NEARING ASH WEDNESDAY

A Few Suggestions to the Hostess Who Has a Dancing Party in Mind.

RECEPTION AT THE M'SHANE RESIDENCE

Doings of the Swells During the Past Seven Days—Meeting of Various Social Clubs Throughout the City—"Trilby" Last Night in New York.

There are four elements essential to a successful dancing party—effective decorations, brilliant illuminations, a well-appointed supper and the best of music, as many string pieces as the hostess can afford.

Lemonade, tempered with appolonaris water, is appropriately served in a punch bowl at one end of the reception room.

Either the man or maid servant who opens the front door must remain in the hall, giving clear directions of the way to the dressing rooms.

There should be a capable woman always in attendance in this same apartment, for the taking off of wraps, buttoning gloves and adjusting shoes.

On the dressing table there should be all the feminine appurtenances of the toilet, such as shoe and glove buttoners, hair pins, large and small toilet perfumery and face powder, the maid remaining during the evening in the room to repair dresses if a stitch gives away during the dancing hours.

If dancing is to take the form of a cotillion, chairs should be provided for the mothers or chaperons; all other furniture being removed, and breakable objects carefully stored away for that one night.

Young girls ought to dress in light colors of gauze-like materials or fluffy stuffs, combined with delicate silks. But all costumes should be selected to enhance the youthful appearance, while their elders wear demi-toilettes becoming the occasion.

The hostess can receive her guests alone, or if she has daughters or young friends, they can assist her. But the eldest son, or some young man friend, should for that one evening be the master of ceremonies, making himself generally useful in arranging affairs.

The hostess stands near the drawing room door, her daughter or young friends a few feet away, yet near enough to receive the guests before the dancing commences.

A young lady enters the room first, her chaperone following.

If there are ladies without a chaperone coming with their maid, then the eldest should take precedence. But generally the chaperone is at hand. A young married lady, accompanied by her husband, naturally takes precedence. But to enter leaning on the arm of her husband is in very bad taste.

The dancing should be begun by the eldest daughter of the house, the hostess selecting for her partner her nearest kinsman or friend.

A basket of flowers sent the same day of the dance to the hostess of the occasion is a graceful attention. And a gentleman can in good taste send a box of loose flowers to any young lady whom he knows will be his partner in the cotillion.

Young ladies after a dance request their partners to leave them with their chaperones after the german.

Young women would do well to remember that new dances appear nearly every season, and to be a success as a dancer it is necessary to acquire the last new ball room step.

Either the hostess or one of her family should be the person selected when an introduction is desired at a dancing party.

All good waltzers are eagerly sought after, but care should be taken that no one gentleman should have the favor extended to him too often.

A young lady refusing one gentleman for a dance and accepting another, is a breach of social etiquette. If a refusal is once given, then she should not dance in that set, whatever it may be.

The clever hostess takes care that all guests have partners. The "wall flower" is unknown in the house of a good social leader.

The host leads, with the most distinguished lady present, the way to the supper room, the hostess being the last person to enter. A young lady can be taken into supper by some gentleman who desires to do this duty for her, and it is to him alone she should expect attention at this time.

The McShane Reception.

The distinctive social event of the week was the reception given Thursday afternoon, from 3 to 5, by Mrs. John A. McShane, to introduce her neice, Miss Burke, to the fashionable set of Omaha. The rooms throughout were beautifully decorated with flowers, pink being the prevailing color, the shades also harmonizing with the flower scheme. Mrs. McShane, Miss Burke and Miss Lonergan received, while assisting in entertaining the guests, were Mrs. Warren Rogers, Mrs. A. L. Reed, Mrs. Ed Cudahy, Miss Creighton, Miss Emma Creighton, Miss Helen Smith, Miss May McShane, Miss Mabel Balcombe, Miss Palmer served frappe.

Mrs. McShane was particularly handsome in a dark moire skirt with bodice of heliotrope and rose and bertha of Irish lace. Miss Burke, a lovely young woman, who made quite a social success, wore an effective combination of white and yellow and carried La France roses. Miss Lonergan was attired in a white and lavender costume.

The dining table was artistically garnitured with La France roses, the polished surface being covered with a wide strip of Russian lace across the center, while pretty doilies and handsome candelabra added to the effectiveness of the rooms.

Among those present were: Mrs. Will Hamilton, Mrs. George Barker, Mrs. Paxton, Mrs. J. N. H. Patrick, Mrs. Cornish, Mrs. Ben Gallagher, Mrs. George Squires, Mrs. Charles Squires, Mrs. John Templeton, Mrs. Furay, Mrs. Cannon, Mrs. Yates, Mrs. Russell B. Harrison, Mrs. Colpetzer, Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. Gorman, Mrs. Connell, Mrs. Connors, Mrs. Rahl, Mrs. Risley, Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Wakefield, Mrs. C. M. Carter, Misses Johnson, Wolfe, Barker, Doane, Thrall, Colpetzer, Hartman, Gibbon, Margaret Brown, Peck, Shaw.

