RECEPTION TO GEN. BROOKE

Wedding of Miss Poppleton and Major Shannon the Coming Week's Event.

WHAT THE SWELLS OF SOCIETY HAVE DONE

Small Functions Call Out but Few of the Leaders of Society—Wedding Anniversaries Save the Week from Dry Rot—Chat of the People.

A reception testimonial in its character is to be tendered General and Mrs. J. R. Brooke Wednesday evening from 8 to 10 at the Omaha club. While the details of the reception are not far enough advanced it is known that the entertainment committee, consisting of Dr. George L. Miller, Robert W. Patrick and Frank Hamilton, have about decided to issue several hundred invitations, believing that they can through this means limit the crowd and at the same time make the reception general in its character. Hon. C. F. Manderson is taking an active interest in the function which is designed to show General Brooke how much this community regrets his transfer to other military fields. A testimonial committee has also been appointed and the gentlemen are actively at work to fittingly honor General Brooke on the eve of his departure. The reception is not to be limited to the club membership, the design of the promoters of the entertainment being to make it representative in character, a fitting finale to seven years of residence in Omaha by General and Mrs. Brooke.

The social event of the week will be the marriage of Miss Elizabeth E. Poppleton, eldest daughter of Hon. and Mrs. A. J. Poppleton, and Major W. C. Shannon, surgeon, U. S. A., Wednesday, at 2 o'clock, at the family residence on Sherman avenue. Miss Poppleton will be attended by Miss Delia Fears, cousin of the bride-to-be. Dr. Shannon by Lieutenant L. W. V. Kennon of the Sixth infantry, and well known to the older citizens of Omaha, having been stationed here some eight years ago. A reception will follow the ceremony to which some 200 guests have been invited. After the marriage the wedded couple will leave for Europe, where they will spend their honeymoon, and after their return to America they will locate at Fort Custer, Mont., where Dr. Shannon will take his station.

A Double Entertainment.

Dr. William and Mrs. Davis and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Meeth gave a double entertainment at their home, 1612 Lathrop street, on Thursday and Friday evenings. The first evening was devoted to the elders and the second to the young people. Progressive high five was the feature of Thursday evening, and after a spirited contest among eight sets the first prizes were awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Fitzmorris and the consolation prizes to Mrs. Chamberlain and Mr. Carpenter.

Among the guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Ben Chamberlain, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Cobb, Mr. and Mrs. George Hess, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sackett, Mr. and Mrs. George Wareham, Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. Pottenger, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Fitzmorris, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Carpenter, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Haines, Mr. and Mrs. R. Carleton, the Misses Nelson, Miss Reed, Mr. Ware and Mr. Nelson.

Friday evening the young people devoted an hour to high five, followed with piano solos by Miss Grace Chamberlain, Miss Urlau and Mr. Stanbaugh. Miss Maud Chamberlain sang very effectively and Mr. Nelson delivered a recitation. The Mandolin club furnished music for the dancing that followed.

Among those present were the Misses Nelson, Misses Grace, Hattie and Maud Chamberlain, Pearl and Alma Urlau, Mae Gould, Meadimber, Ware, Arnold, Reed, Bergner and Lulu Truckey; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sackett, Messrs. Barnum, Montague, Whitmore, Nelson, Smith, Combs, Scannell, Bunnell, Stanbaugh, Truckey. An elegant luncheon was served on both occasions.

Philharmonic Club Ends the Season.

The Philharmonic club held its last session of the season at the home of Phil McMillan, 1496 South Seventeenth street, Tuesday, April 30, and was most delightfully entertained by the young host. After reviewing the work of the club for the past six months, the members individually expressed themselves as very well satisfied, in fact, quite proud of the work accomplished and the advancement made, and promised their hearty co-operation when rehearsals were resumed next October. A choice musical program followed, consisting of several choruses by the club and different members contributed their share to the evening's entertainment by well rendered solos, while the Philharmonic Male quartet elicited merited praise by several well chosen selections. Dainty refreshments followed and the first season of the Philharmonic club, which was such a success in every particular, passed into history and became a sweet memory for all its members. The members present were: Misses Margaret Brennan, Katie, Gertie and Annie Rush, Mrs. F. J. Moriarty, Mrs. R. E. Yocum, Lillie Rocheford, Margaret Hoey, Nora and Stella McAuliffe and Miss Minnie Moriarty; Messrs. James Rush, James Swift, J. V. Brennan, R. E. Yocum, Charles Moriarty, Will Stryker, Frank Moriarty and Phil McMillan. Guests of the evening: Misses Mary, Sally, Nellie, Annie and Katie Garvey and Stella Mulvehill.

