SPRING HOUSE CLEANING CUTS A FIGURE

Predictions Are Made that Within the Course of a Few Weeks the Gny Whirl Will Resume.

The number of informal entertainments given during the past week were quite refreshing, after the formal entertaining that prevailed during the winter.

With warm weather comes informality. However, this year society people seem so occupied with their "spring house cleaning" that society has suffered a little by it. Doubtless, in a week or two all will be in "apple pie" order, and it is to be hoped that some kind or other of entertainments will arise or occur to break the monotony that has continued since Lent began,

It was Saturday a week ago.

She was one of the pociety believ of Omaha who had volunteered in the cause of sweet charity to assist in dispensing soda water at a down town drug store. She was standing behind the counter in a trim, business like costume. She suddenly started, seized with a paroxysm of excitement, as a well known figure was seen to pass the window.

He was a swell collegian from the capital city. He had made the young woman's acquaintance at a social affair in Lincoln. He had only shortly before accepted from her an invitation to attend a leap year party, and had been most favorably impressed with her

He peered into the window. A pained exression crept over his face as he recognized the soda water girl. He entered the etore and patronizingly permitted her to serve him with a glass of the cool, refreshing beverage He maintained that quizzical look that plainly asked whether the attendant had not been sailing under false colors down at Lincoin. He acted as if he felt he had been buncoed by some sky-larking shop girl, but he was too polite to say or do anything that might wound the tender sensibilities of the

young woman. So they parted without explanations. It is to be hoped, however, that some good, kind, gracious, mutual friend will inform the young of the true situation, and that the friendship of the parties concerned may not be impaired by reason of this unselfish devotion to a charitable undertaking.

A young man about town was called up the other day and invited to be present at an informal card party that had been arranged for that evening at one of the most hospitable homes in Omaha. He accepted with much pleasure, congratulating himself that it was an evening function, for his dress suit was the only one in which he could make a presentable appearance. They were just about to bring their telephone talk to an end when his heart was suddenly filled with dismay.

"Now, don't you bother to fix up in dress suit. It's a perfectly informal affair," said the voice at the other end, and he wished that he had stopped the conversation a minute sooner.

'Oh, it's no bother, I assure you," said he in his most cheery manner. "In fact, I feel quite at home in it and it's really less other to put it on than any other sult I

"Well, the only thing is," came back from the other end, "none of the other men will have on theirs." 'I am awfully sorry for that," said he. "The fact is that that's the only suit I have that I could wear and if I don't wear

that I'll have to stay at home."

A note that evening to the young woman who had really meant to be so kind and gracious to him merely said that he was detained at the office and regretted that he couldn't be present to enjoy the pleasure he had had in prospect. Then the young woman who told him "not to bother to fix up in a dress suit' realized that she had bothered him considerably more than if she had not suggested the matter of dress to

At a dainty luncheon recently given, some-thing novel in the way of guessing or conundrums was introduced in the form of a "Tea Test." The syllable "tea" or "ty" found in some part of the answer. amusement was created by it: The follow-ing is a list of the questions asked: 1, What our forefathers fought for? 2, A total abstainer? 3, A carpenter's instrument? 4. "-Thy name is woman?" 5. The greatest thing in the world? 6. Forever and ever? 7. Something new under the sun? 8 The nother of invention? 9, Faithful allegiance? 10. The grown of woman? 11, The best policy, 12, "Sweet are the uses of -?"
13, The soul of wit? 14, The "Four Hundred? 15, Mother Eve's failing? 16, A witty retort? 17, To laugh? 18, The power of the age? 19, Beauty's temptation? 20, The religion of civilization.

A social evil, which is by no means new, but which has lately grown to astonishing proportions. Is being vigorusly denomiced many places around Omaha's society The evil recently exhibited brasilf in connection with an important post-lenten little attention to itself.

At that event-it was a dance-there were no less than one-half of the young women present who had been invited not more than twenty-feur hours before, notwigh, straiding the fact that the men's announce-ments were sent out a week ahead of time. Some of the fair ones were asked the morning of the drates, not a few about noon, a couple during the afternoon and two the same evening. One might think that the young men had asked other girls first, and then were forced to hurry around at last minute ute for partners. But such was not the case The young women who were not asked until late are among the most popular ones in The circumstance merely shows the carelessness of the men, and testifies the good nature of the average Omaha girl, is willing to "get up and go," even at the eleventh hour.

Miss Drake's Dancing Party. In honor of her guests, Miss Hayward of Nebraska City and Miss Rawson of Des Moines, Miss Alice Drake gave a very enjoyable dancing party last Friday evening. The drawing room and library, which were cleared for dancing, were prettily decorated with cut flowers, palms and hot house house plants. The dining room was fitted up as a tete-a-tete room and was dimly lighted by lamps and candelabra. It was prettly dec-orated with palms and La France roses and was a favorite retreat during the entire evening. Lemonade was served in the breakfast room. Although the night was dancing was much enjoyed throughout the evening.

Miss Drake, who is an ideal hostess, received her guests in a becoming gown of heliotrope satin, trimmed in lace. Miss Hayward was attractive in a gown of yellow silk with black satin stripe.

