GETTING READY FOR MAYING

Society Breaks Through Its Shell to Enjoy Itself Mildly.

SMALL FUNCTIONS ILLUMINATING THE WEEK

Miss Kountze Entertains for Her Guests at Forest Hill—Pleasant Card Party at Hillside—Doings of the Swells.

Society unbent a little last week, the festival of grand opera, and the presence in Omaha of a number of well known society people from the east and west, being largely accountable for the increased activity among the swells.

Saunders and Day.

There was a quiet and pleasant home wedding at 2913 Mason street Wednesday at high noon, Isabella, the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Day, being married to Mr. William H. Saunders of Skidmore, Mo. The house was darkened and artificial light gave a seclusion befitting such a family event. Rev. W. P. Murray of the Hanscom Park Methodist Episcopal church officiated. The bride entered the parlor on the arm of the bridegroom, preceded by the clergyman, while soft strains of music, rendered by an old schoolmate, gave an effectiveness to the occasion that was very delightful.

The bridal costume was of becoming white, with a corsage bouquet of beautiful white white roses. After congratulations by the family and guests a delicious luncheon was served. The bride has been one of the useful young women of the city for several years past, and is possessed of much modest worth, and has held positions of considerable responsibility and importance. She will find her ideal home on the handsome farm of her husband in Nodaway county, Missouri.

Aside from the members of the family but few guests were present, among them being: Mr. and Mrs. C. Leighty of Malvern and Mr. George Ross of Shenandoah, Ia.; Mrs. W. P. Murray, Mrs. A. P. Dike, Mrs. Grocox, Dr. and Mrs. Impey, Misses Helen Powell, Estelle VanHorn and Josie Parsons; Messrs. George N. Lamb, Frank E. Day and C. B. Bostwick of Omaha.

The bridal party left for the south by an afternoon train, accompanied by their Iowa friends.

Ninety-Four's Cobweb Party.

The High school building was illuminated last Friday evening, the occasion being the second of the series of class socials given by the class of '94. Ninety-four is an original class in every respect, and they decided to break the monotony of having a short play and perhaps a dance, so gave a cobweb party, which was a grand success in every particular, great credit being due to the committee which had charge of the affair. Previous to the unraveling of the cobwebs the class and its guests assembled in the lecture hall, where the young gentlemen of the class gave an interesting performance of mesmerism. Mr. Will Battin made an ideal professor in this art and his remarks on the theory of mesmerism were listened to with great interest. He began in the usual way by attracting his patients to him and in a short time had succeeded in getting the majority of them under his control, much to the amusement of the audience. After half an hour of this fun the people descended to the first floor, the young ladies going to the east wall and the young gentlemen to the west, and began to unwind the cobweb, which extended over the entire building.

Considerable amusement was had from this novel idea, after which delicious refreshments were served. After lunch the class quartet, which is composed of Messrs. Teal, Battin, Davenport and Pratt, delighted the assembly with a number of well rendered selections.

Dancing was indulged in for a short while and then the party left the halls to darkness.

U. K. of A. Is Entertained.

At the home of her parents Miss Nellie Wright entertained the United Knights of America at a card party. There were two prizes given, Miss Minnie Millan winning the ladies' prize and Mr. Ratekin carrying off the gentlemen's prize. At 10:30 light refreshments were served, after which the guests enjoyed a short but interesting program.

Among those present were: Misses Willis, Severs, Crampton, Buchanan, Marnell, Sullivan, Burstall, Stockman, Millan, Hansen, Wright, and Mrs. Crane and Wright; Messrs. Ratekin, Freeman, Marnell, Corbett, Butler, Wagner, Crane, Buchanan, Coleman, Potter, Alexander, Furay, Smith, Cross, Van Horn, Stokes, Parmer and Hansen. Some very pretty costumes were worn. Miss Wright, the hostess, looked very sweet in a gown of blue cloth and velvet; Miss Crampton was dressed in black; Miss Severs, a charming blonde, was attired in brown silk; Miss Millan was arrayed in black crape and point lace; Miss Willis wore cashmere; Miss Stockman, a sweet little blonde, was arrayed in a gown of black silk with light blue trimming; Mrs. Crane was dressed in lavender silk and lace; Mrs. Wright, the hostess, was dressed in rich black silk. The house was profusely decorated with flowers.

Entertained by His Honor.