Reed and Davis.

Wednesday evening, January 30, at 8 o'clock, Miss Lulu C. Davis, daughter of Mr. E. J. Davis, chief clerk of the assistant adjutant general's office of the Department of the Platte, was united in marriage with Mr. Charles Reed of the Burlington headquarters, at the bride's home on North Twentieth street. In the presence of the intimate friends and relatives of the contracting parties, the ring service of the Presbyterian church was performed by Rev. Mr. Leard, in the parlor, which was exquisitely decorated with cut flowers and palms. The bride was handsomely attired in cream China silk and carried bride's roses. Her bridesmaid, Miss Minnie May Reed, sister of the groom, wore a dainty gown of white crepe and chiffon, and carried white roses. Mr. Robert Copley officiated as best man. Immediately after the ceremony a wedding supper was served to the attending guests, after which several selections were very artistically rendered on the piano by Mrs. Seavey and others. Just previous to the departure of the guests the bride threw her bouquet, the same being captured by Miss Minnie May Reed.

The presents received were numerous, beautiful and costly. Those present were: Captain and Mrs. Davis, Chief and Mrs. Seavey, Mrs. Reed, Mr. and Mrs. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. John Reed, Mrs. Stevenson, Mrs. Connors, Mr. and Mrs. Servis of Council Bluffs, Mr. and Mrs. Welch, Mr. and Mrs. Kahn, Mr. and Mrs. Weeth, Mr. John Reagan, Mr. Z. H. Reeder, Mr. Frank Lee, Mr. Fred Stevenson, Mr. R. Copley, Mr. M. Kahn, Miss Lottie Thomas, Miss M. M. Reed, Miss Gussie Stratman.

Starlight Social Club.

Wednesday evening the members of the Starlight Social club gave a surprise party at the home of Miss Emma Meyer, 1721 South Fifteenth street. The evening was spent at progressive high five and other games. First prizes were won by Mr. George Rushlan and Miss Minnie Carey. Booby prizes were won by Mr. Michael Haggerty and Miss Cora Greeley. Delicious refreshments were served. The next party will be given February 22. The members of the club are: Misses Maggie Greeley Emma Myers, Hanna Leary, Rebecca Manning, Annie Coffey, Rose Mallon, Maggie Carey, Mary Ryan, May Haggerty, Nettie De Coto, Mamie Kemp, Clara Gilligan, Josie Hinchey, Minnie Hamrick, Mary Meyer, Annie Moran, Kate Lane, Minnie Carey, Kate Hinchey, Cora Greeley, Annie Haggerty, Annie Moran, Messrs. D. J. Lahey, J. D. Sullivan, Peter Ellers, William Gorman, Pat Ryan, Phil Donahue, James Drummy, John Kemp, Mike Haggerty, William Feinwick, Henry Raegorshek, Frank Myer, Robert Donahue, George Rushlan, Anton Myers, Dan Sullivan, Morris Hinchey, Dan Hinchey, John Haggerty, John Ryan.

Soiree at the Albany.

The guests and a few friends were given a very delightful evening at the Albany Friday evening. Music and dancing was the order of enjoyment, including dainty refreshments of chocolate and sandwiches, which Mrs. Pearson, the hostess, served in one of the parlors. The house was nicely illuminated and the dining rooms were cleared for the dancing. Mr. Edwards recited a couple of Riley's poems, "Knee-Deep in June," and "An Old Sweetheart of Mine," which reflected much credit. Miss Crook of Fremont, a weekly visitor to one of the vocal teachers of our city, sang one of Wilson G. Smith's songs, which commanded an encore. Mrs. Topping's rich contralto voice was heard in a couple of delightfully rendered numbers. Mr. Stambaugh's piano playing is always in demand, and a favorite number was called for—a piece of his own writing which the house guests have christened "Albany Waltzes." Mr. Abel earned a well deserved encore to his singing of the serenade, "Come, Darling, Come."

Excellent music was furnished by Mr. McPherson and the dancing continued until an early hour. Misses Webster and Witman, Mr. Witman and Little Carlotta Hewitt are quite graceful in the terpsichorean art, and their fancy dances added not a little to the pleasure of the evening. The Albany parties are always pleasant, and this occasion provided much enjoyment for those present, who were: Mesdames Pearson, Judson, Hewitt, Leadrich, Sprague, Wherritt, Stilphen, Woods, Maynard, Topping; Misses Crook, Dunn, Root, Parker, McMaster, Wherritt, Standish, White, Witman, Knight, Hewitt and Webster; Messrs. Pearson, Leadrich, Sprague, Wherritt, Charles and Walter Witman, Draper, Cockrell, Tate, Abel, Waite, Humphrey, Bird, Bunnell, Stambaugh and Dr. McMullen.