Miss Rawson, a pretty blonde, wore a dainty flowered organdie over pink silk. Among those present were: Misses Cady. Amy Barker, Baum, Alexander, Chapman Stone, Hartman, Squires, Sloan, Hamilton Knox, Kimball, Tukey, Parrotte and Bart lett; Messrs. Burgess, Cowin, Cooley, Carter, Dietz, Empkie of Council Bluffs, Good rich Ferguson, Green, Cockreil, Allen, Rose water, Charles Rosewater, Pratt, Wheeler, Vickers, Hartley, Heathcote, Short, Wilkins,

Raymond and Gilbert. Omaha Guards Notes. The Omaha Guards gave their first postlenten dancing party Thursday night of last week, the large attendance indicating the popularity these semi-military dances have

won during the past season. The committee in charge, Sergeauts Land and Osborne, and Acting Quartermaster Conant, is deserving of Monday night will occur the monthly comfor the medal for the best drilled Unusual iterest attaches to the drill tomorrow night, for two reasons. First, because Sergeant Hodgins, who has already won

medal and to make a short address on the

subject, 'Discipline.'
The members of the company were much gratified at the election of Colonel C. J. Bills to the brigadier generalship of the Nebraska National Guards. 'As colonel of the Second regiment. Colonel Billis has been well I ked and greatly respected, and his elevation to the chief command of the state troops gives

promise of material improvement in their Colonel William Bischof, who succeed General Bills in the command of the Second, is a very popular and efficient officer. The

Surprised Miss Hogan.

One of the pleasant events of the week was the surprise party tendered Miss Mayme Hogan last Saturday evening. Miss Mayme was taken away to visit a friend in the early part of the evening and on her return was surprised to find the house in possession of a large number of her friends, who were gived by Missen Mary Ryan, Kate Hay and Mayme O'Donnell.

Vocal and instrumental music was rendered n a most pleasing manner by the Macy Stapenhorst, Joanna O'Donnell, Messrs. Murphy and O'Connor.

Games and dancing were indulged in until a late hour, after which delicious refresh-ments were served and the jolly crowd dements were served and the jolly crowd de-parted. But the pleasant memories of April 18 will long linger in the minds of the fol-lowing invited guests: Fanny Smith, Mary Ryan, Anna Moran, Kate Hay, Joanna O'Donnell, Maggle Hogan, Annie Hay, Jessie Bingham, Mayme O'Donnell, Mary, Kenots, Nellie Hogan, Jennie Post, Macy Stapen-horst, Rose Dingledine, Ita Dunn of Papil-lion Neb, Anna Higher Balle Kelly, Min. lion, Neb., Anna Higion, Belle Kelly, Min nie Fleming, Mary Dingledine, May Pietz nie Fleming, Mary Dingledine, Mamie Hag-Ella Kelly, Flora Dingledine, Mamie Hag-arty, Libbie Post, Miggie Mern; Messrs, Ed Augustine, Frank Murphy, Mike Hogan, Dave O'Donnell, Jean Murphy, Henry Ras-gershee, Mike Hagarty, Jim Hogan, Luke Shannon, Tom O'Connor, John Hagarty, Mr. Streeter, Jay Hogan, George Dingledine, Pat Rooney, Dan Sullivan, Mr. Gerne, Mr. Kirk, loe Grady, Mr. Doran, Dan Leahy, Grady.

Mrs. Love's Five O'Clock Ten. Mrs. Archibald Love gave a very pretty 'five o'clock tea" yesterday afternoon at her charming home in honor of her cousin, Mis-

Gorton of Buffalo, who is her guest.

The house, which is very artistic, was decorated with apple blossoms and epring flowers. The guests were received in the drawing room by Mrs. Love, Miss Gorton, Miss Tory and Mrs. J. J. Dickey.
Mrs. Love wore a becoming gown of yellow organdle daintily trimmed in lace.

Miss Gorton was radiant in a white organdie handsomely trimmed in Valencienne lace and made over blue silk. Miss Tory wore a stylish gown of buff batiste made over blue silk.

Mrs. J. J. Dickey were a lovely pink-flow red organdie trimmed in lace. In the dining room, which is an attractive oom, Mrs. Charles Offutt served strawberry ice and Mrs. Frank Johnson served ping

Tea was served in the den where a man dolin orchestra dispersed sweet strains of music. Others assisting were Miss Moore, Miss Emily Wakeley, Miss Daisy Doane, Miss Lydia Moore, Miss Wessells, Miss Car-ita Curtis, Mrs. Meikle and Mrs. Theodore Ringwalt.

An Afternoon with French. Monday afternoon a delightful meeting o Madame Lahure's French reading class was held at the tome of Mrs. John Monnell. A number of French students were invited in o witness the plays given. Each of the club members read an interesting article on a given subject, and there was an exquisite plano solo by Mrs. G. M. Hitchcock and a barming little French song by Mrs. F. ancis Wessells.

There wers also two French plays given the former by Mrs. Peck and her daughter Miss Bessie, was prettily and cleverly done and the pronunciation was so clear and distinct that not a syllable was lost.

The second play, which had been translated into the French by Miss Wakeley, was charming. The characters were taken by Miss Emily Wakeley and Dr. Despecher and were all that could be desired. Many were he compliments that were showered upon

Among those present were: Mesdames Kilpatrick, Gifford, Burt, William B. Millard, Orr, Patterson, D. H. Wheeler, jr., Manderon, Dietz, Bradford, Bache; Misses Doane, indsay, Amy Barker, Millard, Palmer, Wakeley, Buck.

Pleasant Surprise. A number of the friends of Mr. and Mrs. Messars. Carter, Cottrell, Boyd, Heathcote, keahan of Fort Omaha gave them a sur- Johnson of Council Bluffs. Skeahan of Fort Omaha gave them a surprise at the home of their parents Wednesday night, after which they were led to Ketchmark's hall, where music, singing and table was lovely, and American Beauty ros dancing were indulged in until a late hour, were used for decoration. Covers were is Refreshments were served and all had a good time.

Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kelley, Mr. and Mrs. Skeahan, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Haze, Mr. and Mrs. H. Lloyd, Mr. and Mrs. W. Magee, Mr. and Mrs. F. Ketchmark, Mr. and Mrs. R. Gruner, Mr. and Mrs. Fitzgarld, Mr. and Mrs. J. Meahan, Mr. and Mrs. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. G. Hale, Mr. and Mrs. W. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Eck, Mr. and Mrs. P. Olson, Mr. and Mrs. Daum, Mr. and Mrs. A. Olson; Misses Grunner, M. Grunner, M. Magee, G. Magee, F. Magee, I. Ma-gee, A. Carlson, E. Schuster, Jennie Gordon, Minnle Kstchmark, P. E. Oldane; Messrs. Sumner, Ufink, Wells, Husbands, L. Daum, Petts, Franks, McFadden, Madden, Raymond, Ross, H. Bomback, A. Bombeck, Hassler, avanaugh, Gibbons, Mayes. Lancaster. Moran, Elswick, M. Kelley, Macy, Kress,

Eisenkamre and Shanahan. A Surprise Party.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Samon were agreeably urprised at their home by a number of heir friends, the occasion being Mr. Samon's birthday. The evening was spent in dancng, after which a dainty lunch was served the hostess. The Edwards brothers asisted by Misses Smith and Clauson, renlered some very enjoyable vocal music. Mr. Samon was presented with a beautiful water set by his many friends, as a token of their regard.

Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. J. Flanagan, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Peironet, Mr. and Mrs. H. Fields, Mr. and Mrs. S. Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. F. Nevens, Mr. and Mrs. C. Highsmith, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hardy, Mr. and Mrs. Hayes, Mr. and Mrs. G. Rasgorshack, Mrs. Hendrick, Misses Jane Flangorshack, Mrs. Headrick, Misses Jane Plan-igan, Grugg, Riley, McLair, H. Galvin, N. Galvin; Messrs, G. C. Peironet, F. Smith, T. Edwards, E. A. Edwards, D. Edwards, F. Clauson, C. Wheeler, W. Hendrick, W.

Cowen, A. Birchard. Hancock-Reyman.

A very quiet, yet elegant, wedding occurred last week at the residence of Mrs. J. Allison, Miss Josephine Reyman of Tekamah, Neb., and Mr. John Hancock of Stan-

ton being the contracting part es. In anticipation of the event the parlors were decorated with palms, ferns, smilax and roses, only a few of their most intimate friends being invited, Rev. Dr. McCormack miciating, at high noon Wednesday, April 22. Miss Monzingo acted as bridesma d and Mr. Abel Reyman as the groom's best man. After the ceremony the happy couple and their friends repaired to the Paxton, where

an elaborate repast had been prepared, after which they took the westbound train for an extended western tour. me to their friends at

Stanton, Neb., after May 15.

Celebrated Her Birthday. Tuesday Miss Susan Holdrege celebrated er birthday very pleasantly by inviting in about thirty of her young friends to spend the afternoon. Each little guest was given a tail to pin on the donkey and there were several pretty prizes given to those who succeeded in pinning it on the right place. Then it was called a "senses" party, as there were things to be tasted, to smell, to touch, to hear and to look at and then guessed by the little ones.

Prizes were won by Misses Josephine Drake, Bessie Brady, Lucy Gore, Ada Kirkendall, Margaret Robertson, Hazel Connell, Millie Stebbins and Majorle Montgomery.

A delightful afternoon was spent by those present and a dainty supper was served. the afternoon. Each little guest was given

present and a dainty supper was served. Entertained the Forest Hill Club. Mrs. Walter Carson entertained the Forest Hill Card club charmingly at German whist on Wednesday afternoon at her pretty home. There were quite a number of guests pres the medal twice in succession, expects to ent besides the regular club members. Expering it again, and thereby become its owns for all time; second, because Dr. A. E. Dicksone oil painting of the Rembrandt type.

Inson has kindly consented to present the war won by Miss Amy Barker. The second

Refreshments were served at 5 o'clock Mrs. Garrett, Mrs. Spencer, Mrs. Vincent Haller and the club members, who were

Mr. and Mrs. Lauren J. Drake gave a very beautiful as well as elaborate dinner Drake for several weeks.

Manday evening at 7 o'clock, in honor of Rev. and Mraces S. Hawley of Carson, Ia... orations were all pink and were lovely. In the center of the table, on an exquisitely hand-painted centerpiece, was placed a large cut-glass vase, in which there was a large bunch of la France roses; at the corners regiment, although regretting the loss of its Mr. and Mrs. Samuel A. Megeath. The dec-former chief, has every confidence that his place will be ably filled by its new incumbent. the center of the table, on an exquisitely bunch of la France roses; at the corners were four smaller vases containing bunches of these fragrant roses. The silver, cut-glass and candelabra, with pink candles, all went to make up this perfect ensemble. The pretty evening gowns added not a little to this brilliant scene.

Ten delicious courses were served and cof-fee was served in the drawing room. Covers were laid for Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Megeath, Miss Drake, Miss Scull, Miss Hoagivad and Miss Barker, Mr. Seth Drake, Mr. Ward Burguss Mr. Heatheste and Mr. Paul Hoas. Burgess, Mr. Heathcote and Mr. Paul Hoagland. Places were found by dainty, hand-painted plate cards. After the dinner the remainder of the evening was spent in conversation.

High Five Party.

