World's fair opening exercises. Miss Ben-fey's repertoire consists of dramatizations

of the works of Victor Hugo, Charles Dickens

and George Eliot, aspwell as many of the minor and more motorn authors. She has a

good understandings of the characters which

her authors place before her, and she inter-

prets their work with a full realization of its spirit. She acts gather than recites,

knowing how to make the proper passages

cal, and passes from one person to another with an ease which holds an audience closely.

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Watt

of 2712 Franklin street pleasantly surprised

them last Tuesday evening. The event was in honor of the tenth wedding anniversary

of this estimable couple and a most enjoy

the hostess threw open the house and ar

ranged a delicious repast for her visitors.

Union Pacific yards and he has a host of

friends among the men in his employ. The donors of the surprise arranged a splendid

R. McGuire, Mr. and Mrs. James Burr, Mr. and Mrs. Abe Watt, E. L. Watt of Lincoln.

Coulter of Iroquois, Miss Oglesby, Miss Ella

Watt, Miss Jennie Coulter, John Watt,

Miss Dacy is in New York City selecting

this week with everything that is new and

IN LOCAL MUSICAL CIRCLES.

The testimonial concert to Mr. Walter Wil-

promise of being what it deserves to be, the

musicians of the west, whose reputation is

an earnest of a most careful performance

Mr. Wilkins has had the choice of the mu

them have responded cordially to the end

The program is particularly worthy, as will

Mrs. Hess-Fuchs, assisted by Mrs. H. P. Whitmore,

Juliet Gounou
Mrs. Cotton, accompanied by plano and the
Herbert Euder Quartet.
Reading-Puzzling the Guides.....Twain
Mr. Cox.

Mrs. Squires, Mrs. Ely, Messrs. Kinzle, Lumbard, Abbott and Wilkins.

Accompanists, Mrs. Hess-Fuchs and Mr. J. E. Butler.

The pupils of Mrs. H. Muentefering will

give a recital next Saturday evening at Ford & Charlton's music hall, Mrs. Muentefering

and Herr Adelmann a string. Mrs. Muen-tefering's recitals have become part of the

musical life of Omaha and her work being

teresting to watch the development of the

young players. The program, while some-what long, is made up of strong numbers

and numbers that because of their brilliance and technical difficulties become very in

teresting to the audience through their de

Duet-Soirees Musicales....Leon D'Ourville

Coquette ......Bachmanr Miss Hester Taylor.

Rondo-B Minor.....Schubert Mrs. Muentefering and Herr Adelmann.

Miss Fanny Arnold will assist Mr. Taber

at his concert this afternoon at the First

Congregational church, the program of which

PART I.

It is said that Farland, the banjo player,

who comes to Omaha April 5, and who is

just now attracting so much attention in the

musical world, has literally devoted his life

to the banjo, having practiced from two to ten, and at times twelve hours per day, since he was 13 years of age. He is not yet 30, and judging by the press reports of his per-formances, he has already accomplished more on his instrument than any one ever

thought possible, playing, as he does, the compositions of Beethoven, Mendelssohn

Chopin and other great composers on the

Grand Easter opening of pattern hats and bonnets next Thursday and Friday at Ober-felder's, 1508 Douglas. Open evenings.

DAVID B. HFEE WILL MARRY.

Reported Engagement of the Senator to

LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 10.-Kentucky

ociety is in a flutter today over the an

nouncement of the reported engagement of

Miss Lettle Scott, a well known belle, and Senator David B. Hill of New York. Miss Scott is a niece of Vice President Steven-son. The report lacks confirmation.

banjo with charming offect.

is as follows:

elopment. The program is as follows:

Mr. Cox.
The Pirate Song-From Le Prigione

.....Adam

......Vieuxtemps

that the concert may be completely success

Capriccio Brilliante-For Two Pianos.

be seen from the following:

Charles Coons and James Gardner.

Watt is the

Mr. Skirving of London,

evening was passed. Although the

general foreman

, without making them too theatri-

Alexander, William

Schultz, August C. S. Mr. Banks and Maste

Miss Ida Benfey

LITTLE PROSPECT FOR GAY AFTER-EASTER

Card Parties and "Afternoons" During the Lenten Period-Miss Millard Goes to Johns Hopkins-Short Paragraphs Concerning Society,

The "story of the week," as lived by Omaha society people, includes little beyond the record of a few small card parties, though there have been several delightful gatherings where "over the ten cups" faint shadowings of coming after Easter festivities have been discussed. One of the very pleasant entertainments during the week was that given by "Le Cercle Parisien" at Metropolitan hall. The program was varied in its nature and reflected no little credit upon the participants who have been reading French with Mme. Labure for some time

Thurston Rifles. The company paraded for inspection at the armory on Monday evening, March 5. First

call sounded at 8:10 and assembly 8:15 sharp. The men fell in promptly and were very steady during roll call. The report of first sergeant showed an attendance of 95 per The ceremony of inspection was very well

performed, the men presenting a very creditable appearance in the state service uni-forms, standing collars and white gloves After a minute examination of the arms and equipments, it was found that all but two of the pieces were in first class condition formation was twenty-eight files, double rank, the line extending completely across