Thurston Rifles.

Quite a number of the admirers and fair friends of the Rifles availed themselves of the company's invitation and were present last Monday evening to witness the ceremony of inspection, which was very acceptably performed, the men presenting a very creditable appearance in their state service uniform. After a careful examination it was found that the arms and equipments were in excellent condition. This was followed by a short exhibition drill, much to the delight of the assembled guests. Immediately after drill the company held a short business meeting, at which Mr. Harry Thompsett, brother of Corporal Thompsett, and Harry Cox were elected members without a dissenting vote, and will make two valuable acquisitions to the ranks of the company.

Hon. John T. Yates, the esteemed clerk of the Woodmen of the World, was unanimously elected an honorary member of the Thurston Rifles and will accompany the boys on their trip to Memphis.

Several members of the company accepted the invitation of the Dodge Light Guards for a dancing party last Wednesday evening and report a most delightful evening with their brother guardsmen and lady friends across the river.

Tomorrow evening the usual drill will be shortened and the balance of the evening will be devoted to a smoker and "stag" party, which is to be strictly a company affair.

A Trilby Entertainment.

The wistful Trilby, the three artists, and other of George Du Maurier's characters stepped from print into life yesterday at Sherry's, New York. Mrs. Robert Abbe, Mrs. Charles H. Ditson, Mrs. Lawrence Hatton, Mrs. Andrew Carnegie, Mrs. Seth Low, Mrs. William L. Strong, Mrs. Oscar Straus, Mrs. J. Henry Harper, Mrs. William B. Dinsmore, Mrs. Arthur M. Dodge, and other ladies of the New York Kindergarten association devised the entertainment.

The lady who posed as Trilby bears a marked likeness to Mr. Du Maurier's pictures of his heroine. She is well known in social and artistic circles. Harris Roome was Taffy, Evert Jansen Wendell the Laird, and Gerald Benkard Little Billee.

During the first tableau Miss Akers sang "Ben Bolt." Trilby was next seen to illustrate the picture, "Wistful and Sweet." Mrs. C. B. Foote sang some music from Ole Olsen's "Saintal." Mackenzie Gordan then depicted Svengali. Next the studio scene was pictured with Trilby parsing before Taffy, the Laird and Little Billee, whose brush has been paralyzed by the "soft gray eyes" of Trilby.

Then Dodor and le Zouzou, taken by Lawrence Reawer and F. C. Butler, were seen with Little Billee illustrating the picture, "I will not! I will not!" Next came the studio scene, "All as it used to be," and eight other tableaux.

An Omaha Girl the Guest of Dr. Depew.

Miss Nettie Collins is having a jolly time among the "big wigs" of New York, her large acquaintanceship with the best known families of Gotham bringing her in contact with many of the notables of the metropolis. Thursday evening, January 31, Dr. Chauncey M. Depew gave a quiet little dinner party at his home, 43 West Fifty-fourth street, says the New York World. He had got the better of his old enemy, the grip, which was threatening him, and he was, as usual, the soul of hospitality, geniality and wit. His favorite niece, Miss Paulding, did the honors as hostess. The guests were: Mr. and Mrs. H. Walter Webb, Mr. and Mrs. Julien T. Davies, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rathbone Bacon, Colonel and Mrs. Frederick D. Grant, Mr. and Mrs. John Sloane, Mr. and Mrs. Morris K. Jesup, Mr. and Mrs. James Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Draper, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lenox Belknap, Miss Collins, Mr. Creighton Webb and Mr. James V. Parker. This was the second of Mr. Depew's entertainments since his re-entry into social life after his period of mourning. He will give another dinner in about a month.

Oklahoma Club Plays High Five.

Last Saturday evening, February 2, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Hough, 2002 South Eleventh street, entertained the "Oklahomas" at high five. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Mahoney, Mr. and Mrs. James G. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Parkhurst, Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Hopper, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Buchanan, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Rickard, Mr. and Mrs. Al Powell, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Davis, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Hough, and Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Sidwell.

The first prize for ladies was secured by Mrs. Sol Hopper, and that for gentlemen by Mr. S. D. Parkhurst. The booby for ladies was awarded Mrs. Alex Buchanan, and the gentleman's consolation given Mr. Al Powell. After a fine luncheon, songs and dances were indulged in till late. The "Oklahomas" will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Rickard, 109 Stanford Circle, next Thursday evening.

The Halcyon Club.

