Donahue Raibourn. Zimmer, Stockham, Raibourn, Bowman Kendis, Wolff, Hollow, Lawler, Smith, Potter, Ohling, Culley,

Miss Incz M. Haskell entertained the O. N. O. club Friday evening at 1424 North Eigh-teenth street. The prizes, which were pretty evening. and appropriate, were won by Miss Weaver and Dr. Bradbury. The guests were: Misses Ahern of Chicago, Jordan of Sioux City,

IN LOCAL MUSICAL CIRCLES. 21

Miss Leonora Von Stoach, the dalented young violiniste, who will appear at the Apotio club concert next week, is descended on her father's side from a Prussian noble family. Her mother was a New England woman of good family. Miss Von Stosch was born in Washington, D. C., and early in life displayed a marked preference for the violin, and, overcoming the opposition of her family, bogan a regular and systematic course of study under a resident professor.

After several years study in her home she entered as a student the famous National Conservatory of Music at Brussels, where she graduated with the highest honors, carrying off three first prizes. Her studies were ompleted under Marsick, the famous French violinist and teacher, and the young returned to America "armed," Marsick wrote her in a farewell letter, "capa-pic to conquer your country with your great talent."

Hor success with the Said! Damrasch and Nikisch orchestras was instantaneous, and she ranks to lay among the best violinists of the country

The story of her violin is of great interest. The instrument is one of the most valuable in existence, being a Stradivarius, dated 1713. It was formerly the property of the famous Vieuxtemps, and was sold by him to Miska Hauser, a Hungarian violinist of great repute, who willed it to his brother, living in New York. There Miss von Stosch happened to see it and sighed after it, with out hope or thought of ever possessing it. But luck came to her aid in the person of of a wealthy friend who, hearing of her desire to possess the instrument, purchased it for the sum of \$5,000 and presented it to her Miss von Stosch is a beautiful blo a wealth of wavy hair, brushed back from an intellectual forehead. Her appearance charms as much as her soulful and sympathetic playing.

The Omaha Orchestral society is rehears-

ing steadily for another concert to be given March 29 at Hoyd's open house. The very appreciative audience which attended the last concert has inspired the hope that all the lovers of good music will lend their presence at the next concert as a mark approbation which the hard work of the able director, Hans Albert, and the mem bers of the society certainly deserve. far as the program to be rendered is concerned, there is no question that it will be a great musical treat as the following will

show: PART L Jubel Overture ..

) (a) Flirtation (by request).....) (b) Lion the Ball.Gillett

PART IL. Overture-Merry Wives of Windsor...Nicolal Concerto In G minor...Max Bruch

Scene Picturesque. J. Massenett Hungarian Ties Ernst Blue Danube Waltz ...

The fourteenth recital of Mrs. Cotton's pupils and the second of this senson, was given at Meyer's music hall Thursday even ing, attracting an audience that filled the hall to its capacity. The program was ar-ranged in the good taste that is characteristic of Mrs. Cotton and was notable for the number of gentlemen taking part therein and the excellent manner in which they acquitted themselves. Usually, at these re-citals, the ladies have had the lion's share of the program and the applause, but in this instance the condition of things was reversed, especially as regards applause, not because the ladies did not sing as well as usual, for, indeed, they did better, but because the gentlemen fairly outdid them selves, surprising the audience greatly in one particular instance, in showing what

study had done for a voice that had been out of music for a long time and which practically had fallen from its once high estate Space will not permit individual mention o the singers, it being sufficient to say that al did well, reflecting great credit on their tal ented teacher. The program was brought to a close by a duct. "Qui est Homo," fron the Stabat Mater, sung by Mrs. Cotton and Miss Bishop, Mrs. Cotton taking Miss Coon's place, who was unavoidably absent. it was the bright particular gem of the

Mrs. Fred Nye, formerly of Fremont, has Miss Virginia Robinson will give a concert decided to locate in Omaha, and will begin onal church sic, reserving

causes a feeling of loss.