At the regular meeting of the company, held at the armory on Monday evening, March 5, 1894, Captain Arthur II. Scharff in the chair and sixty-four members present company by-laws were unau adopted and the committee, consisting of the three commissioned officers, was instructed to have the same printed immediately after having been approved by the commander-in-

The recruiting committee having reported favorably on the applications of the following named recruits, viz., William E. Tyson, L. P. McGuire, Elmer J. Irey, William T. White and James Wise, they were unanimously elected "members-el-ct" of the company. A committee consisting of Quartermaster Sergeant Wallace C. Taylor and Private John Hayward escorted the newly elected members into the meeting and introduced them to the company. There are now eighty-two names on the

roll of the Thurston Rifles, and it is the determined desire of the company to increase membership to 108 men before the 1st day of June. The new uniforms for the noncommissioned officers, together with sixty new Springfield rifles, caliber 50, have been re-

ceived from the adjutant general; also sever forage caps, sizes 714-734, and an infantry bugle. The company can now make a very handsome showing, with sixty-five men fully uniformed, armed and equipped.

Quartermaster Sergeant Wallace C. Taylor

has been granted a furlough for sixty days. for the purpose of joining a party engineers engaged on a surveying trip in northern Wyoming.

A number of ladies interested in the mat

ter of securing a silk flag, to be presented to the company, held a meeting at the armory last Menday afternoon and formed an organ last Menday afternoon and formed an organ-ization with that object in view. It is ex-pected that the colors will be presented before the end of May.

Second Lieutenant J. H. Johnson has recovered from his indisposition and has re-

ported for duty. The badges composed of the company colors may now be procured upon application to Sergeant Lee Forby.

Dramatic and Musical Entertainment. A very interesting literary and musical entertainment was given at Thirty-fifth and Leavenworth street under the auspices of ast Thursday evening by Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Searl, assisted by Miss Ellis, to aid in procuring funds for the erection of a new The evening's program was as fol-

The RodingBuchanan Rei
How Ruby Played
SelectedThe Last Days of a Country School Mr. Searl.
Vocal Solo
partacusElijah Kellog
Mr. Searl.
PART II.
Spartacus (Improved)Bill Ny
The Blacksmith's StoryFrank Oliv
The Darkey's Defense
Whistling SoloErmini
Mrs. Searl.
Perhasius and the Captive
Left alone at Eighty
Green Mountain Justice Rev. Henry Reeve

Mr. Searl. Benson Notes.

Thursday evening of last week a dancing party was given at the residence of Mr Thomas Moore by some of the friends of his daughter, Miss Lottle Moore, prior to her removal from Benson. Miss Moore will be missed in society, as she has won many friends since she came here, who sinwish her success in her new home. recent dinner given at the town hall for the benefit of the church, under the able

social and financial success. The Benson Literary society held its regular meeting at the town hall on Tuesday evening, when an interesting program was Judge W. P. Coe has been confined to his

management of Mrs. William Edge, was

home with illness for the past two weeks. His many friends hope to see him out again soon fully restored to health. The Ladies Ald society held its last regu-lar meeting at the residence of Mr. and Mrs.

Mulford on Thursday afternoon.

Invitation cards are out for a "social hop" to be given at the town hall on Friday evening. March 16, for the benefit of the "Hall" fund.

Honoring Her Cousin. One of the pleasantest events that has occurred to break the monotony of the Lenten season was the tea party given by Mrs. E. B. Cole Thursday in honor of her cousin, Miss Alice Pendergast, of Rockford, Ill., which was followed in the evening by a progressive high five party, twelve highly contested games being played. Dainty re-freshments were served at 11 o'clock. Miss

Margaret Perkins and Miss Stella St. Felix contributed to the charm of the evening by contributed to the charm of the evening by rendering several choice selections on the piano. The head prizes were awarded to Miss Stella St. Felix and Mr. S. N. Meallo. The booby prizes were captured by Mrs. J. A. Hannan and Mr. Frank Buffett. The invited guests were Misses A. Pendergast, E. Stricker, M. Perkins, S. St. Felix, K. Ogburn and K. Lawless, Messrs. J. Barker, F. Buffett, W. Underwood, F. Burkley, R. Lawless, W. A. Meallo, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hannan and Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Mealio.

Married Twenty Years. The ladies of the Octagon High Five club entertained Mrs. John Butler at the home of Mrs. J. M. Dennis, 1729 South Tenth street, on Monday afternoon in honor of her twentieth wedding anniversary. High five was indulged in until 4 o'clock, when an elegan lunch was served. Mrs. Butler received many handsome presents, among which was many handsome presents, among which was a china dinner and tea set, also a beautiful fruit set given by the club. Those present were: Mrs. John Butler, Mrs. J. M. Johnson, Mrs. Edward Birch, Mrs. Charles Kauffman, Mrs. J. C. Kimball, Mrs. Lloyd, Mrs. Sidney Morse, Mrs. J. N. Dennis and Miss Gertrude McEathron.