Thirty Years Married.

Thursday evening, May 2, will long be remembered by Colonel and Mrs. H. C. Akin as one of the pleasantest of their lives. It was the thirtieth anniversary of their married life and this fact having come to the attention of some of their friends a surprise was organized that was a great success. About 9 o'clock there was a great stamping and rush of feet and the party burst in on them at their residence, Thirtieth and Farnam streets, completely taking them by surprise. Mr. and Mrs. Akin, although considerably carried off their feet by this unexpected advent, were equal to the occasion and soon everybody was participating in the pleasures of the evening, which consisted of cards, music and refreshments. Besides Colonel and Mrs. Akin, the party consisted of Mr. and Mrs. Rheem, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Huntington, Judge and Mrs. W. W. Keysor, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar H. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Korty, Mr. and Mrs. Ira O. Rhoades, Miss Grace Akin of St. Louis, Messrs. L. F. De Lorimier and H. L. Akin. Soon after their arrival Mr. L. M. Rheem, on behalf of the party, presented the couple with a beautiful ice cream and berry set of hand painted china. The evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all present and in taking their departure the guests most heartily wished the colonel and his good wife many happy returns of the day.

Silver Wedding Anniversary.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Mies was celebrated by them on Tuesday, April 30, in a most appropriate manner. In the morning, in the presence of a number of friends, they went through the wedding ceremony at St. Mary Magdalene church, Rev. Father Choka, vicar general of the diocese, officiating, renewing the vows of love and affection they had pledged a quarter of a century before, and in the evening entertained a number of friends at their residence, 2720 Decatur street, among whom were: Mr. and Mrs. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. P. Birkhauser, Mr. and Mrs. John Baumer, Mr. and Mrs. Anderes, Mr. and Mrs. Brosius, Mr. and Mrs. Olmstead, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wyatt, Mr. and Mrs. J. Mueller, Mr. and Mrs. Archibald, Mr. and Mrs. W. Spellerberger and Mr. and the Misses Avery.

Mr. and Mrs. Mies have lived in Omaha over thirty years, are well known and highly respected among the old residents, as was testified by the many handsome presents they received on this occasion.

The Honin May Day Party.

"The pleasure of your company is requested at our May party Saturday, May 4, from 3 to 9 p. m., at 2416 Manderson street. Earl Honin, M. Kent Honin." This is what gladdened the hearts of about fifty of Omaha's young people yesterday. The spacious house and grounds of Dan B. Honin were thrown open and the young people had a grand, good time. Whole bunches of bananas, tied to the limbs of the trees seemed to be one of the principal attractions. Mrs. J. O'Ferrin of Chicago, Mrs. R. E. McKelvy, Mrs. Will Latey, Mrs. John Mahoney, Mrs. Coryell, Mrs. Wirth, Mrs. A. Bassire, Miss Maud Kimball and Jessie McGuire assisted Mrs. Honin in entertaining the children.

There was present: Misses Jennie and Addie Canan, Bessie Finch, Julia Dayton, Beaulah Bessire, Lucila Wirth, May Weeks, Inez and Bessie Latey, Ellen and Helen Honin, Isabelle McKelvy, Pearl and Winnie Linafelt, Mabel Donnelly, Russell McKelvy, Emma Robbin, Annie Kelley, Helen Cott, Josephine Ferris, Eva and May Mahoney; Masters Hans and Arthur Janssen, Ernest Drayton, Elmer Redick, Harry Weeks, Hardy Stevens, Dorsey and Will Coryell, Harry Donnelly, Vance and Fred Lidstone, Walter and Clyde Lingafelt, Sydney Ferris, Edmon Bassire, Dado Wirth, Willie Finch.

Mr. and Mrs. Dinning Entertain.

A most enjoyable high five party was given by Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Dinning at their residence on St. Mary's avenue Wednesday evening, May 1. Throughout the house roses, pinks and smilax were used in decoration with charming effect, and the refreshments partaken of after the evening's spirited contest were delicious and daintily served. Mrs. A. E. Hutchison won the ladies' first prize, an exquisite piece of cut glass, and Mrs. P. Shoemaker the second prize, a picture of St. Cecelia listening to the angels. Mr. J. E. Preston was the fortunate winner of a silver key ring and chain, Mr. John S. Knox proving an able second by becoming the possessor of a handsome pocket knife.