Instruments" was very entertaining. aper by Mrs. Z. T. Lindsey on the "First fen Conturies of Christian Music" was admirably written, illustrating the musical system of the ancients and their slow progress in the art of music. The Cathedral quartet, composed of Mrs. Cotton, Muss Bishop, Messrs. Wilkins and Lumbard, beautifully illustrated the Gregorian system singing "The Venite" and "Benedictus, system, so well known in church service. Clara Hawley played the "Pastorale" Scarlatti with beauty of sentiment and shad-ing. One of the pleasant features of the entertainment, although not on the program, was the singing of Miss McMackin, a guest of Mrs. Lehman. She was very cordially received and highly complimented. The next musicale will take place at Meyer's

Music hall, Wednesday afternoon, February 21. Mrs. Whitmore will arrange the musical part of the program and a paper will be read by Mrs. Charles M. Wilhelm. Any one not a member of the club wishing to attend these musicales may do so by paying a small admission fee.

Notwithstanding the hard times the Apollo club members determined that the proper thing for the continuance of that worthy organization would be a guarantee fund which should insure the existence of the club for the next five years. The amount now subscribed is over \$3,000 and the signers are as follows: Herman Kountze, John A. Creighton, E. Rosewater, W. V. Morse, Adolph Meyer, Henry Bolin, W. N. Babcock, Thomas J. Pennell, George W. Holbrook, A. B. Somers, John R. Brooke, George B. Dandy, Thomas Kilpatrick, S. M. Sadler, E. A. Cadahy, T. W. Talloferro, Francis C. Grable, George H. Payne, James E. Boyd, Joseph Hayden, S. A. Brown, Joseph Gar- Jr., M. C. Boughman, Dan Farrell, J. M. Treynor, C. H. Ogden, J. A. Gillesple, George J. Paul, Henry D. Estabrook, E. W. Lee, W. C. Pritchard, P. P. Kirkendall, Joseph R. Lehmer, John L. Kennedy.

It is hoped that enough more signers may found, so that the amount will equal \$5,000 or more.

The following excellent program will be given by the Apollo club at its second concert of the season Thursday evening, Feb ruary 15, at Boyd's opera house: Babylon's Wave

.Gouned Apollo Club. Fantasle-Faust Miss Leonora Von Stosen.

Ave Maria Mr. Walter B. Wilkins and Male Chorus Vieuxte Abt ... Vieuxtemps

Boatmen's Good Night Apollo Club, Schlea

Songs. Mrs. C. M. Wilhelm. Selected Old Folks at Hone. Arr by Van Der Stucken Mr. Charles E. Abbott and Male Chorus. Wieniawski Airs Russe Miss Von Stosch.

Easter Hymu (Cavalieria) Mas Mrs. Wilhelm and Apollo Club, Conductor, Mr. Thomas J. Penneli. .Mascagni ----

Mr. Theodor Salmon's second plano re-cital will take place on Monday evening, February 19, at the First Congregational church. This announcement will be read with interest and delight by all those who are looking forward with so much pleasure to this musical treat. Mr. Salmon will play one of his very best programs on this occasion, and by special request will play his own arrangement of Gottschalk's brilliant composition, "La Pasquinade," and a beautiful setting for piano of Dolore's "Song of the Brook." Mrs. J. W. Catton will be Taber will be heard in two organ numbers and a novelty to Omaha audiences will be Saint Saens' variations on a theme by Beethoven and a "gavotte and musette" by Raff, for two planos, played by two such artists as Mr. Salmon and Mr. Martin Mr. J. E. Butler is the accompa-Cahn.

nist in this interesting program. Music contains a very interesting article this month, written by Mr. Thomas Kelly of this city on the ups and downs of the church singers professional career

A number of the larger church choirs of

Omaha are already hard at work on Easter

programs, which promise to be even more

The burning of St. Mary Magdalene

church destroyed one of the oldest pipe or-gans in this city. While it was a rather

small one and of no particular value music-

ally, it nevertheless held pleasant memories

for many Omaha musicians on account of

associations, and its destruction

elaborate this year than on former occasions.

offense to be late at such an affair. Within the past few seasons hostesses have been distressed, and the wrath of the professed cooks, who pride themselves upon their efforts, seriously exercised by tardiness o guests, and the company has often kept waiting from ten minutes to half an our for a delinquent. If, as in London, 7 is clearly known to

mean "half-past seven" by both host and in-vite, all would be well, but our chaotic condition demands a general settlement and understanding.