The regular Tuesday evening class meeting of the Halcyon club was held at Prof. Chambers' academy on the 5th instant.

The meeting on Tuesday, the 11th, is to be a masquerade ball as a testimonial to Prof. Chambers.

The following is a list of some of its members: Mr. and Mrs. Julius Kessler, Dr. and Mrs. R. W. Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur English, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Van De Car, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Weldon, Mr and Mrs. Wells H. Wrisley, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Perfect, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Whitney, Mr. and Mrs. Marc Perkins, Miss Abbie Sherman, Miss F. C. Stocking, T. R. Rooney, F. A. Green, F. R. Walter, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. White, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Brome, Miss Rooney, Miss Shaffer and Mrs. Lawrence.

Tuxedo's Dancing Party.

The dancing party of the Tuxedo club Friday evening was attended by about thirty couples, all of whom thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Will Rochford, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Kervan, Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Lamb, Mrs. Colyer; Misses Lizzie Gerke, Byrne, Lillie Brenton, Elrod, Johnson, Berg, Julia Berg, Hegarty, Ella Smith, Dooling, Lundeen, Phillips, Fitzpatrick, Addie and Mamie Carland, Brennan, Crampton, Rochford, Van Pelt, Annie and Nellie Kelly; Messrs. Gerke, Rowley, Rooney, Millhede, Bank, Clarence Furay, Simpson, Hegarty, Johnson, Frenzer, Mulhall, Bohannon, Thacker, Ed Furay, John Fitzpatrick, Smith, Boyer, J. V. Brennan, James Swift, W. Strycker, McGrath, Marnell, Ed Fitzpatrick, Cardwell and John Kirk.

Surprise Party for Mr. Hald.

One of the events of the week was a surprise party given at the residence of Mr. C. Hald, on South Twenty-first street. Several novel and interesting games were played, after which a musical program was rendered as follows: Piano solo, Miss Ella Winans; vocal solo, Mr. Bernard Brown; piano solo, Mr. C. Hald; vocal solo, Mr. W. Johnson and Falconer; recitation, Miss Eva Wearne, concluding with piano solo by Miss Winans. A dainty luncheon was then served, after which the merry throng moved homeward, much pleased with the evening's pleasure.

Among those present were: Misses Ella Winans, Myrtle Wearne, Blanche Hungate, Eva Wearne, Susie Griffith, Vesta Hungate; Messrs. G. G. Pray, F. Jonnson, C. Hald, E. Winans, W. Johnson, W. Falconer, Charles Hald, Bernard Brown.

The Oklahoma Club Entertained.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Rickard, of 109 Stanford Circle, entertained the "Oklahomas" at high five last Thursday evening. A most enjoyable time was had. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. P. Strousbaugh, Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Mahoney, Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Parkhurst, Mr. and Mrs. James G. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Sol Hopper, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Davis, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Hough, Mr. and Mrs. Al Powell, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Boehan, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Sidwell.

The ladies' first prize was won by Mrs. Sol Hopper, the gentlemen's by Mr. Al Powell; the ladies' consolation prize went to Mrs. L. R. Hough, and the gentlemen's was won by Mr. L. R. Hough.

About the Town Folks.

Miss Brash is again the guest of the Misses Creighton.

Mr. Ren Hake leaves this week for Lenoxville, Can.

Miss Thrall is passing a few days with Miss Ringwalt.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Millard will give a dinner on Tuesday next.

Miss Imogen Alexander went to Chicago Wednesday for a visit.

Miss McKenna accompanied Miss Rodman to Leavenworth Friday.

The Fencers' club will hold its monthly exhibition Monday evening.

Miss May Wyman has returned home from an extended California visit.

The Tuxedo club will give its next party Friday evening, February 15.

The Omaha Dancing society gave a jolly masquerade Tuesday evening.

A number of Mr. Thomas Connelly's friends surprised him Tuesday evening.

The Harmony High Five club met with Mr. and Mrs. John Knox last evening.

Mrs. A. J. Poppleton will give a kensington tea next Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Miss Moore has issued cards for an afternoon whist party at 2 o'clock Tuesday, the 12th.

While Miss Southard's condition is serious, her physicians now have hopes of her recovery.

Miss Clyde Blanchard entertained at cards last week for Mr. Harry Lawrence of Baltimore.

Mrs. J. M. McGrievy left Monday evening for Pocatello, Idaho, where she joins her husband.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy C. Barton leave on Monday for Lake Worth, Florida, to remain several weeks.

Mrs. F. L. Haller has sent out at home cards for Thursday afternoon of next week, from 2 till 5.

Mr. Charles Dyball, who has been in Portland, Ore., for the last six months, has returned to Omaha.

Thursday evening a very charming dinner was given by Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Burns. Covers were laid for twelve.