Dubutantes Cooking Club Ten of Omaha's fair maidens have formed themselves into a cooking club, at which there are some glorious times had, judging from the rose-colored reports of these cooking afternoons. Last week the meeting

place was at the residence of Miss Sue Colplace was at the residence of all a sector-petzer on Twenty-fifth avenue. Each mem-ber had charge of one course, and it is to be surmised that each course, combined with its owner's white apron and French up, was a dream of the culinary art.
The following young ladies comprise the membership of the organization; Misses Mae Burns, Helen Smith, Clara Paimer, Flura Webster, Mary Dandy, Margaret Brown, Hattle Cady, Mary Nash and Jentie Yates.

Banqueted a Fellow Townsman. A banquet was given Thursday night in Knights of Pythins hall, South Omaha, in henor of Mr. Z. Cublington, which not only reflected great credit upon that gentleman, but upon the committee of friends who ar-

ranged the details of the occasion.

Shortly before 9 o'clock the guests were ushered into the banquet hall and when all around. Prior to the banquet a reciption was ton was assisted in receiving by Miss Zufelt of Sheboygan, Wis., a sister of Mrs. L. C. Gibson, who is visiting in South Omaha Mrs. D. L. Holmes, Mrs. C. G. Jaycox, Mrs. L. C. Gibson and Mrs. Eli H. Doud. The estumes of the ladies were very pretty and every person in the building seemed to

be in his joillest mood. Mr. Burnett, the caterer, furnished the banquet. It was complete in every detail and the courses were served by experienced waiters with promptness and care. Follow-

ing was the menu:
Blue Points on Half Shell,
Grand Vin de Bordeaux.
Celery, Olives, Bouillion in Cups. Cold, Bouillion in Cups. Cold, Peeled Potatoes, Smelts, Tomato Sauce, Peeled Por Loin of Beef, Brown Gravy, Potatoes Hollandaise.

Reisling, Lobster Salad, Assorted Cakes, Fruit, Bent Crac Neufchatel Cheese, Coffee, Bent Crackers,

As soon as the last course was served Mr. Ell H. Doud, the toastmaster of the evening, arose and in a few happy remarks started down the list of toasts. All were responded to in a witty, eloquent manner, and for two hours the company was well entertained in this manner. The responses were as fol-

The Bachelor — "God made him, therefore et him pass as a man," Mr. Z. Cuddington. The Ladies—"The hand that rocks the cradle s the hand that rules the world," Mr. J. B. Watkins, South Omaha—"Will the stock yards smell tonight, mamma," Mr. James P. Hayes.

Mr. Samuel Gosney was here called upor make a presentation speech to Mr. Cudlington, the honored guest of the evening He did so in a well worded speech and brought down the house when he presented Zack with a pair of baby moccasins. Cuddington is going into a country going into a country well filled up with Indians, and some of his gen tlemen friends thought they would start him off with some appropriate paraphernalia.

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Married Men.—There is rest beyond the
river," L. C. Gibson,
Polities—'Alas, it was a touching sight,"
Thomas Hoctor,
Widows—'Bevare of vidders, Samival,"
Samuel P. Brigham.
The Press—'In Vino Veritas," J. M. Tanner. The hall was tastily decorated with smilax

and the tables were set in the form of a letter C. The committee on arrangements was composed of Messrs. F. A. Broadwell, Eli H. Doud, L. C. Gibson, Samuel P. Brigham, W. R. Sage and C. G. Jaycox. Mr. Cuddington will leave in a few day or Oklahoma, where he expects to make his After listening to the

future home. After listening to the tes-timonials of his good fellowship and the high regard in which he is held in this comnunity the gentleman cannot help but to have within his heart a very warn spot for the citizens of South Omaha.

Munshaw, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Carpenter, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Broadwell, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Cheek, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Montgomery Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hoctor, Mr. and Mrs E. H. Doud, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Stearns, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Weppner, Mr. and Mrs. Burnett, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Jaycox, Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Hogle, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Sage, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Tanner, Mr. and Mrs. J. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Moriarity, Omaha; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gosney, Mr. and Mrs. John Flynn, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Watts, Mr. and Mrs. George Dare, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Watkins, Mr. and Mrs. N. V. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Parks, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Tuttle, Omaha; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bulla, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Eagan, Mrs. J. W. Tanner, Fullerton; Miss Lu Hunt, Miss Anna D. Wells, Miss Ayers, Miss Nellie Grice, Miss Austa Clark, Miss Zufelt, Sheboygan, Wis.; Miss Guthrie, Grand Island; Miss Alice Butterfield, Miss Fanny Sage; Messrs. E. O. Mayfield, Thomas Flynn, Walter Wiley, B. E. Wilcox, James Hayes, Z. Cuddington, J. W. Sipe, S. P. Brigham,