Mayor Bemis two weeks ago engaged boxes for the opera season at Boyd's last week and sent invitations to the mayors of the principal cities and editors of all the daily papers in the state to be his guests for one night. Mayor and Mrs. Cleaver of Council Bluffs, Mayor McLeod of Schuyler, General and Mrs. Test of the Council Bluffs Nonpareil and Mr. M. D. Polk of the Plattsmouth News occupied the boxes with Mayor Bemis on Monday evening. Tuesday night there were Mayor and Mrs. Kloke, West Point; Mayor H. H. Bartling, Nebraska City; J. H. Tyndale, Lincoln News. Wednesday night: Mayor and Mrs. W. H. Newell, Plattsmouth; Mayor C. E. Holland, Seward; Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Brown, Nebraska City Press. Thursday night: Mayor and Mrs. E. A. Stewart, Blair; Mayor Johnston, South Omaha; W. M. Smith, Lincoln Courier; M. A. Brown, Kearney Hub. Friday night: Mayor and Mrs. M. E. Schultz, Beatrice. Saturday night: Mayor and Mrs. M. M. Geddes, Grand Island; Mr. and Mrs. C. P. R. Williams, Grand Island Times; Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Huse, Norfolk News.

A Pretty Entertainment.

Thursday afternoon Mrs. R. F. Fagan, North Twenty-first avenue, gave a delightful and novel entertainment for her sister, Mrs. Lowton, who is visiting her from Cedar Rapids, Ia. Her home was artistically decorated in Japanese designs and curios. A program was given consisting of music by Miss Mason and Miss Doris. Mrs. Lowton, who is one of the leading literary ladies of Cedar Rapids, read a fine paper on Papan, illustrating and explaining it by pictures and curios direct from Japan. Mrs. Andrews gave a reading in her usual charming style. Miss Mable Mason and Miss Millie Doris, dressed in Japanese costumes, served the refreshments, which were dainty and suggestive of the Orient.

Those present were: Mesdames Wright, Thompson, Tribble, Ribble, Wearing, Carpenter, Templeton, Perfect, Neeley, Stoddard, Coryell, Weeks, Stimmel, Summers, Utt, Edwards, Twamley, Zimmer, Hedendahl, Boyd, Davis, Holmes, Searl, Richardson, Russel, Bryant, Johannes, Ramey, Barrett, English, Perkins, Wagoner, Andrews, Misses Mason and Doris.

The Thurston Rifles.

Monday evening, April 23, the company paraded for platoon drill, which was held on North Eighteenth street, between Farnam and Dodge streets. Formation, thirty-two files double rank. First Lieutenant William J. Foye and Second Lieutenant J. H. Johnson put their platoons through the various maneuvers in first-class style. The drill was concluded by instruction in the bayonet exercise. Upon executing the command "front take distance" the company occupied almost the entire square in front of the city hall. At the special meeting of the company after drill Recruits Winkleman, Voekhart and Teeter were elected members of the Thurston rifles.

The applications of Messrs. Hockenburg, Hohl, Shaw, Schons and Madsen are pasted on the company bulletin.

Second Lieutenant J. H. Johnson went to Chicago last Wednesday on personal business, returning the end of the week.

The flag presentation will occur about the third week in May, and promises to be a very interesting ceremony. Acceptances have been received from the Omaha guards and the Dodge Light guards signifying their intention of participating in the exercises. General J. C. Cowin has been requested to make the presentation speech and the chaplain, Dr. S. Wright Butler, has consented to respond on behalf of the company. Hon. John M. Thurston will deliver an address of welcome to the visiting officials and organizations. Good music will be furnished and a very enjoyable entertainment is being arranged by the committee having the matter in charge.

Sergeant Eastman and Corporal Tompsett drilled the squad of twelve recruits in the armory last Monday evening.

The time for presenting the recruiting prizes has been extended until May 7.

P. E. O. Entertainment.

The first of a series of entertainments, social, literary and charitable, was given Saturday afternoon by the vice president of the society, Mrs. William Loudon, at her beautiful home, 600 South Twenty-eighth street, to the P. E. O.'s and their friends. The parlors, always attractive with the fine collection of art treasures which Mr. and Mrs. Loudon have gathered from artists and connoisseurs far and near, were decorated in yellow and white. Portieres of smilax, draped with broad yellow ribbons, a floral five-pointed star of yellow roses and white hyacinths crossed by the mystic letters, P. E. O., in marguerites (the society flower) and roses, tulips and hyacinths in yellow and white were everywhere. High five was the order of entertainment from the hours of 3 to 6, the score cards, five-pointed stars, hand decorated by the ladies of the society, the prizes a year's subscription to the P. E. O. Record and a bunch of marguerites tied with the colors of the order.

The color scheme was daintily carried out in serving refreshments, completing one of the most delightful entertainments of the season.

On Monday evening the same home was thrown open to the society for a lecture by Mrs. Ella W. Peattie, on the subject of "Women in Journalism."

Bright, sparkling, logical, a pleasing musical voice that could be heard distinctly throughout the parlors, reception hall and music room, this gifted woman held the attention of her critical audience for the hour that seemed only too short and charmed them as she always does her hearers. As the guests were coming and going Miss Davis and Miss Ringer rendered piano solos with their accustomed skill and Mr. J. C. Zipfel, who has so recently come to Omaha, delighted the audience with several choice selections on the guitar.