Mr. and Mrs. Truman Buck give a dance next Tuesday for their daughter, one of the season's most charming debutantes.

N. B. Horton, window trimmer for Browning, King & Co., is confined to his room with a very serious case of scarlet fever.

Miss Rodman, who has been the guest of Miss McKenna the past fortnight, returned to Fort Leavenworth Friday morning.

Hon. John M. Thurston and Mrs. Thurston will probably return home from New York and Washington about February 20.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Davis of South Twelfth street will entertain the "Oklahomas" at a poverty high five party next Thursday evening.

Mr. B. B. Wood is in Tampa, Fla., having a much needed rest. He is stopping at the Tampa Bay hotel, and will return about April 1.

The ladies of George Crook Woman's Relief corps gave a poverty social at their hall, Twenty-fourth and Grant streets, Thursday evening.

A "poverty social" will be given in Idlewild hall on North Twenty-fourth street Monday evening. A musical program will be rendered.

A valentine party is to be given by Life Boat lodge 150, Independent Order of Good Templars, February 14, at their hall in Myrtle annex.

For Mrs. Kenion of Dubuque, Ia., and Miss Wherritt of Kansas City, Mrs. Wherritt gave an old fashioned quilting party last Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Charles West, sister of Mr. H. K. Burket, with whom she has spent the winter, has gone to Lincoln to remain some time with her sister.

Miss Jessie Allan and Mrs. Beck have left San Antonio, Tex., and are at present at Tucson, Ariz. Miss Allan is somewhat improved in health.

Wednesday evening a musicale for the benefit of S. Matthias' parish will be given at the residence of Mrs. J. N. Cornish on South Tenth street.

Ex-Governor Crounse, accompanied by his two daughters, Miss Gretchen and Miss Marie, started on Thursday for New York. They will sail this week for Europe.

Mrs. Flora Stark Tooley of Detroit (formerly of Omaha), is visiting friends in this city. She is the guest of Mrs. G. M. Cooper at 3016 Sherman avenue, for the present.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Lockwood and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Metcalf have gone to Old Mexico on an extended tour. Hon. and Mrs. George W. Lininger will join them en tour.

Yesterday afternoon Miss Nannie Page, daughter of Mr. Walter T. Page, celebrated her 6th birthday by inviting a number of her little friends in to spend the afternoon.

General and Mrs. Danday gave a delightful dinner Thursday evening. The guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Barker, Mr. and Mrs. Reed, Mr. and Mrs. Connell, Mr. and Mrs. Redick.

General Passenger and Ticket Agent J. R. Buchanan, accompanied by Mrs. Buchanan, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Weller and daughter Ruth, left on Friday for a short visit to Quincy, Ill.

Mr. Alvin H. Krich, expert accountant in the master in chancery's office of the Union Pacific, left yesterday for Boston and New York to hold an extended conference with the receivers.

Mrs. Flora Stark Tooley of Detroit, wife of the late T. J. Tooley of this city, is visiting friends here, and is at present sojourning with Mrs. Browne at 725 South Thirty-seventh street.

Mrs. Harry Nott will leave the city tonight for Milwaukee, where she will visit her parents for a month. From there she will go to Chicago to attend the wedding of Miss Ethel Bliss.

By a happy coincidence Bishop and Mrs. McLaren on their way to California will be the guests of Bishop and Mrs. Worthington on the 24th of February, which will be the anniversary of Bishop Worthington's consecration.

Mr. E. E. Patton has returned from Chicago, having completed his senior course in the school of pharmacy of the Northwestern university. He captured first honors of his class, and was awarded a valuable pharmaceutical set.

Mrs. J. A. Hake gave a very delightful luncheon Wednesday to a number of her friends at her residence, 1314 South Twenty-sixth street. The ladies present were Mesdames Vierling, Rheem, Korty, Whitney, Horton, Blanchard, Patwin and Brenholtz. After luncheon the afternoon was spent in playing high five.

One of the most enjoyable meetings of Mrs. Yates' dancing class was held at Happy Hollow Thursday evening. The large hall and dining room were canvassed for the occasion and the music, which was unusually good, was stationed upon the gallery above. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Yates, Mrs. Cowin, Mrs. McShane, Mrs. Russell Harrison, Miss Burke, Miss Wolfe, Miss Thrall, Miss Johnson, Miss Kountze, Miss Chandler, Miss Brown, Miss Dandy, Mr. Dean, Mr. Hall, Mr. Gannett, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Walter Smith, Mr. Charles Kountze, Mr. Saunders, Mr. Pierre Garneau, Mr. John Patrick.