W. H. Kyne, W. Reed Dunroy, J. H. Eggers. Their Third Anniversary. The third anniversary of their wedded life was observed by a pleasant party given to their friends by Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Bancroft last Monday evening. The happy couple received a large number of presents and the evening was spent with music, cards, etc. Prof. Roe, O. E. McClure and Mrs. Charles Zimmerman furnished excellent vocal and instrumental music. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. H. Jackson, Dr. and Mrs. H. R. Weber, Mr. and Mrs. F. Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Wolff, Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Mc-Cune, Mr. and Mrs. B. Ray, Mr. and Mrs A. Toozer, Mr. and Mrs. W. Ostrander, Mr and Mrs. Charles Zimmerman, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Meyer, Mr. and Mrs. North, Mrs. Charles Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Dillon, Miss Alice Bancroft, Miss North, Mrs. Brown, Mr. John Conradt, Mr. John Stock-ham and Prof. Roe. A delicious supper was

Farewell to Miss Anna Millard.

Mrs. Joseph Garneau entertained Friday afternoon for Miss Anna Millard, who left Omaha yesterday to take a two years course of nursing at Johns Hopkins uni-It is with great regret that her many friends see her go, and especially in charitable circles will her absonce be noticed, for she has always been an indefatigable worker among the "wounded and Among those present at Mrs. Garneau's charmingly informal tea were: Misses Kountze, McKenna, Burns, Wakeley, Chand-

ler, Mrs. Yates, Mrs. Peck, Messrs, and Mesdames John Ringwalt, Robert Ringwalt, Hull, Arthur Smith, Robert Carr, Messrs. Earl Gannett, Netherton Hall, Wilson, Pierre Garneau and Harry Lyman. Played High Five. Mr. and Mrs. Harry G. Counsman entertained a number of their friends Friday evening, high five and dancing being in-

dulged in until a late hour, when dainty re-freshments were served. The prizes were won by Mrs. W. Latey, Mrs. McKenna, Mr. H. Haskell and Mr. G. Bassett. Among those participating were: Mr. and Mrs. Bassett. Mr. and Mrs. Haskell, Mr. and Mrs. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Barnum, Mr. and Mrs. Badwan, Mr. and Mrs. Barnum, Mr. and Mrs. Redman, Mr. and Mrs. W. Latey, Mr. Mrs. Charles, Mr. and Mrs. Percival, and Mrs. McKenna, Mr. and Mrs. Balley Mrs. Angle, Mr. Kenniston, Mr. and Mrs. J Counsman, Mr. and Mrs. McLean, Mr Eugene Charles, Ross Bailey and Miss

Doings in Lent. Guy Doane left for Chicago yesterday. Mr. W. W. Donnelly has returned from

Miss Weir returned Tuesday from a short visit to Beatrice, Neb. Governor Lorenzo Crounse left for Chicago ast evening to be absent three or four days. Mrs. D. H. Goodrich will entertain the Son Ami club at her residence next Mon-

day evening Mrs. E. C. McSnane, accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. John A. Sargent, left for Kansas City last evening.

Miss Alice Virginia Block of Aberdeen Place, Mo., will be the guest of the Misses Weir, 523 South Twenty-ninth street, unti after Easter.

Mr Joyce has returned from the east and may hereafter be found at the new millinery store, 1624 Douglas street, corner of Seven-Mr. Samuel Brown and Mrs. Brown will leave for Europe May 19, by the steamer Campania, to make their permanent resi-

dence in Dresden. Miss May Smith entertained a few friends at cards last Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Drexel on Park Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Drexel, Mrs. Fisher, Miss Bard, Miss

Hale of San Diego, Cat., Miss Moore, Miss Stuart, Miss Manchester and Miss Thomas, Mr. Dewar, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Sykes and Mr. Mr. Ed Peck, who has been spending much of his time in Milwaukee and Chicago the

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

Mr. and Mrs. Wood Allen, Miss Eva Harson, Miss Anna Bowman and Mrs. Evans Council Bluffs left yesterday on an ex-

tended California trip. Mrs. L. Pennington, who has been visiting at the home of Theodore Starks for the past weeks, will return to her home at Cody,

Neb., Tuesday morning. Misa Berta Bache left for Denver on Thursday afternoon, where she will visit her stater, Mrs. McMann. 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 house last ek, and has reported 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, Refreshments were served, and the guests

were entertained in a charming manner by these popular young people. Friends of Mrs. Dalton Risley will be pained to learn of the death of her brother, Henry Burbridge, at St. Louis. While re-turning from a hunting expedition he was in the act of picking up his gun when it was

discharged, killing him instantly. The Kountze Place Current News club held a pleasant meeting at the home of E. V. Lewis on last Monday evening. A well arranged musical and literary program was carried out, in which Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Crissey, Mrs. Christie, Mrs. Lowe, Mr. and Mrs. Benedict and Dr. Christle took part. Mrs. Lowe sang "Oh, Fair Dove" by request and was given a round of applause for excellent effort.