Some uncertainty exists about the use of that wronged messenger of all social courtesies, the visiting card, in regard to "teas, of which so many are going on, and where the absence of ceremony of former seasons has now settled down into a more forma observance. If one does not attend, cards should reach the house during the designated for the reception, by mail, or preferably, by the hand of a servant, al ways employed by the fastidious. Very par ticular persons, who either have or have no attended the tea, call in person on the nex regular day of the hostess, but the card extingulahes all necessary obligations. This season it seems to have become a cus

tom, which was enforced at some of th crowded teas by the impossibility of getting twice through the crush, that "French should be taken, without farewell of the receiving party.

Very Pretty Dancing Party.

The dancing party given by Miss Mary Dandy Monday evening was a fitting finale to a most fascinating season socially. Never has the swell world of Omaha been so gay as during the period that came to an end with the dawn of Ash Wednesday. There have been many brilliant seasons in the past, but the one that preceded Lent of 1894 will ge down into history as the very acme of per fection, for it introduced a larger number of pretty girls than have ever before illumi nated the social page, girls with ability as well as beauty, and they have justified the expectations formed of them by their expectations friends, which is saying a great deal in their honor.

There could not have been a more charming party than that of the young lady who has so distinguished herself since her advent in the domain of the exclusives Without being elaborate the dec corations o the house were exceedingly effective. th whole of the down stairs and several of the upstairs rooms being in the same color which was red. The lights were softened by red shades, a color that has been almost universally used during the social year while the flowers were upon the sam eral tone, dainty and very appropriate to the occasion. The back stairs was also prettily arranged, draped with bright portieres, with a pretty stand lamp shaded like the others. A more artistic retiring spot could not have been arranged, and throughout the evening the guests availed themselves of the seclusion afforded for a "far from the madding crowd." quiet chat Mrs. Dandy, Miss Dandy and her guest, Miss Turner, received the guests in the east parlor, Mrs. Dandy wearing a pretty gown black satin trimmed with lace Mis Dandy, a lovely and attractive girl, wore a sweet costume of white mulle trimmed with lace and pink ribbons, while she carried a most exquisite boquet of pink and white

Miss Turner, an unusual looking girl, with a face that is Madonna-like in its expression was beautifully gowned in white satin and embroidered tulle.

Miss Webster, who has made many friends since her debut in the ranks of the haut ande, wore on this occasion a rich gown of white silk, trimmed in ribbons.

Emily Wakeley wore a most becom Miss ing costume of green, with heliotrope velvet

Miss Barnard, pretty and petite, was very winning in an electric blue gown trimmed with black satin.

Miss McKell, in white silk, was much of a favorite.

Miss Doane, always charming, was particularly fascinating on this occasion in white matin and cloth.

Miss Jentie Yates, a great favorite among

iss Brownie Baum enchanted all in her part as Sappho Miss Jentie Yates wore a delightful gown of "ye olden time."

The other young ladies were Misses Flora Webster, Phillips of Duluth, Mary Dandy and Turner of Chicago. The men were Messrs Charles Kountze, Randall Brown Walter Smith, Jack Battin, Gilbert Will Wilson, Vaill, Cudahy of Chicago Charles McKell, Stockton Heath, Richardson, Cook Reed, Redick, Mercer, Baldridge, and from the fort, Hines, Prince, Penn and Dean.

The Girls Made the Favors.