Doings at the Fort.

Friday was a gala occasion at the garrison and the number of petite dinners given for army people and others from town quite turned the heads of the society devotees of the garrison.

Mrs. Wright entertained Miss Doane, Miss Redman and Mr. Quay. Mrs. Larsen had as her guests Miss Kohlsaat, who is a guest at Bishopthorp, Miss Dandy, Lieutenant Penn and Mr. Guion. Lieutenant and Mrs. Webster's guests were Miss Jones, Mrs. Davidson, Mrs. Clark, Colonel Bates, Dr. Clark and Lieutenant Prince.

All this was preliminary to the dancing party given at the post theater by the officers and ladies of the Second foot, a very large delegation of Omaha people being present.

Among those present were noticed: Colonel Bates, Dr. and Mrs. Tilton, Mr. and Mrs. Humphrey, Dr. and Mrs. Clark, Captain and Mrs. Turner, Captain and Mrs. Larsen, Mr. and Mrs. Abercrombie, Mr. and Mrs. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Webster, Captain and Mrs. Demsey, Captain Kinzie, Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Davidson, Major Worth, Captain Crowder, Dr. McElderry, Mr. and Mrs. Benham; Misses Kinzie, Dandy, Barnard, Curtis, Yates, Nash, Waring, Jones, McClelland, Thomas, Tilton, Yates, Kohlstadt, Manderson; Messrs. Hines, Prince, Patrick, Heth, Wakeley, Powell, Redick, Bookmiller, Mullen, Crary, Guion, Zug, Wilson.

Miss Thomas leaves for Washington a week from today.

Mrs. Davidson, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Webster, leaves for the east on Wednesday.

Captain and Mrs. Larsen expect to entertain as their guests this week Mrs. and Miss Willard of California. Mrs. Willard is a sister of Mrs. Larsen.

In Honor of Miss Kountze's Cousins.

Forest Hill, the beautiful home of Mr. Herman Kountze, was the scene of a very pretty tea on Friday afternoon, given by Miss Kountze in honor of her cousins, Miss Oliver and Miss Kountze. An orchestra of mandolin players was screened behind palms in the hall and discoursed soft airs during the reception hours. The floral decorations were especially suggestive of early spring, yellow crocuses among maidenhair ferns. Miss Kountze was assisted in receiving her guests by Miss Oliver and Miss Kountze. In the dining room Miss Clara Brown served chocolate and Miss McKenna poured tea. Mrs. Hull presided at the side table and served orange ice with candied cherries. Light refreshments were served by Mrs. Offutt, Mrs. Warren Rogers, Miss Yates, Miss Nash and Miss Bessie Yates. Among those who called during the afternoon were noticed: Mr. and Mrs. Hitchcock, Mr. and Mrs. Clement Chase, Mr. and Mrs. William Poppleton, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Ringwalt, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Ringwalt, Mrs. Percy Ford, Mrs. Garneau, Miss Dandy, Miss Chandler, Miss Collins, Miss Jessie Millard, Miss Pratt, Miss Chambers, Miss Chase, Miss Wyman, Miss Colpetzer, Miss Hoagland, Miss Emily Wakeley, Miss Boyd, Messrs. Charles Kountze, Gannett, Netherton Hall, Lyman, Wilson, Wyman, Will McCague and Drake.

Entertained for Mrs. Watson.

For Mrs. Watson Tuesday evening Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Yates invited about forty friends to take supper with them. Afterwards the guests were premitted to play high five. The score was kept in a novel manner. Each gentleman was given a key ring and the ladies had stick pins, on which were hung small rings for each game won. The prizes were awarded to Mrs. Pritchett among the ladies and General Cowen and Mr. Coutant of the gentlemen. Among those present were: General and Mrs. Cowen, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. H. Patrick, Mr. and Mrs. Richardson, General and Mrs. Brooke, Mr. and Mrs. Wakeley, Mr. and Mrs. Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. Coutant, Mrs. Knight, Mr. and Mrs. Morseman, General and Mrs. Dandy, Mrs. Watson, Mr. and Mrs. Pritchett, Mr. and Mrs. Lyman, Mr. and Mrs. Yost, Mr. and Mrs. McKenna, Mrs. Beall, Mr. and Mrs. Greene, Mrs. Ransom, Mrs. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. Wessels, Mrs. Caldwell, Mrs. Horbach.

Pleasant Surprise Party.

One of the agreeable surprise parties of the season occurred Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. P. F. Murphy, 2623 Dodge street, the occasion being the 18th birthday of her son Emmet. Cards comprised the amusement for the first part of the evening, Mr. Welch and Miss Groves carrying off the honors. An elegant lunch was then served, after which music and dancing were indulged in. The guests then dispersed, wishing long life and success to the one in whose honor they had assembled.