Miss Thomas informally received a few friends Monday evening, assisted by her guest, Miss Hale of San Diego. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Robidoux, Miss Clayton, Miss Nannie ton, Miss Burns, Miss Lancaster, Miss Ger trude Laneaster and Miss Manchester, Mr Clayton, Mr. Bunnell, Mr. DeBorde, Mr Hunter, Mr. Morton, Mr. Sutton, Mr. Thomas and Mr. Van Aernam.

Miss Jessie Ferguson gave a delightful sur prise party to Miss Gosney at her South Omaha residence on Saturday evening of last week, on the occasion of her birthday. Mrs. Pierson of California entertained the guests by giving a vivid description of the Midwinter fair. High five was then indulged in, preceded by an excellent supper served by Miss Maggie Murpry, Miss Ferguson and Miss Coro Goodman, after which dancing was indulged in until a very late hour. Miss Hannah Gruenig gave a delightful

party for her young friends at the residence of her parents, Twenty-fourth and Ames avenue. Thursday evening, on the occasion of her 18th birthday. Those invited were Misses Carson, Leader, Belle Leader, Mc Kenna, Armstrong, Gruenig, Hannah Gruenig, Martin, Lora Martin, Hoxhold; Messrs. Clarence Higgins, Dave McKenzie, Charles McKenzie, Guy McKenzie, Gus Leader, Charles Leader, John McNair, Leslie Coffman, George Gruenig, Fred Martin, Carl Turnberg, John Heinrich, Charles Gruenig. Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Fruehauf celebrated their silver wedding last Sunday, many friends calling during the evening to congratulate them. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. J. Baumer, Mr. and Mrs. C. Schneffer, Mr. and Mrs. E. Schmeiser, Mr. and Mrs. M. Tibke, Mr. and Mrs. O. Oleson Mr. and Mrs. F. Kuehn, Mr. and Mrs. J. Tebbins, Mr. and Mrs. H. Schultz, Mr. and Mrs. D. Riepen, Mr. and Mrs. A. Specht, Mr. and Mrs. E. Hoag, Mr. and Mrs. H. Ritter, Mrs. H. Beckman, Mrs. J. Reichard Mrs. H. Reichard, Mrs. J. Nagl, Mrs. J.

Jobst, Miss Selma Epeneter. A very enjoyable party was given Wednesday night at Mrs. Reed's in honor of her sister, Mrs. Weatherhead, and niece, Miss Calvin, of Lincoln. Cards and d were indulged in until a late hour. Cards and dancing freshments were served at 11. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Stein Stuart Gascoigne, Cahill, Knox, Mrs. Weatherhead Williford, Varner, Rowan and Elgar; Misses Detrich, Ford, Sweeney, Stuart, Calvin, Rowan, Brown and the Misses Reed; Messrs. Cooper, Best, Bishop, Smith, Quinn, Parker, Breman, Bretton, Bently, Smith, Beachler,

Mrs. Samuel Rees, accompanied by her brother, Judge D. D. McKern of New York, and Mrs. Otto Pelz of Brooklyn returned from California Friday afternoon, Judge Me Kern and Mrs. Pelz will remain in Omaha a few days. Friday evening they were greeted by quite a surprise at the residence of Mr. Rees in an entertainment gotten up for their benefit by Misses Henrietta Rees and Blanche Pelz and Master Samuel Rees. The program contained several recitations, vocal and instrumental music. Master Samuel Rees welcomed the party in a bright little verse commemorative of the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Davis entertained a number of friends in honor of Joe R. Kent Friday evening at their cozy home on South Eleventh street. Cards and music were indulged in and a pleasant evening was were indulged in and a pleasant evening was spent by all who were present. The invited guests were: The Misses Belle McPhail, Ruby Forbes, Dora Fisher, Beeda Nelson, Susie Curtis, Francis Moody, Maud Miller, Maggie Boyer, Emina Kent, Bernice Jackson, Mrs. Fisher; Messrs. William Koopman, Fred Smith, Clifford Forbes, Frsnk Freman, Frank Mathews, Philip Nestor, Ed Lowry, Harland Page and Joe R. Kent. 

Miss Myrtle Coon entertained a few friends at high five last Tuesday evening at her home on Harney street. The prizes were a bunch of red roses and a pearl paper cutter. After the refreshments Mr. Thomas and Mr. McCune sang a few selections, and later the party indulged in a little dancing. Those present were: Miss G. Rich, Miss N. Rich, Miss Weaver, Miss Ahern of Chicago Miss Hamilton, Miss Bauman, Miss G. Bauman, Miss Leavitt, Miss Haskill and Miss Norris; Mr. Knouse, Dr. Bradbury, Mr. Younger, Mr. Beach, Mr. Miller, Mr. Hastings, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. McCune, Dr. Good-manson, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Palmatier, Mr. Bauman.