The valentine cotillion given Tuesday evening at the residence of The Bachelors, on Twenty-fifth avenue, and planned by a num ber of the young lady friends of the gentlemen, was a most charming success, quite up to the enthusiastic expectations of the fair ones who had determined upon closing the social season in a blaze of glory... While small, the function could not have

been more admirably planned and carried out, and the fears of the young women it might not be a success were dissipated in the light of the occasion

Mr. Will G. Doane led, and it was refresh ing to see with what easy grace and thor-ough familiarity he brought the figures of the german to effective tableaux by th nagic of his whistle. There were seven direct favor figures and a like number of indirect, which, with the delicious supper was served prolonged the dance into the day of sackcloth and ashes.

The young ladies made the favors and each vied with her neighbor in trying to furnish the most artistic, and as a result there has seldom been seen a prettier lot of souvenirs. The color used in nearly everyhing was red and hearts were unmerous the event coming off so near Valentine's day Among the most noticeable were red boas of tisue paper for the girls, real crowns with gold stars, and the American eagle with wings outspread in brass, while those for the men in the same figure were bows of scarlet ribbon, on which were pinned crossed bayo-nets with a brass heart below them. Miss Rodman, who is not in society this winter on account of a death in her family, made a set of the most beautiful favors ever see at a german. Fresh flowers were numerous and added greatly to the color scheme.

Captain and Mrs. Ayres chaperoned the party, among the onlookers being Mrs. Lemist and Mr. Fairfield.

The order of dancing was: Miss Thomas Mr. Mullen, Miss Doane, Mr. Guiou, Miss Wakeley, Mr. Quay, Miss Hughes, Mr. Zug, Miss Woolworth, Mr. Pierre Garneau, Miss Mabel Balcombe, Mr. Lemist, Miss Curtis Mr. Clapp, Miss McKenna, Mr. Clark Redick and Mrs. Dan Wheeler and Captain Mr. Crowder.

Morand's Masquerade Party.

The masquerade party given by Prof. Morand's adult dancing class last week was one of the pleasant features of the week, the rooms being prettily decorated, while Prof. and Mrs. Morand were greatly complimented on their success of the party. While many of the participants were in mask there were others who came simply to take part in the program after the unmasking. Among those in mask were noticed: Edna Wise, Princess Ula; Hulda Hart, Cards; Gertie Kirkland Nun; Ida Wheeler, Nurse; Etta Wheeler, Red Riding Hood; Hettle Driefuss, Butter-Luida Wigman, Milkmaid: cups: Emm Folly; Stelle Tinger, Domino; Hattie Reed, Grandmother; Minnie Hornberger Josephine; Mrs. Winkelman, Rosalind; Mrs. White, Huntress; Miss Amazon, Folly; Freda Lange, Tambourine Girl; Annie Bellman Flower Girl; Madge Hoke, Sunflower; Gert rude Walton, Quakeress; Cline Blanchard, Fire Fly; Bessie Hammond, Marguerite; Gracie Parker, Normandie Girl; Ella Ring

Scotch Girl; M. B. Hoke, Queen of Clubs Georgie Krug, Pink Domino; Bessie Hullett Yum Yum; Selma Hellman, Spanish Girl; Lillie Hellman, Nursemaid. Among the gentlemen in mask were:

H. H. Kirby, Japanese; Mr. Miller, bill poster; Mr. Alexander, satlor; Mr. Squires, poster; achool boy; Mr. Falconer, cadet; Charles Randall, 'Turk; Clyde Rateken, Thurston

ing manner. W. M. Barnum responded to the toast, "Tourist Wheelmen;" S. L. Etnyre of Council Bluffs acknowledged the oast, "Ganymede Wheel Club;" Prof. Gel enbeck responded to "Our Musical Friends;" H. K. Smith, to "Our Century Riders:" J F. Culley, to "Our Racing Men;" H. E. Taggar, to "Our Newly Married Members." A rising tonst and three cheers for the Hotel Dellone management wound up the banquet proper. The parlors were then taken possession of again and the regular program of music enjoyed by all, the gentle men participating in this program being ap-plauded heartily and forced to reappear for

several encores. The program was as follows:

Song, banjo accompaniment-The Serenade Prof. Gellenbeck Those present were: George Williamson, Ray Bixby, S. L. Etnyre and C. A. Parsons of the Ganymede Wheel club; Lovell Dunn F. C. Stocking, Roy H. Walker, Prof. Gellea-