The guests present, who filled eleven tables, were as follows: Mr. and Mrs. English, Mr. and Mrs. Ruth, Mr. and Mrs. Pettibone, Mr. and Mrs. Hutchison, Mr. and Mrs. Loudon, Mr. and Mrs. Preston, Mr. and Mrs. Howard, Mr. and Mrs. Wilhelm, Dr. and Mrs. Anglin, Mr. and Mrs. Rhoades, Dr. and Mrs. Mattice, Mr. and Mrs. Knox, Major and Mrs. Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. Canfield, Mr. and Mrs. Shoemaker, Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey, Mr. and Mrs. Woodworth, Mr. and Mrs. Kennard, Mr. and Mrs. Johannis, Mr. and Mrs. Barrows, Mr. and Mrs. Baughman, Miss Knox, Mr. Cookson, Mr. Shank and Mr. Wood.

Mrs. Allen Koch Entertains.

Mrs. Allen Koch, 2120 Wirt street, has given many pretty entertainments, but perhaps none more enjoyable than that of Thursday afternoon, when she threw open her doors to a bevy of bright, daintily gowned women, who were bidden, from 2 to 5 o'clock. The florist had done justice to the hospitable home, for ferns and palms peeped forth from many a nook and corner, while roses and carnations vied with each other in giving color to the occasion.

A mandolin club played through the afternoon and after the numerous and pretty conceits in fancy work were laid away refreshments were served, roses being placed for each guest.

Small tables were used and each glittered with a choice bit of odd china or silver, that told the story of some pleasant season of travel.

Among those invited were: Meadames E. D. Van Court, E. Benedict, E. V. Lewis, Spencer Otis, Hoobler, J. C. Whinnery, K. Sanford, Will Rector, Charles Scoville, Dr. Edmiston, O. P. Goodman, Dr. Ward, Fred Lowe, H. E. Cole, H. J. Penfold, D. Talbot, C. F. Weller, E. Sterricker, G. F. Bergner, O. H. Curtis, W. C. Drake, Warren, Miss Warren, Miss Armbruster and Miss Francis Roder.

Married Under the Spreading Trees.

At the home of the bride's parents at West Point, Neb., on Thursday, April 27, occurred the marriage of Mr. James C. Bishop of Omaha and Miss Lillian Leffert of West Point. It being an ideal spring morning, handsome rugs were spread on the lawn under large shade trees near the house, where the ceremony was performed by Rev. L. Pearson, little Ruth Thompson bearing the wedding ring on a silk cushion. After the ceremony a dainty wedding breakfast was served at the home of Mrs. Frank Klokes, the happy couple leaving later for Lincoln amidst a shower of rice and shoes. The presents were many and costly.

The groom is a popular Sherman avenue druggist, who counts his friends without number. The bride is a most estimable young lady, a former resident of Omaha, and an energetic worker in church circles.

A reception of friends was held at the groom's new home, 4245 Grant street, on Saturday evening, when about 100 invited guests partook of delicious refreshments.

Y. M. I. May Party.

The fourth annual May party of the Young Men's institute, given at Chambers' academy on Wednesday evening, was a most enjoyable success. Threatening weather did not dampen the ardor of the young people, who trooped in to the number of ninety couples. Although the temperature was slightly above the dancing point, it had no effect on the dancers, and for three hours pleasure reigned supreme.

The success of the series of socials given by the institute during the past season is almost entirely due to the efforts of the committee, the members of which spared no effort to contribute to the pleasure of the invited guests. The members of the committee are John J. Riley, F. A. Koesters, S. C. Sawtell, F. B. Murray, T. A. Malone, Frank A. Murphy, J. P. Russell, Daniel Lapsy, H. Rasgorshek, T. L. McDonald and Messrs. Bowman, Drummy and Dolan.

Entertained by the Patriarchal Circle.

Wednesday evening at their rooms in the Patterson block the Patriarchal Circle gave a very pleasant entertainment to a few of their friends and ladies, the following program being rendered:

Address.....J. W. Houder
Piano Solo.....Mrs. E. C. White
Autoharp Solo.....E. E. Crane
Hits and Misses—A Talk.....C. E. Duffie
Vocal Solo—Anchored.....C. L. Hopper
Recitation.....C. D. Elliott
Baritone Solo—Thy Sentinel and I.....W. F. Holcolm

Refreshments followed the program and then the guests spent the balance of the evening at progressive high five. At a rather late hour the party separated for their homes well pleased with their evening's enjoyment.

Pleasant Dancing Party.

A most delightful dancing party was given at the home of Mrs. Rex, 1312 South Sixth street, Thursday evening. The rooms were prettily arranged for the evening, and all enjoyed themselves to the utmost. Refreshments were served at an early hour.