A high five party and social were given at the private wigwam, of Sister Lizzy Petronet last Tuesday evening. Guests were entertained until 11 o'clock, when a dainty lunch was served by the hostess. The first prizes were won by Mr. Gorion and Miss Luces, and the consolation prizes by Mr. Edwards and Miss Hardy. Sister Peironet was assisted in entertaining by Sister Mary Sammon, Sister Lila Peterson and Sister

Those present were: Mr. end Mrs. Lucas L. Loyd, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Bay, Mr. Flan-agan, Hugh Smith, Mr. Rasgorshek, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Hardy, Mr. Peironet; Mesdames Hays, Sammon, Peterson, Fields, Gall, Moore, Lazurs, Bell, Hamilton; Misses Flanagan, Snigg, A. Galvin, N. Galvin; Messrs, Buchanan, Lusk, E. Edwards, D. Edwards, Peironet, Wheeler, Riley and Rasgorshek.

Weddings and Engagements. The wedding of Miss Katherine Barker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Barker, to Mr. Robert Franklin Smith of Council Bluffs will occur June 3.

The wedding of Miss Barnard, formerly of Omaha, now of Minneapolis, and Mr. William A. Howland, will occur Wednesday, June 24. They will spend their honeymoon sbroad. Announcement cards were received

town last week of the marriage of Mis-Mary Elise Groff, daughter of Mr. and Mrs Lewis A. Groff, to Mr. William Manley Jenkins, Wednesday, April 15, Los Angeles, The engagement of Miss Jessica Swisher of

ledar Rapids, Ia., to Mr. J. E. Armour of Akron, O., was announced at a tea in the former place, recently. The wedding will occur in June. Miss Swisher is cuite well nown in Omaha, as she spent last winter ere with her aunt. Pleasures Past.

The Current Literature club met with Miso loan last week.

Mrs. Gannett entertained informally a inner last Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. George Wattles entertained nformally at dinner last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Davis entertained the Whist club last Wednesday evening. Mrs. C. E. Yost entertained the A Bs deightfully at luncheon last Wednesday. Miss Darlene Coe entertained the Enter-

prise club last Tuesday afternoon at her In honor of Mr. and Mrs. Fisher, Florence Wis., Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Garner entertained at duplicate whist on Monday evening. A very enjoyable chafing dish supper was given last Friday night by Miss Grace Allen

in honor of the Jordan Moore bridal party. An informal card party was given last Tuesday evening by Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Pinto. Prizes were won by Mrs. Ira Mapes

The Misses Burgess entertained pleasantly,

Bishop and Mrs. Worthington gave a beautiful dinner last Thursday evening. The for Mr. and Mrs. Guy Barton, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Barker, Mr. and Mrs. Casper Yost, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Millard, and Bishop and

Misses Hartman, Carter, Boyd and Gray;

Mrs. Worthington. Mrs. M. D. Houck gave a musical at her home Wednesday evening in honor of her neice. Miss Clyde Sheperd of Chicago. fine selections were rendered by a banjo club, consisting of Messra. Millar, Wood, Taggart and Baxter; also vocal music and recitations by the Misses Campion. Miss Sheperd leaves for her home on Wednesday, the 29th

inst. One of the enjoyable affairs of the week was a surprise tendered Miss Mae Linahan at her home. Dancing was indulged in till a late hour, when elegant refreshments were served. Among those present were: Misses Reagan, Kathryn Regan, Frazer, Jennie Frazer, Gentleman, Anna Gentleman, O'Han-Butler, Kelly, McCarthy, Currey, an, Jo Linahan, Cornish; Messrs. Linahan. Hurly, Lawson, Valentine, Malme, Gibney, O'Hanlon, Joe O'Hanlon, Butler, Behan, Mcllurey, McCormick, Reagan, Linahan,

The women of the Sans-Souci club closed the season of 1895 by giving a delightful leap year dancing party at the Thurston leap year dancing party at the Hong Riffes' armory last Friday evening. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Hong the Blake and Miss Deidrich of Avoca, Ia.; Engler, Freuhauf, Mit-Misses Engler, S. Engler, Freuhauf, Mittauer, Nelson, Peterson, Schonlan, Stuht, Alma Urlau, Pearl Urlau, Claude Urlau, Wearne, West and Wright; Messrs, Atte-bury, Clark, Cook, J. Cook, Coleman, Curley, Engler, Gramlick, Hanak, Light, Stockham, Dr. Stuht, Thomsett, Urlau, Waldron, Wil-

liams and others. The Pocahontas club gave a very enjoyable party Friday evening at the home of Misses Nellie and Ethel Cherry. The evening was spent with music and numerous games. Refreshments were served. Among those present were: Misses Stevens, Guiwits, Lamon, Bachus, Hilton, Ochsenbein, Gibson, Moore, Quinlan, Murphy, Sadie Murphy, Arswald, Lilie Arswald, Howard, Ellis, Moran, Donley, Cherry, Ethel Cherry; Messrs. Martin Overman, Wachter, Driesbach, Stewart Overman, Wachter, Driesbach, Stewart, Tipton, Baldwin, Gardner, Jack, Diver, Olsen, Johnson, Binns, Guiwits, Baxter, Don Over-man, Eaton, Ochsenbein, Harter, Thiems,

Fritzel, Mardis, Ross. Pleasures in Prospect. The Current Literature club will meet with Mies Mount on Tuesday afternson. The return leap year party of the Thurston Rifles is to be given at the Armory Mon-day evening. May 4.

Miss Margaret Cook will entertain at a Kensington on Monday afternoon in honor of Miss Oakley of Lincoln. The wedding of Miss Heien Moore and Mr. Wednesday at high

Harry Jordan will occur Wed-noon at St. Matthias church. A party will be given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lauren J. Drake Thursday evening by the Bishop Worthington Ten for the benefit of All Saints' church. An enjoyable evening is promised with dancing and re-

Monday evening Mr. Frank Lea Short will give another of his successful "at homes," when a very interesting program will be given. There will be several plays, "A Tempest in a Teapot" and a one-act com-edy by Miss Kimball and Miss Marshall, edy by Miss Kimball and Miss I which promises to be very amusing. Upon invitation of the Nebraska

Photographers' association the Camera club will give a stereopticon exhibi tion of slides from the American Lantern Slide interchange, contributed by the To-ronto Camera club, Toronto, Can. The exhibition will occur at Creighton hall on Tues day evening, April 28. The committee is W. P. Durnall, T. F. Bullock, J. W. Newlean, . R. Sharp, lantern slide director.