Miss Gertrude Ringwalt entertained a few friends informally Friday evening for Miss Thrall, who is now her guest. Those present were: Miss Hodge, Miss Curtis, Miss Dewey, Miss Barnard; Mr. Doane, Mr. Guion, Mr. Zug, Mr. Saunders.

Mrs. Edward Langan gave a very pretty luncheon Wednesday at her home, 1501 Burdette street. Those present were: Mrs. Ackerman of Kansas City, Mrs. Schaefer, Mrs. Reynolds, Mrs. Ker, Mrs. Dodson, Mrs. Hough, Mrs. Dr. Shepard.

Luella Wirth celebrated her 9th birthday last week. The guests who joined her in merry making were: Olabell Hervey, Sophia Sherly, Nellie Vail, Pauline Gibbon, Mary Ryan, Kate McClanahan, Stella Gardner, Gertrude Anderson, Ida Banks.

Mrs. Charles H. Townsend of St. Mary's avenue and her daughter, Mrs. W. D. Townsend, returned last week from a three months' trip east, during which time they visited the cities of New York, Brooklyn, Washington, Buffalo and Toronto.

Miss Jessie J. Sykes, who has been spending the winter in Omaha as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Sykes, returned to her home in Mercer, Pa., last week. She was accompanied by Mrs. Sykes, who will visit friends and relatives in the east for a couple of weeks.

A very pleasant dancing party was given Wednesday evening by Thomas Wilson and William Gorden at Idlewild hall. In spite of the storm and cold weather a good many were present. At 8:30 o'clock a well chosen program of dances was commenced, and continued until a late hour.

The Oriole club gave its second high five party Friday evening. Miss Smith carried off the ladies' first prize and Miss B. Sandhofer the alternate prize. Mr. A. Myers won the gentleman's first prize and Mr. Augustine the gentleman's last prize. Dancing followed until midnight.

The artistic Japanese booth on the Midway Plaisance this week will be in charge of Miss Mayme Hutchinson, assisted by Miss Clara Van Camp, Mrs. Walter Williams, Miss Irene Underwood, Miss Adelaide Bange, Mrs. E. C. Walters and the little Misses Ruby and Mildred Williams.

One of the most enjoyable dancing parties of the season was given Friday evening under the auspices of the Newport club. The reception committee were: Messrs. Edwards, Bowers and Falconer. Invitations have been issued for a grand ball and banquet to be given Wednesday, February 13, which will be the closing dance of this season.

Hon. George W. Lininger and wife left Tuesday for a tour of Old Mexico. They go direct to Monterey, thence to San Luis Potosi and the City of Mexico. After touring in southern Mexico for a few weeks the homeward journey will lead them up through Aguas Calientes and chief points of interest on the Mexican Central, returning via Eagle Pass.

The I. G. S. club was pleasantly entertained by Miss Nannie M. Briggs at her home, Briggs villa, Friday evening. Cards and dancing were the social features of the evening. The successful prize winners were Miss Maginn and Mr. Loud. Those present were: Misses Dunham, Smith, Maginn, Pouder, Paris, Briggs; Messrs. Conant, Lowe, Woolworth, Loud, Wagner, Briggs.

A very pleasant party was enjoyed by the Bon Ami club last Monday night, when Dr. and Mrs. Moore entertained the club at their home on South Thirty-ninth street. The club was well represented, and in addition were Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Baldrige, Judge and Mrs. Ogden, Mrs. Bishop and Mrs. Barber. The prizes were won by Mrs. Baldrige, Mrs. Sholes, Mrs. Barber and Mr. Purvis.

Miss Lawrence entertained at "Hearts" Thursday evening for her brother, Mr. Harry Lawrence. A series of five games were played, after which dancing and music were indulged in until a late hour, when delicious refreshments were served. Mr. Lawrence is a former resident of Omaha, and has been visiting his parents for the past month. He will return to Baltimore, Md., Thursday or Friday of this week.

Two delightful high five parties were given by Mrs. J. A. Monroe Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. Despite the inclemency of the weather, about thirty ladies were present each day, and all enjoyed their stay extremely. Those who were the fortunate winners of prizes on Wednesday afternoon were Mrs. Debois, Miss Ida Sharp and Mrs. Platter, while on Thursday they were Mrs. Parrotte, Miss Boyd and Mrs. Congdon.

Friday afternoon Mrs. Winfield S. Strawn entertained a number of her lady friends at a kensington. Fancy work and bright talk made the afternoon thoroughly delightful. The guests were: Mrs. T. F. Godfrey, Mrs. E. Rosewater, Mrs. Moritz Meyer, Mrs. George Tzschuck, Mrs. Paul Heinrich, Mrs. Potter, Mrs. W. H. Koenig, Mrs. Blair, Mrs. C. W. Allen, Mrs. Coon, Miss Kittie Brandt, Mrs. N. P. Feil, Miss Myrtle Coon.