Among those invited were: Misses A. Bergquist, H. Bergquist, H. Vinquist, E. Vinquist, L. Augstmann, R. Augstmann, B. Dietch, R. Swagiety, E. Klee, L. Klee, J. Benson, H. Anderson, Mrs. Pexter, Mrs. Rex; the gentlemen were: Messrs. G. Benson, O. Rosengreen, O. Vinquist, W. Benson, J. Benson, J. Atenham, V. Benson, A. Riohaska, A. Anderson, H. Gear, E. McKenna, McGough, Fitzgerald, Winberger, W. Rex, Mallery, Larson.

High School Juniors Entertained.

The Banjo and Guitar club of the High school class of '96 was entertained by Clarence Thurston Saturday evening at the residence of his parents on Farnam street. The young gentlemen brought their instruments and were accompanied by young lady friends, and the evening was pleasantly spent in music and in playing various games. Light refreshments were served during the evening, followed by recitations and speeches. The guests present were: Anthony Gsantner, Carl Connell, Will Godso, Fred Dale, Rob Towne, Arthur Welshans, Ben Cotton, Rob Hunter, Righter Wood and Kenneth Evans; Josephine Stanton, Ora Rowe, Birdie Balbach, Jessie Weeks, Charlotte Esmond, Belle Goldsmith and Mabel Barber.

Miss Painter Surprised.

On the evening of May day Miss Nellie Painter, at her home, 2303 South Fourteenth street, was made the happy recipient of a surprise party tendered by her schoolmates, who came enmasse, loaded with happy faces, bottles of fun and baskets of refreshments. An evening of pleasure ensued, such as only the happy school girl and boy can create.

There were present: Misses Birdie Powell, Allie Powell, Ruth Hammond, Georgie Richards, Vivian Rezner, Louise Jones, Patricia Naughton, Nettie Schaub, Myrtie Saulsiver and Alice Buchanan; Messrs. Hilmes, Bradley Smith, Fred Naughton, Wilson Buchanan, Walter Hill, Lewis Schaub, Roy Richards, Carl Bock, Albert Krichner and Erle Painter.

Chat of Society People.

Mrs. Dallas Bache is visiting at Fort Riley, Kan.

Miss Ida Pundt went to St. Louis Wednesday.

Dr. Brash of Albion was in town a few days this week.

Mrs. John Guild will leave Omaha next Wednesday for New York, enroute to Scotland, where she will spend the summer with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Weller have returned from New York.

Mrs. Zera Snow and her two children are guests at Hillside.

Mr. and Mrs. George Barker returned from Detroit on Sunday.

Mrs. George Clayton and son returned on Saturday from Aurora, Ill.

Mrs. J. E. Knox entertained the Harmony club at cards last evening.

Miss Emily Wakeley is slowly recovering from a severe attack of peritonitis.

Dr. Lee went to Chicago Tuesday to attend a meeting of railroad surgeons.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Cudahy, infant and nurse have returned from California.

Mr. and Mrs. Tatum entertain the Bon Ami club at their residence Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Koopman have moved from Corby street to 101 Stanford Circle.

Mr. and Mrs. Wright have left the Shriner and taken their house on Georgia avenue.

Mr. John D. Creighton returned home Wednesday, after an absence of two months.

Mrs. Charles Creighton and daughter of Kentucky are the guests of Mrs. John D. Creighton.

Mrs. Adda Wickersham of Des Moines is the guest of Mrs. C. H. Davidson, 2627 Parker street.

Died, Sunday evening, the infant daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Ewing Brown, after a protracted illness.

Mr. Charles W. Hamilton is recovering rapidly after a very serious operation performed last week.

Mrs. Frank E. Nye and daughtetr left Wednesday for the east, where they will pass the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Cady and Miss Cady returned to Omaha Monday evening last after a delightful trip abroad.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hake have sold their home on Park avenue and have taken rooms at the Murray hotel.

Rev. and Mrs. T. J. Mackay are the recipients of congratulations upon the birth of a son Thursday morning.

Mr. B. Rosenthal of Omaha was in Paris last week and registered at the Paris office of the New York Herald.

Mrs. J. W. Fisher and children of Quincy, Ill., are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Weller, 2102 Wirt street.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Race left Thursday to attend the silver wedding of Senator Allen at his home in Madison, Neb.

John W. Hosler leaves this evening for the east. He has been called to New York City by the illness of his father.

Miss Henderson, who has been the guest of Mrs. Warren Switzler, returned to her home in St. Louis on Friday.

Mrs. T. M. Orr and Mrs. O. S. Hoffman have gone east on a two weeks' visit. They are at present in New Haven.