Among those present were the following: Misses Maggie O'Toole, Tessie O'Toole, Lillie Groves, Mamie O'Malley, Mamie Higgins, Rose and Emma O'Connor, Kate Welch, Annie Deegan, Nellie Deegan; Messrs. Dick Welch, P. Murray, William Dolan of Boston, Frank Murphy, Eugene Murphy, John O'Connor, John O'Malley, Count Westerdahl, Tallie Potter, W. R. Moran.

Played High Five.

At the Royal Arcanum hall Monday evening Union Pacific council of that body gave a delightful high five party to its members and friends. The prizes were won by Miss Wehrner and Mr. F. L. Weaver. Those present were: Messrs. and Mesdames J. B. Sheldon, P. F. Prenzer, J. E. Preston, G. B. Dyball, M. C. Kidder, H. A. Sanders, H. J. Penfold, J. S. Knox, A. J. Vierling, N. S. Howell, Charles Dyball, F. L. Weaver, C. B. Gedney, Q. O. Rhodes, A. E. Hutchinson, O. D. Kiplinger, E. A. Walters, A. P. Connor, R. E. McKelvy, H. H. Salisbury, F. L. Gregory, A. B. Carpenter, F. N. Klippel; Misses Lawrence, Zimmerman, Wehrner.

Fine Pictures on Exhibition.

Lovers of the beautiful in art have a treat in store for them at Whitmore's gallery this week, Walter H. Drant of New York having brought out for examination a wonderfully interesting collection of oils and water colors by many of the famous modern painters. Among the gems are "The Love Letter," by Detti, who is one of the best known Parisians. There is a fine sheep piece by Cooper of the Royal academy. A. Schroeder, one of the best of the Munich school, is represented by a clever conceit, "The First Song." Kotarbinski, one of Munkacsy's favorite pupils, has two paintings on the wall, "The Japanese Bazaar" being the better. T. B. Craig is also finely represented by a strong bit, called "Strayed," a picture that was hung in the Salamagundi club. The pictures will be on exhibition day and evenings for the next week.

Doings in Society.

Miss Nellie Moore has returned from Chicago.

Miss Eugenie Kountze has returned from her eastern trip.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Barkalow have gone to Chicago for a few days.

Mrs. Ransom of Burlington, Ia., is the guest of Mrs. Charles Green.

Miss Pumphrey of Louisville is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Wyman.

Miss Morlan of New York City is the guest of Judge and Mrs. Frank Irvine.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Roeder anticipate returning from New York about May 5.

The Tuxedo club will give a May party at Metropolitan hall Thursday evening, May 3.

Mrs. Henry Lockwood and Miss France left for Hot Springs, S. D., yesterday morning.

Miss Curtis will receive from 4 to 7 next Wednesday afternoon at 1103 South Thirty-first.

The Misses Kate and Alice McCormick returned home Thursday after a month's visit in Chicago.

Miss Kohlsaat of New York is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. George Worthington, of South Tenth street.

Mrs. Major Humphrey has issued invitations for a picnic next Friday to Fort Crook, in honor of Miss Thomas.

Mr. Robert B. Peattie started south this week in search of health, which his friends very much wish he may recover.

The May party of Prof. Morand's dancing academy will be held Friday evening next at the academy on Harney street at 8 o'clock.

Born, Thursday, April 19, to Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Funke of Lincoln, a daughter. Mrs. Funke was Miss Bessie Hall of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Herbert of New York are happy over the birth of a son last Friday. Mrs. Herbert was Miss Mary Lemist of this city.

The marriage of Miss Mattie Belle Polach to Mr. Frank Douglas Rubel of Chicago, Ill., will occur this evening at the Metropolitan club.

Mrs. Evans and her daughter, Mrs. Clark of Dakota Hot Springs, were in Omaha last week, and were given a luncheon on Tuesday at Mrs. Lininger's.

Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Frank B. Knight, who have been the guests of Mrs. Coutant, intend leaving Omaha for their home in New York on Monday evening.

Mrs. Henry B. Yates (born Blanch Hellman) of Cincinnati is visiting her mother, Mrs. Meyer Hellman, and will be at home to her friends on Thursday.

Last evening Mr. and Mrs. Warren Rogers entertained at dinner Mr. and Mrs. Will Redick, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Wheeler, jr., Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lehmer.

For Miss Miller of Pennsylvania, Miss Colpetzer entertained about twenty girl friends, Pierre Delasco of the Western Opera company being an honored guest.

The Misses Weir will entertain the O. N. O. Card club at their residence, 523 South Twenty-ninth street, Friday, May 4, this being the last meeting of this large and genial club.

Mrs. George Worthington returned from her eastern trip the early part of the week, bringing with her her niece, Miss Kohlsaat, who will be a guest at "Bishopthorpe" for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Magnus, 1120 South Thirty-second street, entertained the Bedowin male quartet club on Friday evening last. Music and refreshments were the features of the occasion.