"The Merchant of Venice" was the play considered by the Shakespeare section last Friday evening in the Unity club. The director, Miss McHugh, spoke first of the motive, conflict and leading characters of the comedy, and then pointed out the salient points of the different scenes. The discussion centered chiefly on the characters of Shylock and Portia. Miss Poos, Miss Grant, Dr. Mann, Messrs. Wallace, Lobingier, Stebbins and others took part.

Cards have been received for the wedding of Miss Susan E. Abercrombie and Lieutenant Thomas H. Wilson of the Second infantry, to occur on February 21, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Goodman, Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia. The bride is well known in Omaha, being the sister of Lieutenant Abercrombie, whom she visited at Fort Omaha last year. She is the daughter of Brigadier General John J. Abercrombie, retired. Lieutenant and Mrs. Wilson will be at home at Fort Omaha about March 1.

Master Walter Neal was agreeably surprised by a number of his friends Friday evening, on the occasion of his fifteenth birthday. The evening was pleasantly spent in music and games, followed by delightful refreshments. Those present were: Misses May Court, Mary Moran, Agnes Moran, Katy Pearman, Josie Kenock, Elva Rockfellow, Daisy Barker and Nellie Ballard; Masters Elmer Ballard, Charles Houska, Chayce Taylor, Lynn Donald, Julius Newman, Herman Lehmer, Guy Baker, Raymond Parker, Willie Neal, Harry Neal and Frank Neal.

Mr. T. C. Brownlee has resigned his position as general agent with the United States Mutual Accident association on account of its unsatisfactory business methods with reference to the payment of its claims. He has become connected with the general agency of the Aetna Life and Accident Insurance company of Hartford, Conn., the largest accident company in the United States. It is Mr. Browlee's purpose to protect the interests of all certificate holders in the United States Mutual who have been doing business with him heretofore. Office No. 209, New York Life.

Miss Lulu C. Davis, youngest daughter of Chief Clerk Davis of army headquarters, was married Tuesday evening at the residence of the bride's parents to Mr. Charles Reed of B. & M. headquarters. The newly married couple entertained some thirty guests, Mrs. Seavey contributing to the pleasure of the evening by playing a number of piano numbers. Mr. and Mrs. Reed were the recipients of a number of valuable presents, and will be at home to their friends at 1523 North Twentieth street after a short trip to the south.

A very pleasant kensington tea was given by Mrs. W. H. McCord Friday afternoon. The guests spent the hours in chatting, and during their stay delicious refreshments were served. Those present were: Mrs. Barton, Mrs. Yates, Mrs. Horbach, Mrs. McKenna, Mrs. Coutant, Mrs. Yost, Mrs. Pritchett, Mrs. Hanscom, Miss Hanscom, Mrs. Wood, Mrs. Dandy, Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Cowin, Mrs. Joseph Barker, Mrs. Ringwalt, Mrs. J. H. Millard, Mrs. W. V. Morse, Mrs. Buck, Mrs. Buchanan, Mrs. Brooks, Mrs. Nash, Mrs. Patrick, Mrs. Howard Smith, Mrs. Sharp, Mrs. Bennett.

Last Wednesday evening the La Rose Social club gave a dancing party at Morand's hall, Fifteenth and Harney streets, which was, like all other parties given by them, a grand success. The dancing continued until 12 o'clock, when the orchestra rendered the strains of "Home, Sweet Home," sending the merry dancers to their homes rejoicing. Among the invited guests were: Misses Emma M. Quick, Sadie Hill, Felber, Stitt, Hayden, Burns, Nattinger, Johnson, Black, Edghill, Davis, Hines, Buzzell, Caultra, May Van Dorn, Gibbons, Seifken, Drisback, Allen, Sheldon, Pearson, Lougee, Corby, Saunders, Rennie, Eikenbary, Montgomery, Jeffries, Hathaway, Case, Dutton, Kramer, Bennett, Sutton, Dinton, Purdy, Livingston, Llewelling, Harding, Burns, Smith, Farnsworth, Donaldson, Cameron, Williams, Adams, Woods and Valentine; Messrs. Powell, Elrod, White, Beulow, Van Dorn, Buzzell, W. T. Edghill, H. Edghill, Holton, Ellington, Strafford, P. Van Derfoort, Seaman, Caultra, Clinchard, Lineblade, Ellers, Selman, McNair, Wiggins, Brewer, Way, Mans, Ish, Gosney, Grant, Wilkins, Brainard, Ritchie, Dutton, Townsend, Palmer, Cheatwood, Haynes, Gilbert, Leonard, Newell, Collins, Martin Nason, Gillespie, Patterson, VanDerfoort, Goodrich, Beaton, Oliver, Griffith, E. Smith, Stoddard, Elmore, Atherton, Belt, Nelson, Robinson, Peasley and Sullivan.