Mr. B. B. Wood, after a protracted stay in Tampa, Fla., returned home last Sunday, very much improved in health.

Mrs. Bradley has gone to visit her sister, whose husband, Colonel Smith, is governor of the Soldiers' Home at Leavenworth, Kan.

Mrs. Charles Urquhart, accompanied by her two sons and her mother, Mrs. E. P. Davis, left on Friday for Boston to study music.

Mrs. C. B. Schmidt left for Pueblo, Colo., last week, where she will remain a few weeks, and will then go up in the mountains for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Buchanan are seriously considering the advisability of a sea voyage for Mr. Buchanan's health, and they are planning a trip to Europe.

H. D. Fisher of Florence, Wis., is in Omaha, a guest of his daughter, Mrs. A. M. Pinto. Mr. Fisher is recovering from injuries received from a severe fall.

Mrs. Lyle Dickey and children return today from a visit to Topeka, Kan., where they have been attending the wedding of Mrs. Dickey's sister, Miss Myra Williams.

Mr. R. C. Patterson, who has been in St. Louis for two weeks, returned yesterday, and leaves in a few days for Cripple Creek, Colo., to close up the sale of a fine silver mine to a St. Louis and Kansas City syndicate.

Rev. J. A. Hultman will give in his church, Twenty-third and Davenport streets, next Thursday evening, May 9, his farewell concert, assisted by Martin Cahn, Mrs. Cahn, Myrtle Coon, J. E. Butler, Burt Butler and others.

Miss Mary Duryea and Miss Fanny Duryea left Wednesday for Yonkers, N. Y., to join their parents, and to ultimately make their home in Brooklyn, to which city Dr. Duryea has been called.

Mr. Paul Horbach yesterday received a letter from his father, John A. Horbach, who is now in the land of the Egyptians. The letter was dated at Cairo and reported Mr. and Mrs. Horbach as enjoying their tour immensely.

Invitations have been issued for an "Everybody's Birthday Party" for the benefit of the First Christian church Tuesday evening of this week at the residence of Mr. Charles E. Ford, from 3 to 6 and 7 to 10 p. m., 125 North Thirty-second avenue.

Invitations have been issued by Mr. and Mrs. Eugene A. Mills for the marriage of their daughter, Alda Elizabeth, to Mr. George Arthur Rathbun, Wednesday afternoon, May 15, at 4 o'clock at the residence of the bride's parents, 120 North Thirty-ninth street.

Married, on Monday, April 22, in Salt Lake City, Utah, Mr. Vanner Chrone of Evanston, Wyo., to Miss Bessie B. Dutcher, daughter of the late Rodney Dutcher of Omaha. Rev. D. D. Wallace of St. Peter's Episcopal church officiated. Mr. and Mrs. Chrone will make their home in Salt Lake City after May 15.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Cady, Miss Cady, Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Deitz, Mr. Frank Colpetzer and Miss Colpetzer returned from their delightful European trip last Monday evening. While away they met a number of friends and a few Omaha people, among them being ex-Governor Crounse and daughters.

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Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Thayer of Colorado passed through Omaha on Wednesday last on their way to New York, Mr. Thayer to attend the annual convention of the hotel men of the United States, of which he is president. Mr. and Mrs. Thayer have a banquet and reception given in their honor in Boston on May 8, at the Coply Square hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Newton gave a high tea at their residence, 1574 North Eighteenth street, Thursday evening, in honor of the 59th birthday anniversary of Mrs. A. B. Rogers, mother of Mr. Newton. The menu was complete and reflects great credit on the charming young hostess. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. E. Farnsley, Mr. and Mrs. Tilliston, Mr. and Mrs. J. Farnsley, Mr. and Mrs. Newton, Mrs. A. B. Rogers, Mrs. M. C. Roberts, Miss Hattie Tilliston.

The following personal appeared in Harper's Bazar of April 27, and is a most complimentary notice to an Omaha girl: "Miss Adnes Van Gieson of Omaha, Neb., a gifted young elocutionist, has been received with marked approval by drawing room and studio audiences in the east. Miss Van Gieson is endowed with rare personal magnetism, a sympathetic voice and a very interesting face and manner. She is highly connected socially, and has chosen her profession from love of literature and pleasure in its choice interpretation."

Hunting Bear and Fell from a Cliff.

SILVER CITY, N. M., May 4.—The body of N. D. Hutton, a reporter on the Chicago Tribune, was brought in here today, frightfully mangled. He was bear hunting near the Gila hot springs yesterday when his horse slipped on a smooth rock and both went over a cliff. Hutton's neck was broken. The body was shipped east.