F. C. Stocking, Roy H. Walker, Prof. Gellea-beck and the Omaba Banjo trio, Grant H. Miller, C. L. Kendrick, Fred R. Walter, E. T. Yates, Welch Kingsley, Alex Melton, W. M. Barnum, Louis Flescher, H. E. Taggar, F. A. Henninger, J. F. Culley, A. E. Bur-well, H. K. Smith, John Hynes, Henry Fredricksen, A. C. Adams, Charles Pegau, F. E. Godso, Millen and Streen. E. F. Godso, Miller and Strom.

Successful Entertainment.

The entertainment given at the St. Mary's Avenue Congregational church on Friday evening was of a most unique and enjoyable character. Its success was chiefly due to the efficient leadership of Mrs. Wertz. The 'tennis drill," of which she is the originator was admirably executed by a brigade of little girls in bright costumes. The "Sunflower operetta" was a most pleasing surprise and delighted the audience. While the attendance was not large, owing to the snowstorm it made up in enthusiasm what it lacked is numbers. The High School Banjo and Guitar club of the class of "96 received its full share of applause for its admirable With violin solos, zither solos an playing. the novel evolutions of the little "night gown brigade,"the entertainment was voted by equal to many for which a much larger ad mission had been charged. By special re quest, owing to the storm and the failure t atend of many who desired to do so, the en will be repeated on Friday ertainment evening next.

A Delightful Entertainment.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bruning gave one of the most enjoyable entertainments of the season at their residence, 1348 South Seventeenth street, Monday evening, in honor of the Misses Elmiger, previous to their de-parture for Detroit. Progressive high five was the principal feature, and proved vory interesting, after which a delicious luncheon was served and the prizes awarded, Miss was served and the prizes awarded, also Lottle Elmiger and Mr. George Bruning being the lucky winners. Miss Beile El-miger and Mr. John Hoey succeeded in win-ning the booby prizes. Vocal and instrumental selections were rendered, followed with dancing, which lasted until 2 o'clock Those present were Mesdames Bruning Ross and Stark, Misses Hoey, Ruser, Brun-ing, Lottie Elmiger and Belle Elmiger, Messrs, Alfred Arnamann, August Arna-

mann, Fred Bruning, George Bruning, E. A. Elmiger, F. Elmiger, Hoey, Ross, Sheida and Stark. High Five. Tuesday evening Mr. and Mrs. John J

Murphy gave a high five party to a few of their friends at their residence, 2824 South Nineteenth street. Among the people present were: Mr. and

Mrs. M. R. Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. Jones, G. Martin, Judge and Mrs. B. S. Adams Mr. and Mrs. Sol Hopper, Mr. and Mrs. T. F Mahoney, Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Murphy, Mr and Mrs. D. S. Parkhurst, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McCreary, Mr. and Mrs. John J. Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Sidwell, Mrs. William Maley, Mr. Jones and W. Murphy, A

Druid Hill Social Event.

Mrs. James W. Munn entertained a number of her lady friends with a pink tea Thursday afternoon at her pretty residence on Druid Hill.

In the evening Mr. and Mrs. Munn gave a card party.

Those present in the afternoon were: Mrs. W. E. Cady, Mrs. T. C. Shaffer, Mrs. Har-Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Norman, Mr. and Mrs. Bexton, Mrs. A. C. Christianson, Mrs. G. C. Porter, Mrs. Laramer and Mrs. Coolidge The card party consisted of: Mr. and Mrs F. C. Shaffer, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Bartlett. Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Forman, Mr. and Ms. Henry Extater, Mr. and Mrs. Carter, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Shipman, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sears, Mr. Hart, Miss Alice Ellis and Mr. Frank Church.

Minor Social Matters. Mr. W. L. Roeder returned from Denver

Friday. Mrs. William Worth has gone to Chicago for a few days.

Mr and Mrs. Charles B. Keller left fo California on Thursday.

Mrs. Samuel Cushing and Miss Cushing are visiting at Fort Niobrara. Judge and Mrs. J. M. Thurston and Mrs.