United States Marshal Nat M. Brigham of Utah and Mrs. Brigham will spend Sunday, May 6, in Omaha, enroute east. Mr. Brigham has a host of acquaintances in Omaha who will be glad to see him.

On Monday last, for Mrs. Watson of Chicago and Mrs. Ransom of Burlington, Mrs. Charles Greene gave a charming luncheon. Covers were laid for twelve and everything was in excellent artistic taste.

A more brilliant scene has hardly been witnessed in Omaha than that attending the closing party given by Prof. W. E. Chambers at his academy to the junior members of his dancing class last Friday evening.

On Monday evening a jolly party bowled for a few hours after having dined with their host, Mr. W. Farnam Smith. Those of the party were: Mrs. Clark, Miss Doane, Miss Curtis, Miss Hughes, Mr. Clapp, Mr. Baldride, Mr. Touzalin.

At Decatur, Ill., on Wednesday evening, May 2, the marriage of Mr. Alex McIntosh, formerly of this city, to Miss Lulu Grace Morrison of that city will be solemnized. The couple will be at home after the marriage at 902 North Edward street.

For Mrs. Watson, Mrs. Edgar M. Morsman gave a delightful six-hand euchre party on Thursday afternoon. About twenty-five ladies were present and the prizes, which were handsome books, were won by Mrs. Yates and Mrs. Horbach and Mrs. Lyman.

The first annual ball of Garfield circle No. 11, Grand Army of the Republic, was given at Post hall, Fort Omaha, last Tuesday evening. A large number of the friends of the members of the circle were in attendance, and the affair was very much of a social success.

Local life insurance men will be interested to know that Mr. Ira B. Mapes, who has been with the New York Life the past five years, has severed his connection with that company to accept the general agency of the Banker's Life of St. Paul, Minn. For the present Kansas will be the field of his work.

Lieutenant T. Wilson of the Second infantry has a clever tale in the last Harper's Weekly, entitled "Mr. Bunkey." It is a story of life in Arizona in the early days before the advent of railroads, and while the Indians terrorized the settlers. It is a charmingly told story, pathetic and tender, with a dash of true soldierly courage and daring.

Mr. A. P. Williams entertained a number of his friends at his residence, 2548 Pierce street, Friday evening. Progressive high five was played, Mr. Max Reichenberg and Miss Jennie Rosengreen carrying off the prizes. Those present were: Messrs. Perry, Reichenberg, Max Reichenberg and A. P. Williams, and the Misses Williams, Miller, Rosengreen and Fredricka Perry.

Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Boyd gave a high five party in honor of Mrs. Watson. Those present were: Mrs. Watson, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Caldwell, Mrs. Cowin, Mrs. Beall, Mrs. Barker, Mrs. Wood, Mrs. Redick, Mrs. Dundy, Mrs. Brooke, Mrs. Dandy, Mrs. Wakeley, Miss Wakeley, Mrs. Victor Caldwell, Mrs. Lacy, Mrs. Buchanan, Mrs. Bennett.

Miss Burns entertained the Debutantes Cooking club on Thursday, and this being the last function by the club this season, the hostess exerted herself to make the occasion delightful. All the members of the club were present in addition to Miss Phillips, Miss Amy Barker and Mr. Pierre Delasco, who has been the social lion of the Western Opera company and the envy of his associates.

For Mrs. Ezra Millard and Miss Millard, Mrs. Percy Ford entertained most informally, but very delightfully Thursday last, the guests being: Mrs. Kilpatrick, Mrs. George Worthington, Mrs. Joseph Garneau, Mrs. S. D. Mercer, Mrs. Hitchcock, Mrs. Chase, Mrs. Huist, Mrs. J. R. Ringwalt, Mrs. J. K. Chambers, Mrs. Gifford, Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Peattie, Mrs. Harry Clarke and Miss Chase.

Thursday, April 26, at 8 p. m., at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Jane Robinson, 3236 Miami street, the marriage of Frank Tobes of Omaha to Esther M. Robinson, also of Omaha, was solemnized, Rev. Paul Matthews, rector of St. John's Episcopal church, officiating. The guests numbered about twenty and consisted mainly of near relatives and friends. The gifts were numerous and valuable.

Wednesday evening, in honor of Miss Miller, Miss Bessie Norton gave an informal party, which proved to be extremely enjoyable. The guests danced, played cards and promenaded in the moonlight, and all were congenial and in the best of spirits. Those present were: Miss Miller, Miss Drake, Miss Curtis, Miss Cook, Miss Amy Barker, Miss Miller, Miss Colpetzer, Miss Whitbread, Miss Butts, Miss Alexander, Miss Hartman, Mr. and Mrs. Love, Mr. Pierre Delasco of the Western Opera company, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Cockralk, Mr. Hartley, Mr. Whitbread, Mr. Mageath, Mr. Short, Mr. Powell of Cincinnati, Mr. Heth, Mr. Cook, Mr. Harvey Smith, Mr. Crummer.