SONGS FOR THE PEOPLE

Prizes Offered for Verses that Tell Heart Stories of the Toiling Masses.

WHAT OMAHA OFFERS THIS WEEK

Closing Recital of the Musical Section of the Woman's Club—Second Organ Concert at Unity Church—Chat of the Musicians.

Mr. W. L. Tomlins, for many years director of the Apollo Musical club of Chicago and an enthusiastic apostle and promoter of singing for and by the American people, gives much useful and interesting information regarding the past and present work of the club in the preparatory statement of a circular calling for original songs, distinctively American in character, which is being sent to the press of the country. After reviewing the concerts for working people inaugurated by the Apollo club in 1889 he outlines the outgrowth of these concerts embodied in children's vocal classes, held in the missions and settlements of Chicago, and the working people's choruses at Hull-House personally directed by Mr. Tomlins. He then says: "The residents have given the work hearty encouragement, and Mr. H. N. Higinbotham has collected a fund for its support. The possibilities of the work are immeasurable, so large is the field and so great the cravings of the pupils. Up to the present time, however, there have been limitations. The working force of teachers is inadequate; the funds at Mr. Higinbotham's disposal are insufficient and there is a deplorable dearth of appropriate music, especially good songs which in character are distinctly American. That was truly an American idea to place the 'plough horse' in the very center of the Court of Honor at the World's fair. It is in the same sense that we need, not songs of conquest or songs of tawdry sentimentality, but songs of the fireside and of the family, and especially songs which dignify labor and express its hopes of emancipation. There is good authority for the statement that in labor assemblies and kindred gatherings the distinctively labor songs are too often only those which were born out of the bitterness of past strife, such as that of Homestead and Pullman, the spirit of which, aside from the doggerel of its word expression should never be voiced in song."

In this connection a letter signed by Jane Addams, H. N. Higinbotham and W. L. Tomlins invites manuscript copy of original songs in verse form not to exceed four verses to a song, under a few simple conditions. The competition is open to any one living in the United States, the awards to be made by Henry D. Lloyd, John Vance Cheney and Hamlin Garland. The songs must be adapted for music setting, but not set to music of any kind. All manuscripts should be marked "Hull-House" Prize Song Competition" and addressed to W. L. Tomlins, Central Music hall, Chicago, the competition remaining open for sixty days. For the best song complying with the above condition is offered a first prize of $100, a second prize of $50, a third prize of $25 and sums not to exceed $10 for all compositions receiving honorable mention.

After the awards are made, the accepted songs will be published in the public press and music composition invited under certain stated conditions. For these music settings exactly similar prizes ranging from $100 to $10 will be given. Sixty days additional time to be allowed for this purpose. The completed songs, words and music, will then be published at the lowest possible price to insure their widest distribution: Probably 5 cents for a complete set, and the profits, if any, will be given to the charities connected with Hull-House.

Notwithstanding the fact that many members of the Woman's club were busy Wednesday afternoon with the May Day edition of The Bee a large and fashionable audience assembled in the club room to hear the last musicale of the season. Before the opening of the program the department held a business meeting, at which Mrs. Buchanan was unanimously re-elected leader for the coming year. She, however, declined to serve and a committee composed of Mrs. McIntosh, Mrs. Stiger and Mrs. Squires was appointed to secure a leader and report at the first club meeting in October. It was the expressed wish that Mrs. Buchanan would reconsider her decision and accept the position which she has so ably filled for the past two years. The following resolutions presented by Mrs. Buchanan were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, The musicians of Omaha now members of our club, feeling an interest in the growth of music for music's sake, have aided us most cheerfully from time to time, be it

Resolved, That we, the members of the Musical society of the Omaha Woman's club, tender them our grateful appreciation and unbounded thanks, and be it also

Resolved, That we extend our thankful acknowledgments to the press of Omaha for their kindness in publishing our notices and our programs, and their encouragement in friendly reviews.

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon our records and that a copy of them be furnished to the press for publication.

The program was unusually fine and was thoroughly enjoyed. Rarely, if ever, has an Omaha audience listened to such artistic and finished ensemble playing as that of Mme. Muentefering and Mrs. McIntosh. Both are accomplished pianistes, but apart from that there was clearly a most sympathetic feeling visible throughout their playing which is not usually to be met with among the best of musicians without long training and practice under a competent director. The two Chopin numbers—"F minor Concerto" and "Rondo in C major"—were given with especial precision and harmony of expression. Mrs. Estabrook, a favorite with Omaha audiences, appeared in two numbers, "Arise, for the World Rejoices," by Ries, and a group of three songs by McDowell, Nevin and Roy L. Smith. As usual she was warmly and deservedly applauded.