Poland returned from Denver Friday. Miss May Dundy returned from her south ern and western trip on Saturday last.

Mr. Joseph Clarkson left on Thursday fo Chicago, where he will remain a few days. The Cornell Glee and Banjo club will visit Omaha March 31 and give a concert in the opera house.

Miss Lila Alexander, who has been visitng in Lincoln for the past fortnight, returned home on Tuesday.

Mr. Bert Watson of Chicago, formerly of Omaha, was the guest of Mr. Paul Horbach for several days last week.

Mrs. W. S. Strawn is in St. Louis, from whence she will go with a party of friends on a tour through the south.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Hornung of Milwaukee are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. J Hughes, at 2208 Douglas street. Miss Ahern of Chicago arrived on Tuesday

the guest of Miss Weaver. Miss McIntyre of Hastings is also the guest of Miss Weaver.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Davis gave a house warming party last Friday evening, which was thoroughly charming, although con-fined to the very near friends of the host and hostess.

Mr. P. S. Hoyt of New York passes through Omsha on Tuesday and was a guest of Mrs. Charles Humphrey for a few hours. Mr. Hoyt is a grandson of the illustrious General Scott.

Those who had the pleasure of meeting Miss Anna Funke of Lincoln while she was the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. E. Baum, this season, will be surprised to know that her engagement to Mr. Charles Burr is announced.

Friday night a jolly party of about fifteen took advantage of the snow and had a glorious sleigh ride. After driving as much as the cold permitted they enjoyed a hot supper at the residence of one of the party. But it's Lent and names are tabooed.

The marriage of Mr. Thomas Cooley and Miss Mary Kelly was solemnized Tuesday at St. Philomena's cathedral, Rev. Father Galvin officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Cooley left Wednesday on an extensive wedding trip to California to attend the midwinter fair.

A very pleasant card party was given by Mrs. J. P. Keller, ably assisted by her young sister, Miss Tracy Keller, at Benson, young sister. Miss Tracy Renar, at included in Friday evening. High five was indulged in until a late hour, the first prize being won by Mr. B. L. Snow. Dainty refreshments were served during the evening. Among the invited guests were: Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Barron, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Coe, Mr. and Mrs. George Snell, Mrs. Cella Wolcott, Mr. B. L. Snow, Miss Grace Snow, Mr. and Mrs.

McIntyre of Hastings, Weaver, Kinsler, Var Court, Rich, Hattie Rich, Hamilton, Glace Gussie Bauman, Weir, Anna Weir, Churchill and Zella Churchill. The gentlemen were: Messrs. Barrett, McCune, Bauman, Palma-tier, Smith, Vickers, Gruce, Mathews, Younger, Weir, Thomas, Hastings, Dr. Brad-bury, Boss, Blackwell, Bradbury of Sioux City, Miller, Meyers and Knouse.

Tuesday evening the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Coulter, jr., Twenty-fifth and Charles, was the scene of a great deal of happiness on account of the visit of Mrs. Coulter, who is a resident of Iroquois, Can. Games, music and refreshments were the order of the evening, W. W. Chapman and Miss Julia Burkett were especially complimented for the masterly way in which they played the violin and piano. The following persons were present: W. W. Chapman, A. C. were present: W. W. Chapman, A. C. Adams, W. C. Parish, L. L. Connovery, G. Robinson, James Gardner, James Coulter, Miss Edith Connovery, Lillian Parish, Julia Burkett, Amey Bohny, Ella Watt, Jenni Coulter, Mr. and Mrs. Coulter, jr., and Mrs. Coulter, sr.

The high five party given by Major and Mrs. Hamilton Tuesday evening was a very pretty affair. The house was tastily decprated in smilax and palms, which are always so effective. The first prizes, a beautiful Beleek pitcher and silver ink eraser with pearl handle, were won by Major and Mrs. Humphrey. Mrs. Brooke carried off the booby prize, a pretty pin tray, and Colone Benham received a Japanese ash receiver to onsole him for his misfortune. Those pres General and Mrs. Brooke, Genent were: eral and Mrs. Dandy, Major and Mrs Humphrey, Major and Mrs. Schwan, Captain and Mrs. Booth. Colonel and Mrs. Bache Mrs. Slaymaker, Dr. McElderry, Colonel Benham, Major Cushing, Mr. and Mrs. Drake, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Wheeler and Mr. and Mrs. Nettingham.