Ont-of-Town Visitors. Miss Rawsom of Des Moines is the guest of M'as Alice Drake. Mrs. I. S. Rossiter of Minneapol's is the guast of Mrs. William Arnold, where she

prize, a dainty fine linen and real lace hand-kerchief, the work of the hostess, fell to the lot of Mrs. Garrett. will visit a few days before going to Chicago to join her husband. Mrs. Neidlingbaus of Chicago is the guest

of Mrs. Milton Barlow. freshments were served at the freshments were served with the first Charles Ogden, Mrs. Victor White, Clinton Powell, Mrs. F. K. Darling, and is the guest of Miss Mount. Mrs. Walter Blake and Miss Jesephine

Dilderich of Avoca, Ia., are the guests of the Miss Hayward of Nebrasks City arrived Wednesday, and will be the guest of Miss be the guest of Miss

guest of her aunt, Mrs. J. G. Megeath.

Friendly Gossip. Mr. Seth Drake left last Tuesday for Des

Mrs. W. N. Babcock spent last week in Mr. William H. Clarke left Thursday for Senator and Mrs. Manderson have gone to

Washington. Miss Irabelle Adler left for Cocinnati last Monday. Mr. Joseph Barker, jr., left for St. Paul's Concord, N. H., last Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Wattles have re-

turned from a trip to Washington. Mrs. Homer P. Lewis left Friday for Worcester, Mass., to join her husband. Mr. Frank Haller returned Sunday from a en days' visit to Davenport and Rock

Miss Crounse left last Monday for her home Calhoun, where she will remain during the summer months.

Miss Lonergan of Chicago, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. John A. McShane, left for her home last week. Mrs. William Kelly and Miss Ura Kelly, who have been spending several weeks in New York, are expected home today, Mr. and Mrs. James McIntosh have moved into Mr. Harry Windsor's residence Thirty-second and Davenport streets,

Mr. and Mrs. Grimmel have returned from their wedding trip, and will be at home to their friends at 2769 Webster street after May 1. Mrs. Ezra Millard and daughters, Miss

Carrie, and Miss Helen, will sail from Bremen about May 19, reaching home about June 1. Mrs. Milton Darling and George Palmer left last Wednesday for St. Joseph. Mr. Darling returned Friday, and Mr. Palmer went on to Chicago.

Miss Kountze, who has been spending six weeks with her brother and his bride in Jacksonville, has returned home, leaving him much improved in health.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Fisher of Florence. Wis., who have been spending a few weeks with their daughter, Mrs. Arthur Pinto, left

Friday evening for the east. Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Borglum sailed on They took with them a large supply of paintings, and expected to be in time for the spring exhibitions in both places.

Dundee. W. L. Selby is in Texas.

D. L. Johnson went to Grand Island Frilay on legal business. Mrs. ThomasoLutz of Mapleton, Ia., is visiting her mother, Mrs. J. R. Cameron. Miss Eva Montgomery left on Wednesday for Missouri, where she goes to make her future home. She leaves many friends be-

NOTES FROM OMAHA'S SUBURBS.

hind her. Dundee Woman's club met with Mrs. Van-Ness Thursday afterboon. A letter from the Omaha Weman's club extending a greeting and a cordial invitation to visit the club was read. The invitation was accepted for May

Miss McDunn and pupils, assisted by local talent, are preparing to give a musical and literary entertainment at Dundee school house on the evening of May 8. Miss Mc-Captain and Mrs. H. E. Palmer entertained the Bon Ami Card club pleasantly last Monday evening. Prizes were won by Mrs. Hurd and Miss Kimball, and Mr. D. H. Wheeler and Mr. Bartlett. and it is nop-will be given.

Benson.

though informally, Taursday evening, with house formerly occupied by Rev. Barr. a small dance. Among these present were: Mrs. H. C. Browster of Barbartana. Mrs. H. C. Brewster of Beebeetown visited with friends and relatives in Benson and Irvington during the past week. Miss Emma Word of Omaha, who has been isiting with friends here the past week, re-

urned to her home last Tuesday. The scholars of Prof. Eby's room are hav ng a ceries of debates every Friday afteroon and will continue the rest of the term Prof. Shattuck of Omaha, who had a chorus class in Benson some two years ago, paid the school a visit last Tuesday afteroon and gave an interesting talk to the

cholare Arbor day was appropriately observed by all the grades of the school; speeches were made, after which the pupils planted trees n the yard, naming them after some of our great men.

A number of the young people attended the social at Irvington last Friday evening, which was given at the home of Mr. R. which was given at the home of Mr. R. Brewster by the Young People's society of that place. A called meeting of the Epworth League was held at the Methodist church last Wednesday evening after prayer meeting for

the purpose of disposing of the money realized by the social. Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Horten have taken house on the west of them and have rented their house formerly occupied by them to a family of Omaha, who expect to

move to Benson soon. LINCOLN'S SOCIAL SIDE.

LINCOLN, April 25 .- (Spec'al.)-The engagement of Miss Ella Quick of Des Moines, whom Miss Carson is visiting, has recently been announced in Lincoln. This week Miss Carson and Miss Quick are in Chicago.