A pink luncheon was given by Mrs. Lininger on Tuesday, in honor of Mrs. Evans and Mrs. Clark of Hot Springs, S. D. The table was prettily arranged with a profusion of pink roses, drawn work like spider's webs, cut glass, silver and beautiful china. At each place was a card, each different in design. Those present were: Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. Hawley, Miss Hawley, Mrs. Dickey, Mrs. Metcalf, Mrs. Cornish, Mrs. Cudahy, Mrs. Beall, Mrs. Haller.

A pretty luncheon was the one given on Tuesday last, in honor of Miss Miller, by Mrs. John Griffiths. The affair was quite a literary one. At each place was a quotation which was read and each tried to guess the author's name. Miss McKell proved herself the most accurate in this, for which she received a prize. Those present were Miss Miller, Miss Drake, Miss Cady, Miss Katherine Barker, Miss Mary Nash, Miss Phillips, Miss Burns, Miss Alexander, Miss McKell.

Friday afternoon Miss Cody gave a dainty pink luncheon in honor of Miss Miller of Pennsylvania, who is the guest of Miss Drake. At each place was a card on which were questions, forming, when completed, a "floral love tale," and all the answers were the names of flowers. A prize was given to the one answering the most questions correctly. Those present were: Miss Miller, Miss Drake, Miss Colpetzer, Miss Alexander, Miss Amy Barker, Miss Norton, Miss Short, Miss Cook, Miss Margaret Brown.

Mrs. J. A. Johnson, 2809 Capitol avenue, assisted by Miss Emma Johnson, gave a charming luncheon for Mme. Louise Natali, prima donna of the Western Opera company, Thursday afternoon. The house was prettily decorated and the luncheon deliciously prepared. To meet the artiste there were invited Miss Lizzie Davis of Chicago, Mrs. F. R. Straight, Mrs. G. W. Eastman, Mrs. C. E. White, Mrs. D. Griffith, Miss Agnes Livesey. Mme. Natali was a schoolmate of Mrs. Johnson when a young girl in Bloomington, Ia., then known as Miss Belle Barnes.

Prof. Chatelain gave the last of his readings Saturday morning in the French language at the residence of Mrs. John L. Webster, by a clever presentation of Vercousin's pretty comedy, "C'Etait Gertrude" ("It Was Gertrude") and "L'Heure de la Soupe" ("The Soup Hour"), in which he was assisted by Miss Mabel Hyde, who astonished her friends by her fluency in the use of the language. She has only been studying French during the winter months, but has proved a very apt pupil. The professor will start another series next Saturday morning at 11 o'clock at the same place.

The "Hard Times" Progresive Whist club was organized last Monday night at the residence of Mrs. S. Perley Moore, 2619 Caldwell street, by the election of the following officers: President, Mrs. S. Perley Moore; vice president, Mrs. D. L. Thomas; secretary, Charles L. Hopper; treasurer, Robert Dugdale. The prizes were won by Mrs. J. F. Hopper and Mr. D. S. Lockwood. The following members were enrolled: Mr. and Mrs. Dexter Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Lockwood, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hopper; Misses Mary Myer and S. E. Lockwood; Messrs. G. A. Ochsenbein, C. L. Hopper, Charles P. Voorhees, Robert Dugdale and H. Blackmore. The Poole & Cavendish rules were adopted for the government of the club, and Monday nights selected for regular meetings.

IN LOCAL MUSICAL CIRCLES.

The Western Opera company closed a season of grand opera last night at Boyd's with the production of Mascagni's masterpiece, "Cavalleria Rusticana," an act from "Rigoletto" and un assaut d'armes by the young ladies of the operatic school.

Viewed in a calmly critical light the performances in the main were not up to the standard expected from the principals and chorus constituting this hastily formed operatic aggregation, yet the season was much more highly successful artistically than the inaugural season a year ago, although financially the week was not a success. While the organization failed in its ensemble at times and very often the principals floundered badly, showing but faint appreciation of the requirements of the various roles, it would be an affection on the part of those who appreciate music to say that they did not enjoy the performances given. But while some of the operas were rendered with a mediocrity that was surprising, there were others that could hardly be improved upon, notably, "Lucia" and "Ernani," while "Faust" was a success d'estime.

The principals, as a rule, were thoroughly capable, and had three operas been given instead of six the season would have been greatly enhanced, both from a monetary as well as an artistic standpoint.

One thing was demonstrated which, if appreciated, should Omaha have another season of grand opera, cannot help but be far-reaching, and that is, music lovers of the metropolis will support good opera. While there were mistakes in the management of the enterprise Miss Clary deserves considerable praise for having inaugurated a festival season in this city. But for the future there should be no attempt made to secure a guarantee. People will purchase season tickets to any recognized and worthy company coming with the endorsement of Manager Wolfsohn, who has during the present tour been greatly impressed with the possibilities of establishing a circuit of western cities that are too small to support a world-famous organization like that of Abbey and Grau, but sufficiently large to support liberally a company of artists surrounded by a capable chorus and enhanced by a fair-sized orchestra under the directorship of some one of the well known leaders on this side of the water.