Mr. Homer Moore gave a most entertaining talk on the viola-alto, a solo instrument heard for the first time in Omaha at this recital. In closing his remarks Mr. Moore paid the society a rare compliment for its efforts in behalf of all that is highest and best in music. Among other good things the society has always been prompt to recognize ability, even when coming unheralded and unknown. Last Wednesday Mr. Rudolph Engel was introduced to Omaha music lovers as a soloist of undoubted ability on the viola-alto. This instrument, resembling both the violin and 'cello, has recently been invented by Mr. Hermann Ritter, maker and teacher of the viola, and a well known composer. Mr. Engel is one of the two performers on this instrument in the United States and is a pupil of Mr. Ritter. He is a thorough musician and a pianist of unquestioned ability. It is hoped he will remain here and help to make our city the musical center of the west.

At the close of the program Mrs. Buchanan presented to the club a group of beautiful portraits of Beethoven, Mozart, Wagner, Schumann and Liszt. On behalf of the club Mrs. F. M. Ford accepted the gift of the musical department in her usual fortunate manner and the meeting adjourned amid a shower of congratulations.

Eugene Ysaye, the Belgian violinist, will be heard in Omaha at Boyd's Tuesday evening, June 4. It is through the untiring efforts of Mr. Adolph Meyer and his persistence that music lovers will have a chance to listen to this great artist. Since Ysaye's arrival in this country it has been one continuous triumph wherever he has appeared. The violin in his hand seems a living, sentient being. His style is essentially masculine, and is yet graceful to the verge of coquetry. He possesses marvelously the secret of the bel canto, for even in passages of mere bravura, or to exhibit the instrument, he succeeds by an almost imperceptible lengthening of some essential note, making the melodic phrase stand out as clear as though played upon another instrument. He has a superb staccato, particularly in the down bow. From the first moment that his bow touches the strings you feel the influence of his personality. There can be but one opinion about M. Ysaye as an artist, if he be not, as has been said, absolutely the greatest living violinist, he is certainly among the very first, and the question of degree is hardly worth discussing in his case any more than it was in that of M. Paderewski.

From the present outlook seats for the mandolin, guitar and banjo concert at Boyd's Tuesday evening will be at a premium on the day of the concert. In anticipation of the rush arrangements have been made by which buyers of seats can procure numbers as early as 7 o'clock on Monday morning, May 6. The box office opens at 9 o'clock on that morning and persons having bought tickets in advance can have them then exchanged for seats. Following is the program of the concert:

PART I.

a. Eldorado—Spanish Valse.....Crosby
b. The Sweetest Story Ever Told.....Stult
Sutorius Mandolin Orchestra.
Soprano Solo—Aria from Queen of Sheba.....Gounod
Nannie Hands-Kronberg.
March—Left Wheel.....Odell
Imperial Banjo and Guitar Club.
Mandolin Solo—Fantasia from Stradella.....Flotow
Master Aaron Lyman.
Baritone Solo—Aria from Traviata.....Verdi
S. Kronberg.
Adagio Cantabile, from Sonata Pathetique.....Beethoven
Mandolin and Guitar Quintette.

PART II.

Naila Waltz.....Delibes
Mandolin Orchestra.
Vocal Duet—Hark to the Mandolin...Parker
Nannie Hands-Kronberg and S. Kronberg and Orchestra Accompaniment.
Quickstep—Merry Travelers.....Albrecht
Banjo and Guitar Club.
Banjo Solo—Dieuxieme Valse op 56...Godard
E. H. Cummings.
March—The Rifle Regiment.....Sousa
Mandolin Orchestra.

Mr. Taber will give his second recital in Unity church this evening at 8 o'clock. The following program of popular music will be given:

PART I.

Grand Processional March.....Whitney
(a) Hunting Song.....MacDowell
(b) Gavotte—Mignon.....Thomas
Romance.....Tours
Serenade (By request).....Czibulka

PART II.

Overture—Bohemian Girl.....Balfe
Slumber Song.....Nevin
Melody in C.....West
Triumphal March.....Costa

The Omaha Banjo club will give its second annual concert at the Young Men's Christian association hall on May 13, making it the last of the series of "Pops" being given at the Young Men's Christian association. The following program will be presented:

On the Mill Dam (Galop).....Babb
Omaha Banjo Orchestra.
Parlor Magic.....Prof. Edward Duntan
Violin Solo, Piano Accompaniment.....Rosenberg Children
Impersonation of Sol Smith Russell.....
E. S. Thompson.
Merry Traveler Quickstep.....Albrecht
Omaha Banjo Club.
Soprano Solo.....Mrs. Cook
Selection.....Omaha Turner Zither Club
Comic Song.....George F. Gellenbeck
Prof. Roe, Accompanist.