The marriage of Miss Minnah Hawke to Mr. Charles F. Scovil on Tuesday at high noon was somewhat of a surprise to her many friends, for it had been announced that the wedding was to occur in April. The ceremony took place in the Trinity Methodist Episcopal church in Kountze Place, Rev. W. K. Beans officiating. Only the relatives of the contracting parties were present, and after a wedding breakfast at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. W. S. Rector, 2117 Wirt street, the bride and groom left for the east. Miss Hawke is particularly well known in Ne braska City, where she lived for many years Mr. Scovil is a well known business man of Chicago and is connected with the Boston Rubber company. After visiting the groom's family in Circleville, O., Mr. and Mrs. Scovil will be at home from April 1, at the Hyde Park hotel, Chicago.

Thursday evening Mr. and Mrs. Gellen-beck entertained at high five at their residence, 1810 California. The first gentle man's prize was an elegant smoker's set won by Charles Burwell. The lady's prize, an oxydized manicure set, was won by Miss Minnie Whiteside. Miss Percival and H. E. Tagger captured the booby prizes. The following were present: Mr. and Mrs. Billings, Mr. and Mrs. Tagger, J. Stewart, Charles Burwell, William Barnum, E. Fitzpatrick, Mr. and Mrs. Miller, Miss Percival, Mrs. Barnes, Miss Joe Barnes, Mrs. Cott, Miss Minnie Whiteside, Miss Aggie Whiteside, Miss Ida Kane, Miss Nora Hanavan Charles Scott, J. Culley, Mr. Percival, Mr Kohee, Mr. Stryker, Gus Whiteside and Mr. Miller. The guests sat down to elegant refreshments, after which a choice musical program was rendered.

Mr. and Mrs. Hans Schultz of 2208 Vinton street gave a party Saturday evening, March 3, in honor of the 18th birthday of their son 3, in honor of the 18th birthday of their son August. Dancing and cards furnished the amusement of the evening, coupled with vocal and instrumental music by Mr. D. E. Kean, E. A. Pollard, W. S. Shoemaker, A. M. Gallagher and H. T. Schultz. At 11 o'clock delicious refreshments were served. Miss Anna Sshultz and Miss Shepard assisted Mrs. Schuttz in receiving and looking after the comfort of the guests. The following the comfort of the guests. The following were present: Misses Anna Shepard, Anna Schultz, Anna Larson, Anna Daniels, Alma Hutsfield, Lena Hutsfield and Emma Stailltenburg; Mr. and Mrs. John Myers, City Prosecutor W. S. Shoemaker, A. M. Gallagher, E. A. Pollard, I. Fox, D. E. Kean, James J. O'Rourke, Emil Augestine, Jack Carney, James Jenson, Theodore Thompson, Herman T. Schultz, Peter Gardner, John Carstersen, John J. THE CARNIVAL AT

monologue feader, who is soon to read before an Omaha nudi-ence, was a pupil of the late Steele MacKaye, and of Dion Boucceaul, and in her imper-sonations ranks with Lecke Richardson, the Shakesperian readers and with Mrs. Le Moyne, who read the columbian ode at the Two Weeks of Frelic and Fun Amid Tropical Surroundings.

GAYEST SPOT IN EUROPE

The Sunny Slopes of Flower-Decked Cannes, the Terrace at Monte Carlo and the Lair of the Continental Tiger.

NICE, Feb. 27 .- (Special Correspondence of The Bee.)-For more than three weeks we have enjoyed the gayety of the sunniest spot in all Europe, namely, Nice, Cannes, Monaco and Monte Carlo. To these centers from the cold months elsewhere have come many of the richest, the highest, the handcouple were taken unawares by their friends somest, the bravest and I suppose some of the best of the world, scarcely any country being without a representative on the gay and incomparable Promenade des Anglais, at the great terrace of Monte Carlo, or somewhere up and down the sunny slopes of musical program, in which parts were taken by Mr. Skirving of London, Can., and Miss flower-decked Cannes. Here in this Mediterranean paradise we have danced on the Winnie Coulter of Iroquois, Can. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Mellish, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Walker, Mr. and Mrs. white deck of the handsome American manof-war Chicago as she rested in the quiet bay off Villefranche, floating the stars and stripes over the blue waters, wherein the vessel's officers have all received so many handsome courtesies, which have all been returned in as graceful a manner; watched these same gay officers, than whom there are none braver or more gallant than the big-Easter millinery for her new store, 315 South Fifteenth street. She will return Chicago carries, as they resisted the charms or flattered the hundreds of handsome women who have constituted no small part in mak ing their stay here so pleasant; attended balls, carnival fetes, such as flower battles and illuminations, operas, the races, not even omitting the world famous selle de kins next Thursday evening at Boyd's gives ieu, where gold and silver clink a merry game over the green cloth day in and day brightest success of the local musical sea-Everything has contributed to speed son. The program has not only the merit time in this little world, where nearly of being rich in strong numbers, but the all come for pleasure and amusement and artists appearing are among the leading where few are disappointed, until the hour has come to say goodby to lovely place, charming society, the brilliant sunshine and the warm sea, flowers and fruits and all, sicians of Omaha for his benefit, and all of