Mrs. Frank Smith has returned to Allince. Miss Latta and Miss Mae Burr are planning a visit to Alliance as her guest me time during the present month. At a recent session of a whist club enertained by Mrs. R. E. Moore, Mrs. Charles Burr won the first prize.

Miss Nance recently gave a card party for her friend and guest, Mrs. Quimby. There were about thirty people present. Mrs has returned to St. Mary's, Knoxille. Ill., where she will be graduated in

Today the women had charge of Rector's soda fountain for the benefit of the Young Woman's Christian association. They were arranged in relays as follows: Misses Gibson and Hensel, Mesdames Fling, Tilton and Holyoke, Misses Gere and Ames, Misses Hammond and Weston, Misses Grace Oakley and Burr and Mrs. Marshall, Misses Clara Smith and Vancil, Miss Hardy and Miss Pitcher, Misses, Tibbetts and Haggard.

There was a theater party at the Lansing Monday night, comprising Misses Grace Oak-ley, Marie Marshall, Henrietta Hollowbush, Lucy Griffith, Mae Burr, Mae Moore, Messrs. Clough, Fred White, Ernest Houghton, John Dixon, Joe Malialien. Mr. and Mrs. Lew Marshall chapergred the party.
Ernest Houghton entertained a whist club

at his rooms tonight. There was a congental company of brothers and buds. Mr. and Mrs. Le C. Richards entertained the Whist club on Wednesday night. Tables were set in the court, reception room, drawroom and dining room, sixteen in all. the prizes were roses. Mirs Florence Rinehart is visiting Mrs. George J. Woods. She will remain in the city several weeks. There is some talk of

subscription Pleasant Hour party during ar stav. Rev. William E. Siemmons of Mercer, Pa. is in the city, renewing the acquaintance of his old time friend, C. A. Hanna. He will conduct the services at the First Preaby

terian church tomorrow. Frank Cook has so far recovered that he is at his place in the bank again. He walks very early without the use of a cane.

Mrs. E. S. Hawley will leave next week or Brookline, Mass., where she will visit her daughter, Mrs. Fred Smyser. Mr. Felder of New York, who was a guest of the O. R. Oakleys, left for home last

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Dav's went to Havana. Ill., yesterday.
Rev. C. E. Bradt left yesterday for Wich-

************* IDOMINANT SEVENTHS

It may be true, as various critical writers have maintained with deep regret, that Americans have no music which we can all distinctly our own. But it must also be remembered that a distinctive national music is not formed once in 100 of 200 years. The north and the west have labored under especial difficulties in this regard, the Indians' guttural tones are not very promising to the trained ear. While we assuredly some time shall have musical composers to express the solitude and the wide sweep of the plains, the rearing fall of the cataracts, and the howling storms through the mountain tops, as well as the milder meods of nature, it stands to reason and is perfectly natural that we cannot have developed them yet. The east is not much better off. The hymns of the Puritans conquered a world, but are nevertheless a sad foundation for a national nusical structure. But still if you come to Paris, or even to Copenhagen, the Athens of the north, you will hear tunes and strains which will be called American, as the most natural matter in the world. But those But those natural matter in the world. But those tunes are from the sunny south; it is on the old Creole and plantation melodies that our European reputation mainly rests. Those tunes, with their spaces for the twang of the banjo and the shuffling of feet, and here and there a wild, weird note, probably reminiscence from some cannibalistic feast the wild African forest, must for a while yet remain our only national treasure of musical lore, but it is no mean treasure at that, and its beauties are just beginning dawn on the composers and musicians of the

In the old world it is different. Every country, be it eyer so small, has through the long centuries formed a sort of national music, more or less pronounced, according to the country's own capabilities. The difterences between a Servian ballad and a Danish folk song are evident. Although they may be of the same age, no one will mistake a Hungarian Zcarda for a Norwegian Halling. It is as if the national character of the people has found its deepest and fullest expression in song. The explanation of this is perhaps that at times when all other expressions of grief or happiness were forbidden, a dewntrodden people could not be hindered from giving expression to its hopes from and fears in the unspoken words of the some-about times melancholy, sometimes wild and happy

There is a distinct difference to be found even in the folk songs of the three Scandi-navian countries—Denmark, Norway and Sweden. In the course of time the Scandi-navian people have received impressions from different sources, and those impressions have left their mark on their music, as well as on their intellectual development in other directions. Strange to say, the Swedes, in respects one of the most rugged and hardy people of the north, have the sweetest, ten lerest and most plaintive melodies. And then, again, they have the ringing war songs the French steamer "Touraine" from New in majestic strides, to which you almost ex-York last Saturday for Paris and London. pect to hear the hum of battle, the fall of pect to hear the hum of battle, the fall of heavy swords on metallic shields.

Through the middle ages the Danes were in frequent intercourse with the rest of Euope, and their ballads, while not lakeing in national peculiarities, are somewhat more diffused; that is, we can find reminiscences a Mikado bow.

of Dguish tunes in German folk congs, while After the entertaniment the May festival of Danish tunes in German folk congs, while some strain from the troubadours of Travence may be almost wholly incorporated in some Danish ballads, brought home, no doubt, to the Danish court by wandering knights, and from there in the course of time passed out among the people, who have appropriated and adapted it to their own needs. The songs of the Norwegians possess a very distinct character. Somewhat somber and sad, they must be taken as the deepest expression of a strong and rugged people, living in solitude the largest part of the year on the "fjells" and around the "fjords." Another peculiarity is the Norwegian dancing tunes, especially to the national dance, the "Halling." Some of those desices are bubbling over with fun and with the joy of life, Ibson speaks of, and still you will find in most of them some dark, melancholy strain, a hardly noticeable under-tone, which reminds the hearers that the joy is not lasting, that they'd better cojoy themselves while they may, for the morrow will bring new battle for life and the old melancholy solitude on the hilltops.