Miss Nathania Anspacher, who is pursuing her vocal studies in New York City under Carl Riegg, formerly of Dresden, was especially honored last week. Through the kindness of Manager Abbey of the Metropolitan opera house Miss Anspacher had a private hearing in the Metropolitan opera house before Managers Abbey and Parry and the great Maestro, Sig. Bevignani. She sang the Page Aria, Lieti Signor, from "Les Huguenots." The above masters, especially Sig. Bevignani, shook hands and said, "Bravo! bravo! you have a very fine voice and a great future before you."

In answer to a question relative to the birthplace of Patrick Sarsfield Gilmore. The late P. S. Gilmore was born near Dublin December 25, 1829. In the sense of a soloist Mr. Gilmore was not a performer on any instrument, although now and then he played the 'cello and viola. He was a fair performer on the piano and composed much dance and military music.

Dr. and Mrs. Baetens entertained the '95 class of High school on Friday last and gave several violin solos and duets which were greatly enjoyed by the musical listeners, many of them pupils of Dr. Baetens.

Quite a number of mandolin and guitar players from Kansas City, Des Moines and Iowa City have signified their intention of attending the concert to be given May 7 by the Sutorius Mandolin and Guitar club.

Mr. Hans Albert will assume the conductorship of the Liederkranz.

Several of our musicians were in Kansas City last week attendant upon the German opera. Mr. Pennell is authority for the statement that Walter Damrosch never led so well as during this engagement.

Vesta Tilley Has Caught On.

As a sample of the latest English music hall ditty the following now sung by Vesta Tilley at Tony Pastor's, New York, gives some idea as to the style across the drink, and is called by the poetic title "The Sad Sea Waves."

In the glorious summer season everybody takes a trip
To the seaside for enjoyment, in the sands they gayly skip.
Married men with wives and children, single Johnnies on the mash,
Pretty girls who seek for husbands who have pockets full of cash.

By the sad sea waves, where the ladies look so charming,
By the sad sea waves in the glorious summer time,
With their fetching smiles and dresses,
Rosy lips and golden tresses,
Shady nooks and sly caresses,
By the sad sea waves.

"Captain Wallop 'Em" and "French Mamzelle" are the titles of two more of her songs, and these she had never sung before last Monday night. The chorus of "Captain Wallop 'Em" is as follows:

When I was captain of the Saucy Jane—by gosh!
We chased the pettifoggers off the main—by gum!
When once the foemen caught my eye, they knew they had to fly or die!
I tell the truth, I scorn a lie—by gosh, by gum!
They all knew Captain Wallop 'Em.

Miss Tilley may go to Chicago and play the leading role in Henderson's new spectacle, but she has not yet made up her mind whether to accept or not.

Passengers from Europe.

NEW YORK, May 4.—Among the passengers arriving on the Paris from Southampton today were General J. K. Marshall Brown, ex-Mayor Thomas F. Gilroy, Hon. J. B. Jackson, first secretary of the United States embassy to Berlin, and Mr. J. M. C. Wiley, United States consul at Bordeaux.

Mrs John W. Mackay, who arrived on board the Paris, comes, she says, on the advice of physicians who said the sea voyage would greatly relieve the asthma which has been bothering her for some time.

LIVERPOOL, May 4.—Among the passengers who sailed for New York today on board the Cunard line steamer Lucania are T. B. Aldrich, C. F. Benson, A. J. Rutherford and the earl of Westmeath.

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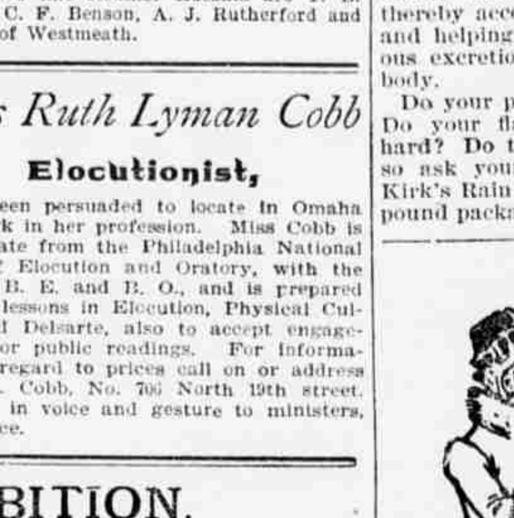

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