A social party was given by Miss H. Reineke at her residence, 947 North Twenty-fifth street, Tuesday evening, February 5. Those present were: Misses Fannie Elliott, Polly Steffe, Rose Porter, Edna Fife, Goldie Drost, Maggie De Witt, Rose Poppenberger, Lizzie Wyeland, Mamie and Theresa Huhn, Mesdames Anna Morrison and Mary Huhn, Messrs. J. M. Shinker, Otto Thiele, Louis Drost, George Schofield, C. C. Sundblad, C. P. McDonald, H. E. Reineke, Master H. Morrison. Miss Reineke left Thursday for an extended visit to relations in Wisconsin and Iowa.

The Aurora Borealis club gave another very pleasant party last Thursday evening. Their next party will be a masquerade Thursday evening, February 21. Among those present at the last party were: Messrs. and Mesdames Sandford, Wecek and Potter, Misses Latsch, Burg, Page, Byrne, Sandford, Potter, McKenna, Craig, Tate, Cotton, Thomas, Festner, Latsch, Berg, Adams, McKenna, Latsch and Schropshire, Messrs. Thompson, Kimmel, Nicol, Simpson, Thiessen, Kirkland, Solomon, McPherrin, Craig, Rawley, Jennings, Lester, Festner, Wick, Mayo, G. Zimmer, Wertz, Page and L. Zimmer.

The Oxford club held its regular meeting last Wednesday evening and despite the "roar of Old Boeras" and the "bite of Jack Frost" quite a few members were present. After a short business meeting, at which it was decided to give a dance at the club rooms next Wednesday evening, February 13, the evening was concluded with dancing, after which a light lunch was furnished by the ladies present. Those present were: Misses Bath, Grey, Gordon, Craddock, E. Leeder, J. Leeder and Messrs. Cardwell, Howe, Walker, West, Beman, Newcomb, Shalda, Conklin, Hynes, Gordon and Combes.

Last Wednesday evening Mr. and Mrs. John T. Hopkins entertained in a very charming manner at their residence on Dodge street a number of friends, in honor of Mr. Hopkins' birthday. Their home is very tastefully furnished and so arranged as to present a cozy and comfortable appearance. Dinner was served at 6 o'clock. The invited guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Harding of Nebraska City, Mr. and Mrs. Windsor of Aurora, Ill., Mr and Mrs. Benson, Mr. and Mrs. Dale, Mr. and Mrs. Richards, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. Coryell, Dr. Arnold, Miss Fannie Arnold, Miss Rose McCumber and Mrs. Salesbury. A very enjoyable evening was passed, music being the principal entertainment.

The ladies of the Bishop Garrett circle of All Saints church announce an entertainment to be given at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll S. Montgomery, 502 South Thirty-sixth, the evening of February 14 (St. Valentine's day), which will be most interesting. It will consist of an exhibition of clever fencing, a violin number by Mr. Franz Adelmann, songs and music. A "poste aux lettres," presided over by Mrs. Charles Ogden and Miss Bartlett, where valentines may be sent or called for, promises "great fun," and a tiny miss will dance a minuet, arranged especially for her. At the conclusion of the program refreshments will be served. A small admission will be charged.

Mr. H. G. Streight of this city and Miss Emily Jefferson of Toledo, O., were quietly married at Toledo Wednesday, February 6, at the residence of Mrs. John Nettleton, sister of the bride, 1065 West Washington street. The house was beautifully decorated with flowers for the occasion and the ceremony, which took place at high noon, was conducted by Rev. W. H. G. Lewis of Calvary Episcopal church. Only the near relatives of the high contracting parties were present. Mr and Mrs. Streight arrived in Omaha Friday last and are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hoobler, who served a wedding breakfast in their honor. The happy couple will be at home to their many friends at 2210 Ohio street after March 15.

The Manhattan club entertained their friends at a dancing party Friday evening. The following were present: Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. M. Kane, Mr. and Mrs. Garrity, Mrs. Sullivan; Misses Garrity, McCormick, Myles, E. Miles, Nestlebush, D. Nestlebush, Riley, O'Brien, Colbert, O. Colbert, McQuillan, Gentleman, A. Gentleman, Goodlett, Clarke, Reynolds, McInerey, Flynn, Campbell, Cosgrove, Kane of Bloomington, Ill.; Messrs. Moran, Monahan, Dalton, Ford, Murphy, Riley, Myles, Bradford, Hagerty, McCreary, McCarthy, McQuillan, McGuckin, Reynolds, J. Reynolds, Griffin, Timmins, Casey,