

CHAT OVER THE ICE CUPS

Small Events that Kept Society from "Nid, Nid, Nodding" the Past Week.

LITTLE PROSPECT FOR GAY AFTER-EASTER

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The following young ladies comprise the membership of the organization: Misses Mae Buxton, Helen Bond, Clara Palmist, Flora Webster, Mary Handy, Margaret Brown, Hattie Cady, Mary Nash and Jennie Yates.

Banqueted a Fellow Townsman. A banquet was given Thursday night in Knights of Pythias hall, South Omaha, in honor of Mr. Z. Cudington, which not only reflected great credit upon that gentleman, but upon the committee of friends who arranged the details of the occasion.

Shortly before 9 o'clock the guests were ushered into the banquet hall and when all were seated, the host, Mr. Cudington, arose and gave a most interesting and well prepared address. Prior to the banquet a reception was held in the parlors of the hall.

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Hale of San Diego, Cal., Miss Moore, Miss Stuart, Miss Manchester and Miss Thomas. Mr. Dewar, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Sykes and Mr. Wilson.

Mr. Ed Beck, who has been spending much of his time in Milwaukee and Chicago the past month, returned home last week, Mrs. Beck preceding him.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Webster and daughter from Yankton, S. D., are visiting the family of Mr. Peter Smith, northeast corner of Twentieth and Spruce.

Mr. and Mrs. Wood Allen, Miss Eva Hansen, Miss Anna Bowman and Mrs. Evans of Council Bluffs left yesterday on an extended California trip.

Mr. L. Pennington, who has been visiting at the home of Theodore Starks for the past two weeks, will return to his home at Cozy, Neb., Tuesday morning.

Miss Berna Baehle left for Denver on Thursday afternoon, where she will visit her sister, Mrs. S. S. S. She expects to be gone about six weeks.

Sergeant Lee Forby of the Thurston Rifles has recovered from a severe cold and sore throat, which confined him to his home last week, and has returned for duty.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Hopkins entertained a small party of friends at high five at their apartments, 2209 Farnam street, last night. Mr. Hopkins was the host and the guests were entertained in a charming manner by their popular young people.

Friends of Mrs. Dalton Ribley will be invited to her birthday party, to be held at the home of Henry Burbridge, at St. Louis. While returning from a hunting expedition he was in the act of picking up his gun when it was discharged, killing Mrs. Ribley.

The Kountze Place Current News club held a pleasant meeting at the home of E. V. Lewis on last Monday evening.

An arranged musical and literary program was carried out by Mrs. M. S. Crissey, Mrs. Christie, Mrs. Lowe, Mr. and Mrs. Benedict and Dr. Christie last night. Mrs. Benedict was the general program manager and gave a round of applause for her excellent effort.

Miss Thomas informally received a few friends Monday evening, assisted by her guests, Mrs. H. C. Bancroft, Mrs. H. C. Bancroft, Mr. Bunell, Mr. DeLoraine, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Morton, Mr. Stuiton, Mr. Thomas and Mr. Van Arman.

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AN OPEN LETTER.

Mr. Scofield Writes to the Ladies of Omaha from New York City.

To the Ladies of Omaha: I am led to write you an open letter after a week devoted to the inspection of ready made costumes in this market, comprising some of the latest styles of noted Parisian modistes and their Americanized reproductions; I can truthfully state that the ready made suit business now conducted is a revelation heretofore unimagined and to be compared with anything attempted in the past.

There are in New York a lady needing a street or home gown had only to step into a specialty suit house and in thirty minutes has made her selection; she sees on herself the garment completed, and orders it home with a feeling of satisfaction unknown to the lady who gives an order for a gown to a dressmaker to be completed three or four weeks later.

Why should the ladies of Omaha submit to the annoyance of a month's delay, after a tedious tedious fittings, only to last, in many cases, to experience bitter disappointment? Why put money in materials and pay for making, only to secure a dress that looks anything but what your imagination pictured to be to be, and which never can be worn with satisfaction?

It is my purpose to give you the opportunity to enjoy the same advantages as your eastern sisters, having made preparations to carry a stock of ready made costumes this spring that will satisfy the most critical as regards materials, designs and combinations, always guaranteeing perfection in fit and exclusive designs for each purchase.

You are respectfully invited to delay your purchases of materials until the arrival of my stock about two weeks hence, of which due notice will be given in the daily papers. Very respectfully, O. K. SCOFIELD.

New York City, March 6th.

Grand opening of imported and domestic pattern hats and bonnets on next Thursday and Friday at Oberfelder's, 1508 Douglas. Open evenings.

The English and Americans are not one whit too good by any means for such fun, but altogether too "nice." There can be no doubt that the very thing that has become amusement for four evenings we "took in" the sights in this fashion. Cafes, where could be served hundreds at a time, with any drink or refreshment called for; places where men and women came freely together, drank, laughed, chatted and smoked. There was no such thing as a person was found, nor any indecent language heard. This would be an impossibility among "temperate" English or Americans, and very rarely met with in the daily papers. But, then, it's every country for itself, as with amusement, etc. But one accident occurred, and that at a place crossed by hundreds and hundreds of cabs, amidst thousands of persons. Anyhow, we are convinced that a little season of such frolics would do us much good.

But now carnival is over. The gay old king, seated on his drum on a great chariot, was last night taken to the great place of the palace of the prefecture, accompanied by hundreds of paraders in mask, torch-light bearers by other hundreds, music, and rockets, and the burnt midnight the wildest enjoyment. The illuminations and street decorations, and those of the palace and grounds were very fine and the fun was enjoyed for some time, after which the masked closed by the Veglione or all night masked ball at the great and immense opera house, where 6 o'clock saw the first of the last night.

Today the streets are as perfectly clean as if carnival were two weeks in the past, every rubbish having disappeared, while everywhere my promenaders are in gay costumes, handsome carriages and an air no less gay than yesterday, though it is the commencement of the season of laces and penates now. Nice on her 80,000 souls, with her thousands of visitors will no doubt move along more quietly for a time.

RIOT OF MERRIMENT.

Monte Carlo. This brings us to Lenten doings and nowhere can one see more such "doings" than at Monte Carlo.

There are really in this world one spot prettier than another, and that is Monte Carlo. If others, it must be Monte Carlo, a place that all over the world travelers declare to have no equal as to beauty. In the first place, the location of the town is so beautiful that it is just high enough and just enough over the sea, and so sheltered from the land side by mountains as to be given a glorious climate and a panorama unsurpassed even by Naples' glorious bay. Then Monaco covers another hill and slopes down into a little ravine and up the sides of Monte Carlo, until there is no dividing line visible, both places showing lovely views, beautiful streets, innumerable terraces and villas, and perfectly indescribable gardens. Here the laden orange trees show forth in golden splendor, mandarins just as every variety, cacti, vines that fall at no height of wall, villa or terrace, all in such lovely profusion, one really feels to be in a tropical land. So perfectly kept in everything in Monte Carlo that not even a dead flower or leaf is to be found on the society grounds or on the lawns, neither in gardens, parks or on the Terrace. The perfect order and neatness of every thing never ceases to be a marvel to the visitor.

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Damaged Goods Must Go

Thompson, Belden & Co.'s FIRE SALE. All of our 50c and 65c Plain Satins were damaged, and we are going to close them Monday at 25c Per Yard. They come in both dark and light shades. Remember that this is a bargain and a great loss to us, but we deal only in clean new goods, and we are determined that all damaged goods shall go at once.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report.



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