The Swedes are the singers par excellence

Mr. Cole and family have moved into the jourse formerly occupied by Rev. Barr.

The Swedes are the same treat to listen to of the north. It is a rare treat to listen to a trained Swedish chorus, whether singing a trained Swedish chorus, whether singing a trained Swedish chorus. some sweet Swedish folk songs, "with words as tears and tones as sobs," or one of Bell-man's rollicking, jollying dricking songs. But the Norwegians and Danes are not far behind, and in some of the later Scandinavian sangerfests the honors have been divided pretty evenly. It will be a matter of nterest to hear the different societies sing when the Scradinavian sangerfest in the fall is held at Omaha for the first time, and when nearly 1,000 singers will lift their voices in grand chorus of some old Scandinavian melody it will quicken the heart of every listener.

Mr. Taber will give his fifty-second organ recital this afternoon in the First Congregational church at 3:30, and will be assisted by Mrs. Fred Loomis of Council Bluffs. Mrs. Loomie has many admirers in Omaha, and no doubt she will be a great attraction at this recital. Mr. Taber will play the storm fantasie (by request), or Fantasie Pastorale, by Wely. This selection was given about three weeks ago, and proved so interesting it has been requested to be repeated. The program as a whole will be very interesting, and is as follows:

Adaglo from Sonata No. 2...... Barcarolle Hoffman
Vocal—Child of Bethlehem. Salter
Overture—Pierri Mrs. Loomis. Overture-Rienzi.... PART II. Fantasie Pasterale (by request) Wely
Sons les Bois (new) Durand
Poem Erotique Grieg
Serenade Shelley
March Triumphant Guillmant Serenade..... March TriumphantGuilmant

*** The musical services at St. Mary's Avenue Congregational church today will be conducted by the Men's club of the church and will be in observance of the seventy-seventh anniversary of the establishment of the In-dependent Order of Odd Fellows and Patrirchs Militant in America. The program will

be as follows: MORNING. Organ introduction ... H. H. Allen
Doxology ... Congregation
Hymn ... Congregation
Glory Be to the Father, Etc. Congregation
Soprano solo ... Miss Lillian Terry
Hymn ... Congregation
Or. Butler
Dr. Butler EVENING.

Solo—Cornet Master Goff.

Hymn 911—Three verses Congregation Selo—Cornet Master Goff.

Master Goff.

H. H. Allen

The sangerfest committee has concluded arangements for a concert at the Creighton theater Friday, May 8. Some of the best musical talent of Omaha has kindly proffered its assistance, and the concert will be a musical event of decided importance. Among

the soloists may be named Hans Albert.

Miss Moeller, soprano from the Royal
Swedish opera, Stockholm; Adolph Edgreen,
tenor and harpist; Colonel C. A. Jacobsen,
basso, and Olaf Peterson, flute. The German Singing society "Orpheus" and the New Y Shubert Glee club, Lee Kratz, director, will ton; J. take part in the program, as well as, of Grand Island, Neb.

course, the Swedish Singing society "Nordin" Ernest and the Scandinavian Glee club. Nordin will swing the baten over an or heatra of thirty musicians, who have kindly volunteered their services. The proeeds from this concert will be used to defray the preliminary expenses for the sanger-fest, and it is presumed that the music loving public of Omaha will show appreciaion of the committee's efforts.

second Infantry band will give the first outof doors concert of the season. The concert will be on the parade ground at Port Omahs.

Serenade
Grand Selection Opera Martha, Fot
Negro Dance Uncle Rastus, Cla
Mazurka Russe La Czarine, Gar
Grand Selection Open Mikado, Suiliv
Medley, Overture Ten Minutes With the
Minstrels Bows Sullivan Minstrels Star Spangled Danner A. Wedemeyer, leader ***

May 1, is a day of love feasts in many European countries and the custom has been introduced in this country, especially by order by President Jacob Williams, and people of foreign birth. A program has practically all the fruit and produce firms people of foreign birth. A program has been ararnged for next Friday evening at Creighton hall, when a great Swediah May festival in national costumes will take place:

Thomas J. Kelly and C. A.

—Martha Duet-Martha

INTERMISSION.

The Swedish Wedding March....Soderman Orchestra.

Orchestra.

Orchestra.

New original comedy of the famous Swedish old folksong for solos, quartets, chorus and harp; the melodies will be carried out in brilliant national costumes. The final will be a grand effective tableau. Home Sweet Home... Sir Henry R. Bishop Misses Emma Moeller, Juliette McCune, Messrs. Adolf Edgren and C. A.

Jacobson.

Miss Daisy A. Higgins, Accompanist.

With the last number on the program. Orchestra.

With the last number on the program George Washington will be represented and when Uncle Sam makes his appearance on the scene the peasant wooden shoe repre sentative as well as the lordship will make

banquet will be served in the theater areade on the main floor, to which those in the

audience will be invited, if recommended by members of the organization. The regular meeting of the musical de partment of the Weman's club will be held in the club rooms, next Wednesday evening, at 3 o'clock. The afternoon will be devoted to modern vocal music, of which the

program is given below: Leal Foote
Leal Foote
Two Eyes of Brown Haw ey
Torti Mrs, Fred Loomis,

panists.