Do not fail to hear C. P. Halligan's lecture on Wendell Phillips Wednesday evening, February 14, at Masonic hall. The lecture is one of the highest merit. It is given under the auspices of Vesta chapter No. 6, O. E. S. There will also be some choice singing by Mr. Lumbard and others.

Laudable Enterprise.

Before the ruins of the Omaha Commercial college had ceased to smoke Rohrbough Bros., proprietors of the same, had gathered their students together and announced that they would open school again in two days. Accordingly they secured the entire second floor of the new Patterson block at 17th and Douglas. The school board of the city schools voted them the use of all the desks they wanted, and the college has been in operatio most of the week. Yesterday a force of car penters were at work making numerous changes, and last night an immense crowd of students and ex-students gathered to sympathize with each other and the faculty, as well as to have a good time.

The college was completely destroyed, but Rohrbough Bros. have ordered elegant new furniture, and will fit up better than ever. The college will stay where it is until Sep tember 1, at which time it will occupy its old quarters over the Boston Store. Seldom have we seen any one evince as much de termination to recover from such a terrible shock as that which occurred on last Sat urday night. This college has had the largest patronage and was the best equipped west of Chicago, and it is with pardonable pride that we announce its continuance. It is worth to the commercial interests of Omats nearly \$100,000 each year, and Omaha cannot afford to lose it. It is to be hoped that it will receive such encouragement as will keep it to the front. Rohrbough Bros. have received great encouragement from hundreds of our business men, and this speaks well for their institution. Not a student has deserted. All have been taken care of and the good wark goes right on.

Admission to the Midwinter.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 10 .- The admissions to the Midwinter fair yesterday were 4,558. at the Broadway Methodist Episcopal cl Council Bluffs, next Tuesday evening. each week for her Fremont work, in which Virginia is a sister of Miss Bella Robinson city she has a number of pupils. the well known pianist, and is a violinist of much promise. She has studied for several Apollo club subscribers are requested to years with Mr. Hans Albert and has lately take notice that the sale of reserved seats been east getting some finishing touche will commence Wednesday, instead of Tuesday, and at Boyd's theater instead of from prominent teachers. She will be as by an orchestra and by Mrs. Cotton Chase & Eddy's. Mr. Wilkins and the celebrated "Solisten

consisting of Messrs, Adelmann, Engel and Harnach.

Mrs. C. M. Wilhelm, one of the latest acquisitions to our musical circles, will be heard for the first time at the Apollo club concert, Thursday evening, February 15. Mrs. Wilhelm is a pupil of Mme. Cappian of New York and has occupied a solo position in one of the large Presbyterian churches in that metropolis for a number of years.

Mr. Walter B. Wilkins, who for many years has been part of the musical life of Omaha, was surprised last week by receiving a letter that in itself was a most flatterin testimonial, inviting Mr. Wilkins to accept benefit which the signers of the letter wer anxious to tender him. The tender of the benefit was entirely unexpected, although singer who has more completely buried set for the demands of the public than Mr Wilkins. The letter, which came as a pleas ant surprise to Mr. Wilkins, is as follows: Wikins. The lefter, which came as a pleasant surprise to Mr. Wilkins, is as follows:
OMAHA, Feb., 1.-Mr. Walter B. Wilkins:
The undersigned citizens of Omaha have viewed with approval your efforts in behalf of music in our city, and your ready response whenever called upon for your services for charitable entertainments, etc.
To fittingly express our appreciation of your talents as one of Omaha's leading singers, and our regard for you as a gentleman, we desire to tender you as a gentleman, we desire to tender you as a gentleman, we desire to tender you a testimonial concert, to occur at such time and place as may best suit your convenience.
E. F. Peck, E. Dickinson, J. H. McConnell, Thomas L. Kimball, E. Buckingham, F. Washburn, L. H. Korty, W. D. Lincoln, E. L. Lomax, T. M. Orr, J. A. Munroe, Frank Murray, J. P. Deegan, J. E. Davidson, George W. Bettesworth, H. J. Windsor, G. W. Megenth, Adolph Meyer, William W. Owen, Rev. Leo, M. Franklin, E. Newman, J. Merritt, H. Henoch, I. Oberfelder, Simon Goetz, Max Meyer, R. Anderson, H. J. Stir-