The successes of the week were made by Mme. Natali as Lucia, Miss Maconda, who made many friends by her excellent technique and the flute like quality of her voice, Von Doenhoff as Azucena, William Mertens, who was thoroughly acceptable in all the roles he appeared in. Payne Clark was not in good voice during the earlier days of the engagement, but made a brilliant success as Ernani. Perry Averill created a furore as the Toreador, while Barron Berthald showed himself the possessor of a clear tenor voice, somewhat light in quality, but always serviceable. Pierre Delasco, whose work in concert gave so much promise of operatic success, did not fill the measure of expectation his friends entertained for him. His Mephisto, while a treat musically, failed in its dramatic investiture. Probably the best work he did during the week was that of Silva in "Ernani," a highly romantic part, which suited the robustness of his well developed bass. The chorus was good, bad and indifferent by turns, the lack of rehearsals telling greatly against the members, who, while they showed good voices, were uneven in both manner and method. The orchestra was a delight to listen to and a great deal of credit is due the veteran Max Maretzek for his scholarly handling of the band.

So much for the professional members of the company, but quite as much of a success was made by Mrs. Katherine B. Wadsworth, whose assumption of the part of Elvia in "Ernani" was one of the happy surprises of the season. Without any advance puffery Mrs. Wadsworth made a pronounced hit in one of the heaviest of operatic roles, which launched her splendidly on an operatic career that promises great things for this unassuming, conscientious artiste. Omaha joins with her sister city across the river in congratulations for this young singer, who is destined to demonstrate to the effete east that the west has emerged from smoke-barbarism and is endowed with beautiful voices that need only opportunity to bring them prominently before the public.

Friday night at the Exposition hall the Sousa grand concert band will be heard in concert assisted by the Apollo club chorus of 100 voices in two grand choral numbers, the march from "Tannhauser" and the Easter hymn from "Cavalleria Rusticana," and Miss Inez Macusker, a New York soprano and touching ballad singer, in vocal solos. Although Sousa has only been here once with his new band, the memories of that concert are so pleasant that he is an assured favorite and success. The musical success he has had in other places has made him famous as the most accomplished band leader of the day, and his band is quite generally acknowledged to be very much superior to any ever heard in this country, particularly in the line of refined productions and spirited comedy numbers. Sousa gives such a concert as all can enjoy, the lovers of classic music being regaled with selections from Wagner and other masters, while they can find nothing to deplore in his artistic treatment of even the simplest popular airs. The less musically cultured are gradually educated by hearing such music, and when the spirited marches of Sousa's own composition are played, the highest possible degree of musical enthusiasm is aroused. In marches Sousa has pursued entirely new lines, which make him famous all over the globe, and carry their catchy strains to every part of this country so that they are played, whistled and sung more generally than anything else of the kind known. He is happy in composing melodious and pleasing strains, which are suitable to every sort of rendition, and are as striking on a piano or mandolin or in a ball room as at a military band concert. His arrangements of these are as carefully and elaborately carried out as symphonies, which gives their band rendition unusual attractiveness and inspiration. Another thing very much in favor of Sousa's concerts, good as they are, the price of admission is seldom more than $1, which is suitable to the great masses who so much love popular concerts.

Mr. Sousa is returning east after five weeks of playing at the California Midwinter fair to resume his concerts at the Madison square garden in New York, which will be followed by his regular engagement at Manhattan beach and the St. Louis, exposition and winding up about the 1st of December, a continuous season of forty-one weeks, the longest band record in this country, which shows how highly this band is regarded by those who pay big money for band music.

Among the other musicales and concerts for May the complimentary concert tendered to Miss Myrtle E. Coon is to take place on the 22d, the date being changed from the 17th on account of the Apollo concert. Miss Coon has secured the services of some of the best talent in the city and looks forward to the success of the concert.

It happens that there will be no attraction at either of the theaters the night of Sousa's concert at the Exposition hall. The Lilliputians were booked at Boyd's so that Sousa could not be put in there by the Apollos, but after they were burned out so completely at Milwaukee as to necessitate the cancelling of all their dates the Apollo club endeavored to secure Boyd's for the Sousa concert, but were unable to agree on terms of rental, so they decided to remain at the Exposition hall, which is quite suitable for concert work.

The summer season of the Carleton Opera company at Boyd's, commencing May 21, will be inaugurated by an elaborate production of the new "Erminie" as now played by the Francis Wilson company. Mr. Carleton has secured from Mr. Wilson all rights to this opera for the entire territory west of the Missouri river. The company will be strengthened for this engagement, as Mr. Carleton is desirous of making a success sufficient to warrant an annual season in the early summers. Several operas entirely new in Omaha will be presented, and every effort will be made to make the season popular in every sense of the word.