and while its memories are fresh to tell some of its most notable incidents to Bee readers. THE CARNIVAL. The last half of the carnival season tended to redeem the failure of the first part. All in all it has been a strange, mad scene when the battles of confetti took place. Probably nowhere else in all the world do like scenes take place. Nice during carnival is really like a thousand bedlams in tumult and roar, yet it is hardly a riot of lisorder. The thousands of masked persons know very well just how far they dare extend their frolics. While there is not nuch novelty as to character, yet no doubt the Nice carnival is more popular and better attended than anywhere else. It does seem strange, on reflection, what fascination these old Bacchanalian revels have for the They were really the amusements people. of the Egyptians more than 4,000 years ago, and after them of the Romans, Greeks and Phoenicians, in whose countries they are either already dead or entirely dying while here in this secluded corner of France is today being held the gay and old pastimes, where Tuscans, Venetians and even Romans see how were carried wild sports and revels of the their forefathers. Here in Nice is found the real home of King Carnival. The season of the short-lived king is, indeed, brief, but merry to the last moment, followed by months of inanimation, until he shall rise

Phoenix-like next year from his ashes to again rule over his joyous devotees. Thus, if you would see the French at their merriest, for just as they are the most in-dustrious people in the world, so do they, nore than any other, know the full meaning of the little word fun, go to Nice during the reign of King Carnival, don domino and mask and saunter forth, leaving your prudishness aside. From 8 o'clock until midnight may go up and down the streets in the midst of thousands, visit restaurants, cafes, any place where the crowd enters, and find nowhere an accident or unkind word, nor insult, but only the gayest freedom, sharpest sallies of wit, not an angry person, but every one jolly and good tempered. All about are bright illuminations and showers of confetti pright illuminations and showers of contetti, paper streamers, gay dancers on the level streets, formed as a party may come together, and above all the din of music or roar of laughter or hum of human voices. In the evening frolics in the streets and squares; the confetti used in the night battles is the little bits of saper in every color, which is the confetti used in the night battles is the little bits of paper in every color, which is thrown by every one over his neighbor, while in the day battles of confetti the stuff is a small pea of powder, which when thrown breaks over one, leaving one white, the streets appearing as if a mild snow storm had passed over the place. Then, too, the contract balls are just as gay. Wild and carnival balls are just as gay. Wild and merry sayings and doings from commence-ment to finish interspersed with the dancing

program, which is invariably carried out to the letter. A RIOT OF MERRIMENT. The English and Americans are not one whit too good by any means for such fun, but altogether too "nice." There can be no possible harm in such an evening's amusement. For four evenings we "took in" the sights in this fashion. Cafes, where could be served hundreds at a time where could be served hundreds at a time with any drink that might be called for; places where men and women came freely together, drank, laughed, chatted and smoked, and in all not one intoxicated per-son was found, nor any indecent language heard. This would be an impossibility among "temperate" English or Americans, with all their seriousness, dignity and decorum. But, then, it's every country for liself, as to such amusement, etc. But one accident occurred, and that at a place crossed by hundreds and hundreds of cabs.

amidst thousands of persons. Anyhow, we amidst thousands of persons. Anyhow, we are convinced that a little season of such fun cannot be hurtful to any one.

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 was last hight 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 there burnt amidst the wildest enjoyment. The illumi-nations and street decorations, and those of the palace and grounds were very fine and the palace and grounds were very fine and the fun was enjoyed for some time, after which the season closed by the Veglione or all night masked ball at the great and immense opera house, where 6 o'clock saw the finish of the last dance.

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

This brings us to Lenten doings and no-where can one see more such "doings" than at Monte Carlo. If there really is in this world one spot prettier than another, or prettier than all thers, 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 tiny principality is ideal. It is just high enough and just enough over

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the sea, and so sheltered from the land | bankruptcy upon them, from the numbers of 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 little ravine and nides of Monte Carlo, until there is no divid-ing line visible, both places showing lovely vilas, beautiful streets, innumerable terraces and viaducts, and perfectly indescribable gardens. Here the laden grange trees show forth in golden splender, mandarines just as rich in color and as plenty, their richness toned down some by the cool lemon in paler hue, and along with the golden fruits come roses in profusion, primroses, Roman hya-cincths, carnations and lilies, geraniums like hedges and thousands of others of Flora's gifts, until from the great palms of every variety, cacti, vines that falter at height of wall, villa or terrace, in a tropical land. So perfectly kept is everything in Monte Carlo that not even dead flower or leaf is to be found on the relyety swards or by shrub, neither in gardens, parks or on the Terrace. The perfect order and niceness of every thing never

eases to be a marvel to the visitor.