Goetz, Max Meyer, R. Anderson, H. J. Stir-ling, Charles R. Sherman, J. B. Evans, Will-iam Cox, F. W. Hills.

To this letter Mr. Wilkins has replied as

OMAHA, Feb. 7.—Messrs, Peck, Dickin, son, Kimball, Buckingham, Orr, Korty, Meyer, Franklin and others: Gentlemen-Your esteemed favor of the ist inst., tender, ing me a testimonial concert, is at hand, me a testimonial concert, is a t, in reply thereto, would say ept your kind offer and will s and. and, in reply that for and will give the concert in Boyd's Opera house at a date to be announced later. Thanking you sin-cerely for the honor conferred upon one who cannot help but feel he is unworthy of t. I remain yours, very truly, WALTER B. WILKINS.

The first of a series of musicales to be given by the department of music of the Woman's club occurred Wednesday after-

noon in Myrtle ball. The program opened with a historical sketch of the "Ladies Mu-

sical society" of Omaha, written by Miss Poppleton and read by Miss Julia Knight,

which was followed by a short chapter on "Music of the Ancients," read by Miss Bu-shanan, chairman of this department. Miss

in Myrtle hall.

Came Near Freezing.

Andrew Fisher, a Union Pacific brakeman, was found lying beside the tracks at Sixth and Pierce streets yesterday nearly frozen to death. He was taken to his home at \$14 Pierce street in the patrol wagon. The po-lice think Fisher had been drinking and Clara Hawley's paper on "Ancient Musical had lain down to take a rest.



in the obsequies.

ANNIE PIXLEV'S ESTATE. Her Relations Dispute Her Husband's Claim to the Property. NEW YORK, Feb. 10.-Legal steps have been begun to compel Robert Fulford, hus-

band of the late Annie Pixley, to explain what has become of the property of the actress, and how he became possessed of property that was always thought to have beonged to her. Colonel W. J. Haire of 24 Broadway, coun-

sel for Miss Pixley's mother and other rela-tives, has just returned from Philadelphia, where he made a careful examination into the affairs of the dead actress. Colonel Haire's investigation developed the fact that no property or mortgages whatever are regis-tered in Philadelphia in the name of Annie Fulford, but that sixteen mortgages, aggregating \$98,000, are recorded in the name of lobert Fulford. One of these mortgages, \$55,000 in amount, on the Park theater of Philadelphia, which all of Miss Pixley's friends have heretofore thought was held by Robert Fulford. Colonel Haire filed in the courts what is known as a bill of discovery. Further, Colonel Haire began legal proeedings to prevent the payment to Fulford f interest on certain mortgages registered in the recorder of deeds' office in Philadelphia in his name.

George W. Houck's Funeral.

DAYTON, O., Feb. 10 .- The remains of he deceased congressman, Hon. George W. Houck, accompanied by the congressional committee, will arrive Sunday evening and he funeral will occur Monday afternoon. The Dayton Bar association passed resolutions of regret and official recognizance of the death of Mr. Houck was also taken by fficers of the national soldiers home, who with numbers of veterans will participate

Customs House Receipts. The receipts at the Omaha customs house during the week included five cars of tin plate for the Cudahy Packing company, one bale Sumatra tobacco for H. Rosenstock & Co., and twenty-four cars of bullion for the Grant Smelting and Refining company. The latter item is the first shipment of bullion for refining under the recent arrangement for refining ore in bond. The value of the bullion is estimated at \$135,000.