Mr. Taber will give his twenty-seventh organ recital Sunday afternoon at 3:30 at the First Congregational church, and a very attractive program is in store for all who avail themselves of the opportunity to hear it. Among the numbers is a selection of airs from Gounod's opera, "Philemon and Bancis," adapted to the organ by Mr. Taber. The rest of the program will also be attractive, as Mrs. Martin Cahn will sing two numbers in addition to the organ selections. The program will be:

PART I.

Introduction, Pastoral, etc. (from Philemon and Bancis) ..... Gounod
Cavatina (by request) ..... Raff
Soprano Solo—O to Thy Temple ..... Gottschalk
Mrs. Cahn.
Overture—Der Freischutz ..... C. M. von Weber

PART II.

Fantasia on Themes from Faust .....
..... Gounod-Eddy
Soprano Solo—My Redeemer and My Lord
..... Dudley Buck
Mrs. Cahn.
Serenade (by request) ..... Schubert
Slumber Song ..... Nevin

The music department of the Woman's club will give their next recital Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at Meyer's music hall, the following program being underlined:

Paper—The Rise and Development of Dramatic Music .....
Miss Julia Taliaferro.
Illustrations.
a. Aria—Jonah ..... Carissimi
Captain Kinzie.
b. Aria—Che Faro Senza Euridice ..... Gluck
Miss Frances Roeder.
Piano solos—
a. Romance, E flat ..... Rubenstein
b. Prize Song—Meistersinger ..... Wagner-Bendal
Miss Alice Chase.
Vocal solo—Magic Song ..... Meyer-Helmud
Miss Frances Roeder.
Trio—Go to the One Whom I Adore .....
..... Campana
Miss Fannie Arnold, Miss Julia Taliaferro, Captain Kinzie.

The mandolin, banjo and guitar concert to be given at Boyd's Friday evening, May 18, will be, without doubt, one of the musical events of the season. Several box parties have already been arranged for and even at this early date enough tickets have been sold to guarantee a full house. The Omaha Mandolin orchestra, with fifty-two members, led by Mr. H. P. Sutorius and the Imperial Banjo and Guitar club, with twenty-four members, Mr. E. H. Cummings, director, will make its first public appearance at this concert.

Mr. Loudon G. Charlton has just published his very clever song, "September," with words by Eleanor P. Landis. It is well balanced and shows a fine musical training, and it ought to be successful. It made a decided hit Friday evening in Council Bluffs, sung by Miss Ogden at the performance of the female minstrels, and will be sung by Mr. Arthur Potter at the Elks benefit Tuesday.

Musical and Dramatic.

Johann Strauss, the musician, will mark his jubilee, which will be celebrated next October, by producing a new opera.

Miss Adele Aus der Ohe will return to this country from Europe early in the autumn, when she will make an extended concert tour.

Dvorak's Mass in D, op. 86, which was given a first American performance in New York recently, is pronounced as belonging to the best examples of his work.

William Collier of "Hoss and Hoss" fame will star next season in a new comedy by E. E. Kidder, entitled: "A Back Number," which, it is said, has little of the farce-comedy element and on the legitimate comedy order.

Mounet-Sully, the French tragedian, has finished his engagement in New York city. He appeared in a round of tragedy and romantic parts. The critics generally unite in pronouncing him greater in romantic characters than in tragedy.

The National Conservatory of Music, of which Dr. Antonin Dvorak is director, has added to its teaching faculty M. Leon Jacquet, a professor of the flute. M. Jacquet won a first prize at the Paris Conservatoire in 1883, was a prize medallist for solfeggio, and studied composition under Massenet. He was first flutist at the opera and in the Paris Conservatoire orchestra.

A number of years ago Thomas W. Keene wrote a play. It was produced in New York at a special performance, and after the third act the audience called for the author. The tragedian came before the curtain and said: "Ladies and gentlemen, if you will allow us to play the next and last act I promise you never to write another play as long as I live."

Francis Wilson, in a recent interview, said: "I have had some very good offers to appear in London, but somehow I am not ambitious to play there. Many have told me I would make a success across the water. Maybe I would, but I am not anxious to run the risk of leaving another American tombstone in the theatrical graveyard of London."

Pope Leo XIII. has decided to forbid the performance in churches in Rome of the masses of Mozart, Haydn and Rossini on the ground that their floridity is disturbing to devotion. It is likely that this decision was influenced in a measure by the recent celebration of the 300th anniversary of the death of Palestrina, to whose genius the church owes so great a musical enrichment.

Mme. Otero, a feeble imitation of Carmencita, is being loaded with diamonds by the fast young men of Paris. When in this country her d