Now to see the world at Monte Carlo, the gamblers' paradise it is true enough, don't be in a hurry. Now that you are here make a careful toilet, for here every one appears in his or her best, and go leisurely forth. Nowhere in all the world will you ever find Nowhere in all the world will you ever into a greater collection from every calling known to mankind for study than here. There are really crowds of notables and all well dressed. Then there is that proud set of villa holders with their air. of proprietorship who take up much of the terrace and fill most of the seats around the fountain in the morning, as if the place was their personal property. But, never mind hese people. Let us watch the palpitating crowd as it hurries up from the early trains from all surrounding places and rush for their chairs round the tables in salle de jeu. That crowd at the train really did not show the politeness towards each other that you could find any evening in Chicago when the 6 o'clock trains begin to fill with the hurryeveryday working people. It is then a wild rush, but one much milder and more polite than this mad crowd of elegant, rich, and many noted people, bound for Monte THE TIGER'S LAIR. But we must leave all the outside interest

and fascinating beauty of surroundings, the unrivalled gardens, etc., and enter this wonderful building-the Casino-with its splendid saloons and wondrously splendid theater. We cannot stay for a concert or an opera at which will perform some of the best of the world's artists, but spend our time among that elegantly dressed throng at the tables or promenading through the gorgeous saloons. There is no noise or loud talk, only the low hum of voices, with all interest on the games or in studying the system each one seems to have figured out on small white card he carries in hand. Some one declares there is nothing in systems, nothing at all, yet he has a little plan of what they call "progression. But we find nearly every one plays by system, and that the ones who do not are sim ply not considered in it. This led us to try not a plan of progression, but of division Having desired to see what the little wheel of the roulette table would do with No. 28, we watched three games, showing 3, 6, 11, the respective winners, when we felt 28 to be two times too high at least, divided it exactly, played on 14, won, played again on same number and won, leaving that little experience 1,400 francs ahead after twenty ninutes of study and no system. To invent combinations, mostly devoid of mathematical ccuracy, is really considered to show intelect. This we did not know until a keen observer and an old player at the tables told us. He declared that a few years ago a system player was derided, while now he felt it certainly better to treat the stock amusement of the place as a game of skill rather than hazard. Just then in walked a new comer, who played on No. 11, winning. He played again, and even the third time the same number turned up again a winner, when the gentleman pocketed his 1,040 francs "What do you call that, skill or luck?" we asked.

'That's just what I wanted to ask," said he. And going on, without any digression, said: "That is the very thing to do. My belief is that the pubdo. My belief is that the pub-lic which now gathers more numerously round the tables is not really so rash and reckless, not so hopelessly fascinated as in former years. The public really understands better when to leave off and it is to this very reason many trace the cause of th administration's dividends being so low, for the last quotation. This seems hard on the administration of the Casino, but is not likely to soon bring

almost daily victims. Here were seen royalties and many per-sons of title, among others, the popular Count Zichy, who has just won the grand prix at the piscon shooting tournament, who promised Count Esterharzy that the great prize he would not place a stake Thus another bis will not find its way back to the Casino

The royalties constantly strolling over the world-famed terrace, with its view of sea and sky and shore, so beautiful as to be without a rival, were too numerous to mention. But one couple, especially fine apwere the grand duke and duchess of Leuchtenberg, the grand duke being a great grandson of the beautiful Empress Josephine. Another was the royal oculist, Duke Charles Theodore of Bavaria, and a handsome Portuguese prince. while another, and one familiar to Americans, was Mrs. Langtry, elegantly dressed, whom we saw elegantly dressed, whom we saw a few moments before seated at the table trente quarante, with a pile of gold gleaming under her jeweled hands, while she played on as calmly as if not most observed of all present.

But a few hours of this is enough. During visit to Monaco we found several shops where are sold fewels at very low prices— prices that are really startling. Asked the reason we were told what common sense might have before told. They are the beautiful trinkets sold by visitors here who desire more money for play. They must sell their jewelry outright, as at Monte Carlo you can only play what money you have in your pockets. There is no lending by the bank on curities-nothing of that sort. Every one is free to play or not, as he likes, but no can go a cent beyond what he has in hand. It is remarkable, though, to watch the interest of all. The many tables are surrounded by five and six deep, and this day in and out. It would seem that interest would sometime lag, but it does not. After learning and sec-ing as much as time would possibly allow, we leave the sunny slopes and gay life and move northward, reluctantly enough, even though our destination is Paris. There for some weeks we shall no doubt find much amusement, as we know there awaits us untold interest in the great city that is really the center to which nearly all go, whether to paint, to study, to sing, to act, to write, to shop or whatever may be one's mission abroad. There is in Paris room for all, it would seem, by the readiness with which she absorbs the thousands who come to her yearly. From there we trust to have some thing of interest to write.

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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 indite this open letter after a week devoted to the inspection of ready made costumes in this market, comprising the very latest productions of noted Parisian modistes and their Americanized reproductions; I can truthfully state that the suit business as now conducted is a revelation heretofore undreamed of, and not

Here in New York a lady needing a street house gown has only to step into a specialty suit house and in thirty minutes the garment completed, and orders it sent home with a feeling of satisfaction unknown to the lady who gives an order for a gown to a dressmaker to be completed three four weeks later.
Why should the ladies of Omaha submit to

the annoyance of a month's delay, after a half dozen tedious fittings, only at 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 it was to be, and which never can be wort

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 purchaser. 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.

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