Lost His Money and His Liberty. Trouble has been brewing in the lodging house kept by L. Cohn, 316 North Sixteenth street, for some time past. Last night affairs came to a focus, and Carl Haas, a lodger, is in jail, charged with an assault upon Hiram Cohn, a 12-year-old son of the proprietor. Several days ago Haas missed some money from his room and accused. some money from his room and accuse Hiram with taking it. He said that i the amount was not forthcoming, he woul the amount was not forthcoming, he would even matters by dusting Hiram's jacket. Yesterday the parents of the boy left the house, first locking the boy in a room for safe keeping. This proved to be the opportunity for which Haas was looking, so he thereupon smashed in the door, and a moment later Hiram thought a whirlwind had struck in his vicinity. The case will be brought up before Judge Gordon today.

Replenished Her Wardrobe. Ada Stanley has been rooming with Mrs. Annie Knocke, Twenty-sixth and O streets, Annie Knocke, Twenty-sixth and O streets, South Omaha, for several months past. Yesterday she concluded to go to Denver and upon leaving, he'ped herself to her landlady's wardrobe, taking therefrom several dresses, two pairs of shoes and other thiags. Ada was arrested, and her trunk detained at the depot, while the officers searched it. The missing articles were found packed in it. The woman was lodged in the city jail on a charge of larceny, and afterward handed over to the South Omaha authorities.

Entertainment at Labor Temple. There will be a literary and musical entertainment at Labor Temple, Thursday evening, April 30, at 8 p. m. The program will comprise plano and zither solos, a vocal quartet and select readings.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

D. M. Neeley, St. Paul, Minn., is a Barker A. Tax, Lincoln, Neb., is registered at the Barker. A. B. Vanzant, an Ewing banker, is in the city.

Jack Talbot is registered at the Barker from Lincoln. H. A. Babcock of Lincoln was an Omaha visitor last evening. E. J. DeBell, trader at the Rosebud agency, was in the city last night.

J. H. McTague contemplates a trip east in search of a business location J. H. MacColl left for Chicago last evening, to be gone several days, C. N. Sullivan of Shenandoah, Ia., came in on the evening train yesterday. J. F. Hurd, local agent for an eastern freight line, left for New York yesterday.

George M. Patterson, W. O. Adams and

Ed Perry are Chicago arrivals registered at the Barker. H. K. Miller, ticket agent for the West Shore road, stationed at Voorheesville, N. Y. s in the city on a short visit. .

Mrs. Schunke of California, who has been isiting friends in this city for a short period, left in company with her daughter for the east last night. At the Murray-John Phillips,

At the Murray—John Familips, New York;
J. D. Draper, Marion, Is.; J. A. Maynard, St.
Louis; W. C. Ashton, H. H. Quinlan, city;
D. Witkowsky, James M. Evans, Chicago;
W. D. Lemmon, New York; Dwight S.
Hirsh, M. G. Cohn, Chicago; A. Des Roches,
New York; S. T. Hunter, S. S. Hunter, Boston; J. S. Golden, Chicago; A. D. Scars,
Grand Island, Neb.

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PRODUCE MEN WORK IN HARMONY.

Reports Show the Weekly Payment Plan Works Well. The past month has witnessed a decided awakening in produce trade lines in the city and the different houses interested in that branch of business appear to have become tired of going it alone, every one for himelf, and accordingly steps have been Next Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock, the taken to conduct the business along the lines practiced in other cities. The different firms formed an organization known as the Omaha Produce exchange a few weeks ago, as noted at the time in The Boe, and put into force the weekly payment system. Last evening, the first meeting since the adoption of the new rules, was held at the office of Rocco Bros. The attendance was large and Clappe a general good feeling seemed to prevail, judging from the remarks of members prior to the call of order. One member was heard to remark that he had strong hopes of Omaha becoming a really metropolitan produce market, as those interested in the trade had succeeded in acting in unison

for over a week without a falling out. The meeting last evening was called to order by President Jacob Williams, and doing business in the city were represented The different firms reported that the rule requiring weekly payments for all goods was working well, and that the retail trade of the city was responding in a satisfactory

The question of changing the rule as to the closing of the books on Saturday, making the day Friday instead, was taken up and after discussion it was decided to let the matter stand as it was.

Extract German National Melodies.

May Sun Six Mixed Chorus.

Bass: Prehiera—Tu Sul Labbro (Opr. Nebuchadneszar), the first time in Omaha Wr. C. A. Jacobson.

Walting—Mr. C. A. Jacobson.

Sodarman livered to parties whose names appear on the delinquent list, after said list is pubitshed, no matter on what day the goods may have been sold. After May 1 the commission houses will

close up on Saturdays at 1 o'clock p. m. The meeting closed after instructing the secretary to charge up a fine of \$1.00 against each absentee. Omaha Guards Wheel Club. The Omaha Guards Wheel club met at the

Armory on Wednesday night and effected

Constitution and by-laws were adopted and the following officers elected for the ensuing President, Albert P. Cone; vice president, George R. Purvis; financial secretary, G. Harley Conant; captain, O. G. Osborne; first

leutenant, A. A. Arter; second lieutenant,

its reorganization.

Fred I. Halstead; color bearer, W. H. Peake; bugler, C. F. Simpson. Dugler, C. F. Simpson.

The first four officers named, together with Messrs, Eli Hodgins, Brower E. McCague and James W. Robb, constitute a board of directors for the general management of the affairs of the club. The membership is limited to active and ex-active members of the Omaha Guards, and it is the Intention to have a club that will increase the de-sirability of membership in the company. The first scheduled run under Captain Osborne will take place today, Plattsmouth being the objective point.

Western Nebraska Lands. CAMPBELL, Ia., April 20.—To the Editor of The Bee: Please inform me whether there is land to be had in the western part of Nebraska, and what price it is? Do they irrigate much? A. M. THOMAS. Ans.—Good land is to be had at rates from \$3 an acre up, according to location, etc. They irrigate in some sections.

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